



CREATING AWARENESS Dignitaries at the event.

Interacting with professionals

The Oxford College of Science in association with 'BioSpectrum' presented 'The Student Lecture Series 2011' at its campus in the City recently. They also released the seventh annual Biotech Issue of the 'BioSpectrum', containing information on the top biotechnology schools across the country, on the occasion.

The executive director SNVL Narasimha Raja along with the chief guest B M Vijayashankar, additional managing director of Karnataka Biotechnology and Information Technology Services (KBITS), N Suresh, chief editor of BioSpectrum and the principal of Oxford College of Science, E Thomas were also present. Students from various colleges across the City were there. There were experts who ran a presentation on the latest developments in biotechnology.

BioSpectrum has been con-

ducting this event in different cities across the country for the last five years.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to interact with professionals from the industry," said N Suresh.

Chief guest B M Vijayashankar elaborated on the State Government's plans and the initiatives under Vision Group on Biotechnology.

Tenzin, a student said, "Many experts were here to share their knowledge about biotechnology and students from colleges were a part of the event. It was very important for us to be here and listen to them."

The first speaker at the lecture Satya Dash, COO of ABLE India Bangalore, highlighted the wideranging career choices in biotechnology. He spoke about the Biotechnology Entrepreneurship Student Teams (BEST) to the students and showed them the

different options they could choose from if they opt for a career in biotechnology. The next speaker, Gopal Vaidyanathan from WATERS elaborated on 'career planning, self-development and leadership opportunities in the analytical industry.'

The third session had V N Balaji from Jubilant Life Sciences focus on 'opportunities in integrated drug discovery'.

The post-lunch sessions had Saral Thangam speak on 'opportunities in clinical research.' Ravi Dasgupta from Biocon covered 'career openings in Biopharmaceutical Industry' and Industrial Biotechnology was covered by Aindrila Dasgupta from Novozymes.

Juhi, another student said, "This opportunity was extremely fruitful as it makes us prepared for what to expect once we graduate."

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