

The second quarter at a glance

July - September 2023

Smt. Indrani Balan Science Activity Centre

IISER Pune

We welcome you to read our **second quarterly newsletter!** It highlights SAC significant events, memorable visits, and the remarkable outreach initiatives that have marked our journey through this second quarter of the year. Thank you for being a part of our ongoing mission to make science education hands-on, interactive, and inspiring.

IISER Pune at the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2023



SAC team showcasing hands-on activities to Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi

IISER Pune participated at the Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS), held on July 29-30, 2023, in New Delhi. This event was jointly organized by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship as part of the 3rd Anniversary of the National Education Policy - 2020.

The Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, who addressed the inaugural session at the event, visited the IISER Pune stall, where SAC members demonstrated a few activities that can be incorporated into the curriculum for better teaching and learning outcomes.

About 7,000 visitors, mainly school students and teachers, visited IISER Pune's stall during the event. Many students and educators got an opportunity to try out some of the science toys displayed at the stall.



Demonstration of hands-on activities to visitors at the Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) held during July 29-30, 2023, in New Delhi

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Science Promotion Activity Workshop for JNV students



Group photo with JNV students along with our Director Prof. Sunil Bhagwat, Shri. B. Venkateswaran, Deputy Commissioner of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Ms. Mary P. Mani, Assistant Commissioner, NVS (RO) Pune and SAC team

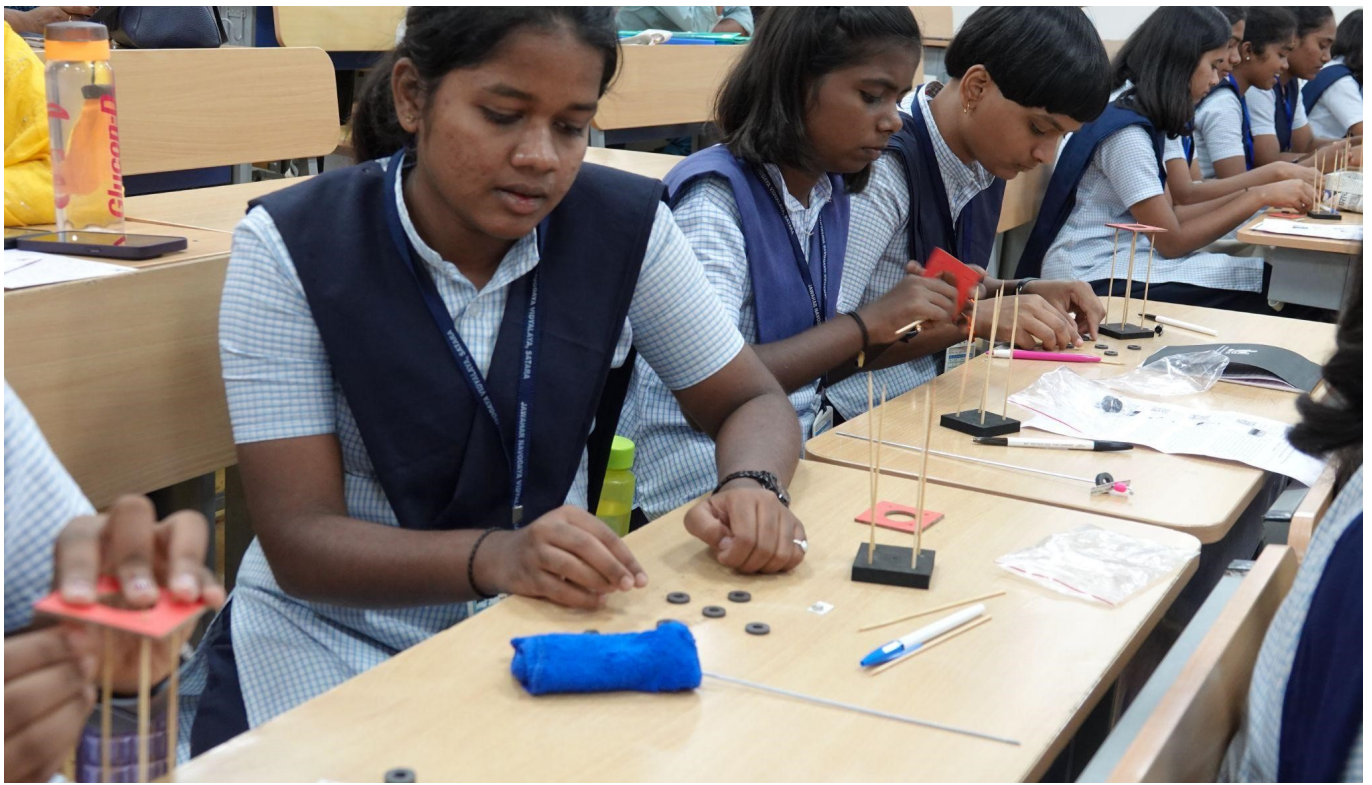
On September 26, we had the pleasure of hosting 100 girl students from various Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya across Maharashtra for a 2-day Science Promotion Activity at IISER Pune.



