

Outreach @ NCBS

Below are some of the major outreach activities by NCBS:

1. **Moth Day:** A public event – Moth Day is organised by research groups at NCBS annually. The general public of different age groups further their understanding of moths and get glimpses of moth research conducted at NCBS. More than 10 exhibits on moth biology are showcased every year, which draws an audience of close to 1000.
2. **Science day:** This is another open event organised annually at the Bangalore Life Sciences Cluster showcasing the different streams of biological research conducted at the Cluster. Displays and exhibits from different labs including interactive activities and games attract the people of all age groups from across Bangalore and sometimes from nearby cities.
3. **Museum and field stations facility:** The ecology and evolution theme at NCBS has in place a few field stations in different parts of the country, to enhance research in this realm. In addition, the facility organises science exhibitions grounded on the science carried out at the Cluster. NCBS hosted an science-art exhibition - 'Through Clusters And Networks', where the artist-in-residence interacted with professors and scientists on this subject which has resulted in paintings, wall installations and a sculpture. The facility also organized the Lab Culture-1 exhibition from June to August'19. More than 800 students visited this exhibition. The second Lab Culture exhibition is on from September 14, 2019 till now. These exhibitions are one-of a kind that explores the intersections of science, art and design.
4. **Science Cafe:** The BLiSc Science Café (of the Cluster) is a monthly, relaxed exchange of scientific knowledge and innovative ideas that brings together scientists and lay people at an accessible, central venue within Bangalore. It puts the public on an equal footing with scientists to start a dialogue of current research, its implications and strives to promote scientific temper through enquiry. Additionally, public outreach helps break stereotypes about scientists and allows them to get out of their scientific comfort zone. So far, more than ten NCBS professors have delivered talks in and outside Bangalore under this initiative.
5. **Archives:** The NCBS Archives was opened to the public on 4 th February, 2019, with the keynote speech delivered by Prof. Sanjeev Jain, NIMHANS. The Archives at NCBS was instituted to hold institutional records that capture the organizational and scientific history of NCBS. In addition, it hopes to grow into a public space for contemporary biology in India. The Archives also host public monthly talks related to history and archives which draws a big crowd.
6. **Public lectures and other initiatives:** NCBS hosts public talks round the year from reputed scientists and other personalities from India and abroad. Also, the archives facility also hosts monthly talks which are open to the public. In addition to the above, the communications office also hosts screenings of films on science, and workshops on science communication.