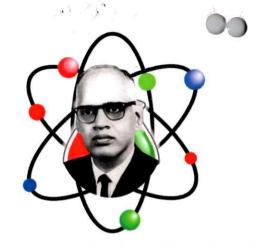


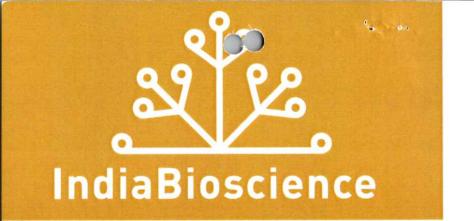
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#### **About the Speaker**

Smita Jain has a PhD from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in the field of Cancer Biology. After exploring industry for couple of years, she moved into the field of scientific management. With her keen interest in management, ability to communicate, she played a key role in establishing the business and processes at C-CAMP, Bangalore. She also has experience of working as a research analyst with a digital content organization. She is deeply motivated to take the activities of IndiaBioscience to all possible corners of the country and make a strong knit network of Indian Biologists.

Her interests are being with nature, traveling and interacting with wide range of people on different topics.





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Report on Seminar on 'Life science and Career'

Dr. Smita Jain

5th July 2019

A one day lecture was conducted by the G.N Ramakrishnan club on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the College auditorium. Around 56 participants attended the talk. Dr. Smitha Jain, who spoke on the subject of "Careers in Science," was the featured speaker of the day. Dr. Smita, Executive Director of IndiaBioscience (IBS), has a PhD from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in the field of Cancer Biology. After exploring industry for couple of years, she moved into the field of scientific management. She is passionate about 'Careers in Science', 'Mentoring', and developing courses for 'professional development'.

During the talk, she discussed her views on India's current research environment as well as some of the most important difficulties that Indian researchers confront today. She also offers some uncommon but quite important career navigation advice for researchers, as well as an explanation for why she chose a career outside of academia. She advised the audience to follow their hearts rather than be influenced by other people's ideas and ambitions. To do so, one must first have a thorough understanding of oneself, including their abilities, values, and interests. On the basis of this, one should consider career choices. This will help to stay aligned with career options. Also, talk to professionals in different roles. It's also critical to start building and nurturing own professional network as soon as possible. She mentioned that academia isn't the only professional option available after a PhD; many new opportunities have opened up where one can thrive and have a fulfilling career. So take the time to get to know oneself and one's goals. Each career decision should be made after a great deal of consideration. It is critical to do so since, at the end of the day, happiness with your chosen decision is what matters.

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## Resource Person Profile

## Dr. Smita Jain Executive Director India Bioscience, NCBS, Bangalore

An enabler, mentor, and leader with 15+ years of experience in science promotion, communication and business development. Smita has a PhD from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in the field of Cancer Biology. After exploring industry for couple of years, she moved into the field of scientific management. With her keen interest in management, ability to communicate, she played a key role in establishing the business and processes at C-CAMP, Bangalore. She also has experience working as a research analyst with a digital content organization. She is deeply motivated to take the activities of IndiaBioscience to all possible corners of the country and make a strong knit network of Indian life science researchers and professionals. She is passionate about 'Careers in Science', 'Mentoring', and developing courses for 'professional development'.

Dr. Smita Jain currently working as Executive Director, India Bioscience from December 2018 and is responsible for establishing the strategic vision and partnerships; growth, fundraising, grants and team management; and overseeing the activities of the networking, communication, education, data & policy and skill-building verticals. Skilled in working with diverse groups of people, both nationally and internationally. she is also experienced in driving small as well as large, multi-institutional teams.

She has a strong-knit network of varied stakeholders, including the head of institutions and the key policymakers in the government in the life science research sector in India. She is passionate about 'Careers in Science', 'Mentoring', and developing courses for 'professional development'.

Dr. Smita was a recipient of #IRMI Research Management Grant of India Alliance. She is also a member of the review group for the programs and activities of NCSTC, DST, GoI and an invited member of the advisory group set up for Resource Book on Biographies of 75 Women Scientists by DST, GoI and an invited member of the committee set up by DST, Govt of Rajasthan for the welfare of Women in Science.

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