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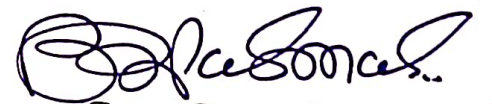
પ્રતિ,
આચાર્યશ્રી,
માધ્યમિક અને ઉચ્ચતર માધ્યમિક શાળાઓ, તમામ
સુરત જિલ્લો.

વિષય : National Science Day - 2026 ની ઉજવણી સંદર્ભ અરુણા લાલ અને વિકાસ સ્કોલરશીપ
માટે વિદ્યાર્થીઓને રજીસ્ટ્રેશન કરવા બાબત

સંદર્ભ : Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad ની Date: 10/12/2025 ની
ઇમેલ

ઉપરોક્ત વિષય અને સંદર્ભ અન્વયે જણાવવાનું કે ભૌતિક સંશોધન પ્રયોગશાળા, અમદાવાદના સંદર્ભદર્શિત પત્ર મુજબ PRL કે જે ભારતમાં અવકાશ વિજ્ઞાનના પારણા તરીકે જાણીતું છે. ભારત સરકારના અવકાશ વિભાગના એક યુનિટ તરીકે PRL અવકાશ અને વાતાવરણીય વિજ્ઞાન, ખગોળશાસ્ત્ર, ભૌતિકશાસ્ત્ર અને સૌર ભૌતિકશાસ્ત્ર, ગ્રહો અને ભૂ-વિજ્ઞાનના ક્ષેત્રોમાં મૂળભૂત સંશોધન કરે છે. વધુમાં PRL યુવાનોમાં વૈજ્ઞાનિક વલણ કેળવાય તે માટે અરુણા લાલ શિષ્યવૃત્તિ અને વિકાસ શિષ્યવૃત્તિ માટે બે સ્કીનિંગ ટેસ્ટનું આયોજન કરે છે અને આ સ્કીનિંગ ટેસ્ટ ગુજરાત રાજ્યમાં લગભગ 21 સ્થળોએ લેવામાં આવે છે.

ઉપરોક્ત બંને શિષ્યવૃત્તિ સંબંધિત વિગતો આ સાથે સામેલ પત્રમાં દર્શાવેલ છે. તેનો અભ્યાસ કરી વધુમાં વધુ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ આ શિષ્યવૃત્તિઓનો લાભ લઈ શકે તેવા પ્રયાસ કરવા આથી જણાવવામાં આવે છે.



જિલ્લા શિક્ષણાધિકારી
સુરત જિલ્લો

બિંડાણ :

Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad નો પત્ર



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Dr. Naveen Chauhan
Chairman, National Science Day-2026
Physical Research Laboratory,
Ahmedabad-380 009,
Gujarat

Date: 09th December 2025

To
Dr. Bhagirathsinh S. Parmar
The District Education Officer,
Surat District,
Gujarat

Sub: National Science Day 2026 Celebration, Aruna Lal and VIKAS Scholarships.

Dear Sir,

We write to you from the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad. PRL, known as the cradle of Space Sciences in India was founded in 1947 by Dr. Vikram Sarabhai. As a unit of Department of Space, Government of India, PRL carries out fundamental research in areas of Physics, Space & Atmospheric Sciences, Astronomy, Astrophysics & Solar Physics, and Planetary & Geo-Sciences.

It is a pleasure to inform you that PRL conducts two Screening Tests for the award of **Aruna Lal Scholarship and VIKAS Scholarships** for fostering the scientific temper among young minds. These screening tests are conducted at about 21 locations in the state of Gujarat.

Here are a few pertinent details regarding the scholarships:

- 1. Aruna Lal Scholarship:** The Aruna Lal Scholarship, established by the Late Prof. Devendra Lal, former Director of the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), is administered by our institute. Annually, FIVE students from the 11th standard (science stream) in Gujarat State are selected to receive scholarships for TWO years, contingent upon their satisfactory performance in science subjects during higher secondary education. The scholarship may be extended to the THIRD year if the student(s) pursue(s) their studies in basic sciences after the 12th standard. Please refer to <https://www.prl.res.in/sciday/> for more details about the scholarship.
- 2. VIKAS Scholarship:** In alignment with our commitment to fostering scientific curiosity and knowledge at various educational levels, particularly among school and college students, we recognize the challenges individuals from remote and rural regions face in pursuing higher education due to economic constraints and lack of guidance. PRL has announced the Vikram



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Sarabhai Protsahan Yojana (VIKAS) Scholarship to address these societal concerns, comprising TEN scholarships. This initiative is dedicated to motivating and supporting economically disadvantaged students from rural areas of Gujarat, across all societal segments, to pursue higher education in science. The scholarship is named in honor of our founding father, Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai.

