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National Science Day observed at ICFAI **Experts pinpoint declining scientific Research, sound serious concern**

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The National Science Day was on Friday observed at ICFAI University Tripura with due importance and emphasis on the need for pursuing basic science and scientific research. The day is observed across the country to mark the discovery of Raman Effect way back on February 28, 1928. To observe the day, ICFAI University Tripura organized competitions on painting, quiz, science model presentation & explanation and debate on current scientific topics besides a simple inaugural ceremony.

Professor Mihir Deb, President of Tripura Board of Secondary Education and Mr. Surendar, the Secretary of Science, Technology and Environment department graced the inaugural ceremony as guests. The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Avula Ranganath, the Registrar of host University.

In his key note deliberation, Professor Mihir Deb recollected the impact of Raman Effect in the arena of scientific research across the world and paid his tributes to great Indian scientists like C V Raman, Jagadish Chandra Bose, Homi Jehangir Bhabha, Satyendra Nath Bose and Prafulla Chandra Roy.

Professor Deb, who is an eminent scientific researcher, said, Indian scientists contributed exemplarily to world science during the period from start of 20th century to Indian independence. He however, expressed serious concern over the gradual declining trend in scientific research works in independent India. Professor Deb urged upon the students of different schools and colleges to pursue basic science and take interest in research works.

In his speech, Mr. Surendar Kumar also expressed deep concern over the declining trend in pursuing basic science and lack of interest among the students to take up scientific research works. He pointed out that a sizeable number of engineering pass out students were opting for job in banking sector or in the government departments. These students could have opted for pursuing basic science and taking up scientific research works, which would have led them to bright career.

On completion of inaugural session, students from Gandhigram HS School, Pallimangal HS School, Kendriya Vidyalaya-Kunjaban, Auxilium High School, Holy Cross School, Tripura Institute of Technology, Tripura Institute of Para Medical Sciences and ICFAI University Tripura took part in various competitions.

Nikita Debnath of Auxilium High School bagged the first position in school level painting while Langlenbi Maibam stood first in college level painting. Indrani Chakraborty and Rajdeep Das of Kendriya Vidyalaya (Kunjaban) stood first in quiz competition for school students. Kumardeep Sarkar and Pritam Debnath bagged the first prize in the college level quiz.

Musahid Ahmed of ICFAI University Tripura stood first in college-level science-debate competition. At the school level, the title was bagged by Nabila Farhin of Auxilium High School. Ashiki Halder and Syed Rayan Ali pair of Holy Cross School bagged the first position in science model competition. At the college level, the title went to Gourab Saha and Parthib Datta pair of ICFAI University, Tripura.

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