

## **IISc Bengaluru wins Prestigious Mimamsa 2020 science competition.**

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IISc Bengaluru team has won Praj-IISER Pune's prestigious 'Mimamsa 2020' the National level science Competition. After a tough race in the preliminary round, four teams were selected out of 907 teams across the country for the 2020 Mimamsa's final round, which was organised on February 7, 2021. Over the past decade, Mimamsa- science competition based on the concepts in science and their interdependence is recognized as one of the most acclaimed competition in India.

Praj Industries and IISER Pune have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the objective to scale up Mimamsa, in November 2019. Praj has offered technical expertise and financial assistance to Mimamsa. Through this endeavour, Praj Industries intends to promote and enthuse the young academics and researchers emerging from aforesaid platform.

Mimamsa 2020 was successfully held at 21 centres across the country in January 2020 with an overwhelming participation of 3628 students. For the final round, the four best teams competed - IISc Bangalore, IISER Kolkata, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi. Keeping in mind the COVID-19 scenario, Mimamsa 2020 event was redesigned and the final round was conducted on a virtual platform, 'Gather town'. In an online valedictory ceremony held on Sunday, February 07, 2021, Mr Shishir Joshipura, CEO & MD of Praj Industries declared results, while Dr. M.S. Madhusudhan of IISER Pune, faculty mentor for the 2020 Mimamsa team, thanked all stakeholders.

**Prof. Jayant Udgaonkar, Director, IISER Pune said,** "Mimamsa is a tough quiz contest that really tests students' knowledge, and more importantly, understanding. It is a testament to the rigour of the academic programme at IISER Pune."

**Speaking about Mimamsa 2020, Dr. Pramod Chaudhari, Executive Chairman-Praj Industries said,** "Congratulations to IISc Bangalore, the winning team for an intensely fought competition. My compliments to the top four teams that made it to the finals and to all the participants. The organising committee has made Mimamsa 2020 a success, despite multiple challenges faced due to the pandemic. I firmly believe that an event like this encourages and provides a platform for budding scientists and techno entrepreneurs to contribute to science, innovation and technology to make the country proud on the global platform."

**About IISER Pune:**

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune is a teaching and research institute set up in 2006 by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development (now renamed as the Ministry of Education), Govt. of India, with the primary goal of integrating high-quality research with undergraduate teaching to improve science education in India and to enhance the number and quality of future researchers of the country. The institute offers a 5-year BS-MS dual degree programme, Integrated PhD programme for bachelor level students, and PhD programme for Master's level students in various disciplines of science and mathematics. Ranked 25 in the 2020 by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), IISER Pune is among the top research and teaching organisations in India.

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