

CONFERENCE REPORT

INNOVATIONS IN BIO- SCIENCES-2011(IBS-2011)

UGC sponsored National conference on Innovations in Bio- Sciences-2011 was held on October 14th and 15th 2011. Dr. S. L. Sarambekar, Principal, R. A. College had well-come the guests by offering them floral bouquet and mementos. The chairman of the inaugural function was Honorable Shri. Subhashji Rathi, President, Rajasthan education society, Washim. The conference was inaugurated by Honorable Dr. Charudatta D. Mayee, Ex-Vice chancellor, Marathwada krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani & Chairman, Agricultural scientists recruitment board, New Delhi. Honourable Dr. Mohan K. Khedkar, Vice chancellor, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati was the chief guest of the conference. The chief organizer Dr. N. S. Kulkarni, Head, Dept. of Microbiology had introduced the delegates and participants with the theme of the conference.

During the inaugural plenary, Dr Charudatta D. Mayee had expressed his views on the conference theme and inspired the participants to bring out innovations in daily life. He pointed out that innovation is a *mantra* which brings about the change in life for betterment. After that Dr. Mohan K. Khedkar had focused on the current environmental problems and encouraged the researchers to develop green technology for better tomorrow. In the inaugural function Dr. A. M. Deshmukh, Professor and head, Department of Microbiology, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad sub- centre Osmanabad and also the President of Microbiologists society had introduced the participants with the work carried out by Microbiologists society and had announced that Dr. N. S. Kulkarni had been selected by the Microbiologists society as the chief editor of Microbiology e- newsletter. For this achievement Dr. Mohan Khedkar had felicitated Dr. N. S. Kulkarni by offering floral bouquet.

The conference offered a good blend of plenary sessions, oral and poster presentations and panel discussions. The keynote speakers and invited talks represented wide range of disciplines. The first key note address was presented by Dr. Dayanand Agsar, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Gulberga University, Gulberga, Karnataka on “Biodiversity And Bioprospecting Potentials Of Actinomycete”. Dr. Prabha Bhogaonkar, Ex. Director, Govt. Vidarbha Institute of Science and Humanities, Amravati (MS) had delivered the second keynote address on “Utilitarian Biodiversity: A Conservation and Bioprospecting

Perspective”. The next keynote speaker was Dr. Jayant Bhogale, Director, Micxrobax India Ltd., Hyderabad. He talked on “Bioquantification”.

The invited talk session was started with the lecture of Dr. Ram Prakash, Department of Zoology, Dr. A. G.D. Bendale Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Jalgaon on “ Sickle Cell Patients: Strategies For Cure And Disappoints”. The second invited talk was on the topic “Impact of Climate Breakdown on Biodiversity” delivered by Dr. D.K.Belsare, Former Prof & Dean Life Sciences, Barkatullah University Bhopal.

The technical session was divided in three halls viz. Plant Sciences. Animal Sciences and Microbial Sciences. In this session, total 90 researchers had presented their research work. The poster session was held on 15th October 2011. In this session total 32 participants had presented their poster.

The conference brought together over 250 teachers, researchers, Scientists, academicians, managers, stake holders, policy makers and other groups of scientific community, who are active in related areas so as to exchange information through presentation and discussions dealing with wide variety of topics. The conference provided a platform for sharing views, research findings and expertise on a wide variety of topics related with Biosciences.

The valedictory address during the concluding plenary was rendered by Dr. A. M. Deshmukh, Professor and head, Department of Microbiology, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad sub- centre Osmanabad and also the President of Microbiologists society. He congratulated the organizers of IBS-2011 for the grand success of the conference and enlightened his views on the conference. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. D. S. Dabhade, organizing secretary and Head, Dept. of Zoology. The inaugural and valedictory function was anchored by Ms. R. R. Pachori and Mrs. A.R. Watane.

Overall, the deliberations at the conference successfully sensitized participants to the spectrum of emphasizing on innovations in their field. The discussions were greatly enriched by the variety of disciplines represented.