**7.1.11 Institution celebrates / organizes national and international commemorative days, events and festivals**

HBNI and its CIs/OCC regularly celebrate national and international commemorative days and festivals, and organizes events and take great pride in celebrating them. The nationally important days are observed at the HBNI Central Office and across all CIs/OCC of HBNI by organizing special talks delivered by eminent scientific personalities, screening of documentaries, visit of school students to research facilities etc.

 HBNI celebrated the 75th Independence Day and 73rd Republic Day of the nation at its central office with great vehemence. In these occasion, the Vice Chancellor of HBNI hoisted the National Flag and addressed the gathering. The function commemorated the great sacrifices made by the freedom fighters. HBNI also organized eminent lecture series to commemorate the 75 years of independence of the nation.

 To commemorate the birth anniversary of Prof. S. Radhakrishnan, HBNI organized the Teachers’ Day celebrations at the Central Office on 6th September 2021. The function was graced by the presence of Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao, Director, IIT Delhi, who delivered a motivational talk on “Catalysing science-based innovations into the high impact start-ups”. The occasion also highlighted the contributions made by different education commissions to Indian education system in independent India and bringing it at par with the global standards.

 The Engineer’s Day was celebrated at the Central Office on 20th September 2021 to celebrate the birth, life and contributions of Sir M Visvesvaraya. The occasion was adorned by the dignified presence of Prof. Shashank Chaturvedi, Director, Institute of Plasma Research, Gandhinagar and he delivered an informative talk on the topic “Science Based Development of Plasma & Fusion Technologies: Achievements and Challenges”.

 In an effort to rejoice the discovery of Raman Effect by Sir C. V. Raman, HBNI celebrated the National Science Day on 28th February 2022 by organizing a webinar by Prof. Indumati Rao, FNASc, Educational Technology Unit, JNCASR on the topic, “The Incomparable Genius of All Time, Michael Faraday (1791-1867)” which highlighted the incredible journey of Michael Faraday and his important experimental discoveries. As a part of the National Science Day celebrations, IoP, Bhubaneshwar organized an “OPEN DAY” event to showcase its activities and create more scientific awareness among the student community, teachers, parents, technology enthusiasts and the general public. The day featured live demo experiments, Laboratory visits, poster presentations, and the display of scientific movies. National Science Day was also celebrated at VECC, Kolkata, on March 01, 2022 based on the theme “integrated approach in science and technology for a sustainable future” which also included a debate competition on the topic “Technology, rather than science will drive to sustainable future”.

 As part of the International Women’s day celebrations, the women cell of HBNI organized a webinar at the central office on 8th March 2022. The webinar was delivered by Prof. Archana Sharma, Senior Scientist, CERN Geneva, Switzerland on the topic “Adventures of a particle physicist and why should I care”. IPR, Gandhinagar celebrated the International Women's Day with great enthusiasm by organizing a talk on “Women-Health and Wellness” by Dr. Nidhi Jain, eminent gynecologist and specialist doctor on IPR’s CHSS panel. They also organized an exhibition of books authored by women. On the occasion of Women’s Day, VECC, Kolakata organized a special colloquium by Smt. Smita S. Mule, Head, AKRUTI Technology Section, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre on the topic: “Nuclear Spinoffs for Societal and Rural Applications: AKRUTI Programme & Cillage Concept”.

 In order to pay humble tributes to Late Prof. Srikumar Banerjee, Former Chancellor, HBNI, a memorial program was organized by HBNI on May 10, 2022. Prof. Indranil Manna, JC Bose Fellow & Vice Chancellor, BIT Mesra, Ranchi was the chief guest and he delivered an informative talk on the topic “Microstructure: The Key to Designing and Developing Engineering Solids” on this occasion.

 The BARC, Mumbai celebrated the 112th birth anniversary of Dr. Homi Bhabha as Founder’s Day on 29th October 2021. Shri S.A. Bhardwaj, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board was the Chief Guest of the occasion.

 NISER, Bhubaneshwar celebrated the International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2021 by conducting various yoga sessions for the faculty members, staff and students of the Institute.

The 12th Foundation Day of the institute was celebrated on 6th September, 2021 which was graced by the presence of Prof Ajay Parida, Director of Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar and he delivered a talk on “Science & Technology for Addressing the Societal Needs”.

 IMSc, Chennai organized series of lectures under the IMSc Diamond Jubilee Colloquium Series to celebrate the 60th foundation year of the institute and honored young and experienced scientists who have made fundamental contributions in their areas of research.

 On Gandhi Jayanthi (2nd October), all the CIs/OCC organized a cleaning drive under the Swatch Bharat Abhiyan program to clean the surroundings of the campus.

Apart from the celebrations of national importance, HBNI and its CIs are also keen in celebrating regional festivals and organize cultural activities of students as part of the celebrations.