

IISER to host science challenge competition

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The Science Club of city-based Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) will organise the prelims of the annual science challenge competition, Mimamsa, on Sunday.

About 112 teams involving over 500 undergraduate students from various colleges around the country would participate in the prelims organised at Pune, Mumbai, Nagpur and Hyderabad. Later, four top teams would take part in the two-day finals at IISER from February 5.

"Mimamsa is different from the regular science quizzes as it does not seek to test the factual knowledge of the participants. The aim of Mimamsa is to challenge the participants to couple the knowledge of basic concepts in science with analytical reasoning, to arrive at the correct answers," said assistant professor (biology division) at IISER Sutirth Dey.

"Mimamsa is closer to various science olympiads, although with some major differences in the skills being tested for," Dey added.

Several eminent scientists from the city will be on the panel of judges for this competition. Mimamsa is being sponsored by IISER, Pune and Heterodrugs.

Dey said the aim of the organisers is to make it the most conceptually challenging science competition at the highest level in the country.