



6th November 2020

Professor Chandrabhas Narayana assumes charge as the new Director of RGCB



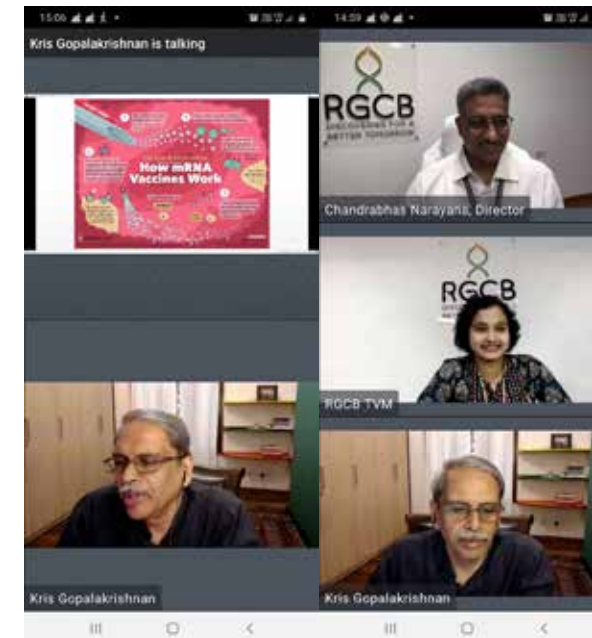
26th November 2020

RGCB celebrated Constitution Day and Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director administered the pledge



26th January 2021

Professor Chandrabhas Narayana unfurls the Indian tricolor on the 72nd Republic Day of India



28th February 2021

Shri Kris Gopalakrishnan, Co-founder & Former Executive Vice Chairman, Infosys and Chairman of Axilor Ventures delivered the National Science Day lecture (Online mode). Earlier Professor Chandrabhas Narayana welcomed the guest.



8th March 2021

RGCB Celebrated International Women's Day 2021

Women in leadership
Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021

MARCH 8, 2021
9:20 am - 11:00 am

Prof. Priya Abraham
Director
National Institute of Virology
Pune

Prof. S. V. Chiplankar
Former Director, ACTREC-TMC
President, Indian
Oncology Society of India (I-OI)

Prof. Vibha Tandon
Special Centre for
Molecular Medicine
(SCM), New Delhi

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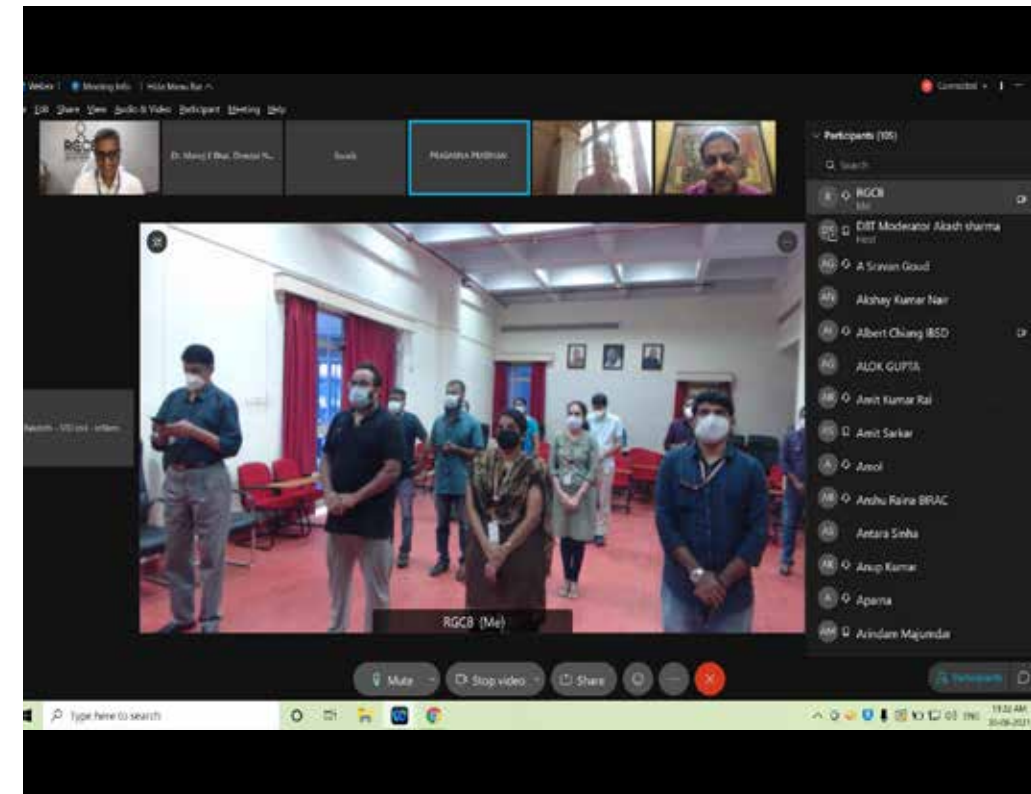
2nd August 2021

