

eminent astrophysicist Jayant Narlikar was the key note speaker at conference.

He claimed his new 'Space based solar energy project' could resolve earth's energy needs. He said using space technology sun's energy would be used for lighting up cities and towns.

He explained how astronomy's research had shown that Comet Swift-Tuttle could strike



planet earth on August 14, 2126 and cause devastation. However, space science can prevent the collision by causing a nuclear explosion near the comet, he added.

The satellite was taken off in November this year. Nearly 1000 school students from Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh are participating in the conference. On day 2, students would be educated about career opportunities in the field of astronomy.

the 150th birth anniversary of Ruchi Ram Sahit, a moderniser and the popularisation in this region. His contribution for 'mass culture, Punjab undervalued as

Formally established in 1882, the Punjab underwent a process of growth before partition. The modernisation of the university clearly that a number of constraints such as ideology and the lack of grass-roots infrastructure and building down the process and cultivation of knowledge in these handicapped Punjab

## shorttakes

### AKSIPS-41, Chandigarh

AKSIPS-41 Smart School, Chandigarh organised an orientation programme for the parents of new admission students on Thursday. Executive director, AKSIPS group of schools, Jasdeep Kalra welcomed the parents. Jyoti, doctor of school, gave medical tips regarding health and hygiene. Parents were acquainted with the activities being performed in the school throughout the year. Parents were told about the CCE pattern and its features. Principal Jagjit Sekhon also interacted with the parents during the function.

### St Soldier School, SAS Nagar

Senior children of St Soldier School welcomed the little cherubs of Play Group- Class 2 on the first day of school with sweets, tattoos, balloons, bunting and music. Senior children came in the appearance of Mickey, Donald, Robinhood and a clown, ornamented with variety of colours to attract the tiny tots.

### Saupin's School, Panchkula

Saupin's School, Panchkula organised orientation day for the parents of junior wing and senior wing students on Thursday. Teachers, parents and students were introduced to each other and all basic information was provided to the parents.

## RIMT HOLDS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

**CHANDIGARH:** RIMT World School, Manimajra, organised an orientation programme for the parents of newly admitted students of pre-primary wing on Thursday.

The aim was to make parents familiar with the overall teaching of the school. Parents were apprised about the methodology and curriculum of the school via presentations. The session also provided an opportunity to the parents to interact with the faculty.

Principal Poonam Katoch said our school was committed towards providing quality education. **HTC**

## KAANG NOMINATED PUNJABI ADVISORY BOARD

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**CHANDIGARH:** Sahit Government of Punjab has nominated Jaspal as a member of Advisory Board for five years.

Chairperson of Guru Nanak Dev University, Jaspal Kaur is nominated member, and is a scholar of Punjab with 10 books and 40 research papers to her credit.

Kaang is a meritorious administrative bodies.

She has been a major researcher on "Application of Guru Granth Sahib in solving human problems in Modern times" recently.

She was elected in Sahit Punjab Advisory Board 2003-2007.

# Three IISER students bag German fellowship

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**CHANDIGARH:** Three students of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), SAS Nagar bagged the prestigious Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) working internship in science and engineering (WISE) fellowship 2013.

The IISER students, Tanya K Srivastava, Debanjana Kundu and Nidhi Kaihnsa, are pursuing dual BS-MS degree.

They will work for two to three months at the academic institutions across Germany this year.

German Academic Exchange Service a joint organisation of German institutions of higher education and student bodies has given the scholarship to these students.

It is not for the first time that



(From left) Tanya K Srivastava, Debanjana Kundu and Nidhi Kaihnsa, who were awarded a German scholarship. **HT PHOTO**

IISER students have won the coveted award. Students from IISER had been interning at German Academic Institutes.

German students also keep visiting IISER and work for two to three months at the state of the art research facilities of IISER.

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