

Meeting of KVPY Volunteers

29 April 2009

Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana is a Scholarship Scheme to encourage the children to pursue career in science. The KVPY scholarship is sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and a large amount of money has been allocated towards this program every year. It is a matter of privilege that KVPY office is located in IISc and Prof. Dipankar Chatterji, Professor, Molecular Biophysics Unit, IISc is the Convener of KVPY program.

Its Vision and Mission are:

- ✓ to Identify and encourage talented students with aptitude for research
- ✓ to assist the students to realize their potential and to ensure that the best scientific talent is tapped for research and development in the country
- ✓ to encourage students of Basic Sciences, Engineering and Medicine
- ✓ to take up research careers in these areas

(Please visit the web page (www.iisc.ernet.in/kvpy/) for more details).

The program has been appreciated for its success in training a large number of students and motivating them to pursue research career. In spite of its success in attracting talent from all over the country, KVPY feels that it has not reached the target at the expected level as it is not able to reach the academic institutions especially in remote areas and rural sector.

Alumni cell stepped in at that stage and motivated IISc students to volunteer in connecting KVPY to those institutions which they could not reach. As students spend summer time in their home towns and will be happy to go to the schools where they studied, they readily agreed to the proposal and that resulted in organising the KVPY student volunteers meet on 29 April 2009

Proceedings of the meeting of KVPY volunteers

About one hundred members of the IISc fraternity responded to the notice of the first meeting of KVPY volunteers. The goal is to spread the Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (www.iisc.ernet.in/kvpy/) scheme to every nook and corner of the country. KVPY volunteer team is comprised of the participants of the first discussion dated 29th April 2009 (Friday) in seminar hall, computer science and automation department, IISc as well as the IISc fraternity who have responded to the broadcast mail. The team is expected to grow in the months to come, including the alumni of IISc spread all over the country with the help of Alumni cell, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

The meeting was held in the Seminar Hall, Computer Science and Automation department, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore on 29th April 2009 (Friday)

Mr. Narayana Reddy presented the outline of Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (<http://www.iisc.ernet.in/kvpy/>) scheme.

Prof. Dipankar Chatterji, Convener, KVPY program informed the participants the need to spread the KVPY program to all parts of the country. He also emphasized that Science and Technology plays a vital role in the prosperity of any Nation. The Department of science and technology, Government of India has observed that there have been large reservoirs of hidden talent among students just waiting to be tapped and KVPY program was launched ten years ago. KVPY scholarship encourages the students to do Science of their passion by providing high financial security and access to many National Laboratories.

Prof. Anil Kumar, Physics Department shared his experience in popularising KVPY program in the previous years. When they sent the application forms to schools it did not have much impact. But when the schools were contacted at personal level, many students from those schools applied. So the bottom line is that it needs personal intervention.

The participants discussed about the possible improvements in the KVPY program such as reaching to rural places, more examination centers, conducting examination in Hindi language, etc., they are very relevant and each one of them could be discussed separately in the subsequent meetings.

The volunteers were advised to collect the brochures and other relevant information from KVPY office before they leave for their home towns and be in touch with the offices of KVPY and Alumni cell



Mr. Narayana Reddy, Ph.D student, Mechanical Engineering presenting the outline of KVPY program dated 29th April 2009 in seminar Hall, Computer Science and Automation Department, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.



Prof. Dipankar Chatterji, Convener, KVPY program informing the participants the need to spread KVPY program every nook and corner of our country dated 29th April 2009 in seminar Hall, Computer Science and Automation Department, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.



Participants in the first meeting of KVPY volunteers dated 29th April 2009 in seminar Hall, Computer Science and Automation Department, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.



The participants discussing with Prof. Dipankar Chatterji on the issues of KVPY program such as its reach to rural places, more examination centers, conducting examination in Hindi language, etc., dated 29th April 2009 in Seminar Hall, Computer Science and Automation Department, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.