

## IISc Bengaluru wins Praj-IISER, Pune Mimamsa 2021

Wins the competition for 4<sup>th</sup> successive occasion

**Pune, date, 2021:** IISc Bengaluru team has emerged as winner of Mimamsa 2021, one of the most coveted National level Science Competition for undergraduate students, taking home a prize money of Rs. 50,000. Organized by Praj & IISER Pune- 13th Edition of Mimamsa was successfully concluded on 29th August 2021. Amongst the finalists, IIT Delhi was declared as runner up where as IIT Madras and IIT Mumbai finished with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> position respectively.



Mimamsa, based on the concepts in science and their interdependence is recognized as one of the most acclaimed competitions in India. It may be recalled that Praj had joined hands with IISER Pune in Nov 2019 to scale up Mimamsa by lending technical and financial assistance. Through this endeavour, Praj and IISER Pune intend to ignite the spark of thinking among young and aspiring science enthusiasts nationwide.

Amidst the pandemic, Mimamsa 2021 was revamped by deploying digital platform. It was divided in 3 rounds- Prelims held on 18th April, Qualifiers on 27th June and Mains on 28-29th August 2021. Notwithstanding challenges of online format, Mimamsa 2021 created new records by way of overwhelming participation of 2600 students from 650 teams spanning 90 colleges across India.

**Dr. Pramod Chaudhari, Founder & Executive Chairman of Praj Industries** delivered the valedictory address and declared results. He said *“Congratulations to IISc Bangalore, the winning team for an intensely fought competition. My compliments to finalist teams and all the participants! I firmly believe that technology has power to change world for better especially at a time when mankind is facing serious threat of Climate change. I am delighted to note overwhelming response of Science enthusiasts which I consider a great sign that India’s future is in safe hands of budding scientists & innovators. Through Mimamsa, Praj will continue to pursue the causes of furthering science amongst students.”*

**Prof. Jayant Udgaonkar, Director of IISER Pune** said, *“This was the first time when Mimamsa was planned and executed completely in an Online Mode. It is worth appreciating how the Mimamsa team with the help of Praj planned and conducted all the stages of the event. This year was the most successful one in terms of turnout as students could write the exam in the comfort of their homes. Every year Mimamsa is reaching new heights so are our expectations with it.”*

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