

RRI opens its doors for science enthusiasts on National Science Day

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Why does spaghettiification happen near a black hole? What is a dominant trait? Why is a carborundum crystal rainbow-coloured? These were some of the questions raised by the curious minds who walked into the Raman Research Institute (RRI) on Saturday.

More than 1,300 school students and other individuals attended the annual Open Day held by the institute to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by RRI's founder, C.V. Raman, for which he won India's first and only Science Nobel prize. This year marks the 98th year of the discovery of the Raman Effect.

The science-themed extravaganza saw multiple events and activities like 'Meet the Scientist', 'Meet the Students', a treasure hunt, and documentary screenings happening on the campus.

More than 20 scientific display stalls from RRI research groups and external groups set up at the campus attracted a large number of school students.



Students exploring a variety of scientific experiments during the Open Day at Raman Research Institute in Bengaluru on Saturday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

NIMHANS to host exhibition

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As part of National Science Day celebrations, NIMHANS will organise a two-day exhibition from March 3 at its Convention Centre.

According to an official release, the event will provide an opportunity for the public to interact with clinicians,

While students and staff of the Institute displayed demonstrations related to current research at the Institute, including RRI's forays in the Astronomy and quantum do-

scientists, researchers, paramedical staff and students, and to learn about ongoing work and recent developments. Visitors will also have the opportunity to see and experience a preserved human brain as part of the display.

The event will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on both days. Entry is free, the release added.

mains, external groups showcased edutainment exhibits and telescopes. India Post also held an exhibition of postcards, stamps and envelopes, which piqued the interest of

students, some of whom were seen writing letters and posting them in the post box present.

Interactive hands-on experiments, tours of the Raman Museum and Archival Gallery, live demonstrations of physics concepts, a science quiz, a photography competition, and costume-dress competitions were also held as part of the Open Day.

Tarun Souradeep, director, RRI, noted that science outreach programmes like the Open Day are as important as conducting scientific research.

"In 2028, the Institute will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the discovery of the Raman effect. In the run-up to it, we are planning to do many more programmes and are considering options like films on the Raman effect, which we can produce and hand over to schools. I think it's very vital that we reach out. There is so much talent spread across the country; we are not really tapping it. So, it's very important that people see the scientific research that is happening in institutes like ours and understand how they can get involved," he said.