

# National Institute of Science Education & Research Bhubaneswar

## Annual Report

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Audited Statement of Accounts



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# 2022-2023



**About the Events:** To celebrate the 75th year of Independence, a monthly NISER Outreach Talk Series was initiated at NISER for school students from Class IX to XII and First-year College students. The talks are based on relatable concepts and are structured to be interactive, emphasizing question-answer sessions. These talks are usually given by NISER faculty members from various schools and are online and offline or both.

There were four talks conducted in the year 2023-24 in which approximately 600 students had participated.

### Browning Reactions

Enzyme-catalyzed browning - browning of apples/vegetables

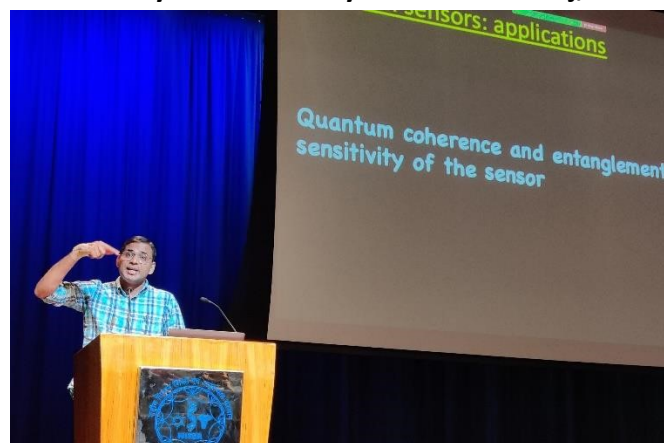
The diagram illustrates the enzymatic browning of apples. It starts with a sliced apple and a phenol molecule. The reaction is catalyzed by Polyphenol oxidase in the presence of O<sub>2</sub>, forming a diphenol. Further oxidation by Polyphenol oxidase and O<sub>2</sub> leads to a quinone, which then polymerizes into brown pigments (Melanin).

In the year 2022-23, the Outreach cell has conducted a total of 20 such educational visits. These visits were from various schools and colleges in Odisha, where approximately 1200 students and 250 teachers participated. These educational institutes include GHVM School, Jupiter College, JNV Khurda School, School of Forensic Science, Centurion University, Jatni, Rajdhani College, Carmel School, KV Khurda Road, Sailabala Women's Autonomous College, Carmel School, GIET University, DPS Paradip Refinery, JNV Mundali, Cuttack, Mahamayee Mahila Mahavidyalaya, BJB High School, Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya Sangathan, Saraswati Sishu Vidya Mandir, Cuttack, Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya Sangathan, DPS Dhenkanal, Freedom International School, Cuttack, Rajdhani College, Pranath College (Autonomous), Khordha, NIIS Group of Institutions, BBSR, KV No. 3, BBSR.

### Outreach Talk Series 2022-23

Total Outreach Talks for the year 2022-23: 4

### "Culinary Reactions" by Dr. U. Lourderaj, SCS



### "Quantum Sensors" by Dr. Ashok Mohapatra, SPS

The 'spike' (S protein)

The diagram shows the structure of the S protein spike, which is embedded in a viral membrane. It consists of a Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) and two subunits, S1 and S2. The S1-S2 cut site is also indicated. The spike is shown interacting with ACE2 and DPP4 receptors. A reference is provided: Nature volume 588, pages 498-502 (2020).