The first batch of RGCB MSc Biotechnology students was given an official send-off on 2nd August 2021 by RGCB. The course which started on 17th August 2019 finished on 30th July 2021. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana addressed gathering distributed the awards to students



15th August 2021

RGCB Celebrated 75th Independence Day of our nation



20th August 2021

The birth anniversary of the late Prime Minister of India Shri Rajiv Gandhi is celebrated as SadbhavanaDiwas every year on 20th August. The Director, staff, and students of RGCB participated in the pledge-taking ceremony through virtual and physical mode and the pledge was administered by Shri Chandra Prakash Goyal, Joint Secretary, Department of Biotechnology (DBT).



14th September 2021

Every year in September, the Government of India celebrates Hindi Pakhwada. The staff and students of RGCB celebrated Hindi Divas and winners of contests were awarded prizes and certificates by the Director, Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, and Controller of Administration Shri S. Mohanan Nair in the presence of General Manager Shri R Jayachandran Nair.



7th November 2021

Every year RGCB organizes Sir CV Raman Lecture Series as part of the birthday celebrations of Sir CV Raman on 7th November. This year the lecture was delivered by Shri Jayant Sahasrabudhe, National Organizing Secretary, Vijnana Bharati on the topic "Freedom struggle and Science." Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director RGCB, presided over the function.



18th November 2021

RGCB celebrated the 26th Foundation day on 18th November 2021. Professor M.R.S.Rao, Former President, JNCASR, Bangalore delivered the foundation day lecture on the topic "Long non-coding RNAs in cellular differentiation and cancer - A story of LncRNA mRHL: Discovery to Function". Professor Chandrabhas Narayana earlier welcomes the gathering introduces the chief guest.



12th Nov 2021

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Society of RGCB was held on 12th Nov 2021 at New Delhi under the presidentship of Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon. MoS (IC) S&T.



22nd December 2021

A Christmas day celebration was organized at RGCB



26th January 2022

RGCB Celebrated 73rd Republic Day of our Nation



28th February 2022

RGCB celebrated National Science Day on 28th February. The invited lecture was given by Dr. Colin Jamora, InStem Bengaluru on the topic "Stem cells and wound healing". Earlier Professor Chandrabhas Narayana welcomed the chief guest and various other participants from different colleges. Dr. E.V. Soniya, Dean proposed the vote of thanks.



3rd March 2022

Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB was given the plenary lecture during the International conference "Frontiers in Chemical Sciences, FCS-2022" organized by the Department of Chemistry, University of Calicut.



8th March 2022

RGCB Celebrated International Women's Day

10th March 2022

The electric substation at the new campus of RGCB at Akkulam was commissioned on 10th March 2022 by Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director RGCB.



31st March
2022

RGCB conducted
the Scientific
Advisory Council
(SAC) meeting



7th April 2022

Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana,
Director, RGCB inaugurated
the Lemongrass extraction
unit on 7th April 2022 at Valad,
Wayanad.



8th April 2022

Harithasree ST Kootayima is one of the Self Help Groups fully engaged in the conservation of traditional paddy varieties. RGCB was supported through SHRI program by providing them with traditional paddy seeds, a workshed as a common facility center, and paddy processing machines with rubber-bushed hullers. The official inauguration of the facility was done by Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB at Peechamkode.



11th May 2022

National Technology Day Lecture was delivered by the Chief Guest Dr. Sanjay Behari, Director, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram.



9th June 2022

RGCB stall at the Biotech Startup Expo - 2022 being held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi from 9-10th June. The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) is hosting the event to commemorate BIRAC's ten-year anniversary of its founding.



15th July 2022

RGCB conducted an awareness program on GATI (Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions) initiative. The morning lecture was delivered by Dr. Navjot Khosa IAS, The Hon. District Collector of Thiruvananthapuram. Earlier, Professor Chandrabhas Narayana welcomed the gathering. The afternoon lecture was delivered by Dr. Divya S. Iyer IAS, The Hon. District Collector of Pathanamthitta.





26th July 2022

RGCB organized a one-day symposium on Biotechnology for sustainable development-2022 and felicitation to senior scientists on 26th July 2022.



15th August 2022

RGCB celebrated the 76th Independence day. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director hoisted the National flag. He also distributed the prizes to winners of the various competitions organized as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

14th August 2022

RGCB organized a freedom 5K run today as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. The run was organized in the newly built second campus of RGCB at Akkulam. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director flagged off the race. The students and staff of the organization enthusiastically participated in the event.





1st September 2022

RGCB organized an invited lecture on "FROM ACADEMIA TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP: AN IN-DEPTH CASE-STUDY" was delivered by Prof. Deshdeep Sahdev, Former professor, IIT Kanpur. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana welcomed the gathering and emphasized the need for academia driven entrepreneurship.



