



# VIPNET

(Vigyan Prasar NETWORK of Science Clubs)



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Thank you for your attention on this communication.

VIPNET stands for Vigyan Prasar NETWORK of science clubs. The VIPNET programme was initiated nationwide in the year 1998 to reach out and engage with science clubs and organizations working in the field of science; willing to coordinate with Vigyan Prasar for a concerted outcome.

By December 2014 around 12449 clubs registered with VIPNET. In the year 2014-15 Vigyan Prasar started a process of re-registration to add further value to the dynamics of engagement with clubs already registered. 1031 clubs re-registered in this process and have validated the review. Vigyan Prasar will further rationalize this engagement to strengthen the outcomes of the network. You are welcome to join the efforts.

## About VIPNET:

An active and fully functional science club working in any part of the country can be a part of VIPNET by simply registering with Vigyan Prasar.

There are a few guidelines to join the VIPNET.

- The new and existing clubs will maintain their own identity and carry out programmes as per their convenience.
- No registration or affiliation fees are charged for enrolling with VIPNET.
- The image with VIPNET logo and the statement below must be mentioned in the Club's activity back drop / signboard / literature they produce while conducting programmes, events, workshops etc.
- Only one club will be allowed to register on one address & coordinator name.
- The age of coordinator must be 21 years or above.



Affiliated to Vigyan Prasar NETWORK of Science Clubs

Club Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Club Unique Authorization Number : \_\_\_\_\_

## Objectives of VIPNET are to:

- Work as local activity centres of Club with Vigyan Prasar.
- Disseminate information on science & technology (S&T).
- Reach out to fellow citizens especially in remote areas to popularize science.
- Stimulate spirit of curiosity, inquiry, innovation and creativity to supplement conventional education and foster scientific temper &
- Make science an enjoyable and interesting pursuit.

## Why should a newly formed or existing Science Club seek affiliation to VIPNET?

A simple, yet pertinent reason is the opportunity to serve as part of a national network of science clubs. Clubs can overcome several physical and notional barriers of an isolated unit and partner an exciting national movement. The network will therefore help:

- i. Access communication materials provided by Vigyan Prasar free of cost or at attractive discounts (depending on availability).
- ii. Exchange view and ideas, express opinions and gain insight (s) into a vast array of activities of other VIPNET clubs through the VIPNET newsletter.
- iii. Participate in programmes including trainings and campaigns organised by Vigyan Prasar.
- iv. Get together with other science clubs at the regional level to form cluster to organize such programmes as trainings, workshops, jathas, lecture-cum-demonstrations etc. for which Vigyan Prasar could provide assistance in the form of resource persons, course materials and kits, and other necessary inputs- in response to a proposal for specific activities.
- v. Get national exposure and recognition through the VP Web page on the Internet.

## How to form a new science club and join VIPNET?

Any youth / adult with a group of children can discuss the formation of a science club with friends and people in the area he / she resides in. At least 10 members should join together to form a club. The proposed name of the club has to be provided in the VIPNET membership form. Affiliation would be conferred after completion of necessary procedures.

### Guidelines for each registered club:

- ✓ VIPNET logo with club ID must be used in each activity.
- ✓ VIPNET logo and club ID must be clearly visible in the photographs of the programmes, events and workshops conducted by the club.
- ✓ Activity report must be submitted in the format provided on the website and/or placed in the brochure.
- ✓ Report can be submitted through e-mails, post, online or by hand. Report must be supplemented with photographs of the programme. Reports without photographs will not be considered as proper reports.
- ✓ Mere participation of a club member in any workshop, programme etc. will not be considered as a part of report.
- ✓ At the end of each calendar year all the reports send by a particular club will be reviewed based on their format, relevance of content, social impact, collaborative efforts etc.
- ✓ The review will be done by the eminent personalities from different organizations working in the field of science communication and marks will be given to the club. Based on the marks given category of a club will be decided. Decision of reviewer will be final.
- ✓ Report of current month should be submitted not later than 5th day of next month.
- ✓ I-cards provided will be valid for one year only.
- ✓ Vigyan Prasar reserves the right to change, update or cancel the facility provided to the clubs as demanded by circumstances.
- ✓ For any queries related to VIPNET you can contact [vipnet@vigyanprasar.gov.in](mailto:vipnet@vigyanprasar.gov.in)

### CATEGORY OF CLUBS:

A system of categorization of clubs has been developed to encourage science activities in the club and keep their morale high. The highlights of the process are:

- Clubs will be divided into five categories.
- Categories will be represented by respective names.
- Based on the frequency of reports, clubs will be promoted or downgraded to various categories.
- Review meeting for status change will be performed in the last week of December each year.
- After the review, the retained or upgraded clubs will be eligible to get appropriate facilities.
- Demoted clubs will not get any facility for the year.

