



#### DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

## **REPORT ON**

# **OUTREACH ACTIVITY-CHETHANA**

Title: Outreach Activity-Chethana

Date: 4th March 2025

Venue: Government School-Kaivara, Dist. Chikkaballapura, Bangalore.

Participants: 82 Students of Government School from 4th to 7th Standard

Volunteers: 15 Students of BSc II Semester.

### **Event Coordinators:**

1. Mrs. Soumya S Shanbhag

2. Dr. Tejaswini H K

#### **Objective:**

- To introduce school students (4th to 7th standard) to the fascinating world of microbiology through interactive and engaging sessions.
- The event aimed to spark curiosity about microorganisms, their role in daily life, and basic laboratory techniques, fostering scientific temperament among young minds.

The Microbiology Department of M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce-Autonomous organized Chethana, an educational outreach activity designed for school students from 4th to 7th standard on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The event aimed to create awareness about microbiology through hands-on experiments, interactive demonstrations, and fun learning activities.

The activities conducted for school children were.

- 1. Demonstration of Grams Staining,
- 2. Demonstration of Bacterial Motility,
- 3. Effect of disinfectants and importance of washing hands to the students.
- 4. Science quiz and
- 5. Science word puzzle

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The events started on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 8:30am. All the volunteers and faculty members started to go to Kaivara which is 75km from Bangalore. All of them reached Kaivara Government school by 10:30am where School Head Mistress welcomed all the volunteers and faculty members. The activities were divided among the students.





Volunteers were divided into 4 groups, one group started demonstration of Motility, Gram staining and Effect of disinfectants and importance of washing hands to the students of 7<sup>th</sup> Standard. Students observed bacterial movement using the technique under a microscope. The concept of **motile and non-**

motile bacteria was explained, highlighting the role of flagella in bacterial movement. A step-by-step demonstration of Gram staining helped students differentiate between Grampositive and Gram-negative bacteria. They observed stained bacterial slides under the microscope, gaining insights into cell wall structures and their significance. Also, students



showed keen interest in performing these experiments and performed the experiments with



volunteers and faculty members. Students explored the effectiveness of various household disinfectants (Dettol, alcohol, phenol) using the agar media and comparison of the plates already incubated with thumb impression with and without use of disinfectant. They observed the growth of bacteria on the region where thumb impression was taken





without washing the thumb with disinfectant, they also observed the reduction in the no. of bacteria in thumb impression where thumb was cleaned with disinfectant.

The science quiz was conducted for 6<sup>th</sup> standard students- This interactive science quiz tested students' knowledge of science and hygiene. The fun-filled session included multiple-choice questions, rapid-fire rounds, and small prizes for winners,

encouraging

enthusiastic participation. All the students of 6<sup>th</sup> standard participated actively and enjoyed the quiz session.

As part of the Chethana Initiative, the volunteers organized a Crossword Activity for 5<sup>th</sup> standard students. The activity aimed to make learning basic



science fun and engaging while reinforcing key scientific concepts through an interactive puzzle-solving session. A **custom-designed crossword puzzle** with science terms was provided. Students worked **individually** to solve the puzzle. Clues were given in the form of simple definitions or scientific hints. Faculty members and student volunteers assisted in guiding students through the activity. Winners were given the prizes to motivate these students. The crossword format made learning **interactive and enjoyable**.

For 4<sup>th</sup> standard students volunteers played fun games and dance sessions. Fun Games and Dance Session for small children aimed to create an engaging and joyful learning environment, combining sciencethemed games and energetic dance activities to make the session both educational and entertaining. The children



were highly energetic and enthusiastic throughout the session. The combination of movement and learning helped them understand science concepts playfully.

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The dance activities promoted **physical activity and teamwork**, making the session lively and interactive.

## Outcome:

- The event successfully introduced microbiology and science concepts in a fun and engaging way.
- Students expressed keen interest in laboratory techniques and microbial life.
- Teachers appreciated the interactive learning approach.

## **Conclusion:**

The Chethana microbiology activity was a highly interactive and educational event, sparking scientific curiosity in young students. Through hands-on experiments and engaging activities, students gained a practical understanding of microbiology, making learning an exciting experience.





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