14th September 2022

RGCB celebrated 14th September as Hindi Divas. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director addressed the gathering and distributed the prizes to winners.

5th September 2022

RGCB celebrated the harvest festival of Kerala "Onam" in a traditional manner. We organized a program "Chingapulari" today, and Her highness Pooyam Thirunal Gowri Parvathi Bayi was the chief guest. The function started with the welcome address of Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, and Dr. E.V Sonia Dean welcomed the chief guest.





22nd September 2022

The second batch of RGCB MSc Biotechnology (2020-2022) students was given an official send-off on 22nd September 2022 by RGCB. A total of 31 students completed their master's program affiliated with RCB.



31st October 2022

RGCB organized a unity run this morning as a part of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. The Director, staff, and students took part in the run and also took the integrity pledge.



25th October 2022

RGCB organized a special lecture on 25th October, as a part of the 75th Ayurveda Day celebration. The guest speaker is Dr. Rajmohan V from Government Ayurveda College,



03th November 2022

RGCB conducted a special lecture delivered by Mr. A. Hemachandran IPS, Ex DGP, Kerala and title of the talk was "Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation. Prof Chandrabhas Narayana, RGCB Director in his welcome address, said a corruption-free scientific environment is crucial and we must ensure transparency in whatever we do.



22nd November 2022

RGCB celebrated the foundation day on 22 November, 2022. The chief guest was Dr. Tapas K Kundu from JNCASR, Bangalore who delivered the foundation day lecture on "Epigenetics and Drug Discovery". Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, while welcoming the gathering, briefly mentioned the growth of the RGCB over the years.



26th November 2022

November 26 is observed as Constitution Day or "Samvidhan Diwas" every year, which commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India. The Director, staff and students of RGCB joined the Constitution day celebration and participated in the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution.



30th November 2022

Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary Department of Biotechnology made his maiden visit to RGCB Akkulam Campus. He interacted with the faculty, staff, and students of RGCB. Some glimpses from his exciting visit to RGCB.



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30th November 2022
Ramalingaswami Re-Entry Fellowship & MK Bhan- Young Researcher Fellowship Joint Conclave started at RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr Rajesh S. Gokhale, Secretary, DBT inaugurated the conclave on 30th November. Dr Chandrabhas Narayana, Director RGCB, Dr Sudhanshu Vrati, Executive Director, RCB, Dr Sanjay Mishra, Senior Advisor, DBT and Dr Deo Prakash Chaturvedi, Scientist C, DBT also attended the event.





14th January 2023

The convocation ceremony for the Certificate program in bioinformatics (Part A) students was held at the Akkulam campus. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB inaugurated the program by lighting up the lamp.



17th January 2023

RGCB has supported the Astra Tribal Society to establish a unit for the processing and value addition of Non-timber forest products (NTFPs) at Makkimala, Thavinjal Grama panchayat, Wayanad District. The established unit was handed over to the Tribal Society by Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB on 17th January 2023.



18th January 2023

To commemorate the 75 years of Independence, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB) has established a Science Museum at the Government Higher Secondary School, Meppadi, Wayanad, the Aspirational district of Kerala. The fully established museum was handed over to the school represented by Mr. Moncy Joseph, Principal by Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB on 18th January 2023.



24th January 2022

IISF 2022 was held at MANIT, Bhopal. RGCB is participating in the Mega Science and Technology Expo demonstrating its activities and major achievements.



26th January 2023

On the occasion of the 74th Republic Day of our nation, Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB unfurled the national flag at the main campus and newly constructed campus at Akkulam.

28th February 2023

RGCB celebrated National Science Day. Dr. A Ajayghosh, Former Director, CSIR-NIIST, was the chief guest. He delivered a talk on Science and Society. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB, welcomed the gathering.



8th March 2023

RGCB celebrated International Women's day on 8th March. Mrs. Santhaa Jose, founder of ASRAYA was the chief guest.



23rd March 2023

Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director-RGCB, was awarded Dr. Raja Ramanna Award from the Indian Society of Analytical Scientists (ISAS) for his distinguished achievements and outstanding contributions in the advancement of Raman Spectroscopy and Brillouin spectroscopy for drug discovery and diagnostic applications. The award was conferred during the recent ISAS2023 congress held at Kochi.



10th March 2023

A delegation from Altai State University, a Public university in Barnaul, Russia, visited RGCB today to develop a joint research program. The University was represented by Dr. Sergey Bocharov, Dr. Roman Raikin, and Dr. Alexander Dunets.



12th April 2023

RGCB organized a one-day national symposium on biotechnology for sustainable development-2023, felicitation of senior scientists and a poster session for students.



19th April 2023

A revamped beginning for the Biotech startup ecosystem at KRIBS-BioNest, Kochi. RGCB Director, Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, and Kerala Startup Mission CEO, Mr. Anoop Ambika signed the renewed MoU on 19-04-2023.



