

# School students explore science and sustainability at IIT-I workshop

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Indian Institute of Technology Indore, in collaboration with the Biotech Research Society of India (BRSI), organised a one-day biotechnology popularisation and skill development workshop for school children on the institute campus. The programme was conducted under the theme "The Green Catalyst: Science, Sustainability & Business (GC-SSB)", aiming to promote scientific awareness, sustainability thinking and interdisciplinary learning among young students.

The workshop witnessed the participation of 50 students from Classes 9 to 12, representing six schools from Indore and nearby regions, including PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Indore, Bal Vikas Mandir Higher Secondary School, Simrol, Jai Guru Dev Higher Secondary School,



Student participants pose for a group photo with faculty members of IIT Indore after the workshop on Thursday.

Simrol, Sandipani Government Higher Secondary School, Shivnagar (Block Mhow), Government Higher Secondary School, Simrol, and Government School, Chikhli.

During the inaugural session, students were introduced to the broader scope of biotechnology and its role in addressing environmental challenges. Special emphasis was laid on psychology and cognition studies by Dr Kerdarmal Verma, an expert in

psychological studies.

Prof Hem Chandra Jha interacted with students on "Drug Use and Environmental Impacts." In another session, Dr Ritu Kothari Jain addressed "Microplastics in Water, Water Contamination and Conservation", discussing sources of water pollution.

The workshop concluded with a valedictory session and certificate distribution. The event was convened by Dr Ashootosh Mandpe.