

# To stop brain drain, 'model' schools need of the hour: NASA scientist

Leena Bokil says country must  
have a well-developed infrastructure

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“To stop brain drain, we must possess well-developed infrastructure and study labs so that Indian brains can contribute in abundance in research. For that, there is an urgent need to come up with ‘model schools’ on the national level which would work on the concepts imbibed by benchmark institutes like IIMs and IITs,” said Leena Bokil, a scientist at NASA.

She was speaking at the inauguration of a science exhibition organised by Suryadatta National School, Suryadatta College, in association with the Shastravahini group.

Also present on the occasion were Dinkar Temkar, Deputy Director and Balasaheb Ovhal, Assistant Director, Pune Shikshan Mandal, Jyotsna Mishra, Chairman, CBSE Sahyodya Committee, Shrikant Patil, Trustee, Ayurved Rasshala and Sanjay Chordia, Chairman, Suryadatta Group of Institutes.

Under the guidance of Shastravahini group, students prepared various models illustrating naturally present machines. The apparatus of different batteries to demonstrate the power of electricity, a simple magnifier, interesting games created through geometry, attractive earthworks, scientific toys and more were the elements of the science exhibition.

Ovhal said, “Nowadays, readymade projects are easily available in the market. However, if students make assigned projects all by themselves, that is what will help them and stay with them always. Therefore schools should consider taking up such exhibitions to help students create an interest in science, mathematics and other subjects.”

Chordia said that it is important that we inculcate in students the idea of understanding and learning. Such exhibitions make students more sensible.

The exhibition will be open to all till April 13.