

INDIA INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL (IISF) 2018, ICMR-NARI, Pune

Report

Date of the event: 24st September 2018

Duration: 9.00-5.30pm

We invited and entertained colleges and schools in two different sessions of the day. The first half programmes and their level was kept as per the level of a college student while afternoon session was designed to the level of school students (9-10th Std). Invitations were sent to the selected colleges and school from rural or sub-urban background to reach to those who are otherwise least exposed to current scientific knowledge. A strength of 173 students along with their teachers from 3 nearby schools visited the session designed for the schools whereas 120 students from 04 different colleges attended the sessions designed for college students. The activities in brief, included the welcoming and orientation by Nodal officer, Dr. Vijay Nema followed by the popular lectures by Dr. Sheela Godbole (“Drug Development and Clinical Trial”) and Dr. Abhijit Kadam (“Cleanliness-Key to health”). Students were encouraged to ask questions based on their understanding on the lecture topics followed by the movie play on the same topic to support the discussions. Students participated enthusiastically in this activity. The students visited HIV museum wherein exhibits and posters about HIV and related diseases were kept and explained. Two panels with scientific staff from Clinical Sciences, Social Sciences and Laboratory Sciences were available for students to ask anonymous questions (using chit system) and get their unanswered or confidential queries answered. Finally the students were taken to visit laboratories of NARI which included Immunology, Virology, Molecular Biology, Microbiology etc. Students and their teachers were requested to provide feedback and suggestions for our performance and possible improvements before they departed.

