

IIT outreaches to help school students

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Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indore, in association with Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA) and Madhya Pradesh's School Education Department, has taken a unique initiative to help the students of Class 6 to 8 who are presently studying from home through 'Vigyaan par charcha'. Taking a deviance from its natural forte of imparting education to students post XII, the 'Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat' team under the Student Affairs Section is broadcasting lectures on Maths and Science for school going children.

The decision is taken considering the ongoing closure of the schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Ajay Kushwaha (Associate Dean of Student Affairs) along with Niraj Shukla (EBSB Convener), Ashisha Kumar (Team Coordinator of RAA) and Mrigendra Dubey, faculties at IIT In-



dore are involved to conduct the program.

The inauguration of the lecture series was done by Professor Neelesh Kumar Jain, Officiating Director on January 13. The inaugural session included interactive sessions by Padma Shri Professor HC Verma, Physicist and Writer followed by

address on Science Education by Srijan Pal Singh. The second lecture in the series by Prof Rajesh Kumar, faculty at IIT, was conducted on Wednesday.

Kushwaha said, "The broadcast is a part of the National Invention Campaign which was launched by the State on December 26

to provide educational activities to students of Classes six to eight. The educational activities on Science and Maths is being broadcasted online through YouTube from 4 to 5 pm on every Wednesday. It is a unique initiative by the Institute which would help the New Education Policy 2020's vision to be forwarded."

Adding more to Kushwaha, Shukla, said "The session has been organised for students of class 6-8 of MP to introduce them to Science and Technology concepts. The response of the program has been very encouraging and is being followed by not only students but teachers and interested people too. The students can contact the teacher directly to clarify any doubts. We will continue to broadcast such educational programmes and rope in renowned educationalist and researchers to make the programme more interesting and helpful".