INDIA TO HOST
INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD 2001

India is hosting the 33rd International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) at Mumbai from July 6 to July 15, 2001. The 33rd IChO will be supported by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Science and Technology and Department of Atomic Energy of the Government of India. Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), a National Centre of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, has been entrusted with the responsibility of organising the 33rd IChO.

A National Scientific Committee (NSC) of the 33rd IChO has been set up to look after all the academic aspects of the programme. The NSC, consisting of eminent chemists drawn from leading institutions of the country, is chaired by Prof. N Sathyamurthy of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

About 220 exceptionally meritorious pre-college students representing 55 countries around the world are likely to participate in this prestigious annual educational event in chemistry. India has started participating in IChO since 1999 and our teams have returned with reasonably good performance (2 silver + 2 bronze medals both in 1999 and 2000) right in the first two years of participation. Hopefully, the 33rd IChO hosted by India will catalyse interest among our bright students in pursuing chemistry and further strengthen the basic science olympiad movement launched in the country three years ago.

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