

National Science Day Celebrated at SRM University, Sonapat, Haryana held on 03rd March 2014

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Government of India celebrates 28th February as National Science Day every year. On this day Sir C.V. Raman discovered the Scattering of Light and which was later called as "Raman Effect" leading to the award of Nobel Prize on Physics in 1930 to him. He was the first Asian to receive such highest honour.

SRM University, Sonapat (Haryana) which was established on 19th August, 2013 in Rajiv Gandhi Education City had celebrated its 1st National Science Day. There were Science Quiz, Essay Writing, Poster, Science Models Competitions for school children of different schools of Sonapat and the University students. Prof. Dr. S. Rajarajan, Vice Chancellor, SRM University spoke on the importance of scientific applications and their relevance in day-to-day life. He reminded the attributes of Sir C.V. Raman student days of Presidency College, Chennai and his achievements in his early days, in particular being a Civil Servant as Asst. Accountant General, at Kolkata pursued scientific research at Indian Association of Cultivation of Science.



Dr. D.K. Pandey, Director, Department of Science & Technology (DST), GOI highlighted the present growth & development of National Science Day activities since its inception in 1987. Science communication and popularization have been emphasized to school children, college & university students, national labs etc. through their headquarters for celebration throughout the country. Several awards are given at national level for best science communicators / organizations.

Dr. Narender K. Sehgal, Former Advisor, DST, GOI and a recipient of Kalinga Award UNESCO, 1991 was the Chief Guest of the function and delivered the 1st National Science Day Oration in the University Auditorium on "Fostering Scientific Temper". He narrated the genesis of National Science Day during 1986 and emphasized the need for the Scientific Temper i.e. scientific thinking, temperament, and method of science being internalized/integrated into ones personality and peoples mind. The lack of scientific temper and its fostering in day-to-day life is one of the biggest obstacles in uniting the people of this nation towards progress. The casual attitude of anything (Chalta Hai business) needs to be challenged through cultivating and Fostering Scientific Temper.

Prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners and participants of the competitions by the Chief Guest, Dr. N.K. Sehgal.

Dr. G.J. Samathanam, Director of Research had welcomed the participants and Dr. Manish Bhalla, Registrar proposed vote of thanks. The function was also attended by Dr. S. Viswanathan, Administrative Officer, Prof. C. Natarajan, Sr. Dy. Registrar and many other invited dignitaries from the schools of Sonapat.