

**SHRI MURLI MANOHAR TOWN POST GRADUATE COLLEGE,
BALLIA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY**

WOMEN IN SCIENCE

An Initiative to Encourage Girl Students to Choose Science as a Career

On the Eve of

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

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National Science Day is celebrated in India on 28th February each year to mark the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928. For his discovery, Sir C.V. Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. Today in the Department of Botany, S.M.M.Town PG college, Ballia, we have celebrated the Day on the theme "**Women in Science**".

Today on this occasion we paid sincere regards and gratitude to Madam Savitri Sahni who was perhaps for the first time awarded Padma Shri in the year 1969 for the cause of science in UP. She built and nurtured the world renowned scientific institution Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, conceived and designed by her husband Prof. Birbal Sahni. But unfortunately, he died after a week on 10th April, 1949; just after the foundation laying ceremony of the Institute on 3rd April 1949. We discussed the contribution of the first Indian woman Botanist Dr. Janaki Ammal (Cytogeneticist), Paramjit Khurana (Molecular Biologist), Rohini Godbole (Physicist), Nandini Harinath (Space Scientist), Asima Chatterjee (Inorganic Chemist), Dr Renu Khanna Chopra (Plant Physiologist), Archana Sharma (Cytogeneticist, Cell Biologist and a Cytotoxicologist) and many more. We have remembered the great contribution of Rosalind Franklin (Chemist and X-ray crystallographer), Barbara McClintock (Geneticist) Martha Cowles Chase (Geneticist) at world level. Young Scientist and budding Botanist of the department organised and participated.

The event was organized specially to encourage our girl students to opt their career in the field of science and serve the nation, and humanity as a whole, as scientists.



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