Lab sessions by Dr. Asim Auti, Dr. Neeraja Dashaputre and Dr. Chaitanya Mungi



Interactive talk by Dr. Suhita Nadkarni, Dr. Kaneenika Sinha and Shraddha Bhurkunde



Students engaged in model building during the workshop

Participation in Industry conclave 2023 at IISER Pune

On August 5, the SAC team participated in the IISER PUNE - Industry Conclave 2023 edition. During the event, our team showcased and demonstrated engaging STEM activities to the enthusiastic delegates visiting our stall. The event provided a platform to explore numerous engaging opportunities and collaborations with our industry partners.



SAC team at IISER PUNE - Industry Conclave 2023 edition

Follow the progress of our outreach initiatives on our social pages as well:

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CPSE Roundtable and Exhibition 2023



SAC team at CPSE Exhibition 2023

On September 25-26, the Outreach and Endowment team from IISER Pune had participated in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) Roundtable & Exhibition 2023, hosted by the Department of Public Enterprises, Govt. of India, at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.



Prof. M S Santhanam (Dean IR&O) and Shubhangi Wankhede (PTO, Endowment & Outreach) engaged in the CPSEs Roundtable conclave, focusing on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) with a special emphasis on aspirational districts. They interacted with CPSEs delegates from ONGC, GAIL, NTPC, and other PSUs, emphasizing the potential of STEM education as a CSR initiative.

New and Noteworthy at SAC

Visitors at SAC: On July 07, UK Minister of state for Science, Technology and Innovation George Freeman MP and delegation visited SAC. Delegates really involved themselves in all the activities that were shown to them during visit. We ended up with a nice group photo.



UK Minister George Freeman MP and delegates at SAC

Also, DST officials and Doon University delegates, retired IPS officer and founder of Kudachi Shala, Suresh Khopade, 15 science journalists and Padma Shree awardee Arvind Gupta ji visited SAC.

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STEM Engagements and Initiatives at SAC: Highlights of STEM Ready ongoing workshops - Batch 2: Enhancing STEM Ecosystems in Schools [Know more](#)

Participation in Curiosity Conference: To think outside the box and consider alternative viewpoints, which can improve creativity and problem-solving abilities, SAC team participated in the Curiosity Conference at IIT Gandhinagar. [Read more](#)

Teachers' Day Celebration: Our Director Prof. Sunil Bhagwat highlighted the teacher's role in sparking students' curiosity about 'Why' they should learn, beyond just 'What' and 'How'. [Read more](#)

School visits to IISER Pune: The total footfall for this quarter was 766 students and 38 teachers from 8 schools. [Read more](#)

Student groups from schools, junior & senior colleges, universities, Non Government's Organizations (NGOs), and institutes are welcome to [visit IISER Pune](#).

Sunday Science Demonstrations Series: To watch all our previous episodes: [Click here](#)

Next episode is scheduled for October 15, 2023. [Web link to join](#)

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Already a member of the SAC community? Share these resources with teachers or STEM activists who may be interested in exploring it. Attend the regular Live session on our [Youtube channel](#) or join our [Telegram group](#) if you have questions about new features and to get one-on-one support on how you can interact with the SAC Outreach community.

Reach us at:

<http://www.iiserpune.ac.in/outreach/science-activity-centre>

If you have any questions please contact our outreach team.

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