

St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Mysore-15

Report: National Science Day Celebration 2024

Date - February 28, 2024

Time -11:30 AM

Venue - UG Auditorium, St. Philomena's College, Mysore

Chief Guest: **Prof. Arun M Umarji**

Senior Scientist, Indian Institute of Science (IISC), Bangalore

Topic: "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat"

The National Science Day celebration for the year 2024 was held on February 28, 2024, at the UG Auditorium of St. Philomena's College, Mysore. The event commenced at 11:30 AM and lasted for 90 minutes.

The distinguished Chief Guest for the occasion was Prof. Arun M Umarji, a Senior Scientist from the Indian Institute of Science (IISC), Bangalore. Prof. Umarji delivered an enlightening speech on "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat," shedding light on the significance of indigenous innovation for the development of our nation.

The National Science Day celebration for the year 2024, held at St. Philomena's College, Mysore, featured a thought-provoking keynote address by Prof. Arun M Umarji, a distinguished Senior Scientist from the Indian Institute of Science (IISC), Bangalore. Prof. Umarji's presentation on "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat" captivated the audience's attention and sparked insightful discussions.

Prof. Umarji delved into the significance of indigenous technologies in fostering the development and progress of India, emphasizing the need to harness our rich traditional knowledge and resources to address contemporary challenges. He highlighted various examples of indigenous technologies across different sectors, ranging from agriculture and healthcare to renewable energy and sustainable development.

Drawing from his extensive research and expertise, Prof. Umarji underscored the importance of promoting indigenous innovation and entrepreneurship to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat (Developed India). He emphasized the role of academia, research institutions, and industry in collaborating to nurture and scale up indigenous technologies for societal benefit.

Furthermore, Prof. Umarji elucidated on the potential of indigenous technologies to empower local communities, promote inclusivity, and contribute to the country's self-reliance and global competitiveness. He encouraged the audience, particularly students and young researchers, to explore and innovate in alignment with India's indigenous knowledge systems and cultural heritage.

Overall, Prof. Umarji's insightful discourse on "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat" provided a compelling vision for leveraging our indigenous strengths to shape a sustainable and prosperous future for the nation.

The program proceeded with the following agenda:

1. Invocation: The event began with an invocation by the students, setting a tone of reverence and auspiciousness.
2. Welcome Address: Mr. Felan Anal, the Coordinator of the event, extended a warm welcome to all attendees, including the Chief Guest, faculty members, and students.
3. Presidential Remarks: Dr. Ravi J D Saldanha, the Principal of St. Philomena's College, delivered presidential remarks, emphasizing the importance of scientific inquiry and innovation in shaping the future.
4. Report of Science Day Celebrations and Announcement of Competition Results: Ms. Neena P K, Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology, presented a comprehensive report on the Science Day celebrations. She also announced the results of various competitions held as part of the event, recognizing and applauding the efforts of the participants.
5. Vote of Thanks: Mr. Ginson George, Assistant Professor and Head of the PG Department of Psychology, expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, Principal, faculty, students, and everyone involved in making the event a success. He extended appreciation for their valuable contributions and support.

The National Science Day celebration concluded on a high note, leaving attendees inspired and motivated to continue their pursuit of scientific knowledge and innovation.

