Dear colleague,  
  
You might be aware that the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education  
(HBCSE-TIFR) conducts the national Olympiad programme in Mathematics,  
Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Astronomy and Junior Science every year  
which culminates in the corresponding international Olympiads. The  
programme is recognized and fully supported by the Government of India.  
  
This year, due to the prevailing pandemic situation, the programme has  
been modified to condense the first two stages into a single examination  
to be held in early 2021 at multiple centres across the country. The  
enrollment for this initial stage, the Indian Olympiad Qualifier (IOQ  
2020-2021), is currently open on  
  
<https://www.iaptexam.in/>  
  
till December 5, 2020. It is possible that this date will be extended  
by a few days.  
  
Students can enroll directly online on the above site. More information  
about IOQ 2020-2021 can be found on  
  
<https://olympiads.hbcse.tifr.res.in/olympiads-2020-21/>  
  
<https://iapt.org.in/>  
  
Please note that adequate Covid-related measures will be adopted at exam  
centres, as detailed on the first link above.  
  
I earnestly request you to spread this message among school authorities,  
teachers and students immediately and motivate students to enroll for  
IOQ 2020-2021. Since many schools in the country are closed due to the  
pandemic, it has been difficult to reach out to students through our  
usual channels, and your help is vital in this national endeavour. Your  
encouragement will go a long way in selecting the most deserving  
students to represent India in the prestigious international Olympiads  
of 2021. We thank you for your cooperation!  
  
With best regards,  
Anwesh Mazumdar (National Coordinator, Science Olympiads)  
Prithwijit De (Deputy National Coordinator, Mathematical Olympiads)