

## **Delhi Children Science Congress encourages youth towards problem solving**

Young students from 37 schools across Delhi, participating in the 27th Delhi State Children's Science Congress were encouraged to develop critical thinking as they were the key to the development of the society.

“Young researchers hold the key to the development of our society” said Dr Nisha Mendiratta, Head NCSTC at the inauguration of the Delhi State Children's Science Congress while Dr Sujit Banerjee Director appreciated the application of the critical thinking and problem solving by the participants.



Over 200 delegates, teachers, mentors and parents participated in the event held at Air Force Senior Secondary School Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi on 6th November 2019 presenting research results of field and survey projects on several innovative scientific topics.

Three projects selected from among them in the junior and five in the senior category will participate in the National Congress scheduled at Thiruvananthapuram in December 2019.

NCSC (National Children's Science Congress) started about 28 years back and is an annual event that offers young researchers a platform for presenting their results to peers and experts. Each state organizes its' own Children's Science Congress. Researches and projects from each state are selected for presentation at the National level. Young scientists present their work in their mother tongue ensuring strong rural participation.

A theme is announced and changed every second year. Research has to be confined to one of the sub themes within the broader theme announced. Teachers are sensitized to the features of the CSC and the theme and sub theme. Field and survey projects constitute about 45% of the total.

Statistical rules and methods need to be followed in sample selection, data recording, data analysis and interpretation. Young researchers pursue original research on various local problems under the broad theme this year 'Science, Technology and Innovation - For a Clean, Green and Healthy Nation.' They are evaluated by independent juries in two categories- junior 10 to 14 years of age with 16 projects and senior 14 to 18 years age having 21 projects.



This year a total 1596 projects have been submitted in the initial level (Zonal Level Children's Science Congress from 662 Govt. and public schools. A total 3192 Children participated in the year 2019 CSC from NCT Delhi and among them were 1797 whereas and 1395 boys.

The State Level Children's Science Congress in Delhi State is being organized by the registered organization NOSTC, (Network of Organisations for Science and Technology Communication, Delhi) since its inception.

The experts including those from NSCTC congratulated all the delegates and mentors for the innovative research work. They exhorted the young researchers to continue to apply their skills and knowledge and learn lessons from the experience of the 2019 Congress.