

IIT-I foundation day begins amid fan fare

'France Day' is the theme for celebrations

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INDORE: The two-day celebration of the second foundation day of Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT-I), got off to a colourful start on Wednesday with the theme 'France Day'.

French embassy Attaché for science and technology Dr Nicolas Poussielgue was the chief guest and the Alliance Française of Bhopal and Indore director Christian Chatton was the guest of honour.

Dr Poussielgue made an audio/video presentation on France, its technological and scientific achievements and its comparison in this sector with India. Dr Kane of Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV) gave



■ French embassy attaché Dr Nicolas Poussielgue addresses a meeting during celebration of France Day at IIT-Indore on Wednesday.

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a presentation on the academic collaboration between IIT-I and ENS Cachan, Revati Arole who is the coordinator of NPLUSI in French Embassy in India gave presentation on

NPLUSI programme.

Shreya Mapara, who is the education advisor at campus France in Mumbai gave a presentation on higher studies in France along with scholarship

options.

Speaking on the occasion, IIT-I director Dr Pradeep Mathur said, "This is for the first time that a theme has been given to the foundation day cel-

ebrations." He said Indo-French academic collaboration started with the introduction of French language classes by the Alliance Française for IIT-I students. He hinted at academic collaborations with French universities.

At present, IIT-I has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany in November and this partnership allows for student and faculty exchanges. The institute is exploring other possibilities for such partnerships.

As part of the 'France Day', students were engaged in various activities related to French culture. The highlight of the day was a contest general knowledge contest on France.

However, to attract more participants, the contest was held in English. The students presented skits and mono-act plays in French and displayed posters. A few French movies were also shown.