

From Curiosity to Cosmos: Snehal's Journey from small village to IISER



In the year 2016, a group of friends united to form the Vidyodaya Muktagan Parivar Foundation, dedicated to fostering scientific temper among rural children and nurturing their life skills. What began as science skill schools on Sundays in villages like Rukdi, Hatkanlagale, Abdullat, and Ichalkaranji, soon evolved into a vibrant center for learning and exploration.

Among the bright young minds touched by this initiative was Snehal Neje, a girl from Gangamai School who joined the study center in Ichalkaranji during her 7th standard. Snehal stood out with her insatiable curiosity and diverse interests—from academics to arts, experiments to acting. The study center provided her the perfect environment to explore and excel, earning her admiration from the mentors.

While the science skill schools targeted students up to 8th grade, Snehal's bond with the foundation endured. She maintained contact even after leaving the center, eventually achieving an outstanding 95% in her 10th-grade exams. Her dedication and passion continued to shine as she scored an impressive 99.71 percentile in the CET exam during her 12th grade.

Unlike many of her peers who opted for conventional career paths, Snehal harbored a different dream—to become a scientist. She pursued this ambition relentlessly, appearing for the selection test at IISER (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research) and achieving her goal with flying colors. Her acceptance into IISER, Bhopal was a moment of immense pride and joy for the entire foundation.

Snehal's journey is especially poignant against the backdrop of her family's modest background—her father runs a water filter installation business, while her mother contributes financially to their house through working at self-help groups. She represents the first generation in her family to pursue higher education, making her success all the more remarkable and inspiring.

As Snehal proudly prepares to embark on her research journey at IISER Bhopal, the foundation celebrates her achievements as a testament to their mission's success. Her story epitomizes the transformative impact of nurturing curiosity and providing opportunities in rural education, proving that with determination and support, dreams can indeed take flight.

Attached: [Offer letter from IISER Bhopal]



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OFFER LETTER

Five-Year BS-MS Dual Degree Programme (2023)

Application number: 23043664

Channel: IAT

Category: OBC-NCL

Name of the Candidate: NEJE SNEHAL SACHIN

Address: 7/366 VETAL PETHICHALKARANJIKolhapurMAHARASHTRA416115

Dear NEJE SNEHAL SACHIN

With reference to your application number 23043664 for admission to IISERs, we are pleased to inform you that you have been selected for admission to the first year of the **Five-Year BS-MS Dual Degree Programme** in the academic year 2023-24 at **IISER Bhopal** in the admission category **OBC-NCL**.

Offer starts at	07 Aug 2023 08:00 PM
Offer ends at	09 Aug 2023 04:00 PM

Note that the offer is provisional and subject to the following conditions.

1. You pay **Rs. 35000/- (Thirty Five Thousand rupees)** (Rs. 25000/- + Rs.10000/- (non-refundable administrative fee) as the Seat Acceptance Fee (SAF) for GEN/OBC/OBC-NCL/EWS/PWD/KM and **Rs. 17500/- (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred rupees)** (Rs. 12500/- + Rs. 5000/- (Non refundable administrative fee)) for SC/ST. If you fail to pay the SAF before the offer expires (as shown above), your offer will automatically be cancelled. This SAF will be adjusted against the admission fee to be paid at the time of joining **IISER Bhopal**.
2. There is no cancellation fee, except bank charges if any, if withdrawal is made within stipulated date. However, a cancellation fee (non-refundable administrative fee) of Rs. 10000/- or Rs. 5000 /- (only for SC/ST candidates) is admissible if withdrawal is not exercised by the candidates within the specified withdrawal deadline. Please see the "fee and refund policy" as mentioned in <https://iiseradmission.in/admission/withdrawal.html>
3. You should meet all the eligibility requirements and produce required certificates in original as given below at the time of joining. This offer of admission would stand cancelled in the event of your non fulfilment of any of the eligibility requirements as mentioned in <https://iiseradmission.in/examination/eligibility.html>
4. If this is a revised offer letter after payment of SAF in previous rounds, ignore item 1. Your SAF will be adjusted against the fees to be paid at the IISER now allotted to you.