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'Need to get the basics of science right'

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Chennai: This generation is evidently technology driven, but has it left behind something of our basic education? Yes, basic science education has been affected, said Sundari Krishnamurthy, director for Networking and Communication, Stella Maris College, at the Science Fair held on Tuesday on the college premises.

She said, "Technology is important, but before that we have to bring back the knowledge, attitude and practice in our education. That's the motive behind this science fair, to know the basics right."

This is the first science fair conducted by the college af-



Students at the science exhibition | R SATISH BABU

ter it got the recognition of 'Star College', after being selected by the Ministry of Science and Technology, which has given grants to conduct various developmental activities in the college.

"We wanted to reach the

schools for strengthening basic science education, and at the undergraduate level to encourage youth, especially women, to pursue basic sciences as a career. We organised this science fair in such a way that it covered all

areas of science — Chemistry, Physics, Botany and Zoology, including Herbal Science, as we maintain a herbal garden on the premises," she said.

Nearly 2,000 students from 15 to 20 government and private schools in the city participated in the fair which saw healthy interaction between school and college students.

"Though this exhibition deals with basic science, it has been made very interesting through exhibits and practical experiments. We are enjoying very much," said Sruthi, a student of Class 9 from Church Park School.

Raghava Rao, principal scientist, Chemical Lab, CLRI, was the chief guest.