Further details of the VIKAS Scholarship are:

- VIKAS scholarships are dedicated to students from schools in rural areas who come from low-income families. Of the total scholarships, at least 50% are awarded to girls.
- **Students currently studying in standard 8 from schools in rural areas of Gujarat whose annual family income is less than 1.5 lakhs will be eligible to apply.**
- Selected students will receive scholarships up to ₹1,00,000/- (**One Lakh Rupees only**) over a period of four years.

[An amount of ₹20,000/- will be disbursed during Standard 9, another ₹20,000/- during Standard 10, and if the student pursues further education in the science stream beyond Standard 10, an additional ₹30,000/- will be granted during Standard 11 and ₹30,000/- during Standard 12.]

You may refer to <https://www.prl.res.in/Vikas> for more details about the VIKAS Scholarship.

Over the years we are making sincere efforts to reach out to schools in the State of Gujarat through a variety of means including the media. In this connection, we seek your help to reach out to the students of Gujarat, for a larger participation.

We therefore request you to kindly advice the Principals of Senior Secondary schools to motivate their students and teachers to actively participate in our National Science Day and VIKAS scholarship programs and relevant competitive activities.

We take this opportunity to invite you for the National Science Day Celebrations at Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad on **21 February 2026**. Your presence will encourage us to take the research in science to school level. A line of intimation of your coming to PRL on 21 February 2026 will help us with making necessary arrangements for your smooth entry in PRL.

Many thanks in anticipation of your kind support.

Sincerely yours

(Dr. Naveen Chauhan)



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LIST OF CENTRES/ SCHOOLS FOR CONDUCTING SCREENING TEST

1	Shree Vidhyadhish Sec And H.Sec School	Kaliyabid, Bhavnagar
2	C V M H S E Complex Science Stream Rptp	Rptp Science College Building, Nr Post Office, Mota Bazar. Vallabh Vidyanagar
3	Shree Saraswati Vidyamandir (Ssvm) - Amreli	B/H. S.T.Division, Lathi Road, Amreli
4	Tolani College Of Arts And Science	Near Railway Station, Adipur
5	Adarsh Vidhyalay, Patan	Adarsh Vidhya Sankul, Raj Mahel Road, Patan
6	New Era Senior Secondary School, Nizampura	Near Passport Office Infront Of Arpan Complex ,Nizampura
7	Shri K.M. Choksi Higher Secondary School, Palanpur	Vidyamandir Main Campus, Mira Gate, Taleybaug, Palanpur.(385001). Dist- Banaskantha
8	Amity School	Dahej Bypass Road
9	Shrimati P.C.V Maheta Highschool Bhuj	Plot Nu 108 ,109 Lotus Colony Oppg.K Hospital ,Jaybharat Radio Vali Gali Bhuj 370001
10	Shri K N Shah Modasa High School	Bus Station Road Modasa
11	Sheth Shree Pranlal Hiralala Bachkaniwala Vidhyamandir	Kharvarnagar, Khatodara, Surat
12	Purohit Science School	80 Ft Road, Pragati Park Mehulnagar Jamnagar 361006
13	Eklavya Public School	Phoolvatika, Zanzarda Road
14	Navyug Vidyalaya Porbandar	Near Civil Hospital,S.T.Stand Road,Porbandar
15	Shree K G Dholakiya School	Shree K G Dholakiya School, Near Mahapuja Dham Chowk, 150ft Ring Road, Rajkot
16	Adani Vidya Mandir Ahmedabad	Makarba Sg Highway, Beside Kataria Automobile, Ahmedabad -380051
17	Baps Swaminarayan Vidyamandir	Pardi-Parnera (Dharanagar, Abrama) Khokhara Faliya, Ta. Dist. Valsad - 396007.
18	Gsrse, Ganpat Vidyanagar	Mehsana- Gandhinagar Highway, Dist. Mehsana- 384012
19	Rajasthan English Higher Secondary School	Near Baps Temple, Commissioner Roar, Shahibaug, Ahmedabad -380004
20	The Millennium School	369, Narthan Village, Surat-Dandi Road, Surat 395 005
21	Shree Saraswati Vidhyalay (Ssv Campus)	Sector 3-B Gandhinagar

Important Dates:

Nomination from Principals: 31 December 2025

Registration by students for NSD and VIKAS: 05 January 2026

Screening Test: 18 January 2026

NSD celebrations at PRL : 21 February 2026



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