

# National Science Day Celebration

## *Hooghly Mohsin College*

### Introduction

National Science Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by **Sir C. V. Raman** (7 November 1888 – 21 November 1970) and to promote scientific temper among students and the academic community. This year's focal theme was ***Women in Science: Catalyzing Viksit Bharat***. The Science Club of Hooghly Mohsin College organized a seminar followed by a poster competition to commemorate the event, reaffirming its commitment to the advancement of science education and research. UG and PG students from different departments of the college participated in the program and observed National Science Day with enthusiasm and academic passion.

### Programme Details

The Science club of Hooghly Mohsin College organized this program on behalf of the college. The program was inaugurated by the honourable Principal of the College- Dr. Purushottam Pramanik by paying homage to Sir C.V. Raman.

This was followed by a welcome speech by the Principal, where he emphasized the relevance of science in everyday life. As per schedule, the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of in-house academic journal- **Academic journal of Hooghly Mohsin College (AJHMC)**, was unveiled by the Principal, in presence of IQAC coordinator (Dr. Bikash De), Teacher's Council Secretary (Dr. Chandana Dutta) and the editor of the journal (Dr. Atanu Saha). This was followed by an invited talk on the theme ***Women in Science*** delivered by Dr. Saradee Sengupta, Assistant Professor from Department of Geology of this college. In the lecture she discussed about some pioneering and contemporary women scientists. During the lecture, Dr. Sengupta discussed not only about eminent women scientists such as Ashima Chatterjee, Bibha Chowdhuri and Sudipta Sengupta, but also one of the first woman medical graduate in India- Kadambini Ganguly, their contributions, the challenges they faced, and their inspirational journeys in shaping Indian scientific community and temper. She addressed issues relating to representation of women in STEM fields and emphasized the need for

institutional support, mentorship, and policy initiatives. First half of the program ended with formation of Science Groups under the Science club of Hooghly Mohsin College.

Second half of the program constituted of poster competition, where student groups from different departments participated in poster making on the theme *Women in Science: Catalyzing Viksit Bharat*. The posters were judged by a panel of three judges. First prize was awarded to the student group from Department of Physics, whereas Department of Economics and Department of Physiology secured the second and third spot respectively.

## Conclusion

The National Science Day celebration at Hooghly Mohsin College was a meaningful and enriching academic event. With the insightful lecture by Dr. Saradee Sengupta and the enthusiastic participation of the students in the poster competition, the occasion successfully promoted scientific awareness among students. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, and creation of science groups for students under the aegis of the Science Club, which will create impact related to scientific temper among the students in the near future. The celebration was widely covered by local news outlets.



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