6th May 2023

A central facility for Mass Spectrometry-based Proteomics, Metabolomics, and Lipidomics platforms was inaugurated at RGCB by Dr Vinod Kumar Paul, Member NITI Aayog, Govt of India in the presence of Dr Rajesh S Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India. The facility was supported by the DBT-SAHAJ program.



5th June 2023
RGCB is celebrating World Environment day. As a part of the celebration planting of tree saplings was done at the Akkulam campus.



16-17th June 2023
18th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting was held at RGCB



19th June 2023
RGCB started a Gymnasium for staff and students supported by the GATI Project. The facility was formally inaugurated by Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director of RGCB.



21st June 2023

RGCB celebrated International Yoga Day 2023. The theme for this year is 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. A Yoga session was arranged for staff and students in the morning. RGCB in collaboration with the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) and Satsang Foundation Kerala Kendra for conducting studies to understand the cellular mediations and establishing potential mechanisms of action for yoga on cancer care at the individual level. This was announced by RGCB Director, Professor Chandrabhas Narayana during the International Yoga Day 2023 celebration. The program was organized as part of the Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI) activities by RGCB.





27th July 2023

The third batch of RGCB MSc Biotechnology (2021-2023) students was given an official send-off on 27th July 2023 by RGCB. A total of 19 students completed their master's program affiliated with RCB.



30th July 2023

Wild Edibles Demonstration plot and Nursery established with the participation of tribal SHG under DST- SHRI- Tribal Heritage Project at Pattayakudi, Kanjikuzhi Gramapanchayath, Idukki District was inaugurated by Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB on July 30 2023.



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Day of our nation



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14th September 2023

The self-contained mobile virology testing unit of RGCB is flagged off today by Mrs. Veena George, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Kerala, in the presence of Mr. Mohammed Hanish IAS, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, GoK.



18th September 2023

Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB inaugurated the Conservation plot and Nursery for wild edibles established at Nellarachal, Muttill Gramapanchayath, Wayanad. This has been established with the active participation of the tribal group "Nellara Pattika Varga Kashaka Sangam" under the DST-Tribal Heritage Project.



20 - 23rd September 2023

The 1st RGCB research conference started at hotel Raviz Kollam. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, outlined the objectives of this new initiative.



29th September 2023

RGCB celebrated the Hindi Divas/Pakhwara from 14th September to 29th September by conducting different competitions on Hindi. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, addressed the gathering and distributed the prizes to winners.



1st October - 6th October 2023

Six day workshop organized by RGCB in association with IUIS, IIS and FIMSA "Immuno-India 2023: Epigenetic Regulation of Immune Responses" started today with an inaugural lecture by Dr Shekhar Mande, Former DG, CSIR. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director RGCB welcomed the gathering and introduced the speaker.



19th October 2023

RGCB organized a Swachhta Awareness Programme for differently abled students at the National Career Service Centre for Differently Abled (NCSC), Ministry of Labour & Employment - DGE, Government of India. RGCB has also conducted diverse events such as Quiz Competition, Essay Competition, and other Cultural Programmes at NCSC.



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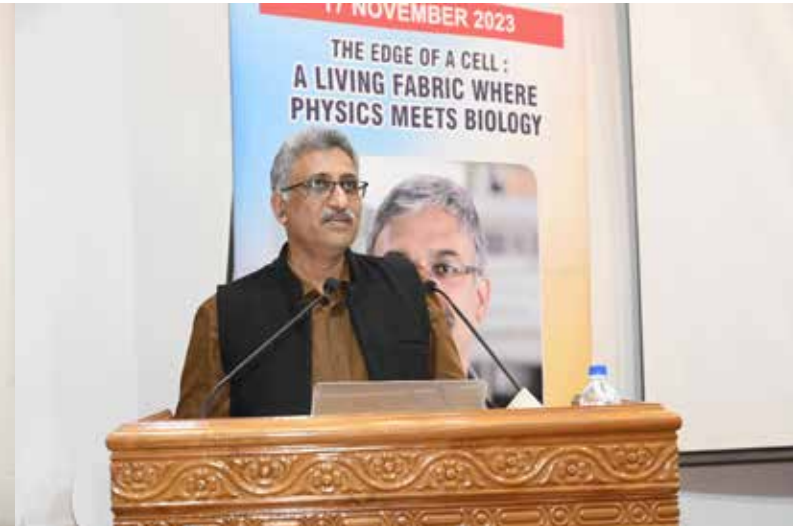
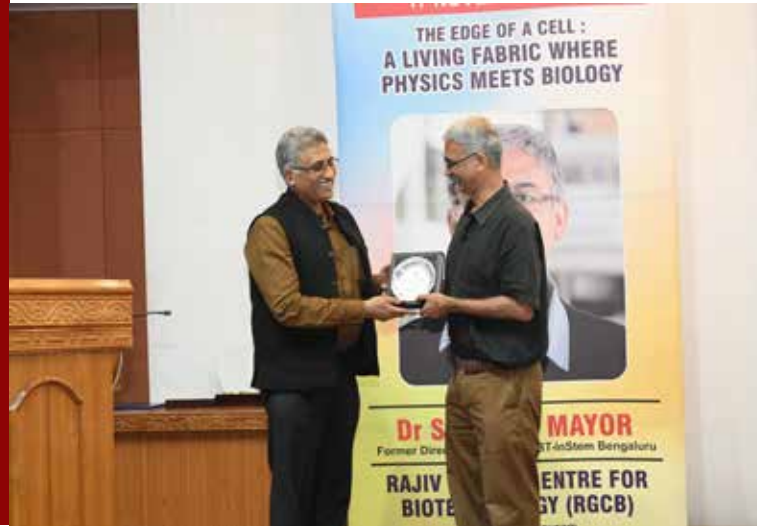
6th November 2023

