

“Remembering Raman: Cheers to Indian Science” in which he described the ingenious experiments of Sir C.V. Raman which led to the Nobel prize winning discovery of Raman Effect. Dr. Gupta also described the growth of Indian science in the decades which followed. He listed various scientific institutions which came up in the country, especially the Department of Atomic Energy, of which RRCAT is a part. He gave an account of the scientific activities of the Centre. Dr. Gupta's address was delivered in a simple and easy to understand style and had a stimulating effect on the students.

The Director's address was followed by guided visits of the students to some of the laboratories of RRCAT. There were a total of ten laboratories which were opened to the young visitors. Some of the activities of RRCAT and some items of general scientific interest were displayed in the form of interesting exhibits which enthused the students. Morning snacks and afternoon lunch was served to the visitors from the schools. In the afternoon, the laboratories were open to families of RRCAT employees, who visited the laboratories in a large number and saw the exhibits.

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N.3 : Women's Day 2008 celebration

Women's day was celebrated at RRCAT on March 18, 2008. At the start of the programme, Dr. Alka Ingale, Chairperson, Women Cell, RRCAT gave a brief overview of the Women Cell activities from the time of its constitution.



Dr. Swati Jain addressing the RRCAT women staff members.

She said that as a trust building measure for creating a better work atmosphere for women, it was found necessary to

increase the interaction among women co-workers. She explained that one such step taken by Women Cell in this regard has been to start the Women's Day celebration (this being the 4th year).

The Chief Guest of the function was Dr. Swati Jain, an eminent educationist and a multi faceted personality. She has doctorate degree in “Education Leadership and Innovations” from U.S.A. At present, she is involved with a project on social justice with UNESCO and is working on a new mission called 'Inclusive Education'. Dr. Jain talked about the best methodology to follow in order to become a successful woman. She emphasized the need for women to give time to themselves and discussed how it can be done effectively in daily routine by efficient time management.

The theme of the Women's Day function was “Togetherness” and it was proposed to have mainly group activities and presentations. The first in the series was a presentation by Mrs. Anagha Mokhariwale and Mrs. M. Seema on the theme of the day, “Togetherness”. The importance of people of diversified skills working as a team to achieve a common goal was presented beautifully using anecdotes and many real and fictional examples. The post-lunch session started with a presentation by Dr. Alka Ingale and Dr. Aparna Chakrabarti. The presentation was about a survey they have conducted along with Dr. Rama Chari and Dr. Suparna Pal related to Women in Science. It was noted that there is a higher level of acceptance of working women. However, it is left to the women to carefully balance home and work fronts in order to be successful.

A humorous skit, “Guldasta”, depicting how well the dual responsibilities are managed by women in office and at home, written and directed by Ms. Sushama Sinha was presented by AECS (Indore) teachers. In an attempt to portray the emotional intricacies of the prominent woman characters from the Indian mythology, another drama entitled “NARI SHAKTI” written and directed by Mrs. Rekha Raikar Kumar was enacted with six mythological characters along with a contemporary sutradhar woman. In the other group performances, chorus songs, a Garba and two classical dance styles, Kathak and Bharatnatyam, were performed. Game show by Mrs. Usha Chakravarty further increased the interaction among participants. Mrs. Susan Koshi shared her feelings and thoughts, at the retirement stage of her career. The programme concluded with very enthusiastic discussions over evening tea.

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