

Schemes and Provisions for Gifted and Talented Students in India

India has come a long way with the enactment and implementation of various policies and education provisions for gifted students. There is considerable interest at the highest level in the education sector to provide best possible opportunities to talented students. Gifted/talented or high potential students, both in academic and non-academic fields, are an area of concern and efforts are being made to attract talented and innovative minds at an early age and they shall be nurtured to the optimum.

Below are some government funded schemes for Gifted & Talented students at national level:

- **The Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme, DHRUV:** The program has been started by Government of India in October 2019 to identify and encourage talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge. In centres of excellence across the country, gifted children will be mentored and nurtured by renowned experts in different areas, so that they can reach their full potential.
- **National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) :** It is a partially decentralised scheme that provides for the identification of talented students and awarding them with scholarships
http://www.ncert.nic.in/programmes/talent_exam/pdf_files/Information_Brochure_2019.pdf
- **Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY).** It is an on-going National Program of Fellowship in Basic Sciences, started and funded by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, It aims to encourage very exceptional and motivated students for pursuing basic science courses and research career in Science. It identifies students with an inclination and aptitude towards research, helps them attain their utmost potential and encourages them to pursue research careers in Science.
kvpvy.iisc.ernet.in
- **The INSPIRE Awards - MANAK** (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge) for highly talented school students
<http://www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in/>.
- **Navodaya Vidyalayas** is a system of alternate schools for talented students predominantly from rural area in India. They are run by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, New Delhi, an autonomous organization under the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.
<https://navodaya.gov.in/>

- **International Olympiads:** Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai, takes responsibility to select and guide talented students to participate in international Olympiads.
- **Gifted Education Project:** Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the government of India, initiated Gifted Education Project at national level to identify and nurture gifted students in diverse Indian classrooms. The project, as an exploratory and longitudinal study, sought collaborative approach with three different teams of researchers at the University of Delhi, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) and Agastya Foundation worked independently in Delhi, Bangalore and in rural part of Southern India respectively from 2010-2019. The research was done extensively in various parts of the country. It was an exhaustive study where indigenous methods of identifying academically gifted students were developed, validated and standardized. It involved various stake holders, teachers, school principals, parents. It also emphasized on the role of higher education institutes in the country to mentor gifted students.

For more details, refer to the following links:

- Gifted Education and Mentoring Support (GEMS) , Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi under anchor ship of Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India (<http://www.giftededucation.co.in/>)
 - NIAS Gifted Education Programme (<http://www.prodigy.net.in/>)
- In addition to this, there are few localised programs run independently by various institutes.