

University of Mumbai

Summer School inauguration

Press Note

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The summer school of the University of Mumbai was inaugurated at the University's Kalina campus today on 12th May 2014. The inauguration was held in the state of the art Virtual Class room of the university in order to make the budding scholars of the University of Mumbai to understand that the University of Mumbai can go to any extent to give a hand to these budding researchers.

A group of 50 students from the entire jurisdiction of the university will be trained in various aspects of research and visits to some of the best institutions promoting research so as to develop them in the field of research. There is a good mixture of students from Mumbai and from the rural jurisdiction from the districts of Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg.

The Chief Guest for the inaugural function was Dr. M M Sharma, a well-known scientist, Bhatnagar Awardee and the former Director of the most prestigious Institute of Chemical Technology. He in his inaugural speech spoke to students regarding some of the basic concepts of science and innovation and was the view that research needs a lot of patience but also it is more rewarding. Rewarding not only in terms of money but also it is very satisfying. He urged the young students to be continuously work and also was of the opinion that the best of research happens in the universities. He opined that research is an activity where it is like rowing a boat where all of us have to be together and for a common goal.

Amongst the other dignitaries were the Dr Anil Gupta, Vice-chairman of National Innovation Foundation was the Guest of honour. He ignited the young minds by quoting examples of school children who could bring about positive changes in the lives of farmers, patients and even people working in the IT sector. He quoted examples of young minds which were very inquisitive and could make a difference to not only their lives but also to those whom they care for. He was of the opinion that science should begin with the empathy and this empathy would change the world.

An MoU was signed between the national Innovation Foundation and University of Mumbai for close interactions in the field of Research and development for young students and teachers from affiliated colleges. Dr Vipin Kumar, Director, NIF in his lucid presentation presented a number of projects from different states of India, which have been patented and commercialised. Dr Naresh Chandra, The pro Vice – chancellor, University of Mumbai emphasised the need of participation in research programs by students from their undergraduate age. He also announced that ten best

participants from the Summer School will be given financial assistance for pursuing their research projects in their colleges. Dr. Rajpal Hande, Director, BCUD in his vote of thanks urged the students to take up research and was of the opinion that the university shall give an all-out support to students pursuing research at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels. He even went further to say that the university research should grow to such an extent that more number students should apply for the patents as now a days the universities are known by its research.

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