

National Conference on Plant Science Research: Current Status & Future Challenges

A Two day National Conference on Plant Science Research: Current Status & Future Challenges was held on Dec 7-8, 2017, organised by Dept. of Botany, University College for Women (UCW) as part of Centenary celebrations of Osmania University. The conference is multi disciplinary in nature and focus on latest advances and cutting-edge research in various fields of plant science. The conference will bring together the experts, Researchers, Academicians, Policy makers, Industry members, students and provides a wide platform to exchange the ideas, expertise, information to strengthen their research activities. The knowledge, technological advances and new discoveries are targeted to improve the quality, quantity, safety of plants to benefit the society. Prof. Prashanta Athma, Principal, UCW, welcomed the guests and focussed on the importance of Plant Science Research. Prof. R. Limbadri, Vice Chairman, TSCHE, and Chief Guest for the inaugural session appreciated Dr. A. Sabitha Rani, the convenor & Head Dept. of Botany, Dr. K. Shailaja, Organising Secretary for organizing the National Conference of such current relevance. The Key Note Speaker Sri D. Jaya Prasad, IFS., Director, Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Dulapally, Hyderabad has given the Key Note Address. Prof. H. Ramakrishna, Head, Dept. of Botany, OU, Dr. G. Padmaja, Professor, Department of Plant Sciences, School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Smt. Priyanka Varghese, IFS, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Chief Minister, in the Chief Ministers Office. Incharge, Harithaharam program, Government of Telangana, Dr. B S Ravikumar Head of the Dept., Department of Botany and Environmental Studies, A.V.K. College for women, Hassan, Karnataka, Prof. A. Roja Rani, Dept. of Genetics, O.U., Dr. Ch. Srinivas Rao, Director, ICAR-National Academy of Agriculture Research were amongst the speakers at the conference. About 20 oral presentations and 76 poster presentations were presented by the participants. The program concluded with vote of thanks.