The vigilance awareness week was concluded at RGCB with an invited lecture by Shri. Sudhakara Babu, Senior, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram, on the topic "Ethics and Governance." Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB, addressed the gathering and briefly discussed the importance of vigilance awareness week in all Government institutions.



9th November 2023

RGCB commemorated Sir C.V. Raman's 135th birthday with a popular lecture series. This year the speaker was Dr. S Unnikrishnan Nair, Director, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram and the title of the talk was "Challenges in human space flight mission". Earlier Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director RGCB welcomed the gathering and explained the purpose of conducting such a popular series of lectures.



17th November 2023

RGCB celebrated the foundation day today. The chief guest was Dr. Satyajit Mayor from NCBS, Bangalore and delivered the foundation day lecture on "The Edge of A Cell: A Living Fabric Where Physics Meets Biology". Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, in his address, briefly mentioned the growth of the RGCB over the years.



12th January 2024

RGCB in association with KSCSTE organized the Dr G N Ramachnadran Memorial lecture as a prelude to the 36th Kerala Science Congress (KSC). Dr Shekhar Mande, Former Director General, CSIR. RGCB Director Professor Chandrabhas Narayana introduced the Chief Guest.



15th January 2024

The Biosafety level III (BSL III) facility at RGCB officially started functioning today on the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti/Pongal. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, Mr. S. Mohanan Nair, Chief Controller, Dr. T R Santhosh Kumar, Chairman IBSC, Dr. Rajesh Chandramohandas, Faculty-in-Charge, BSL III, other faculties, staff and students were joined in the program.



17 - 20th January 2024

IISF started at RCB and THSTI Faridabad. Some glimpses at RGCB pavilion in the mega expo. ISRO Chairman Shri S Somnath visited RGCB stall. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director explained various R&D activities of the centre.



26th January 2024

On the occasion of the 75th Republic Day of Our Nation, Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB unfurled the national flag at the main campus.



3 - 4th February 2024

14th India Probiotic Symposium jointly organized by The Gut Microbiota & Probiotic Science Foundation (India), IAV & RGCB started today at RGCB. Dr Shashi Tharoor MP inaugurated the two-day event. Prof N K Ganguly, Former DG, ICMR presided over the function. Prof Chandrabhas Narayana, Director RGCB while addressing the gathering gave a brief overview about RGCB and its mandates.



17th - 18th February 2024

A two-day colloquium on "Yoga in Life Sciences; Beyond Emerging Possibilities for a New World Order", organized by Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) and the International Yoga Research Foundation on the RGCB campus here. Shri Pinrayai Vijayan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala inaugurated the function. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director RGCB while welcoming said that this event is aimed at giving a proper perspective to the society about the scientific aspects of yoga. Sri M, the Founder President, The Satsang Foundation, delivered the key-note address



22nd February 2024

Triphala Society for Tribal Medicine and Development, Peringamala, Thiruvananthapuram, focuses on sustainable harvesting and value addition of medicinal plants, and the preservation of traditional tribal medicine practices. The facility was inaugurated by Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB on 22 February 2024.



22nd February 2024

The inauguration of the Agasthyalayam Traditional Medicine Unit in Kallar, Ponmudi, Thiruvananthapuram was auspiciously conducted by Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director of RGCB, on 22nd February 2024. This initiative is dedicated to practicing and promoting tribal medicinal treatments, specifically traditional steam baths using medicinal herbs.



12th March 2024 and 18th March 2024

On the occasion of International Women's Day (IWD) RGCB arranged invited talks on 12th march.. Dr. Abhishek Shankar, AIIMS, New Delhi, and Dr. Regi Jose, Sree Gokulam Medical College and Research Foundation and Director of Snehita Women's Health Foundation, gave talks focusing on aspects of awareness and early detection of cancers among women. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, gave his welcome remarks. On 18th March, Dr. Tessy Thomas, Vice Chancellor of Noorul Islam Institute of Higher education delivered they key note address.



