



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Directorate of Colleges
Higher Education Department

The Principal,
Government Degree Colleges,
UT of Jammu and Kashmir

Sub: Invitation for Female Undergraduate STEM Students to Apply for the Free
"She for STEM" Mentoring & Career-Readiness Programm.

Ref: Communication received via email dated 23.07.2026 from Dr. Darshana
Joshi, Founder CEO, VigyanShaala International

Sir/Madam,

The Directorate of Higher Education, J&K, is in receipt of a communication from
VigyanShaala International regarding the upcoming "She for STEM" Incubator
Cohort (August–October 2026).

The programme is free, fully online, and open to female undergraduate students
pursuing STEM courses such as B.Sc., B.Tech, and other allied STEM programmes.
It offers mentoring by global experts, career guidance, resume building, and skill
development.

In this regard, you are requested to:

- Share this information with eligible female STEM students.
- Encourage them to register before the deadline.
- Display the programme details on college notice boards, websites, and
student communication platforms for wider outreach.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Sheikh Ajaz Bashir
Director Colleges, J&K
Higher Education Department

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Dated: 01-08-2026

Copy to:

1. Dr. Darshana Joshi, Founder CEO, VigyanShaala for information
2. PS to Commissioner Secretary, Higher Education Department for
information of Commissioner Secretary, Higher Education Department.
3. Master file for office record.

Fwd: Inviting your students to She for STEM August 2026 cohort

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Thu, Jul 23, 2026 at 2:51 PM

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From: Dr. Darshana Joshi <Communications@vigyanshaala.com>

To: "directorcolleges-hed@jk.gov.in" <directorcolleges-hed@jk.gov.in>

Date: Thu, 23 Jul 2026 13:20:00 +0530

Subject: Inviting your students to She for STEM August 2026 cohort

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Respected Sir/Madam,

I grew up in Delhi, in a family that had left Uttarakhand for a better life. One mentor changed what I believed my life could be. I went on to earn a doctorate at Cambridge and became the first woman President of the Cambridge Graduate Union. I built VigyanShaala to make that moment available to more women, and that is why I am writing to you directly.

Applications for our She for STEM Incubator close on 10 August. It is open to any woman undergraduate in a STEM discipline, anywhere in India. Fully online, fully free, 8 weeks, three live sessions a week. Every fellow leaves with a career vision, a personal SWOT, a 5-year plan, and a job-ready resume. Those who complete it can enter our 20-week Accelerator, working on a real STEM research project under one mentor.

Student enrollment link: <https://uk-cohort.vigyanshaala.in/>

Between April and mid-July, our fellows learned directly from Dr. Tessy Thomas, former Director General at DRDO, and professionals from Microsoft, ARM, Rutgers, and Mondelez, among others. For many, it is the first time they have spoken to someone who has actually lived the career they are trying to imagine.

I have attached the poster for this cohort. You can find the program brochure and a short deck of this year's speakers at the links below.

Program brochure: [She for STEM Brochure_2026_v3.pdf](#)

Speaker deck: [Speak_Up_Kalpna_Masterclass_Apr-Jul2026.pdf](#), [Speak_Up_Kalpna_Masterclass_Newsletter_Apr-Jul2026.html](#)

If you could share these with your STEM departments or simply forward this to one student who comes to mind, it would mean a great deal.

Warmly,
Darshana

Dr. Darshana Joshi,

Founder, CEO

VigyanShaala International

[VigyanShaala - STEM at Everyone's doorstep](#)

Enroll as a fellow: <https://uk-cohort.vigyanshaala.in/>

Volunteer as a mentor: <https://mentor.vigyanshaala.in/>



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She for STEM

Incubator (August- October 2026)



A mentoring and career-readiness program delivered by **scientists** and **STEM professionals** from Academia, Industry and Research across the world.



Program at a glance:

Incubator - 8 Weeks - A career vision with a primary and backup path, a personal SWOT, a 5-year milestone plan, and a job-ready resume.

Accelerator - 20 Weeks - A STEM project and a sustained mentoring relationship with a STEM professional.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ 100% Online
- ✓ Certificate on Completion



Who it's for

Open to all women studying **B.Sc.** or **B.Tech** in any STEM discipline.



Global Mentors

Weekly live sessions with scientists and engineers from **10+ countries**



Leave with

Internships, Masters preparation, scholarships in India and abroad

APPLY NOW



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Applications close on 10 August 2026



Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays



6.30 PM IST