

### National Science Day 2024

The National Science Day was organized by the Faculty of Science on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 in the D.D.Pant Auditorium of Department of Botany. The theme of the day was “The Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat”.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. Sangita Srivastava, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Allahabad. The event started with lighting of a Lamp followed by garlanding the portrait of Goddess Saraswati and offering a floral tribute to the Nobel Laureate Prof. C.V. Raman. The students from Department of Music presented Saraswati Vandana and Kulgeet of the University on the occasion. The dignitaries were felicitated by a bouquet of flowers and a memento. The participants included the Heads of eleven Departments, Coordinators of twelve Centres, Directors of IIDS and IPS, Faculty members, Research scholars and post graduate students from different Departments and Centres. The event comprised of the Inaugural session presided over by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sangeeta Srivastava, an Invited talk from Prof. RS Verma, Director, MNNIT-Prayagraj, Young Scientist Award session with open speech by contestants on different aspects of the theme, Oral presentations of original research papers, Poster presentations by research scholars and postgraduate students from both the biological and physical sciences streams. The sessions for the Young Scientist contest, oral and poster presentations were adjudicated by the experts in the Biological and Physical sciences.

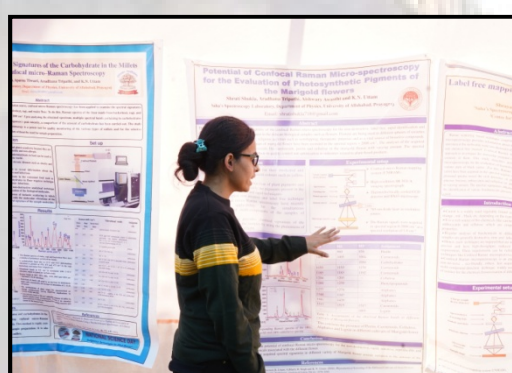
Dr.Ujla Minhas and Dr. Aroop Acharjee from the Departments of Biochemistry and Zoology, respectively, conducted the session in a very systematic manner. Prof. Abhay Kumar Pandey, Convenor of the event welcomed Prof. Sangeeta Srivastava, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor-University of Allahabad, Prof. RS Verma, Director-MNNIT, Prayagraj, invited guests and the participants.



Prof. Bechan Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Science and Chairman of the Symposia, presented the glorious history of foundation of Faculty of Science and a progress report. He briefly described the discovery of Prof. CV Raman and laid stress on how the indigenous technologies can lead the country to be a developed Nation by 2047, after 100 years of the independence. Prof. S.I. Rizvi, Dean, Research and Development elaborated the innovations and the research projects awarded to many Faculty members in science. Prof. RS Verma, Director, MNNIT Prayagraj,

expressed about the recent scientific discoveries and technological advancements in India and their applications in every walk of life.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the Patron of the Symposia & National Science Day, illustrated the journey of Indian Science from ancient times to date by citing various examples, and motivated the faculty members and students to continue striving for innovations and excellence in research with quality publications in journals of repute to take up the University at the international arena. She made the audience apprised of what India expects from its academicians and researchers today to better serve the society through scientific inventions. She deeply appreciated the overall citations and publication record achieved by Faculty of Science of University of Allahabad. She thanked everyone for organizing this great event to commemorate the ground breaking discovery of Prof. CV Raman, a Nobel Laureate in Physics and to provide opportunities for youngsters to develop their research endeavour to be winners.



The inaugural Session ended by presentation of vote of thanks by the convener of the programme, Prof. Abhay K. Pandey, Department of Biochemistry.

The Technical Sessions started with an informative talk on the topic, 'How to apply knowledge to go forward for Viksit Bharat' presented by the keynote speaker, Prof. R.S. Verma, Director, MNNIT, Prayagraj, who elaborated about the innovations on sustainable technologies and their utilization for Viksit Bharat by 2047. Simultaneously, a Rangoli competition was organized in different Departments of Science Faculty on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 by the Research Scholars and Post-graduate students projecting the spirit of the theme. The Rangoli presentations were evaluated by Prof. Pratima from Department of Physics, Dr. Ujla Minhas from department of Biochemistry and Dr. Ritu Mishra, Department of Botany, University of Allahabad. The Valedictory session concluded the entire activities of one day long event, faculty members and the participants expressed their view points, and the winners in Young Scientist contest, Oral and Poster presentations in Biological Sciences were awarded with the Certificate. The collection of data from experts, preparation of results and the certificate award programme was meticulously organised by Dr. Jalaj Kumar Goud and his team members in association with the Office Staff members. The Symposia and National Science Day 2024 celebration ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Abhay Kumar Pandey followed by recital of the National Anthem.