## **Report of the meeting**

School of Biotechnology had the pleasure to invite Dr. S. K. Varshney, Head, International Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST) at the school. An interactive meeting was organised on 4<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2023, 12.30 PM, at EMRC, DAVV which was attended by several heads and faculty members of basic Science departments. The meeting was presided over by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Renu Jain.

Dr. Anjana Jajoo, Head, School of Biotechnology, gave brief introduction of Dr SK Varshney. It was followed by a presentation by Dr Varshney explaining the vision and mission of DST. He also gave valuable information about various scholarships/fellowships/grants sponsored by DST. He introduced the faculty member to many recent grants like Vajra and Vaibhav which are meant to invite foreign scientists. In the same way, he gave information about other grants SERB SURE, SUPRA, TARE, PURSE, FIST and many other. He motivated the faculty members to apply or such grants.

It was a very useful and informative session for the faculty members of DAVV. Many of them had some queries which were answered by Dr Varshney. Hon'ble VC madam also asked the faculty members to implement the information given by Dr. Varshney. She hoped that some projects will definitely be submitted by DAVV in near future. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Hon'ble VC madam.