

M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce-Autonomous



Open Day-Workshop

11:30am to 1:30pm

Department of Computer Science

Workshop on computer hardware and networking tools

Department of Microbiology

Workshop on Mushroom Cultivation and Wine Making

Department of Biotechnology & Genetics

Workshop on Molecular Biology

Department of Chemistry & **Biochemistry**

Engaging experiments to explore the science of Chemistry & Biochemistry

Department of Electronics

Workshop on introduction to components of Electronics

Department of Food Technology

Workshop on Balanced Diet, My plate concept and Probiotic

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Competitions

2:00pm to 4:30pm

Clue-crate-Mystery Box Challenge

About the competition Rules:

Team of three members. Time: Round 1&2: 1 minute and Round 5 minutes. Teams with more points will proceed to the next round.

Third round will be an escape room.

CATALYST CLASH

Chemistry/Biochemistry puzzle Rules: 2 in a team A chemistry/biochemistry-related topic/keyword will be chosen by the team. Teams must list as many valid words related to the given topic as possible.

The Navigators Gambit-A Treasure Hunt

The scientific treasure hunt Rules: 3 in a team Time duration: 45 min Each team will get the clues after finishing the task given in the lab in the form of small experiment to reach the next goal

Brand Quest-Quiz

Science quiz Rules: 3 in a team Time duration: 45 min Theme: Science

The ABO Mystery

Team Size: 2-5 students. Time Limit: 5 minutes. Materials Provided: Suspect parent(s) blood group results, Child's blood group result. Case background story. Worksheets for reasoning.

Submission: Teams must submit their conclusion with stepwise reasoning.

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OPEN DAY SCIMAGICA 2025

18TH SEPTEMBER 2025 9:30AM TO 4:30PM

Chief Guest

C. V. Yelamaggad Scientist, Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences, BAngalore

Dr. Jayashree D R Dr. Surendra A S Mrs. Haritha A

Dr. Prathibha Kalburgi Dr. Prasanna Srinivas R Dr. Savitha J

Prof. B S Jayarama Vice Principal

Dr. Pushpa H Principal

Venue: Dr. Abdul KAlam Auditorium, **MSRCASC** Date: 18th September 2025 Time: 09:30am onwards Location on Map





DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY REPORT ON

EXTENSION ACTIVITY

SCIMAGICA 2025-OPEN DAY

Title: SciMagica 2025-Open Day for PU Students

Date: 18th September 2025

Venue: Visveswaraya auditorium and Microbiology Labs, MSRCASC Campus

Participants: School Students of I and II PU across Bangalore

No. of Participants: 231 school children from I & II PU

Date: 18th September 2025

Theme: Open Day/Extension Activity

Objectives:

- To Recognize and celebrate students' creativity, intelligence, and hard work.
- Help students gain self-confidence through participation and achievement.
- Motivate students to pursue higher education and careers in the field of sciences.
- Foster curiosity and interest among PU students for science and technology
- Encourage students to work together and develop leadership skills.

SciMagica 2025- an open day organized by M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce-Autonomous on 18th September 2025. This event was targeted for I & II PU students to recognize and celebrate students creativity, intelligence, to motivate curiosity and interest among PU students for science and technology through workshop and also encourage students to work together and develop leadership skills through treasure hunt.

Total of 231 students from I & II PU from MES PU college, Base academy, Sri sri Ravishankar vidya mandir, Narayana PU college, DPS north, Vidya Mandir Ind PU college, St. Aloysius PU college, MES KK PU college, Silver Valley public PU college, Bishop Cotton Women's Christian college, Ramaiah Composite PU college participated in the open day event.

The event was divided into different sessions, the first session was motivational talk, second session was workshop by different departments, third session was competitions followed by valedictory and prize distribution.



Session I: Motivation Talk

The program started with the inauguration ceremony where chief guest **Dr. C V Yelamaggad**, Scientist, Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences, Bangalore, principal, Dr. Pushpa H, vice-principal Prof. B S Jayarama, Dr. Prasanna Kumar H G, COE and other dignitaries graced the occasion and lit the lamp.

Later the program continued with a thought-provoking *Motivation Talk* delivered by C V Yelamaggad on "Why God is not Visible". The session focused on inspiring students to pursue higher education in science, highlighting career opportunities, research possibilities, and the importance of curiosity-driven learning. The talk left the participants energized and gave them a sense of purpose to explore science beyond textbooks.