#### 1. WHITE CLUB:

Each registered/re-registered club will be given a White Club membership. The proposed facilities for the white club are:

- ❖ Affiliation Certificate.
- ❖ Subscription to VIPNET Newsletter & the monthly newsletter Dream 2047.



#### 2. BRONZE CLUB:

A club that sends at least one report a year can be eligible for the Bronze Club status. The proposed facilities for the bronze club are:

- ❖ A Pen embossed with VIPNET logo and club ID.
- ❖ Identity card for Coordinator of the Club.
- ❖ All activity kits of Vigyan Prasar (one copy each).

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BRONZE CLUB

Club ID : \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Co-ordinator Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Valid Upto : \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO

Auth. Signature



#### 3. SILVER CLUB:

A club that sends half yearly reports is eligible for the Silver Club status. The proposed facilities for the silver club are:

- ❖ All activity kits of Vigyan Prasar (one copy each).
- ❖ Digital Calculator embossed with VIPNET logo and club ID.
- ❖ Identity card for Coordinator of the Club.
- ❖ Set of 10 DVD's or books.
- ❖ Eligible to participate in National Level workshop organised by Vigyan Prasar.

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SILVER CLUB

Club ID : \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Co-ordinator Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Valid Upto : \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO

Auth. Signature



#### 4. GOLD CLUB:

A club that sends quarterly reports is eligible for the Gold Club status. The proposed facilities for the gold club are:

- ❖ All activity kits of Vigyan Prasar (one copy each).
- ❖ Set of 10 DVD's or books.
- ❖ Eligible to participate in National Level workshop organised by Vigyan Prasar.
- ❖ Pen drive embossed with VIPNET logo and Club ID.
- ❖ Identity card for Coordinator of the Club.
- ❖ 50 kits of any one specialization to conduct science activity.



#### 5. PLATINUM CLUB:

A club that sends monthly reports is eligible for the Platinum Club status. The proposed facilities for the platinum club are:

- ❖ All activity kits of Vigyan Prasar (one copy each).
- ❖ Set of 10 DVD's or books.
- ❖ Eligible to participate in National Level workshop organised by Vigyan Prasar.
- ❖ 50 kits of any one specialization to conduct science activity.
- ❖ White board with duster and a set of 2 markers embossed with VIPNET logo and particular club ID.
- ❖ Identity card for coordinator of the club.
- ❖ Educational trip for 10 Club members and Coordinator to any educational institute in India.
- ❖ Eligible to get support from Vigyan Prasar for any State Level Workshop organised by the Club.
- ❖ Eligible to participate in extensive training programmes where educational equipments in the form of assets will be developed, e.g. telescope making, weatherkit etc.



### FORMAT OF REPORT BY A CLUB

Club ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

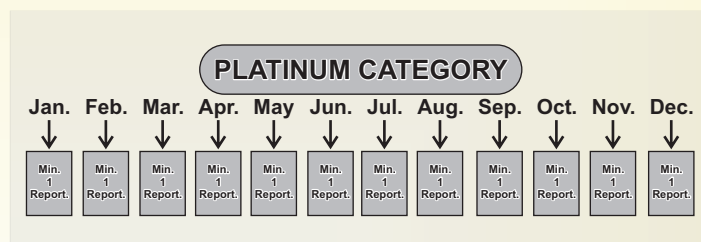
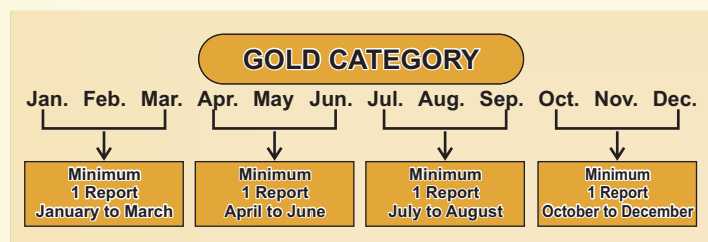
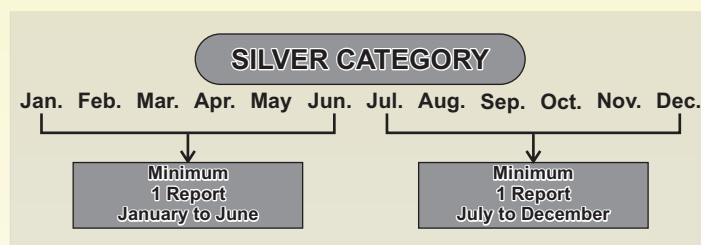
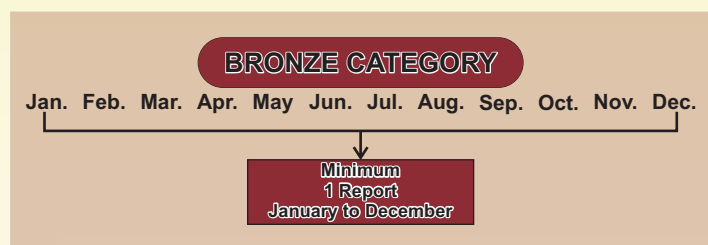
Report Type: -      Monthly       Quarterly       Half Yearly       Annual

