

Science and technology is a ray of hope in pandemic situations

New Delhi, May 12 : The Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR), Lucknow, a constituent lab of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has celebrated the National Technology day with students, staffs, and scientists through its social networking platform. In the opening remarks, Professor Alok Dhawan, Director, CSIR-IITR, highlighted the contributions of CSIR in the advancement of science and technology in the country.

The 'Technology Day Lecture' was delivered by Professor Thalappil Pradeep, Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, a pioneer in the area of molecular materials and surfaces. Keeping in mind the present situation, he delivered a lecture on "Innovations in academic institutions during and after the pandemic".

Expressing his views on the occasion, Professor Pradeep said, "Looking at the pandemics of past, science and technology has always provided the solution." He added that "the world today needs sustainable solutions such as sustainable livelihood, food, new packaging material, self-contained homes with more focus on health."

In the closing remarks, Professor Alok Dhawan, Director, CSIR-IITR, urged the student community to convert their passion into their purpose and eventually into their profession. He added that "the Indian scientific community is striving hard to end this pandemic disease and expressed hope that with the collective efforts the situation will improve soon." Every year, 11 May is celebrated as the National Technology Day to commemorate India's successful testing of nuclear bombs in Pokhran 1998. The celebrations highlight the important role of technological innovations in our daily lives and encourage students to embrace science as a career option. The event also highlights the significant milestones of our scientists and engineers in the field of science and technology.