

## **Chief Minister Shri Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated Children Science Congress on 4 January, 2017**

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated Children Science Congress in Padmavathi Mahila Vishva Vidyalaya, Tirupati on 4 December 2017 in presence of Shri Y.S. Chowdary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Dr. Takaki Kajita, a Nobel Laureate.

In his inaugural speech, he delivered an inspirational message for young children who want to take up Research & Development and addressed them as the "Future of India". He also mentioned that education for girl child is a must for the development of India on all fronts. He encouraged the children to have Scientists as their role model and strive for achieving their set goals. To encourage the young minds, Shri Chandrababu Naidu announced an award of Rs 100 crore to the Scientist who wins a Nobel Prize from Andhra Pradesh.

He then invited Dr. Takaki Kajita, the Nobel Laureate, to give some tips to the students so that they can also dream of being scientists. Dr. Kajita told the students that hard work with aim is the only way to become successful in life.

The Children Science Congress, an important event of the Indian Science Congress, is organized to provide a unique opportunity to children of the age group of 10-17 years to use their scientific temperament and knowledge and to quench their thirst for creativity by conducting scientific experiments. The three days' event will encourage children to stimulate their scientific temperament by giving the school children a unique platform to showcase their innovation and creativity in scientific projects.

In order to this, every year about 7-8 lakhs school children in the age group of 10-17 yrs participate at various levels from the districts, states & union territories. Around 2 to 3 best projects from each state participated in Indian Science Congress is then identified for the award based on the originality. This year also these projects after qualifying district and state level rounds were showcased at Padmavathi Mahila Vishva Vidyalaya, Tirupati on January 4-6, 2017 as part of the 104<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress with an aim to exhibit their creativity and innovativeness and more particularly their ability to solve a societal problem experienced locally using the method of science.

The projects were mostly on renewable energy, smart city, unmanned agricultural tools, pollution reducing pilots, waste management and so on.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi was inaugurated the 104th Indian Science Congress at Tarakarama Stadium of Sri Venkateswara University in Tirupati on December 3, 2017.