

# IISER prof led team bags 7th place in Chemistry Olympiad

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INDIAN team led by A A Natu, professor at Indian Institute of Science and Education and Research (IISER), Pune has won three silver and one bronze medals at 40th International Chemistry Olympiad held at Budapest, Hungary. The event took place between July 12 and July 22. More than 270 students from 70 countries participated in the event. India with four medals stood seventh, while China and Russia with 4 gold medals each were the toppers. Indian team was selected from 35,000 aspiring candidates. Finally four candidates were selected after three tier screenings, which included Gautam Agarwal from Mumbai, Anupam Goel from Punjab and Srujan and Praneetha from Hyderabad. Along with Natu, D K Maity from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai and Swapna Narvekar from Homi Bhabha Centre, Mumbai led the team.

The aim of this competition is to create awareness about chemistry as a science and as a way of life at the international level and to train and nurture the students to take up science as a career.

Next competition will be held at Cambridge and Oxford in 2009.