



## CCMB's Open Day gets 7000 visitors

Hyderabad, 26<sup>th</sup> September: CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) organized its annual Open Day on 26 Sept on the occasion of its parent body, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)'s 82<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Day celebrations. A ritual that CCMB has done since its inception, has attracted thousands of visitors to the research institute every year. This year, CCMB had more than 7000 visitors on the day, mostly school and college students and educators.



*Live experiments at CCMB Open Day*

The CCMB research groups had put up fun and engaging exhibits explaining their scientific work. There were interactive exhibits and an art corner to understand the genetic and infectious diseases better. In addition, there were live experiments for the visitors to cover some of the basic molecular biology techniques. This was especially designed for college students whose curricula prescribe these experiments, and yet most colleges are unable to conduct these in their setups.

“It makes us immensely proud to see the interest that the city shows in our work. Year after year, we see a continued interest, in the education community especially, to come for CCMB's Open Day. This year, the Open Day comes less than two months after our One Week, One Lab celebrations where the campus was open to visitors for almost a week. The sustained numbers only remind us there needs to be more such avenues for discussing science in the city,” said Dr Vinay

K Nandicoori, Director, CCMB.