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Scientist-Student connect program at CSIR-NIIST concludes

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: 'Jigyasa', the Scientist -Student connect program' at CSIR- National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST) campus, Pappanamcode concluded here on Saturday after a week-long tightly packed schedule with lectures, laboratory exercises and discussions with scientists and science quiz.

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has launched this wide-ranging Scientist-Students Connect program in full stream. It is expected to connect about 350 KVS schools targeting 75,000 students and nearly 1,000 teachers with CSIR labs across the country.

Around 100 KVS students and teachers from six KV schools in the city took part in the Scientist-Student connect program. Scientists including Dr Manoj Ramavarma, Dr US Harish, Dr KK Maithi, Dr B Krishnakumar, Dr TP Rajan, Dr V Karunakaran, Dr L Ravishankar, Dr K Yusuf, Dr P Nishy, and Dr P Vinod took part.

Inaugurating the program, CSIR-NIIST director Dr. A Ajayaghosh said, "The idea of connecting scientists and research scholars of CSIR institutes with a large pool of science students and teachers in the country is a highly inspirational one for the science education sector in the country". Definitely, a successful and long-term conduct of the programme will lead to massive improvement in our education system and it will empower the students, teachers and even parents to lead a path for achieving ambitious goals in a scientific career, he said.

This programme consisted of basic lab experiments, popular science lectures, science quiz, science films, laboratory visit, and interaction with scientists and research scholars, said Dr. P. Nishy, said Senior Principal Scientist and Head of Knowledge Resource Centre at CSIR-NIIST.