

DBT/ Translational Health Science and Technology Institute

THSTI celebrates National Science Day 2020 with the first edition of *Vigyanutsav*

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New Delhi, March 09: Translational Health Science and Technology Institute celebrated the National Science Day 2020 by organizing its fifth Open Day on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 amidst college students and teachers from Faridabad.

The Faridabad-based institute of Department of Biotechnology opened its doors for college goers thus joining the nationwide celebrations of the National Science Day for the year 2020. THSTI works with an unique mandate of developing innovative solutions for public health problems being faced by populations in India through its unique approach of translational research. An Open Day provides a platform for those who could be next generation scientists to get to know about translational research, inter-disciplinarity and significance of collaborations between academia and industry – USPs of this decade old institute.

This Open Day was no different. The day started with Gagandeep's class where she spoke to college goers highlighting advances in science happening in laboratories. She got the students to communicate about the 'viral' misinformation that has reached pandemic proportions more so at a time of when a killer disease has its fangs spread out. She made them see how science is and not detached by what society wants.

Keeping with this year's theme of 'Women in Science' a panel discussion was put together to bring afore challenges faced by women in science at different stages of their careers and those who have taken up different roles. Young researchers put together an exhibit to celebrate THSTI's women in science and all who are to come after them. They also organized fun science games and a storytelling session '*Akachikikahaani*' for the visitors.



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