28th February 2024

RGCB celebrated the National Science Day 2024. Dr N R Jagannathan, AIIMS, New Delhi, was the keynote speaker and delivered a talk on "MRI in Pre-clinical and Clinical Research" Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, welcomed the gathering. A monograph was released on this occasion titled as " Revitalizing tribal traditions: Initiatives for sustainable vikasit Bharath".



20th March 2024

RGCB is very proud to share the news that our Director, Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, received the "Sir C.V. Raman Memorial Science Day Lecture Award 2023" from the Indian Photobiology Society during the National Conference on Emerging Smart Materials in Chemical Sciences at Guru Ghasidas University (Central University of Chattisgarh), Bilaspur. Professor Narayana was given the keynote address during the meeting. The award was given for his pioneering contributions in Raman Spectroscopy and, especially, in the area of Surface Enhancer Raman Spectroscopy (SERS) in solving problems in the area of physics and biology.



20th April 2024

RGCN organized a one-day National Symposium on Biotechnology for Sustainable Development-2024, felicitation of senior scientists and a poster session for students on 20th April 2024.



3rd June 2024

RGCN welcomed the BRIDGE-SIP Summer Internship students for one-month of training at RGCN in collaboration with the Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) and the Gujarat Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM). 10 MSc students from various institutions will be given extensive laboratory training in cutting-edge topics related to biotechnology & disease biology. RGCN Director Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana welcomed the students.



5th June 2024

BRIC-RGCN celebrated World Environment Day 2024 and event was inaugurated by the Director of RGCN, Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana. Prof. Shaji E., Professor at the Department of Geology and Director of IQAC at the University of Kerala, delivered the Keynote Address. Dr. Akhilesh S. V. Nair, the innovator of India's first digital garden, launched RGCN's initiative for the digitization of RGCN campus flora using QR Codes. A book titled "The Taste of the Wild - An Inventory on Ethnic Food and Wild Edibles" was published by the RGCN Director and honored Smt. Chandrika, an Ethnic Food Specialist and Traditional Healer, and Mr. Praseed Kumar Bathery, a National Genome Saviour Award Winner.



11th July 2024

RGCN arranged an invited talk by Dr Vinay Nandicoori, Director CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad and title of the talk was "Delineating the survival strategies of Mycobacterium tuberculosis". Earlier, RGCN Director Professor Chandrabhas Narayana welcomed the gathering.



19th July 2024

Shri Suresh Gopi, Honorable Union Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Tourism visited RGCN Akkulam Campus on 19-07-2024. A warm welcome was accorded to him by Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, Mr. S Mohanan Nair, Chief Controller Dr. Radhakrishnan R Nair, Scientist, and Mr. R Kumar, Deputy Controller of Finance.



15th August 2024
 RGCB celebrated the 78th Independence Day of our nation. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director hoisted the National flag in the Main campus and at the second campus (C2) at Akkulam



25th - 28th
September
2024

The 2nd RGCB research conference started at Hotel Zuri, Kumarako. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB, outlined the objectives of this initiative.



1st October 2024
RGCB Celebrated Hindi
Pakhwada divas



17th October
2024

Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Science & Technology Innovation Program (SC/ST farmers & Artisans meet) on 17-10-2024, supported by Dept Science & Technology at BRIC-RGCB. The event is jointly organized by Swadeshi Science Movement-Kerala (SSM-K), Vijnana Bharati and RGCB



1st November 2024

The Central Instrumentation Microinjection Facility (CIMF) at RGCB main campus was formally inaugurated by Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, in the presence of Dr. Jackson James and Dr. Debasree Dutta (Facility In Charge).



4th November 2024

The vigilance awareness week was concluded at RGCB with an invited lecture by Shri. G Vijayaraghavan, Former CEO of Technopark, and Founder Director, NISH, Thiruvananthapuram, on the topic "Securing Science: Cyber Security Vigilance in Biotechnology Research". Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB, addressed the gathering and briefly discussed the importance of conducting the vigilance awareness week in all Government institutions.



9th-10th November 2024

First Foundation Day of BRIC was celebrated on 9-10 th November 2024 at National Institute of Immunology (NII), New Delhi. A delegation of 18 members, including the Director, 3 faculty, and 14 students, represented RGCB at the foundation day celebration.



21st November 2024

MoU was signed between the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (BRIC-RGCB) and Cochin Cancer Centre, Kochi (CCRC) on cancer research and advanced diagnostics. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director of RGCB, and Dr. Balagopal P.G., Director of CCRC, signed the MoU on behalf of RGCB and CCRC in the presence of Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Kerala State, Smt. Veena George, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of Kerala, and Shri P. Rajeev, Hon'ble Minister of Law and Industries, Govt of Kerala.





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27th November 2024

BRIC-RGCB, in association with the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru, organized a public lecture series. Dr Sarah Teichmann, Professor and Chair Stem Cell Medicine at the University of Cambridge, UK was the speaker on 27-11-2024. Dr Sarah also holds the Raman Chair of the Academy for 2024. She is also the co-founder of the Human Cell Atlas (HCA) initiative. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director RGCB welcomed the gathering and Dr Partha Majumder, Former Director BRIC-NIBMG.



