## A Report on National Science Day 2021

On 28th February (Sunday) the Department of Sciences and Humanities (S & H) in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at Vignan's Foundation of Science, Technology and Research (VFSTR), Deemed to be University, successfully celebrated the National Science Day to commemorate the discovery of Raman Effect, by the great Indian physicist, Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman in 1928. As a part of the celebration, competitions on oral presentation and essay-writing were organized by the departmentson 26th and 27th February 2021 on the theme "Future of Science, Technology and Innovation: Impacts on Education, Skills and Work", announced by the Government of India. Both undergraduate and postgraduate students from various branches enthusiastically participated in the events. As the final event of the celebration, the departments invited Prof. J. Narasimha Moorthy, Director, IISER, Thiruvananthapuram as a guest of honor to present his view on the topic via a webinar on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.The online program commenced with the welcoming remarks from Dr. V. Srinivasadesikan and Dr. D. Nagaraju (Convenors of the event, Associate Professors, S & H, VFSTR), Prof. N. Srinivasu (HOD, S & H, VFSTR), Prof. K. Prabhakara Rao (Chemistry Div. Head, S & H, VFSTR), Prof. M. Y. S. Prasad (Vice-Chancellor, VFSTR), Cmde. M.S. Raghunathan (Registrar, VFSTR). All the dignitaries emphasized on preaching the correct science practices as well as on the benefits of interdisciplinary works in the areas of science and engineering. After the inauguration, Dr. D. Nagaraju introduce the Guest of Honor, Prof. J. Narasimha Moorthy who is the Director, IISER Thiruvananthapuram, an eminent scientist in the areas of organic functional materials and supramolecular chemistry and also the recipient of several prestigious awards including Shanti-Swarup Bhatnagar Award, CRSI-Bronze-medal, J C Bose National Fellow, FRSC, FNA, FASc etc. As the Guest of Honor, Prof. J. Narasimha Moorthy took the participants for a historical journey of science and technology where he highlighted some of the biggest inventions in the field of science and technology of the century (including the Chemistry Nobel prize in 2016 for "molecular machines") especially the contributions from the Indian scientists/engineers. He also stressed on the co-existence of both science and technology for a better sustainable world as according to him, "Thinkers are scientist and solvers are technologist". During his presentation, he also talked about the challenges and the recent trends in the fields of research related to science and technology. Afterwards, he shared his thoughts about the roadmap of research in India in the recent future and opined that given the

resource, knowledge and young-talent India has, it has the potential of becoming superpowers in the world in coming days. The intriguing conversations regarding the cutting edge-research, the importance of fundamental study, the balance between employability and innovation etc. along with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty membersconcluded the webinar on a high note. At the end, the results of the completions were announced, and all the dignitaries thanked the organizing committee for celebrating the day in the best possible ways in the middle of Covid-19 challenges.







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