

VIPNET

*A Network of Indian Science Clubs of
Vigyan Prasar*

What is VIPNET ?

VIPNET stands for Vigyan Prasar NETwork - a network to weave all science clubs, societies, organisations which are already established, or are going to be established, and are willing to work with Vigyan Prasar to strengthen the popular science movement in the country with far reaching implications for the development of society.

What is a VIPNET Science Club?

An active and fully functional science club working in any part of the country without any discrimination based on caste, creed, ideology, religion or language, can be a part of VIPNET by simply registering with VIPNET for affiliation. In addition, there are many more science clubs to be formed afresh with local initiatives and Vigyan Prasar's guidance, which after meeting some basic requirements would be able to register with VIPNET for affiliation. The new and existing clubs will maintain their own identity and carry out programmes as per their convenience. Only the statement saying "Affiliated to VIPNET" must be mentioned in the club brochure or signboard or other literature they produce. No registration or affiliation fee will be charged for enrolling with VIPNET.

VIPNET aims to establish a vast countrywide network of science clubs. Broadly the objectives of VIPNET are:

1. Dissemination of information on science & technology (S&T), which is an essential tool for development. VP has the right technological back-up and mandate to reach out to the masses. The VIPNET clubs are planned to be science communicators for change at the remotest of places in India.
2. Evolution of a holistic approach towards problems through awareness, concern, involvement, and application of the scientific methodology for their resolution. Various short and long-term activities and programmes are envisaged for the science clubs which are doable and relevant.
3. Stimulation of the spirit of curiosity, enquiry, innovation and creativity through activities which would supplement conventional education and make science a very enjoyable and interesting pursuit. Participation in the National Children's Science Congress would be a very good example.

What is the age limit for membership and number of members in VIPNET Science Clubs?

As such, Vigyan Prasar would not like to discourage anyone from joining this noble venture. But experience shows that if a science club is comprised of children and youth only, the operational problems are minimal. We would definitely solicit help, guidance and monitoring from the parents, teachers, guardians, science communicators and social workers of the locality to be involved as 'non-member associates' of the proposed club, but leave the membership and executive functions of the club to children and youth only. When we say children and youth, we means anyone in the age group of seven to twenty two years. The member may select a few prominent persons as their advisers and patrons. Atleast 11 members should join together to form a club. At a later stage, if number exceeds 100, one can think of a second club in the same area.

Why should a newly formed or existing Science Club seek affiliation to VIPNET?

One very simple, yet solid, reason is the opportunity of becoming part of a national network. Breaking all physical and mental barriers of a small unit, a VIPNET club would become partner in an exciting national movement. More explicitly it would:

- (a) Get a free subscription to Vigyan Prasar's monthly newsletters "Dream 2047" and "VIPNET News."
- (b) Be able to participate in programmes including trainings and campaigns launched by Vigyan Prasar and/or NCSTC.
- (c) Be able to take on an active role in the National Children's Science Congress (NCSC).
- (d) Become eligible to receive some kit, or posters, or books or some other software items free of cost.
- (e) Become eligible to be considered for awards and prizes based on yearly performance and activities.
- (f) Be able to get international exposure and recognition through the VP Web-page on the Internet.
- (g) Be entitled to receive enough background material to celebrate certain important national and international events (or days) that would generate widespread awareness in the society.

Format for Monthly / Quarterly Reports

Name of Group/Club/Forum/Society.....

Unique Authorisation No.

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Period of Report: From.....to.....

No. of Activities.....

Details of Activities (Please send activities' report with photographs in the format given below):

Title

Duration

No. of participants

Target Group

Highlights

Write one page each of your two most significant activities during this period.

Signature of the Coordinator/Convenor

APPLICATION

To,

**VIPNET
Vigyan Prasar
A-50, Institutional Area,
Sector-62, Noida (U.P.) - 201 307**

We, a group of children and youth from.....(village/town/city) in the state of.....formed a science club/society/forum with the name: ".....".

We have furnished all particulars correctly in the proper format (enclosed) and shall always keep Vigyan Prasar informed about our programmes and progress.

We have decided to seek affiliation to the VIPNET as a VIPNET club and would like to request you to accept our application and send us our Affiliation Certificate and Unique Authorisation Number. We pledge to carry out the activities of this network, besides our own regular activities and programmes.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary/Convenor

Note: Application and VIPNET affiliation form can also be send as per the format on plain paper either typed or neatly hand-written.

VIPNET AFFILIATION FORM

1. Name of group/club/forum/society:

2. Complete postal address in BLOCK LETTERS (Place, Post office, District, State, Pin code)

3. Phone No. (With S.T.D. Code):

4. E-Mail:

5. Type: (a) in-school club (b) out-of-school club

(If in-school club)

6. Name of the school

7. Name of the Headmaster/Principal:

8. Name of the Adviser/Supervisor:

9. Name of the Coordinator/Secretary:

10. How long the club is working:

(if out-school club)

11. Name of the Adviser/Supervisor:

12. Name of the Coordinator/Secretary:

13. How long has the club been (a) in existence(b) active:

Please note that you are also expected to enclose the following along with the Application in order to get affiliation from Vigyan Prasar

1. list of the founder members of the club with portfolios
2. A brief write-up of your club activities during the preceding month / 3 months