ACTIVITY-1	ACTIVITY-2
Period of report : _____ to _____ <b>Activities Performed :</b> 1. Date of Program : _____ 2. Title / Theme of the Program : _____ 3. Program for the benefit of : _____ 4. Total No. of Participants : _____ 5. Venue of the program : _____ 6. Summary about the program (500 words): _____ (Note: Additional sheets can be added if required) <b>Photos (Maximum 2 of any of the program with caption):</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; height: 80px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 45%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 45%;"></div> </div>	Period of report : _____ to _____ <b>Activities Performed :</b> 1. Date of Program : _____ 2. Title / Theme of the Program : _____ 3. Program for the benefit of : _____ 4. Total No. of Participants : _____ 5. Venue of the program : _____ 6. Summary about the program (500 words): _____ (Note: Additional sheets can be added if required) <b>Photos (Maximum 2 of any of the program with caption):</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; height: 80px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 45%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 45%;"></div> </div>

(Continue 3, 4, 5 ..... ) Maximum 5 activities in a single report can be submitted

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERING CLUBS IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES



Q.1. What is the categorization of clubs?

Ans. A system of categorization of clubs has been developed by Vigyan Prasar to encourage science activities in the club and keep their morale high.

Q.2. How is categorization done?

Ans. Clubs will be divided into five categories, namely White, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum, depending on the evaluation of reports submitted by a club in a calendaryear.

Q.3. What is the age limit of a club coordinator?

Ans. The age of the club coordinator should be 21 years or above.

Q.4. What is the White Club category?

Ans. Each registered club with Vigyan Prasar Network of Science Club i.e. VIPNET will be given a White club category.

Q.5. What is the Bronze Club category?

Ans. A club that sends at least one report a year, i.e. between January to December, can be eligible for the Bronze Club category.

Q.6. What is the Silver Club category?

Ans. A club that sends half yearly reports, i.e. one report each between January to June and July to December respectively is eligible for the Silver Club category.

Q.7. What is the Gold Club category?

Ans. A club that sends quarterly reports, i.e. one report each between January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December respectively is eligible for the Gold Club category.

Q.8. What is the Platinum Club category?

Ans. A club that sends monthly reports, i.e. one report each month from January to December amounting to total of minimum 12 reports in a year is eligible to be in Platinum Club category.

Q.9. Is it possible that a club will be upgraded to Platinum Club category directly from the White Club Category?

Ans. Yes, it is possible for a club to be directly upgraded to Platinum Club from White Club if they increase the frequency of sending reports as per the categories mentioned above.

Q.10. What is the timeline for submitting the reports?

Ans. The timeline for submitting the reports is from January to December of that year.

Q.11. Can sending reports as per the category criteria given guarantee the upgradation of the club to that category?

Ans. No, sending reports as per the category criteria given does not guarantee that a club will be upgraded to the category. All the reports submitted by a club will go through a three stage evaluation process. In the first stage, the preliminary analysis will be done by Vigyan Prasar to look for the repetition of reports, their proper format, use of VIPNET logo, photographs of the programme etc. In the second stage, review of all the submitted reports will be done by eminent personalities from different organizations working in the field of science communication. The reports will be weighted (given marks out of 100) on its format, relevance of concept, social impact and collaborative efforts. Finally in the last stage, a bench mark will be decided by the executive committee depending upon the budget of Vigyan Prasar. Only clubs having marks equal to or above the benchmark will be upgraded to promotional category.

