

DST-INSPIRE Science Camp

DST-INSPIRE Internship Science Camp sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India was inaugurated on 22.07.2019. **Dr.N. Chandrakumar, Professor, Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras** inaugurated the camp and delivered the key note address. He pointed out the objectives of conducting such camps to school students. To quote his words: "The primary objective of the camp is to create a platform for school students to interact with eminent scientists and professors, encourage them take field trips and have hands on experience. The secondary objective is to motivate talented school children to take up research activities in the field of pure science."

Dr. A. Pannerselvam, Associate Professor of Botany, A.V.V.M Sri Pushpam College, Thanjavur, felicitated the gathering and emphasized the need for the students to enhance their scientific knowledge. He said, "The upgrading of your knowledge and becoming conversant with the emerging technology would give you a definite edge over others."

The Principal honoured the chief guests. **Dr.N.Ramananujam, UGC Emeritus Fellow**, Dr. K. Anbarasu, Director of Studies, Dr. K. Akbarsha, Research Coordinator, National College, Dr.P.Shahul Hameed, Jamal Mohammed College, Trichy, Dr.T.V.Banumathi, Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women, Udumalpet, Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindugal, Dr. T.J. Pandiyan, Bhatnagar Awardee, and Dr.S.Arumugam of Bharathidasan University interacted with students. Dr. Subbaiah Pandiyan demonstrated simple scientific experiments to the participants

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The Valedictory function of DST-INSPIRE Internship Science Camp was held on 26.07.2019. **Mr. Dongare Pravin Umesh IPS, ASP, Tiruverumbur** delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates to the participants and awards to the winners of quiz and essay writing competition. More than 240 students from 28 different schools of Tamilnadu participated in this five-day camp. The participants felt that the camp was a great opportunity for them to learn many things related to basic science. Dr.A.T.Ravichandran, Co-ordinator DST-INSPIRE Camp, Controller of

Examinations & Associate Professor of Physics thanked the participants, resource persons and the Management.