

OBJECTIVE:

“You can have brilliant ideas, but if you can’t get them across, your ideas won’t get you anywhere.”

URSA, a flagship event of IChE Chandigarh Student Chapter was conducted with the incentive to provide an insight into research and scientific advancements. The main objective was to give students a platform to discuss their ideas and reach the zenith of their potential.

DETAILS OF THE EVENT:

On 5th February, 2017, IChE CSC conducted URSA 17 at Dr. SSB UICET, Panjab University. The event started at 11 am where students from different Colleges of Chandigarh participated. The symposium was based on the theme “The need of smart energy use”. Dr. S.K. Sharma, professor emeritus and chairperson of IChE CRC graced the occasion as a chief guest. He enlightened the students about the need of using energy smartly in his address to the audience. The event brought technical education together with the idea of new researches that lead to the advancement of energy goal and highlighted energy related issues.

Around 150 students registered for this event, out of which 70 participated in oral presentation and while the rest opted as attendees. The students through their presentation discussed their ideas and suggested alternatives that one can adopt. The event continued till 5 pm with an hour break in between for the refreshment by the food partners. After the end of all the informative presentations, winners were declared and awarded with cash prize and certificates so as to appreciate them for all the hard work they had put in. The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 500, runners up of Rs. 300 and the consolation prize of Rs. 100. Prizes were given in team and individual category. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Professor V.K. Rattan, honorary, secretary, IChE, CRC.

ABOUT URSA AND THE THEME:

What might be identified as some of the big challenges of our age?

It is using energy in a smart way keeping in mind its need and demand. The rate at which the industrialization is increasing, it has increased the need for energy consumption. Changing climatic conditions and lifestyles are a major setback to this energy demand.

Thus, URSA 17 was organized to provide intensive interface to the young brains for showcasing their creativity. As “Creativity is the engine of science”.

FEEDBACK:

It is fair to say that the day closed on a convivial note. Minds and bodies well fed, a mix of tolerance and patience, with a good dose of intellectual curiosity and confidence, were pre-requisites for rigorous and fruitful interdisciplinary research. These characteristics were amply demonstrated by the symposium's participants. It gave students a new perspective that one should adopt while discussing these issues. The event was a great success and an amazing learning experience.