

About World Science Day for Peace and Development

The World Science Day for Peace and Development was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU) on November 10, 2025, at the Adi Kailash Auditorium. The event aimed to emphasize the role of science in promoting peace, progress, and sustainable development while inspiring students to explore scientific innovation for societal betterment under the theme for 2025- *Trust, transformation and tomorrow: The science we need for 2050*.

The session began with *Guruvandana* and the traditional *lamp lighting ceremony*, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and enlightenment.

The program commenced with an address by Dr. Bindu Dey, Director Research, SRHU, who highlighted the global significance of World Science Day. She reflected on the discussions that ensued after several great discoveries that led to public involvement and societal discussions starting with establishment of Nobel prize, discovery of the double helix DNA structure, impact of genetically modified crops and around technologies to treat COVID 19. Her address underlined how science, scientist and public are involved in peaceful scientific development.

Dr. Vijendra Chauhan, Director General, Academic Development, SRHU, linked spirituality and science by drawing inspiration from Swami Rama's life and philosophy. He elaborated on the university's evolution and its journey toward becoming a leading center for healthcare, education, and research. Dr. Chauhan emphasized the need for a balanced approach, where spiritual values support scientific exploration, creating a holistic learning environment for students.

Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, Vice Chancellor, SRHU, captivated the audience with an inspiring anecdote about J.R.D. Tata and Swami Vivekananda, which eventually led to the establishment of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, originally named as Tata Institute of Science. He highlighted how that initiative became the foundation for many of India's premier science institutions. Dr. Dobhal's address encouraged students to uphold the vision of building a strong, research-driven nation through innovation and dedication.

The special invitee, Dr. S. P. Dobhal, Director, Institute of Technology Management (ITM), DRDO, Mussoorie, delivered the guest lecture on the interrelation of science, leadership, and national security, focusing on Trust, Transformation and Tomorrow, 2050 and how to achieve that through leadership. He narrated the relevance of modern strategic frameworks such as VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, Ambiguity) and BANI (Brittle, Anxious, Nonlinear, Incomprehensible) in understanding the dynamic challenges of today's world. Dr. Dobhal also highlighted the achievements of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) as an example of visionary leadership and scientific excellence that paved the way for ISRO's later success. His address inspired students to contribute meaningfully to science and society with determination and integrity.



Way Forward:

The celebration of World Science Day at SRHU reaffirmed the university's commitment to developing scientific curiosity, critical thinking, and leadership among students. Moving forward, SRHU plans to organize regular workshops, research conclaves, and innovation-driven projects to strengthen the integration of science, technology, and societal development. By nurturing young minds with scientific awareness and ethical responsibility, the university aims to contribute to building a peaceful and progressive future driven by knowledge and innovation.