

## **Department of Biological Sciences and Bioengineering (BSBE)**

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The BSBE Department is the youngest Engineering Department in IIT Kanpur, for it has been only nine years since it was established. As BSBE aspires to contribute to the biomedical needs of the country and the world at large, some very eminent people from this field were invited. These included Prof. D. Balasubramanian, one of the eminent biologists of the country who was also part of the group that envisioned the founding and character of the Department, Prof. Tej P. Singh and Prof. Balram Bhargava of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Prof. Somenath Biswas of CSE Department of IIT Kanpur who was one of the committee members to usher in the BSBE Department, and finally, Prof. Sanjay G. Dhande, Director of IIT Kanpur, in whose tenure the Department was established. The event was attended by a large cross section of the campus community.

Prof. R. Sankararamakrishnan, the Head of the Department, presented the history of the establishment of the Department and highlighted the achievements of the last nine years. The faculty members - Prof. Jonaki Sen, Prof. Balaji Prakash, Prof. Ashok Kumar - summarized the various research activities of the Department.

Later there was a panel discussion moderated by Prof. Pradip Sinha, the founding head of the Department. The panelists stressed the need for the BSBE faculty to forge alliances with the medical community in order to develop solutions for the everyday medical needs of clinicians and patients alike. They were unanimous in their appreciation of what the faculty members had already achieved.

After the departure of the invited guests the annual awards function was held where students of the Department were felicitated for their achievements. In the evening there was an open house for the campus community where the various research activities of the Department were showcased. The visitors were also taken to different laboratories and central facilities of the Department and were eventually guided to the rooftop where a sumptuous tea was laid out!