

# Sophisticated Instrumentation Center at IIT-I to open for girls

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**Indore:** For schoolgirls studying science, there is some good news from Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT-I) that will inspire them to plan for higher studies and research in the field.

The institute has decided to open its Sophisticated Instrumentation Center (SIC) for girl students from class 8 to 12. The centre provides expertise to academics and industries in country and abroad and at present, 33 institutions and 16 industries from across the country and four foreign universities are using the SIC facility for research and training purposes.



The Sophisticated Instrumentation Center (SIC) at IIT-Indore

"This initiative will help motivate girl students to explore avenues in field of science and technology. We will expose them to advanced equipment used in modern research and training purposes," Professor Pradeep Mathur, director IIT Indore said.

The institute has designed a specific module for school students where girl students can either enroll for a three-day workshop or stay for about a month to carry out science projects, all free-of-cost.

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# Participants to get certificates

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**M**athur said, "The country is losing out on potential of girls because a lot of them drop out from schools due to lack of basic infrastructure and awareness about avenues."

"Girls who pursue education actually do much better than boys. Our aim is to expose them to advance science and technology and tell them that the stream is not out of their reach and they can do much better," he said.

For school students who would like to carry out their own experiments at SIC during summer vacation, the institute will allow them to stay at campus hostels. "Those who participate in the workshop will be given certificates," SIC incharge Dr Mobin Shaikh said. TNN

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