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

Describe the efforts of the Institution in celebrating /organizing national and international commemorative days, events and festivals during the last five years within 500 words

***(pictures available from CIs- also pictures of HBNI )***

The CIs/OCC of HBNI being either DAE units or Grant-in-aid institutes of DAE, there is an inherent emphasis on celebration of national festivals. The CIs/OCC take great pride in celebrating the Republic Day and the Independence Day. The Directors of the CIs/OCC lead these celebrations, unfurling the National Flag and addressing their staff. At the Central Office, Vice Chancellor unfurls the national flag and addresses the colleagues, on both the occasions. In addition, music and dance programs in praise of the country and the pioneers of the freedom movement are organized.

Anniversaries of great Indian personalities are observed, breaking all barriers of religion and caste. Special significance is attached to National Science Day (28 February, in memory of Sir C.V.Raman’s discovery of Raman Effect), National Technology Day (11 May) and Engineers’ Day ( Sep. 15th). Several programs are organized on the National Science Day, including screening of documentaries, science lectures by eminent personalities and visit programs of school / college students to important research facilities. On 22nd December, National Mathematics Day is celebrated by some of the CIs by organizing a lecture or documentary show to highlight S. Ramanujan’s contribution to mathematics. Similarly, the Teachers’ Day on 5th September (Dr. S. Radhakrishnan’s birthday) is a special day of celebration for HBNI. Students in various CIs/OCC organize programmes on that day to pay their respect to the teachers and have a get together with them. BARC organizes special programs each year to mark the birthday of Homi Bhabha (Oct. 30). SINP organizes Saha memorial lectures each year, and in 2018, SINP organized an year long program to commemorate the contributions of Saha, including a lecture by Nobel Laureate Harold Eliot Varmus. Central Office also organized a popular program to commemorate the 125th birth anniversary of Meghnad Saha and Satyendra Nath Bose.

On Gandhi Jayanthi (2nd October), the CIs/OCC organize a cleaning drive to clean the surroundings of the campus every year. During 2018-19, CIs/OCC displayed the logo marking the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi in various official communications and websites. Dr. Ambedkar’s birth as well as the death anniversary are commemorated in appropriate manner, to bring awareness to the students and faculty the great contributions of Dr. Ambedkar, and the commitment of the Government for the weaker sections of the society.

The CIs and OCC of HBNI also celebrate local festivals / birthdays of pioneers of local origin. For example, HRI celebrates Rabindranath Tagore’s birth/death anniversary (07th May & 07th August) wherein students organize Rabindra Sangeet, poem recitation, drama etc.

HBNI central office as well as the CIs/OCC organize programs to mark the international commemoration of pioneers and their discoveries. HBNI organized two programs to commemorate the International year of periodic table in 2019. Similar programs were also held at IGCAR and SINP. The International Women’s day is also organized in a befitting manner, with some CIs organizing quiz programs and interactive sessions.