30th November 2024

IISF 2024 at IIT Guwahati. BRIC-RGCB stall in the Mega Science and Technology Expo.



18th December 2024

BRIC-RGCB co-organized the TANDEM-ABX Stakeholder Consultation on developing a sustainable use framework for new antibiotics along with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Kerala. Prof Chandrabhas Narayana, delivered the presidential address. Dr Rajan Khobragade, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, was the Chief Guest.



8th - 10th January 2025

BRIC-RGCB conducted an advanced hands-on workshop on cells, embryos, and microinjection from 8-10th January 2025. Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB, inaugurated the workshop. This was the first workshop conducted by the Central Instrumentation Microinjection Facility (CIMF) at RGCB.

16th January 2025

The central instrumentation clean room facility (Class 10K/ISO7) was inaugurated at BRIC-RGCB by Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB



26th January 2025

On the occasion of the 76th Republic Day of Our Nation, Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB, unfurled the national flag at the Main Campus, Poojapura & also at campus 2, Akkulam.



28th February 2025

BRIC-RGCB celebrated National Science Day 2025 with various programs. Dr. J. N. Moorthy, Director, IISER, Thiruvananthapuram, delivered the special lecture.



11th March 2025

BRIC-RGCB celebrated International Women's Day. Two invited talks were organized on the occasion. Prof Balram Bhargava, Former DG, ICMR, detailed his journey on their struggles in developing India's first indigenous covid vaccine. Dr Sharmila Bapat, Director of BRIC-NCCS, narrated her several decade-old journey in ovarian cancer research.



17th March 2025

BRIC-RGCB organized an invited lecture by Prof G Karthikeyan, Executive Director, BRIC-THSTI, Faridabad on the topic "Bridging the Valleys of Death: Navigating the Barriers to Translation". The Director, faculty, staff and students attended the meeting.



20th March 2025

The Central Instrumentation Recombinant Protein Production, Purification & Crystallization Facility at BRIC-RGCB Campus-2 was inaugurated by Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB.



11-12th April 2025
19th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting was held at RGCB



6th May 2025
The faculty, staff, and students of BRIC-RGCB proudly took the Swachhata pledge in observance of Swachhata Pakhwada 2025. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, administered the pledge.



16th May 2025
BRIC RGCB organized a one-day National Symposium on Biotechnology for Sustainable Development-2025, felicitations of senior scientists, and a poster session for students.



23rd May 2025
BRIC RGCB was visited by a delegation headed by H.E. Mr. Juan Carlos Marsán Aguilera, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba on 23-05-2025. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, welcomed the delegation.



5th June 2025

BRIC-RGCB celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June 2025. Dr. K. Anoop Krishnan from N-CCESS, Thiruvananthapuram delivered the invited talk on "Chemistry of emerging contaminants in riverine systems with a focus on microplastics." Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, presided over the programmes on the campus. Prof. Narayana also announced the launch of an environmental club at RGCB named "Vasudha," and Dr. Moumita Srivastava will be the Faculty co-ordinator, and Ms. Shaima S. will be the student co- coordinator. A book entitled "Diversity of Kerala's wild edibles and indigenous crops" was also released during the function, which was an outcome of the Tribal Heritage Project supported by DST.



21st June 2025

BRIC-RGCB celebrated the International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2025 with the practice of various forms of Pranayama and Surya namaskars at 7 AM. The session was attended by the Director, Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, staff, and students. Mr. Abhinand was the Yoga master for the program.

30th June 2025

As part of the GSBTM Summer Research Internship Program (BRIDGE-SRIP), conducted under the Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) and UNESCO, 10 students from Gujarat were hosted at BRIC-RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram, for a one-month training program in June 2025.





1st July 2025

BRIC-RGCB organized an awareness session on "Hemoglobin (Hb) Deficiency and Overall Wellbeing on 1st July 2025. The gathering was welcomed by Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, BRIC-RGCB. Invited talk by Dr. Amita Radhakrishnan (Department of Transfusion Medicine, SCTIMST) and Dr. Bhuvaneswari S.

(Department of Transfusion Medicine, SCTIMST) on "Hb deficiency and ways to manage it." The next talk was by Dr. Harikrishnan (University College, Palayam) on "impact of stress on overall well-being." It was followed by a panel discussion on "Staying Strong: The Overlooked Impact of Nutrition and Stress on Academic Performance."

11th July 2025

The C-MLS division of BRIC-RGCB started a new laboratory unit in Ezhukone, Kollam Dist. This was in association with the Ezhukone Local Self-Government Department (Grama Panchayath) on 11th July 2025. The facility was inaugurated by Shri K. N. Balagopal, Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Government of Kerala. Shri Kodikunnil Suresh MP presided over the function. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director of BRIC-RGCB, delivered the special address.



