

Talk on origin of Earth a hit with students

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Pune: Lecture on 'Origin and Evolution of the Earth' got a huge response from students of various city schools on Sunday.

Rahul Chopra, Associate Professor, Earth Sciences and Environmental Studies, Foundation for Liberal and Management Education (FLAME), Pune, delivered a lecture on the subject at NCL Innovation Park as part of the Exciting Science Group's Popular Talks series.

The Popular Talks are a monthly series of talks that allow school students to learn more about research in various fields of science and technology. These talks are supported by the Forbes Marshall Foundation, the Praj Foundation and DSM India.

Chopra showed them how analysis of rocks reveal the history of the Deccan plateau. Starting from when the Earth was formed, over 4.5 billion years ago, Chopra showed how modern scientists use geological records to understand changes in Earth, atmosphere formation and how dinosaurs became extinct. He explained how different types of stones help to understand the process of evolution of the



DEMYSTIFYING: Rahul Chopra, Associate Professor, Earth Sciences & Environmental Studies, FLAME showing different types of stones to explain the evolution of the Earth at the NCL Innovation Park, on Sunday.

Earth. He said fossils are used to get more information and also explained the types of fossils.

Chopra used actual rock/ mineral samples from his collection to show the

changes. He explained the types and sub-types of rocks to students and the difference between structures of rocks and crystals, how the Earth has grown and stages of evolution of Earth.