

NATIONAL SEMINAR IN CHEMISTRY

The National seminar in Chemistry was hosted by the Chemistry Department during the Golden Jubilee Year on the 29th and 30th Sep. 2009 in collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry (West India Region). This seminar was held in honour of our retiring Vice- Principal and Head of the Department Prof. M. R. Bhatia. The theme of the seminar was “**Sustainable Chemistry for Societal Benefit**”. This is a current topic of discussion in the field of Chemistry as it is related to the preservation of ecosphere. The seminar was well attended and received with participation from 37 colleges/institutions and the total number of participants were 90. The two day programme was scheduled in 12 sessions.

The resource persons were from eminent fields in science and from industries like US Vitamins, Reliance, Piramal Research Centre and other reputed institutions like ICT, IIT Bombay, IIT Chennai, NCL Pune, UICT Mumbai etc. The topics such as Green Chemical Reactor, Sustainability in Pharmaceutical Industry, Biomass as sustainable energy source, Metathesis – Green Chemistry, Biocatalysis, Fuel Cells etc. were discussed.

The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. K. V. R. Chary, FRSC, Vice Chairman, RSC (West India) and the keynote address was delivered by Dr. Sumit Bhaduri, FRSC, FNA, Scientific Advisor Reliance. The valedictory address was delivered by none other than the Director of ICT Mumbai Prof.G.D.Yadav, FNA, FNASc, FMASc, ChE, FICHEM(UK), FIICHE, FICS who spoke on “Green Chemistry – Practice what you preach”. In all, the experience was very satisfying and we received an excellent feedback from participants regarding the contents of the seminar, choice of resource persons, hospitality, arrangements etc. The resource persons also enjoyed various sessions and commended us on the excellent arrangements. Dr. Gopalan, the Hon. Secretary of RSC (West India) was extremely happy with respect to the overall conduct of the seminar.

Principal Dr. Harsha Mehta was very happy to be a part, as this seminar was First of its kind to be organized in the City of Mumbai.