What is IAPT?

IAPT (Indian Association of Physics Teachers) is an association of Physics Teachers spread throughout the country. It was started by Late Dr. D. P. Khandelwal in 1984 and today it has 6500 life members. All the work of this (our) organization is voluntary in character—thus NOBODY is paid any Honorarium or remuneration for ANY WORK of IAPT.

What is NSEP? NSEP? NSBSE? NSEa? or NSSE ?

National Standard Examinations (NSEP in Physics, NSSEC in Chemistry, NSEB in Biology, NSEIA in Astronomy and NSJE in Junior Science) are nationwide examinations organized by IAPT. We have been conducting NSEP for last 28 years by now. NSEP/NSSEC/NSBSE and NSEIA are at CBSE class XII level while NSJE is at CBSE class X level. These NSEs are the FIRST and THE ONLY SCREENING TESTS leading towards International Olympiads in the respective subjects.

What are Science Olympiads?

Olympiads are internationally recognized competitions in various fields of knowledge. They are the highest level examinations and are hosted by different countries every year. Participation in any of the Olympiads has worldwide recognition and is considered as a great achievement. Indian National Olympiads in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Astronomy and Junior Science.

How do I go to (or participate in) the Physics or Chemistry or Biology or Astronomy or Junior Science Olympiad? (NSBSE or NSEIA or NSEJC or NSJE)

You will have to appear for NSEP (or NSEC / NSEP / NSBSE / NSJE) and then through the Indian National Physics Olympiad (INPhO) or INChO or INBO or INAO or INJSO you may be selected for the further stages of the respective International Olympiad Programme.

Is there any other way to go to International Olympiads in these subjects?

Not there is none.

How do I enroll myself for any of these?

You must register from your OWN School / College. The Principal (or Physics or Science Teacher) of your College / Jr. College / High School will enroll you. He will give you all further instructions. In case you have any difficulty then refer to our website www.iapt.org.in. List of all NSE centres of last year (viz. 2013-14) is available on the website. The name of contact person at the respective centre is also indicated. Enrolment at the centers only.

No direct enrolment.

What are the fees?

Rs 100/- per student per subject (per examination) to be paid in cash to the centre in charge. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY TO IAPT OFFICE. This exam fee cannot be refunded.

What are the details of the entire selection procedure?

The aim of the first stage examination is to have a wide reach, to progressively increase the number of students to reach and to attain nationwide representation for Stage II without overly compromising on merit. Hence the selection to the stage II examinations, Indian National Olympiad Examinations (INOs) is based on the following scheme.

(a) Eligibility Clause: To be eligible for the Stage II INO exam leading to the International Olympiad, a candidate must secure a score equal to or greater than a Minimum Admissible Score (MAS). The MAS for a given subject will be 30% of the average of the top ten scores in that subject rounded off to the nearest integer.

(b) Merit Index Clause: There will be a high score called the Merit Index (MI) associated with each subject in Olympiads. The MI in a subject is defined as 80% of the average of the top ten scores in that subject rounded off to the nearest integer. All students with a score greater than or equal to the merit index MI for the subject will automatically qualify for INO Stage II examination in that subject. For example, if the average of top ten scores in a certain subject is 92, then 80% of this is 73.6. Then the MI in that subject will be 75. All candidates with a score equal to or above 73 in that subject will automatically qualify for INO stage II.

(c) Proportional Representation Clause: Students from all States and UTs need to be encouraged to appear for the first stage examination and a nationwide representation for INO Stage II is desirable. The quota for each State/UT used in National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) 2013-14, a nationwide competitive examination will be used as the baseline for calculating the number of students qualifying for Stage II INO in each subject from centres in that State or UT. Suppose the NTSE quota is 5 for a State, and the total for all States and UTs is 15, then the total number of students to be selected to INO Stage II from that State would be S/T times 500, rounded off to the nearest higher integer. This number will include those selected on the basis of the Merit Index. In the event of tie at the last position in the list, all students with same marks at this position will qualify to appear for the INO Stage II examination. The selected students must nevertheless satisfy the eligibility clause. The number to be selected from all the centres in each State or UT is available on the IAPT and HBCSE websites.

(d) Minimum Representation Clause: Notwithstanding the proportional representation clause the number of students selected for INO from each State and UT must be at least one, provided that the eligibility clause is satisfied.

The above criteria are illustrated with the following examples:

i. Let the quota on the basis of the Proportional Representation Clause (c) for a State S be 20. Suppose the number of students satisfying the Merit Index Clause (b) in a subject is 10. These 10 students will qualify for the second stage INO exam in the given subject and an additional 10 students from the State S in the given subject will be selected merit-wise, provided they satisfy the Eligibility Clause (a).

ii. Let the quota on the basis of the Proportional Representation Clause (c) for a State S be 20. Suppose the number of students satisfying the Merit Index Clause (b) in a subject is 30. In this case, all 30 students will qualify for the second stage INO exam in the given subject, and there will be no further selection from the State S.

Are there any other fees for these INOs or camps?

None! You pay only once at the time of enrolment.

What is the time schedule?


Examination schedule: Kindly see the table on the next page.

Are Old Question Papers Available?

Yes. Set of previous four years question papers with solutions / answers, in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Astronomy is available, cost Rs 100. Set of last four years question papers with solutions/answers in Junior Science is available, cost Rs 50. Send a DD of Rs 100 or Rs 50 in favour of IAPT, payable at Kanpur to Indian Association of Physics Teachers, L-117/302, Naveen Nagar, Kanpur (U.P.) - 208025 (Tel: 0512 - 2500075, 09495543998).

Write your name and postal address (with PIN) on the back of DD. After receiving the DD, the set will be dispatched by Regd. Post or Courier. All queries regarding old question paper sets should be made on above address / telephone number.

Are there any CERTIFICATES / AWARDS?

In each subject:

i. Certificates are given to top 10% students of every centre.

ii. Merit Certificates are awarded to top 1% students in each state, in each subject.

iii. Special Merit Certificates and a prize (book) will be awarded to National top 1% students in each subject.

iv. Gold Medals are awarded to the Top 35 students from INPhO, INChO and INBO examinations.

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Probable dates of INOs:

Jan 31 and Feb 1, 2015

Selected date of results of INOs:

Mar 2015

DQCS:

April - June, 2015
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**Please Note:**
1) The eligibility criteria are laid down by authorities (not by IAPT).
2) It is your (the student’s) responsibility to ensure that you satisfy the eligibility norms. If at some later stage it is found that you do not satisfy the norms you will be immediately disqualified without any refund of fees.

For all queries regarding these exams, students should contact the local person.