

## **Foundation Day 2019, Udaipur Solar Observatory PRL – 19 Sept. 2019**

The Foundation Day 2019 of the Udaipur Solar Observatory was celebrated on 19th September 2019 to commemorate the rich history and growth of the Observatory which was founded in 1975 under the zealous efforts of Prof. Arvind Bhatnagar and his team. This was an occasion to reminisce the tremendous growth and achievements of the facility over the last 44 years. The event was held at USO in the morning with a welcome address by **Prof. Nandita Srivastava**, Deputy Head USO-PRL, who highlighted the important technical and scientific milestones of the Observatory since its inception. The special lecture of the day was delivered by the guest of honour, **Prof. Dipankar Banerjee**, Professor, Indian Institute of Astrophysics Bengaluru on the **Long Term Study of the Sun using Kodaikanal Digitized Data**, in which he spoke on the importance of historical observations to understand the processes governing the generation of magnetic fields on the Sun. This was followed by another talk by **Prof. Wahab Uddin**, Director In-charge, Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) Nainital. His talk focussed on the Observational facilities at ARIES including the recently commissioned 3.6-m Devasthal Optical Telescope for optical and near-infrared astronomy. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rohan Louis.