

Preamble

Research scholars of the Faculty of Interdisciplinary and Applied Sciences, University of Delhi (South Campus) have been organizing National Science Day Symposium for the last 6 years to commemorate National Science Day of the country (Feb 28) in memory of the seminal discovery of “Raman Effect” by C.V. Raman. This is an event for the students, by the students, of the students with support and participation by every faculty. This has slowly turned out to be the flagship programme of the life sciences department of the campus and is growing in stature by the day. In its short life span, it has already assumed significance of great proportions and is a crucial part of development of students on the campus, their scientific acumen and dynamism. It has boasted of some of the top notch scientific talks in the city and show-cased its own scientific merits and standards. This event over the years has nurtured science, technology and innovation and has been a part of building the nation. This event is being organized in 2017 on Feb 27th and Feb 28th, moving back to the 2- day format unlike the 1-day format followed in 2016, speaking volumes of the importance of the event. A pioneer in medical research, **Prof. Balram Bhargava** from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) will be delivering an hour long talk that is expected to motivate and inspire students to take up science as a career option

in the long run with commitment to the betterment of the Society. Prof. Bhargava is a renowned cardiologist, innovator and medical educationist. He has been bestowed the Padma Shri for his exemplary work and service to the nation in the field of medicine. He is fellow of all major academies worldwide and is highly decorated. He is a leader in the field of biomedical innovations and is primarily responsible for the Stem Cell Facility in AIIMS. His presence will lighten up the event.

The event will also see scientific talks by one faculty of each life sciences department of the campus, which in itself is an enviable cast of orators. One student from each department will also share the platform with the faculties thus bringing in enthusiasm and vigour. This year for the first time Department of Electronic Sciences will also be part of the coveted event, with one faculty delivering a scientific talk and few students presenting posters. The symposium, since its inception has been instrumental in facilitating exchange of ideas and thoughts between the life sciences departments and now will cross over to integrate electronic sciences as well. In the past INSA has also collaborated with us to bring science and technology to the masses.

In a moment of inspiration in 2016, students came up with the idea that such an interdisciplinary platform should also be used to felicitate our faculties who have been beacon of shining light over the

years in the campus and who have met with the inevitable, we term “retirement” or “super-annuation”. They deserve a fitting and rousing farewell and loads of good wishes. This year Prof. T. S. Satyanarayana from Microbiology Department, whose seminal contributions in the area of microbiology and enzymology has inspired scores of students, will be felicitated with fondness. We look forward to the glorious presence of this practitioner of life sciences research.

In addition, the two days will also see poster presentations, quiz contest and idea (concept) presentation. All these events are very popular and highly competitive drawing heavy participation. The two days will be capped by a cultural programme that will be presented solely by the students of the campus to allow a creative outburst. With “Champions Trophy” also to be won by the department with maximum prize winning performances, this is the event that keeps the heart racing.

We welcome you all to this mega event. It is yours, so go for it !!!

Student Organizers

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