

The Apprentice Scientist: Agenda for kids

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FRENCH scientist Nicole Ostrowsky, known for her passion for imparting science education using a hands-on approach, is awed by the enormous diversity of India's school system and feels enthusiastic teachers

hold key to shaping the future of children.

Her book *The Agenda of the Apprentice Scientist*, a sourcebook of experiments that has a collection of 365 simple activities was recently translated into English for Indian students.

"I am by no means an expert in the Indian school ed-

ucation system, but from my limited experience I perceive the enormous diversity of your school system, some institutions dealing with extremely limited means and very crowded classrooms, whereas others have exceptional plush surroundings I have never seen in my own country," said the former

head of the laboratory of physics and condensed matter at the University of Nice in France where she is now a Professor Emeritus.

"The workshops I gave in all kind of surroundings were received with the same enthusiasm, independent of the economic status of the school," said Ostrowsky.