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RCB OPEN DAY: Outreach Programme on the occasion of National Science Day

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New Delhi, March 16: The Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad conducted **आरोहण-RCB OPEN DAY** on 28th February, 2020 as a part of outreach activity on National Science Day aiming at encouraging the youngsters for a career in research and science and contributing towards scientific, social responsibility of connecting with the society. RCB Open Day provided a platform to college students for interacting with RCB scientists and experience the research environment at RCB. A total of 152 students and 14 faculties from various colleges of Delhi-NCR visited RCB on the occasion.

RCB Open Day was inaugurated with the opening remarks by Dr. Deepika Bhaskar, Registrar, RCB followed by display of RCB video, which provided the glimpse of activities and research work carried out in RCB. This was followed by a popular science talk by Dr. Avinash Bajaj, Associate Professor, RCB on: "Defeating Cancer: Is India Ready to Take the Challenge?".

RCB SciComm: Science Narratives were presented by students of RCB explaining the complex mechanisms in various aspects of biotechnology in simple words to the young college students. Research Displays from various RCB labs were setup for the college students so that they get a hand-on experience of the various tools and techniques of biotechnology and interest areas of respective labs in RCB.

Students from participating colleges enthusiastically took part in sketching, debate, skit competitions organized by RCB. College students were taken in groups for facility visits which included guided tour of RCB labs, Advanced Technology Platform Centre, Bioincubator & the NCR Biotech Science Cluster. It aimed at exposing the young scientific minds to the advanced technologies used in the field of biotechnology and help them in understanding the future prospects in this field.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony. The winners of various competitions were presented with cash prizes and certificates.

