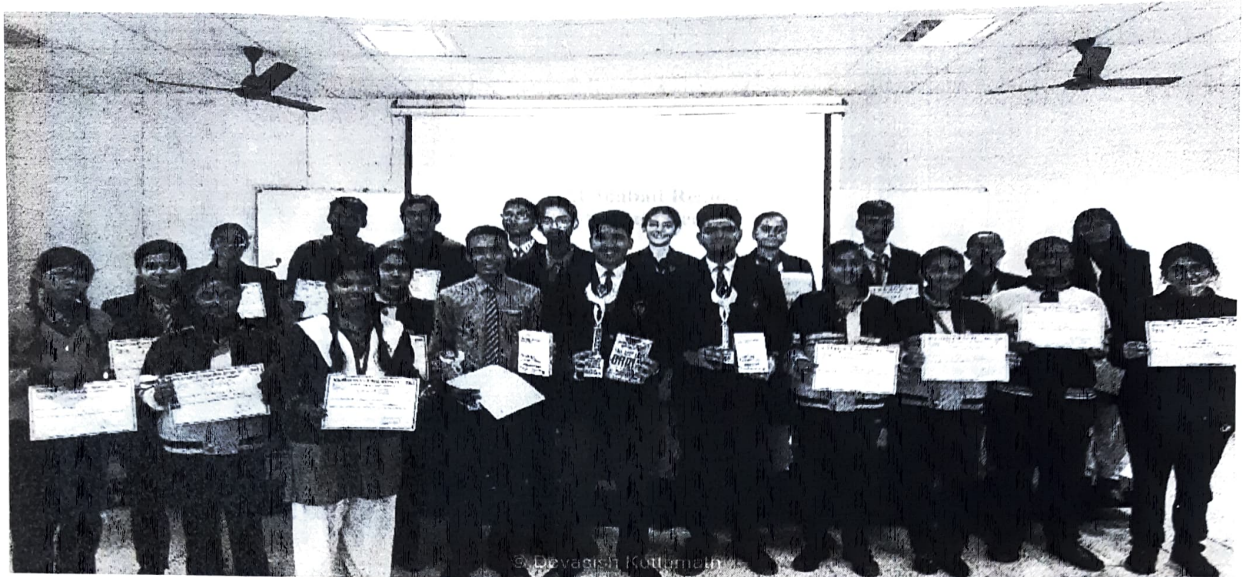


Allahabad Regional Brain Bee (ARBB), February 11th, 2023



Allahabad Regional Brain Bee (ARBB), a neuroscience contest for 11th-grade students, was hosted by the Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad, on February 11th, 2023. Brain Bee contest is an attempt to motivate students to learn about the brain, capture their imaginations, and inspire them to pursue careers in biomedical brain research. It is a non-profit neuroscience competition for high school students that provides an opportunity to participate in an international conference on neuroscience. 22 students from 11 prestigious schools in Allahabad participated in the competition.

Each participant was accompanied by a guardian – a teacher or a parent. The competition consisted of a written round followed by three phases of oral rounds, with increasing levels of difficulty. The judges for 2023 ARBB were Prof. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad and Prof. K.P Singh, Department of Zoology, University of Allahabad with their expertise in the field of neuroscience research.

The technical team for ARBB included MSc final-year students with Hurshitha Vasudevan as the quiz Master. The event was organised by the faculty and students of CBCS. Prof. Bhoomika R. Kar, coordinator, of ARBB, extended a warm welcome during the inaugural session and spoke about the rapid emergence of the brain sciences as a major area of research. She encouraged students to consider the brain sciences as a promising career by introducing the work (courses and research) being done in CBCS.

The 2023 Allahabad Brain Bee winner is Ujjwal Srivastava from Boys High School, Allahabad. The first runner-up is Aariz Khan from Boys High School, Allahabad and the second runner-up is Aditya Upadhyay from St. Joseph College. Prof. K P Singh and Prof. Shiv Kumar Sharma felicitated the winners with a trophy, certificate and a book on neuroscience and presented certificates of participation to all the participants. Prof Bhoomika R. Kar presented the certificates of appreciation to the teachers and presented the judges with mementoes as a token of appreciation. The Brain Bee champion 2023 will be invited to participate in the National Brain Bee finals to be held in New Delhi in April 2023. This event has established a platform to foster neuroscience at the school and college level in the city of Allahabad.