Session II: Workshop by Department

Following the inaugural session, interactive workshops were conducted to showcase its unique strengths through demonstrations, experiments, and hands-on activities. Students had the opportunity to gain practical exposure in areas of microbiology. The workshops not only enhanced their conceptual understanding but also encouraged them to think critically and creatively.

The department highlighted the fascinating world of microorganisms through live culture demonstrations, microscopic observations, and simple experiments illustrating Mushroom cultivation & Wine making. The workshop received enthusiastic participation from PU students, who were eager to explore the science behind everyday products like wine and mushrooms. Faculty members and student volunteers guided the sessions, ensuring an engaging and interactive learning atmosphere.

The first session introduced students to the science and art of wine making. Faculty members and volunteers explained the **history of wine production**, its cultural significance, and the **role of microorganisms (yeasts)** in the fermentation process.

Students were given a demonstration of the step-by-step wine making procedure:

- 1. Selection of raw materials Grapes and alternative fruits suitable for fermentation.
- 2. Preparation of must Crushing of fruits to extract juice.
- 3. **Inoculation with yeast** Introduction of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* as the fermenting agent.



- 4. Fermentation process Conversion of sugars into alcohol under controlled conditions.
- 5. Clarification and maturation Methods to improve quality and taste.

The session highlighted the importance of hygiene, temperature control, and storage in wine production. Students were fascinated to learn how the same microorganism responsible for bread-making also creates beverages. Discussions on the legal aspects of wine making in India, as well as its scope in the biotechnology and food industry, added real-world context.

The second session focused on mushroom cultivation, a sustainable and profitable agribusiness model. The faculty members and volunteers student introduced the nutritional and medicinal values of mushrooms, emphasizing their high protein, vitamin, and mineral content.

The hands-on demonstration included:

- 1. Substrate preparation Sterilization of paddy straw and sawdust.
- 2. Spawning Mixing mushroom spawn with prepared substrate.
- 3. Incubation Maintaining optimal temperature and humidity for mycelial growth.
- 4. Fruiting and harvesting Conditions for the development of fruiting bodies.

Special attention was given to popular varieties such as **Oyster mushroom** (*Pleurotus* spp.) and **Button mushroom** (*Agaricus bisporus*). Students observed the live inoculation process and were encouraged to try mushroom growing kits at home. The session also covered entrepreneurial opportunities, cost-effectiveness, and challenges in large-scale cultivation.

Session III: Competitions

The third session was filled with excitement as interesting competition "Navigators Gambit-A Treasure Hunt" was organized for the PU students. Total of 48 teams having 3 students each participated in this competition. The treasure hunt was designed with multiple clues and tasks; each linked to a scientific principle or simple experiment. Participants had to solve each clue to progress to the next stage. The event was conducted in teams to encourage collaboration and active participation.

Some highlights of the tasks included:

Lab-based puzzles: Identifying chemicals using colour reactions, spotting microbial colonies on plates, or decoding messages written with invisible ink (lemon juice).



Concept-based riddles: Clues based on physics formulas, biological facts, or famous scientific discoveries.

Hands-on activities: Simple microbiology experiments, using microscopes to reveal hidden messages.

The treasure hunt generated tremendous excitement among students. Teams were seen brainstorming, experimenting, and racing against time to crack the clues. The mix of intellectual challenges and playful exploration created a lively atmosphere in the laboratory and campus.

Conclusion

The Wine Making and Mushroom Cultivation Workshop was a resounding success, providing PU students with a rare opportunity to gain practical exposure to microbiology and biotechnology applications. By blending science with skill-based training, the workshop not only enriched students' knowledge but also inspired them to think innovatively about future possibilities in food, agriculture, and biotechnology.

Such experiential programs play a vital role in igniting curiosity, promoting scientific temper, and nurturing the next generation of scientists and entrepreneurs.

Overall Scimagica 2025 proved to be a memorable and enriching experience for all participants. The Open Day not only motivated students to pursue science with passion but also gave them a platform to learn, engage, and showcase their skills. The event successfully fulfilled its objective of igniting scientific curiosity among PU students and strengthening the bond between schools and higher education institutions.

The overwhelming response ensures that such initiatives will continue to be a part of the college's annual activities in the future.

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