15th August 2025

RGCB celebrated the 79th Independence Day celebration of our nation. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, hoisted the National flag in the main campus and also at Akkulam campus. During his message to the RGCB fraternity, Prof. Narayana mentioned that Biotechnology is the future of the current century and emphasized the BioE3 initiative of the Government of India through DBT and BRIC.



22nd August 2025

RGCBC-CMLS, Thiruvananthapuram and RCB-Faridabad signed a Memorandum of Agreement on August 22, 2025 to collaborate on establishing and operating multispecialty clinical diagnostic laboratories of RGCBC-CMLS in Northern India for providing diagnostic services, and for jointly setting up Skill Development Centres for training in biotechnology and allied fields. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed by Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director-RGCBC & CMD-RGCBC CMLS, and Dr. Arvind Sahu, Executive Director-RCB, at Thiruvananthapuram. Shri S Mohanan Nair, Chief Controller, RGCBC & Chief Operating Officer, RGCBC-CMLS was also present.

22nd August 2025

BRIC RGCBC organized a day seminar on 22nd August 2025. Dr. Sagar Sengupta, Director, BRIC-NIBMG, Kalyani delivered a talk on "Chromatin remodelling and augmenting DNA damage response: multiple paths towards cancer therapy." Dr. Arindam Maitra, Professor, BRIC-NIBMG, Kalyani gave a talk on "Searching for genomic triggers of preterm birth: A multi-omics approach."



25th August 2025

In a significant move towards transforming innovative research into practical biotechnology solutions, BRIC-RGCBC Director, Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana proudly inaugurated VinMax Biotech Pvt. Ltd., a faculty startup led by RGCBC Faculty Dr. G. S. Vinodkumar. The launch event took place at the BRIC-RGCBC facility located at the KINFRA Campus in Kazhakootam.



27th August 2025
BRIC-RGCB and Primordia
Lifesciences Forge Partnership to
Revolutionize Apoptosis Detection for
Drug Discovery



28-30th August 2025
The 3rd RGCB research
conference was held at Club
Mahindra, Munnar. Professor
Chandrabhas Narayana,
Director, RGCB outlined the
objectives of this new initiative.



10th September 2025
Eight premier national institutions in
Thiruvananthapuram have agreed to a formal
collaboration in SCTIMST. This includes BRIC-
RGCB, IISER, NCESS, CTCRI, CSIR-NIIST, IIST,
C-DAC, and SCTIMST. A special symposium
and panel discussion on "Scientific insight:
Pioneering perspectives" was also conducted
today. Professor Chandrabhas Narayana,
Director, BRIC-RGCB, attended the event
along with the Directors of other institutes.



**9th September
2025**
The BRIC-RGCB family
celebrated the harvest
festival of Kerala, "Onam,"
in the traditional style.



11th September 2025
The Rice Museum, established by BRIC-
RGCB under the SHRI program, DST, Govt.
of India, was inaugurated on September
11, 2025, at Sultan Bathery, Wayanad. The
museum showcases a vast collection
of traditional rice varieties and paddy
artworks, promoting awareness about their
importance in sustainable agriculture.
Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana, Director,
BRIC-RGCB, inaugurated the museum,
highlighting the significance of traditional
rice varieties.



18th September 2025

The Cancer Research Program of BRIC-RGCB conducted a brainstorming session with members of the Association of Medical and Pediatric Oncologists of Kerala (AMPOK). Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, chaired the session. The focus is to develop joint research programs on the frontier areas of cancer biology in alignment with the BioE3 policy of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.



22nd September 2025

MIT World Peace University, Goa, in collaboration with BRIC-RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram, has organized a National Visioning Conference on the theme: "Envisioning Tomorrow's University: A Transdisciplinary Dialogue on the Future of Education".



19th September 2025

In a big boost to health care in animal husbandry sector, BRIC-RGCB has opened its first Medical Laboratory services unit at Oyoor in Kollam district with state-of-the-art facilities to provide a wide range of veterinary clinical services. The focus of the multi-speciality Diagnostic Centre, opened by Smt J Chinchurani, Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development, Government of Kerala, in the presence of Prof Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, RGCB, on 19-09-2025, is on veterinary clinical services. The laboratory will also provide diagnostic services to the local community at affordable rates.



23rd September 2025

Professor Chandrabhas Narayana, Director, BRIC-RGCB delivered an invited lecture at N-CES, Thiruvananthapuram, and the title of the talk was "Geophysics to Biology: Raman Spectroscopy rules the roost". After the talk, Professor Narayana was felicitated by Dr N.V.Chalapathi Rao, Director N-CES.

Time
may pass;
but *Memories*
always
Cherishes



26th September 2025

Dr Aravind Sahu, Executive Director, RCB, Faridabad delivered an invited lecture on "Viral Teachings on Complement Regulation and Host-Pathogen Interface".



28th September 2025

The Table Tennis Court was inaugurated at Akkulam campus by Professor Chandrabhas Narayana.



