

# IISER to aid education of poor children

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**Pune:** The city-based Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER) on Tuesday said it plans to start scholarship programmes to attract students from weaker sections of the society, who are genuinely keen to pursue science, to fulfill their dreams without worrying about expenses.

Any student who joins IISER for the five-year Integrated Masters Programme, will get scholarship of Rs 5000 per month totaling Rs 60,000 and Rs 20,000 additionally annually, taking the total amount to Rs



## NCL LANDMARKS

- Expertise in membranes lead to applications for safe drinking water
- Private partnership in areas of alternative energy resources
- Successfully transfers several technologies from laboratory to industry

80,000," IISER Director Krishna N Ganesh told reporters.

He was speaking at a media interaction held by National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) and IISER to brief about the visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to NCL on Thursday for attending the conclusion of year-long diamond jubilee celebrations of NCL.

This step will attract students, including those from weaker sections of the society keen to pursue science, as they would be able to complete their education without worrying about costs," Ganesh said.

He, however, asserted that the quality of performance will

be considered to decide on continuing with the facility.

During his visit to NCL, the PM will unveil the plaque marking the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of NCL, inaugurate the Rs 19-crore polymer and advanced material laboratory at the NCL and lay the foundation stone of the IISER near the NCL premises.

The new structure, to be built on 30,000 sq ft, is seeking 'green' status from The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI). It will house two large lecture halls of 80 and 120 seater capacity, 50-seater library with 3500 text books, 20 computers for

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online access to journals and text books, modern laboratories, faculty offices and administration wing," he said.

IISER will also start taking students from top one per cent of all

higher secondary board exams in the country in addition to IIT-Joint Entrance Exam (IITJEE) and Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana. This will widen the scope of potential students coming to IISER," he added.