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Scientists Lead Workshop

Chennai: A two-day lecture workshop on 'Recent trends in Chemistry' was inaugurated at Stella Maris College recently. Sponsored by the three National Science Academies of India — Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi and National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad, the workshop was led by six eminent scientists.

In her welcome address, Mary George, head, Dept of Chemistry, highlighted the steps the department had taken over the years in its quest to achieve academic excellence. Jasintha Quadras, principal, Stella Maris College who delivered the special address, formally announced the commencement of the research programme and congratulated the department units achieving recognition as a centre to conduct doctoral research programmes in Chemistry.

In his inaugural lecture on 'Click reactions in Organic Synthesis', chief guest S Chandrasekaran, SERB distinguished fellow, professor and chairman, division of Chemical Sciences, IISC, Bangalore highlighted the importance of performing click reactions, a set of simple, powerful, reliable, and selective reactions for the rapid synthesis of new compounds.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Dr V Subramanian (who as convenor, presented an overview of the Lecture workshop), Prof S Natarajan from IISC, Bangalore and Prof R Ramaraj from Madurai Kamaraj University, who dwelt on the important role of science academies in enhancing the research potential of young minds all over the country, especially in rural areas.

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