

PRESS NOTE

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Global Science for Global Wellbeing: National Science Day at SRM University-AP

SRM University-*AP* celebrated National Science Day on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, to promote scientific temper and encourage scientific development in the country. National Science Day is celebrated annually on February 28th to honour the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian physicist Sir C V Raman, who received the Nobel Prize in 1930 for his discovery. Dr Mukhesh Tripathi, Director, AIIMS, Mangalagiri, inaugurated the celebrations at SRM University-*AP*.

"Technology may die with you in the textbooks, classrooms and laboratories if not developed further for the benefit of common people, "said Dr Mukhesh Tripathi as he addressed the students and elaborated on how research should be made applicable to advancing humankind. Prof. D Narayana Rao, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of SRM *AP*, delivered the welcome address. He requested the Chief Guest to implement a Centre of Excellence for AI in Drug Development at SRM *AP*. Prof. Ranjit Thapa, Dean-School of Engineering and Sciences, SRM *AP*, introduced the Chief Guest. Prof. D Narayana Rao felicitated the Chief Guest with a memento. The dignitaries interacted with the students and answered their queries about recent advancements in science and technology. Dr Vinayak Kalluri, Dean-Academic Affairs, SRM *AP*, gave the vote of thanks.

The Second SRM *AP* Science Exhibition Competition (SRM *AP*-SEC) and a Tour of the Research Laboratories of SRM *AP* were also held as part of the celebrations. Over 200 students from the neighbouring schools participated in the National Science Day celebrations, and around 43 exhibits were displayed at SRM *AP*-SEC. Nalanda Vidya Niketan and GEMS school won first place in the senior school category and junior school category of the exhibition competition, respectively. The winners were awarded a memento and certificate at the end of the ceremony.

Global Science for Global Wellbeing is the theme of this year's National Science Day as it indicates the purpose of raising public appreciation of the scientific issues in a global context which has a bearing upon global well-being.