

DBT/ Regional Centre for Biotechnology

RCB celebrates foundation day

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New Delhi, March 25: RCB Foundation Day was celebrated this year on 2nd March, 2020. In 2016, Regional Centre for Biotechnology was ordained with the status of an “Institution of National Importance” through an Act of the Parliament. It was brought into effect by a Gazette notification on 1st March, 2017. To commemorate this momentous occasion, 1st March has been adopted as the RCB Day.

The day began with a mini-symposium presentations given by final year PhD students before a panel of judges.

Prof. Sudhanshu Vrati, Executive Director, RCB welcomed the Chief Guest Dr. Chandrima Shaha, President, Indian National Science Academy and other dignitaries with a welcome address. An introductory video of RCB was shown to the gathering. Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary, DBT, Guest of Honour for the day, joined through Skype and gave the RCB Day message highlighting the growth of RCB from a naive centre to an Institution of National Importance.

The event was presided over by Dr. Manju Sharma, Former Secretary, Department of Biotechnology. The Chief Guest, Dr. Chandrima Shaha, President, Indian National Science Academy, gave the RCB Day oration on “Celebrated Ideas in Biology: Influence on Future of Life Science Research”. She enriched the audience on the developments/ discoveries made in the field of science and their importance in modern era.

The Executive Director, RCB felicitated Dr. Chandrima Shaha and Dr. Manju Sharma with a memento. The dignitaries presented the awards for the best scientific presentation to the winners. The session was followed by tree plantation by Dr. Manju Sharma and Dr. Chandrima Shaha.

The RCB Day concluded with a cultural program presented by the first year Integrated PhD and PhD students.



