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Vast scope for research in Chemistry

A three-day lecture workshop titled 'Emerging Trends in Chemistry' was organised from December 2 to 4 by the Department of Chemistry, Queen Mary's College, Chennai, with an aim to attract and retain talented youngsters in the field of Chemistry. The workshop was sponsored by Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore; Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi and The National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad and is a part of the academic activities for nurturing science education and research in the country.

The workshop was inaugurated by T. K. Chandrashekar, Director of National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER). The convenor of the programme M. Palaniandavar elaborated on the perspectives of the sponsoring institutions and also briefed about the workshop.

About 300 participants – comprising of PG students, M. Phil., students, research scholars, and faculty members – took part in the workshop.

It provided an ideal platform for interaction between the young students and the renowned researchers from premier institutions like Indian Institute of Science, Indian Institutes of Technology, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), and Universities. The thematically arranged invited lectures encompassed frontier areas of chemistry viz., organometallics and materials chemistry, bioinorganic chemistry, photoelectrochemistry, nanotechnology, photodynamic therapy and ultrafast spectroscopy.

The young students actively participated in the workshop and interacted with the speakers with enthusiasm. A. B. Mandal, director of CLRI, and P. T. Manoharan were the special guests for the valedictory function.

Staff Reporter

The workshop has inspired the younger generation to undertake research in modern and frontier areas of chemistry.