- Q.12. What if I will submit a compiled report of all the months in December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Bronze Club category, as the reports were not submitted as per the schedule mentioned above.
- Q.13. What if I will submit a compile report of January to June in June and then file no report from July to December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Bronze Club category, as the reports were not submitted as per the schedule mentioned above.
- Q.14. What if I will send one report each from January to June every month and then no report from July to December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Bronze Club category, as the reports were not submitted as per the schedule mentioned above.
- Q.15. What if I will submit only one report of March in a calendar year?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Bronze Club category.
- Q.16. What if I will submit a compile report of January to June in June and July to December in December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Silver Club category.
- Q.17. What if I will submit only one report of January between January to June and one report of July between July to December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Silver Club category.
- Q.18. What if I will submit one report each of January to September every month and then no report from October to December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Silver Club category.
- Q.19. What if I will send a compiled report of January to March in March, April to June in June, July to September in September and October to December in December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Gold Club category.
- Q.20. What if I will send one report of January between January to March, April between April to June, July between July to September and October between October to December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Gold Club category.
- Q.21. What if I will submit one report each of January to November every month and then no report in December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Gold Club category.
- Q.22. What if, I will submit one report each from January to December?  
 Ans. The club will be eligible for Platinum Club category.
- Q.23. What is the last date to submit the report of a current month?  
 Ans. The last date to submit the report of a current month is 5th day of the next month.
- Q.24. Can the report of the previous calendar year be submitted in the next calendar year?  
 Ans. No, only reports of that calendar year will be considered for evaluation.
- Q.25. When does the process of evaluation starts?  
 Ans. The process of evaluation starts in the last week of December each year. (No reports will be accepted in any case after 5th January)
- Q.26. What if I have submitted the report without photographs and as format prescribed in the brochure?  
 Ans. All the reports without the photographs and prescribed format will not be considered for evaluation.
- Q.27. Can participation in any programme be sent as a report?  
 Ans. No, mere participation in any programme cannot be considered as a report.

## Do's

- ✓ Do use VIPNET logo with club id in all the publicity material like banners, posters etc. while organizing any programme.
- ✓ Do submit the report only in prescribed format.
- ✓ Do compliment the activity report with photographs of the programme.
- ✓ Do inform about any changes in club details in time (like coordinator name, address, contact details, authority details etc.) to Vigyan Prasar.
- ✓ Do submit the monthly report by 5th day of

## Don't

- \* Don't use Vigyan Prasar logo in any of the programme/ advertisement/ banner/ poster etc. without prior permission from Vigyan Prasar.
- \* Don't use name of Vigyan Prasar/ VIPNET for any kind of fund raising, membership fee, financial support etc.
- \* Don't submit the report of current calendar year in next year.
- \* Don't register more than one club on same coordinator and same address.

### AFFILIATION FORM / TO SUBMIT ACTIVITY REPORT AND ENQUIRY

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 Ph. No. : 0120-2401723, 2404430, Website : [www.vigyanprasar.gov.in](http://www.vigyanprasar.gov.in)  
 E-mail : [vipnet@vigyanprasar.gov.in](mailto:vipnet@vigyanprasar.gov.in)



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## APPLICATION

To,

VIPNET  
Vigyan Prasar  
A-50, Institutional Area,  
Sector-62, Noida (U.P.) - 201 309

We, a group of youth from.....(Village/Town/City) in the state of ..... formed a science club/society/forum with the name: ".....". We have furnished all particulars correctly in the proper format (enclosed) and shall always keep Vigyan Prasar informed about our programmes and progress.

We have decided to seek affiliation to the VIPNET as a VIPNET club and would like to request you to accept our application and send us our Affiliation Certificate and Unique Authorisation Number. We pledge to carry out the activities of this network, besides our own regular activities and programmes.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

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Coordinator

Note: Application and VIPNET affiliation form can also be send as per the format on plain paper either typed or neatly hand-written.

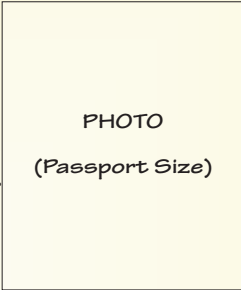


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## AFFILIATION FORM

1. Name of the Club: .....
2. Name of the Coordinator: .....
3. Designation: .....
4. Age:.....Gender:.....
5. Type of Club (Put check (✓) mark):  
(a) In-School  (b) Out-of-School   
*(If club is in the school)*
6. Name of the school :.....
7. Name of the Headmaster/Principal :.....  
*(If club is out of school)*
8. Name of the institution/organisation/others where club is to be located:  
.....
9. Name of the Adviser/Head: .....
10. Address for Correspondence (Block Letters): .....
- District:..... State : ..... Pin code: .....
11. Contact No.:  
Mobile : ..... Landline : .....
12. E-mail : ..... Fax: .....
- (It has been observed that VIPNET club working under the authority of school or similar administration needs the approval/permission from authorities to attend training /workshop/other organized by us. To minimize the problem/procedure, it is requested to submit following details, so that request can be made to concerned authority for allowing the coordinator to attend the programme.)
13. Does your club work under any authority? Yes/No
14. Authority to be Approached (Complete Address): .....
- .....
- .....



E-mail: ..... Phone No: .....

Date : .....  
Place : ..... Signature : .....

\* Please enclose the list of the club members with their details.