

'Science, Innovations and Entrepreneurship'

An Interface programme on Science, Innovations and Entrepreneurship was organized at ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod on 15th September, 2017, as a curtain raiser to the forthcoming 3rd India International Science Festival (IISF) 2017 at Chennai during 13-16 October, 2017. Shri. N. A. Nellikunnu, Hon'ble MLA Kasaragod, while inaugurating the Interface programme urged the participating students to carry forward the Dream of the Nation's to become a world leader by 2030. He encouraged them to engage themselves with rigorous scientific experiments and keen observations. While remembering former President of the Nation Late A.P.J. Abdul kalam, he also called upon the students to develop passion for life. He pointed out that many scientists from the soil of Kasaragod have the caliber of C.V. Raman and APJ Abdul Kalam in the future.



Dr. Ravi Bhat, Director In-charge, CPCRI presided over the function and mentioned about the relevance of this programme to instill scientific temper among students and public as envisaged by IISF-2017. The IISF series has relevance to India's long term vision for developing and widening the spectrum of scientific temper in the continent, being organized by the Vijnanan Bharathi in collaboration with the Ministry of Earth Sciences, New Delhi.

Dr. K.A. Navas, Head, Government College of Engineering, Kannur delivered the keynote address and motivated the students to become innovators and entrepreneurs. Shri. B. Shivakrishna Bhat, IMC Member, CPCRI and Dr. Anitha Karun, Vice President, Sakti (Vijnana Bharati) offered felicitations.

Well known innovators interacted with the students during the programme. They include Dr. S.R. Narahari, Chairman, Institute of Applied Dermatology, Kasaragod, Mr. Madhusoodhanan Kunnoth, CEO, Vascomo Softwares, Kannur, Shri. K. Madhavan, Former Head, CPCRI, Shri. Sridhar Bhat, Mulleria, Shri. Naveen, Panja, Karnataka and Smt. Mariyam, Uppala.

More than 400 students from different schools of Kasaragod district actively participated in the Interface. Dr. K. Muralidharan Principal Scientist CPCRI delivered the introductory remarks and Dr. C. Thamban, Head In-charge, Division of Social Sciences welcomed the gathering.