

f) IISc Open Day 2023

After a gap of two years, IISc, opened its door to all for Open Day. During the open day, students, teachers, public and science and technology enthusiasts got an opportunity to go around the campus and explored exciting science and technology initiatives/activities of the institute. KSCST has actively participated and showcased all the activities carried out at KSCST. KSCST officials interacted with the students, teachers and public during the open day and explained the activities/initiatives of KSCST projects and programs related to science and technology.

IISc opens its gates to public after a three-year break

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After a three-year hiatus, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) opened the gates of its idyllic campus to the general public with its annual Open Day, which was last held in March 2020.

"This event is held annually with the purpose of enabling people to actually get a feel of the kind of research done at this Centre of Excellence," said Anand M. Shivapuji, a senior research scientist at the Combustion Gasification and Propulsion Laboratory.

He said that the public was more enthusiastic, and unlike the previous years where they had a more

general perspective, this year they were more focused and knew more about the different departments and identified the specific purpose and activities presented by each department. "For example, when they saw our laboratory, they knew that we were demonstrating on green hydrogen. This has

been aided by our institution by launching an app through which they have done exhaustive propagation of the information and made people more aware," he stated.

While talking about how the children at the event asked fundamental questions that made even the scientists think, Dr. Shivapuji said, "Some of the students have lost touch with practical perspectives to the sciences because most of them have had no exposure to the lab environment due to online education during Covid-19. But, some of them who have had a reasonable amount of online classes, along with physical schooling

they as scientists have forgotten about science, and made them go back and check what they know.

Akhilesh, a class 10 student from Vibgyor High School, who visited the Open Day for the first time, said, "I got a lot of insights into the cutting-edge research that is going on in various scientific disciplines that could be applied to real-life impacts of the sciences."

Two first-year Information Science students, Rakshitha and Harsha from JSS College Bengaluru, said attending the Open Day gave them a chance to encounter real experiments and see how things actually work in the real world.

Students at the Open Day event at Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru on Saturday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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