

Vigyan Pratibha is a novel initiative of Government of India for extended nurture of talent in Science and Mathematics among school students of Class 8th to 10th in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) and one Atomic Energy Central Schools (AECs) across the country. Last year, the programme was initiated at Mumbai and Kolkata; and this year it is envisioned to be extended to Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh etc.

The launching function of Vigyan Pratibha (VP) in Odisha is jointly conducted by National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) and Institute of Physics (IOP); the regional centres for the VP programme along with Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), Mumbai **at NISER Campus, Jatni, Khurda-752050 on 22nd July, 2018 from 10:30am to 2:30pm.** This meeting is being attended by the Principals and Senior Teachers from Science stream of a number of KVs, JNVs, and AECs in Odisha. Apart from introducing the VP programme, there would be interaction for formulating steps towards a successful implementation of the programme. This programme will be extended to another 10-20 schools in 2019-2020.

The key aspect of this programme are science circles in schools, in which students will conduct Learning Units developed as a part of the programme. In addition, the programme will also have an exposure dimension as a part of which the students will get to see high-end scientific research facilities by visits to national scientific institutions. Other details would be part of the programme.

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