

Bhubaneswar, 12 Nov : DAV Public School, Unit-VIII celebrated the **International Year of Chemistry (IYC) 2011** today in the school.

The function was inaugurated by Prof. Madhusudan Chakrabarti, Director of IIT Bhubaneswar. The inaugural function began with a hearty welcome to the Chief Guest Prof. Chakrabarti and was followed by a chorus by the students of the school after the lighting of the lamp in the school's Multipurpose Activity Hall. The Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Bhagybati Nayak delivered the welcome speech followed by speeches by the Chief Guest and then the Chief Speaker Prof. Satyaban Jena, Dept. of Chemistry, Utkal University.

The dignitaries highlighted the goals of IYC 2011; an initiative of the International Union of Pure & Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) as well as the United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), to increase the public appreciation of Chemistry in meeting world needs, to encourage interest in Chemistry among young people and to generate enthusiasm for the creative future of Chemistry. They further said the year 2011 would coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nobel Prize awarded to Madame Marie Curie - an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of women to Science.

An inter-school poster competition on the theme 'Chemistry in Life' was held on this occasion in which 40 students from 20 different schools spread all over Odisha participated. The prize giving ceremony began with the welcome to the Judges and the Chairman of DAV Kalinga Nagar followed by their speeches. The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Ishani Aishwarya of DAV Public School, Unit-VIII, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - S. Subhashree, DAV Public School Anugul, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Varsha Guin of SCB Medical Public School, Cuttack and consolation prizes for Bidyashree Sahu of DAV Public School, Chandrasekharapur & Tanisha Rout of St. Xavier's High School, Kedargouri were given away by Mr. Sarat Chandra Mishra, IPS, Retd. DG of Police and Chairman of DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar.

The function ended with a vote of thanks by the Co-ordinator of the school Mrs. Mamta Banerjee.

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