



**Annual Report
2022-23**

- **Republic Day Celebration**

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated at HBNI on January 26, 2022. Prof. P. D. Naik, Officiating Vice Chancellor and Dean, HBNI unfurled the National Flag followed by singing of National Anthem by HBNI functionaries and staff members present on the occasion. Prof. Naik then addressed the gathering of the HBNI functionaries and staff members. In his address, Prof. Naik gave a brief account of the recent achievements of the HBNI, new academic programmes started, outreach activities and value-added courses conducted on NPTEL platform. This was followed by soulful performances of patriotic songs and poems by staff members and students of HBNI. It was a momentous occasion with the spirit of patriotism at the centre of it all.



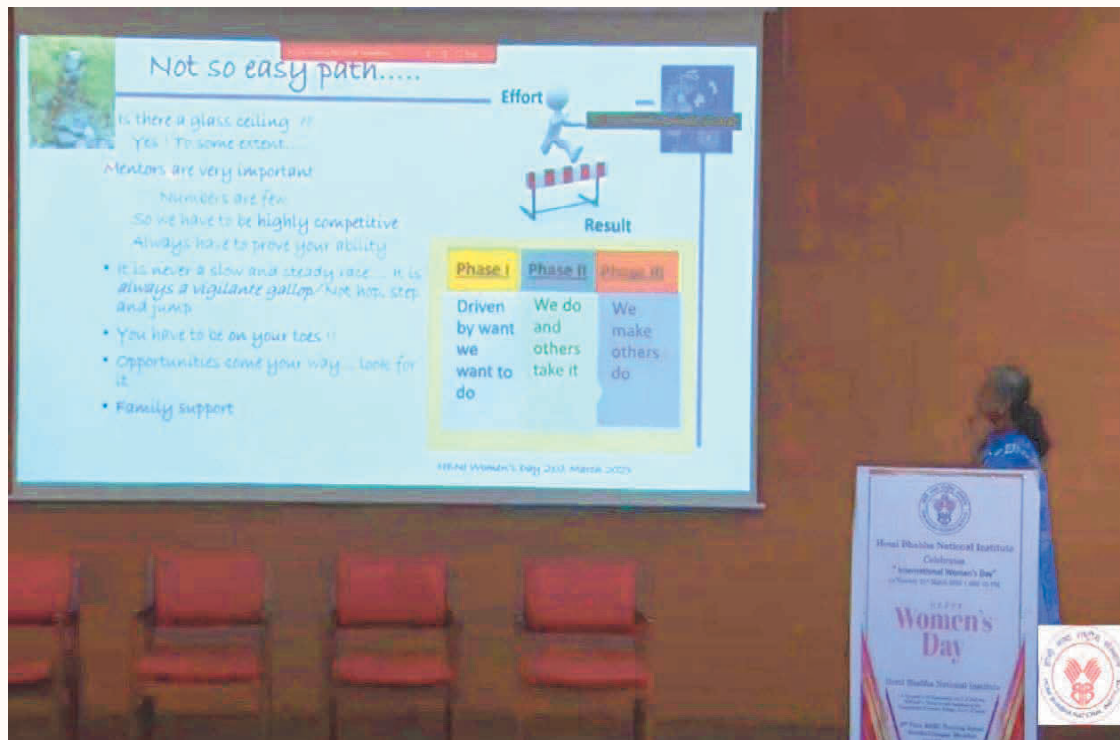
Prof. P. D. Naik, Officiating Vice Chancellor, and Dean HBNI saluting the National Flag after unfurling it at the 74th Republic Day function

- **International Women's Day Celebration**

The Women Cell of HBNI organized International Women's Day on March 21, 2023 at the central office by organizing a webinar titled "Reflections of a Nuclear Reactor Scientist," by Prof. Umasankari Kannan, Head, Reactor Physics Design Division, BARC and Senior Professor, HBNI. The webinar was organized in hybrid mode and attended by a large no. of students, staff and faculty of HBNI. In her talk, Prof. Kannan first talked about the challenges and barriers faced by women in the field of science and technology and how to address these. She then gave glimpses of her professional journey as a physicist in BARC, dwelling upon the challenges and hurdles faced and how she overcame them all to build a successful career as a nuclear reactor scientist. The talk was followed by a cultural program by HBNI students and staff members showcasing the rich cultural heritage of India through dance and music.



Prof. P. D. Naik, Officiating VC and Dean, HBNI (left) and Prof. D. K. Maity, Associate Dean, HBNI (right) addressing the gathering on International Women's Day celebration at HBNI



Prof. Umasankari Kannan delivering her talk

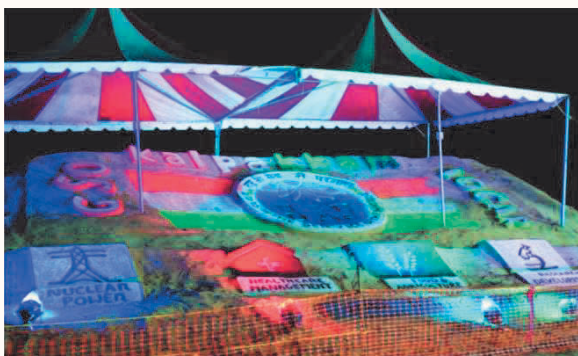


Cultural program presented by HBNI students and staff members on the occasion of International Women's Day celebration at HBNI

❖ Events at the Constituent Institutions (CIs)/Off-Campus Centre (OCC)

• DAE Iconic Week Celebrations at CIs/OCC

As part of DAE's iconic week celebrations, all the constituent institutions (CIs) and off-campus centre (OCC) organized a series of activities including (i) organization of lectures/popular science talks by eminent speakers for school, UG and PG students, (ii) educational visits of school, UG and PG students to CIs, (iii) outreach programs promoting awareness of nuclear power as a source of green energy and the applications of nuclear technologies for societal benefits including industrial applications, healthcare, environment and agriculture. In addition, CIs/OCC also organized tree plantations drive, blood donation and health camps, photo exhibitions, film shows, quizzes and several competitions, viz., essay competitions, poster competitions and poetry competitions etc. Glimpses of the DAE Iconic Week Celebrations by CIs/OCC of HBNI are given below.



Sand sculpture illustrating the contribution of the nuclear power created on the beaches of IGCAR (left); Visit of students to the Light Exploratorium at RRCAT (right)