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The Initiative for Research and Innovation in STEM (IRIS) is a research-based science initiative for students of Class 5 to 12. It promotes science and research amongst young Indian innovators and recognizes and rewards their outstanding projects based on Science, Technology and Innovation.

The 1st IRIS Mentoring camp 2022-23 was held on **26** and **27 November 2022** at **Birla Science centre, Hyderabad. 29** projects from distinguished IRIS-affiliated fairs participated in this 2-day camp.





In order to provide an opportunity and platform to a wider group of children from all over India, IRIS introduced the concept of Mentoring Camps for the Affiliated Fair Winners. The objective of these camps is to help budding science enthusiasts look at their projects from an innovation perspective.









A session was conducted to apprise all students about how to participate in IRIS National Fair 2023 through detailed instructions. They were also explained the eligibility criteria and Do's and Don't's of participation in IRIS National Fair 2023.



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Day 1 of the IRIS Partner Fair Winners Mentoring Camp began with students arriving at the Birla Science and Technology Museum Hyderabad to set up their projects. Once the 29 projects were in place, participants were welcomed to the camp by the Fair Director – Ms Sharon E Kumar. This was followed by an introduction to the Scientific Review Committee Members, Dr Sultan Ahmed Ismail, Mr Sachin Chaubey and Dr Hemant Pande who had travelled for the camp.

Participants were made aware of the proceedings and orientated about how the mentorship would progress. Mr Shray Singh – Program Manager IRIS explained that each participant would be given the opportunity to present their project to the mentors for 15 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer session. Mentors took time to interact with each of the 29 projects on display and made notes on the basis of each presentation to be discussed in detail on Day 2.

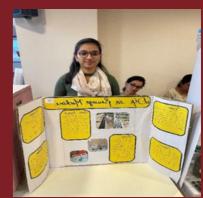
Subject	Projects
BIOCHEMISTRY (BCHM)	1
BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES (BMED)	4
EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (EAEV)	5
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PLANT SCIENCES (PLNT)	1

Day 2 of the virtual camp began with the assembly of all the participants. Participants were then taken through the Day's agenda and directed to their respective groups for project mentoring.

Each project was given feedback and suggestions by the mentors based on the previous day's interaction. Students were guided on points of improvement and stressing upon the innovation component. Their queries were addressed in detail.

A session was conducted to apprise all students about how to participate in IRIS National Fair 2022-23. They were also explained the eligibility criteria and Do's and Don'ts regards participation in IRIS National Fair 2022-23. All participants were reimbursed for travel and given participation certificates. Stay and meals for all were provided by the organizers.

Subject	Projects
ROBOTICS AND INTELLIGENT MACHINES (ROBO)	1
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (ENEV)	2
ENGINEERING MECHANICS (ENMC)	7
MATERIALS SCIENCE (MATS)	1
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING (ENBM)	1





The Camp was graced by the presence of Mr K G Kumar, Director, Birla Science and Technology Museum.

The Camp was also visited by students from the rural regions of Telangana and a workshop was conducted for them as a part of the STEM awareness campaign.

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