

A one day Seminar on the topic “*Natural Resources Management for Sustainable Development of North East India*” was held at CSIR-North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST), Jorhat under the aegis of CSIR-Aroma Mission, Indian Institute of Mineral Engineers, Chemical Research Society of India and Materials Research Society of India on 26 November 2018 in Dr J N Baruah Auditorium of CSIR-NEIST. During the seminar some of prominent scientists like Dr K Balasubramanian, Dr TC Rao, Dr P Manivel, Dr PG Rao, Dr GN Jadav and Dr Dibakar Chandra Deka from various parts of the country had delivered their lectures on the topic. This one day seminar was focusing mainly to deliberate on the various issues related to sustainable management/utilization of the diverse natural resources of the region so as to plan, execute different R&D programs for the benefit of the society. The seminar was started at 10.00 hr with invitation to the pulpit and felicitation by Dr SP Saikia, Organizing Secretary of CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat. The welcome address was delivered at around 10.05 hr. by Dr Samit Chattopadhyay, Director, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat & Chief Patron of the day. By Briefing about the Seminar by Mr S C Kalita, Chairman Org. Committee and Lighting the lamp the event get started. On the first half two speeches was addressed by Chief Guest Dr T C Rao, Former Director, Regional Research Laboratory, Bhopal and Guest of Honour, Dr P G Rao, Distinguish Scientist, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Then after the tea break at 11.00 hr. Invited Lectures were addressed respectively by Dr T C Rao, Former Director, Regional Research Laboratory, Bhopal; Dr K Balasubramanian, Director, Nonferrous Materials Technology Development Centre, Hyderabad and Dr P Manivel, Director Incharge, ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal & Aromatic, Plants Research, Anand, Gujarat. Later that commencing the Lunch break at around 13.00 hr., Next session was started and another remaining invited Lectures were delivered respectively by Dr P G Rao, Distinguish Scientist, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; Dr Dibakar Chandra Deka, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Gauhati University and lastly by Dr G N Jadhav, Professor, Department of Earth Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. On this auspicious occasion, a felicitation program to felicitate Dr Pinaki Sengupta, Chief Scientist & Dr P J Bhuyan, Sr Principal Scientist was also held as both of them are retiring on 30 November, 2018 from CSIR service on superannuation. The program was concluded with the vote of thanks from Dr S P Saikia, Organizing Secretary.

