

PU VC dwells upon relevance of research

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The three-day MICROCON-2019, organised by the Department of Microbial Biotechnology and Cluster Innovation Centre in Biotechnology BioNest, began at the PU on Wednesday.

Prof Raj Kumar, VC, PU, said research bridges the gap between corporates and scientists. He stressed on the need for integration and consolidation of the nation.

Dr Ajit Sapre, Group President (R&T), Reliance Industries Ltd, Mumbai, in his address on 'Green and sustainable synthetic biology plat-

form at RIL' talked about global challenges. He said the integration of science and technology was important for societal benefits. "There is a strong bond between corporate world, scientists and researchers. Amalgamation of digital technology and physical biology can have a great impact on the economy," he said.

The first session highlighted biopharmaceuticals and medical technology. Dr Ajith Kamath, Mitra Biotech, Bengaluru, Prof Prince Sharma, Department of Microbiology, PU, and Prof Purnananda Guptasarma, IISER, Mohali, spoke about the existing thrust areas.