

**Report on the Conduct of Memorial Lecture Program on the Observance
of Birth Anniversary of Dr. Birbal Sahni on 14.11.2024 at Dr. AKSC&P,
Puducherry**

Puducherry Council for Science and Technology organised a Memorial Lecture programme on the 134th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Birbal Sahni. At the beginning, Students and Staff of PCS&T garlanded and paid floral tribute to the statue of Dr. Birbal Sahni laid at the Dr. AKSCP on 14.11.2025. Followed by this, a memorial lecture programme was organized wherein, Dr. Sambasivam Vijayan, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Tagore Govt. Arts and Science College, Puducherry delivered lecture on the topic '**Birbal Sahni – The Father of Indian Paleobotany**' at the Auditorium of Dr. AKSC&P.

The Resource person narrated about the Birbal Sahni contributions to Palaeobotany. Sahni took a deep interest in the study of plants from his early childhood. His research on the anatomy and morphology of the palaeozoic ferns and India's Gondwana formation's fossil plants. Birbal Sahni is acknowledged for his significant contribution to Palaeobotany all over the world. Sahni started the Institute of Palaeobotany at Lucknow, which was later on renamed as the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany (BSIP) to acknowledge his efforts in the field Palaeobotany. This was the first Palaeobotany institute in India.

Totally 96 students from National English High School, Thavalakuppam, Puducherry were participated and benefitted by the programme. The program ends at 11.30 P.M. Overall it was a good program in the context of arranging lecture and support taken care by the staff of Dr. AKSC&P.

Photos of the Programme


