



## Professor G.N. Mukherjee charms an audience of chemistry students

By Our Correspondent

 **Agartala, Dec 21, 2013 :** Academic seminars usually remain audience-scarce in most of the places because barring students, teachers and academicians keenly interested in the subject and discourse most of the people keep clear of such cerebral exercise. But today it was different as Dr G.N.Mukherjee, renowned 'Rashbehari Ghosh Professor' of chemistry and former head of the department of the subject in Calcutta university charmed an overflowing audience of chemistry students and professors in the Ramthakur College auditorium with erudition and lucid articulation of the complex facets of chemistry.

The occasion was the seminar on 'commemorate 100th year of first nobel laureate in inorganic chemistry, Alfred Werner'. It was in the memorable year 1913 that our own Rabindra Nath Tagore had been conferred nobel prize and in the same a professor organic chemistry in Jurich university of Switzerland had been conferred the very first nobel award on inorganic chemistry. Alfred Werner had dreamed his invention at 2-00 in the night and commenced putting on record the bounties showered on him in the dream from 5-00 next morning. This finally fetched him the first nobel in inorganic chemistry and the honorific 'Father of modern Co-ordination chemistry' stuck on him.

Dr G.N.Mukherjee in presence of such stalwarts of chemistry as Professor M.K.Singh of chemistry in Tripura central university cast a spell on the audience by eruditely speaking on the subject and its modern dimensions. The audience dominated by students of chemistry from different colleges of Agartala listened to him spell-bound as he concluded, reciting Tagore's famous poem 'Where the mind is without fear, where the held is high.....'.

The principal of Ramthakur College, Aparna Das hosted the programme while Dr Arijit Das who has recently been awarded with membership of prestigious American Chemical Society (ACS) suo moto as Fellow with 'prmo code' acted as the organising secretary of the seminar. 'More such seminars on the subject will be held for the benefit of students ;next we will invite Dr R.N.Mukherjee, former HOD IIT Kanpur, incumbent director of IISER and India's first awarded ACS member since 1999 ' said Dr Arijit Das .

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