



## CCMB opens up for public after COVID-19 pandemic

Hyderabad, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2022: CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) celebrated its Open Day on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept on the occasion of CSIR's 80<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day. Scientists at the institute put up their work in form of model exhibits and posters. Hands-on activities, games and comics helped the visitors understand the scientific research. More than 7000 people, most of them school students visited the institute campus on the day. Not only visitors came from various districts of Telangana, but also from neighbouring states like Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.



Every year, the Open Day at CCMB is organized by the second year PhD students. The organizing team said, "Trying to coordinate the first physical Open Day in 2 years post-COVID was a tremendous task and a real learning curve for everyone in our batch. It's been a long couple of weeks but the enthusiasm of all the kids, young and old, has made it an enduring experience for us."

Dr Vinay K Nandicoori said, "It is an immense privilege that thousands of people visit our campus to understand our work. As an institute, we decided to conduct two Open Days every year – one on 26<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate CSIR's Foundation Day and another on 28<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate the National Science Day. We hope this will help us reach out to more people more efficiently."