

### Report on

## **Invited Talk**





## **Valedictory Function of Competition on Innovative Ideas**

The School of Studies in Biotechnology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, organized an invited talk on 27 September 2025, featuring two distinguished speakers:

- **Dr. Arindam Bit**, Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, NIT Raipur, who spoke on "Enhanced Cryopreservation of MSCs in Microfluidic Bioreactor by Regulated Shear Flow," and
- Prof. Ujjawala Nitin Gaikwad, Professor, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS
  Raipur, who delivered a lecture on "Antimicrobial Resistance Crisis: Novel
  Approaches to Address It."

The event also included the Valedictory Function of the "Competition on Innovative Ideas." The program was sponsored by the Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology, Raipur, and was attended by faculty members, M.Sc. students and Research Scholars from the School of Biotechnology and allied disciplines.

The event began with a warm welcome to the guests. The saplings were presented to the invited speakers — Dr. Arindam Bit and Prof. Ujjawala Nitin Gaikwad by Prof. Afaque Quraishi, Head of the Department, School of Studies in Biotechnology.

#### **Technical session I**

The first talk was delivered by Dr. Arindam Bit, who gave an insightful presentation on the limitations of conventional cryopreservation techniques for Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs), including, loss of differentiation potential, and cellular damage due to ice crystal formation. He introduced an innovative approach using microfluidic bioreactors with regulated shear flow to create a controlled environment that minimizes cellular stress during cryopreservation. Highlighting the significance of MSCs in regenerative medicine, tissue engineering, and

advanced therapeutics, he shared experimental data and research outcomes demonstrating how microfluidic systems enhance the efficiency of stem cell banking. The session concluded with an engaging interaction between the speaker and the audience, where students and faculty members inquired about the design, scalability, and clinical implications of the bioreactor system.

#### **Technical session II**

The second invited talk was delivered by Prof. Ujjawala Nitin Gaikwad, who addressed the growing global threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). She outlined key contributing factors, such as the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in humans and animals, inadequate diagnostic infrastructure, easy availability of over-the-counter antibiotics, and environmental dissemination of resistant strains. She discussed the substantial economic and clinical burden AMR imposes on healthcare systems and emphasized the urgent need for alternative therapeutic strategies. She introduced emerging approaches, including phage therapy, bacteriophage-derived enzymes, antimicrobial peptides, host-directed therapies, and microbiome modulation, as promising solutions to supplement or replace traditional antibiotics. The lecture concluded with a vibrant discussion session, where participants explored the feasibility of applying these solutions in local healthcare contexts.

### **Valedictory Function and Prize Distribution**

Following the technical sessions, the Valedictory Function of the "Competition on Innovative Ideas" was held. The Chief Guest, Prof. Amber Vyas, Registrar, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, was welcomed with a sapling by Prof. Afaque Quraishi. In his valedictory address, Prof. Vyas encouraged students to pursue research with passion and highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in transforming innovative ideas into practical applications. A Prize Distribution Ceremony was conducted to acknowledge and reward outstanding participants of the competition. Students were recognized for their innovative ideas and presentations. The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks, delivered by Prof. Keshav Kant Sahu, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed speakers, guests, faculty members, students, and the Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology for their support and contribution to making the event a grand success.

## Glimpses of the Event









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Speakers

### Dr. Ujjwala Nitin Gaikwad

Professor Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, Raipur

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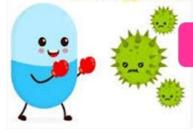
Antimicrobial Resistance Crisis:
A Novel Approaches to Address It

### Dr. Arindam Bit

Associate Professor Department of Biomedical Engineering, NIT, Raipur

On

Enhanced Cryopreservation of MSCs in Microfluidic Bioreactor by Regulated Shear Flow



27th September 2025



02:00-05:00 pm

Along with



**Valedictory Function of Competition on Innovative Ideas** 

In the presence of

Dr. A. K. Tripathi

Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology Raipur



Venue: Seminar Hall , SoS in Biotechnology, PRSU

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