

Rise in students training for science Olympiad

Programme called NET started by MKCL in 2007

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NURTURING SCIENTIFIC TALENT: Experts interact with 36 top-scoring students from NET 2009-10 batch at H V Desai College of Arts Science and Commerce, during a week-long residential workshop organised by MKCL, I-CONSENT

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Pune: There has been a 12 per cent increase in student participation for Nurturing Excellence and Talent (NET) programme launched in the year 2007 as part of Maharashtra Olympiad Abhiyan by Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd. (MKCL) and Indian Consortium for Educational Transformation (I-CONSENT).

The aim is to facilitate and nurture students from urban as well as rural areas, and make them capable of competing at an international level. In all 7,807 students from urban, semi-urban and rural areas were benefited from this programme.

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"This shows growing affinity of students towards the NET programme. Our final aim is to inculcate greater interest towards pure science. We create awareness amongst school level children about national and international competitive exams. It nurtures excellence in students to grow academically and get attracted towards research," coordinator, NET, MKCL Yashodhan Kale told Sakal Times.

MKCL reaches out to students from urban and rural

areas, with same high quality guidance. It is delivering information at student's doorstep by making them interact with teachers face to face through virtual network.

The programme is executed through the Authorised Learning Centres (ALC) of MKCL. MKCL has 5,000 ALCs spread all over Maharashtra. It consists of a series of three exams for 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th standard students and two nurturing programmes between them.

"Admissions for the year 2010 batch will start from June 10, 2010 to July 30, 2010. Students can contact the nearest MKCL centre to their home. The list of centres is provided on our website <http://oasis.mkcl.org/net/StaticData/AllMaharashtraMap.aspx>. We are hoping more number of enrolments this year," he said.