

CSIR-NEIST CELEBRATED 57TH FOUNDATION DAY

CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology, the premier institute of CSIR in the North East India celebrated its 57th Foundation Day on 18 March 2018 with a day-long programme. A special function was held at Dr J N Baruah Auditorium wherein Shri Naveen Verma, IAS, Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Development for North Eastern Region (MDoNER) graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered the Foundation Day Lecture.

Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST welcomed the gathering and expressed gratitude to the founding fathers & past employees of the institute and congratulated all for the Institute's achievements and contributions to the society over the glorious years of its existence.

Shri Naveen Verma in his Foundation Day Lecture urged upon all scientists to work in accordance to the aspirations & expectations of common people. He emphasized on generating need based technologies & solutions which cater to all sections of the society starting from grass root level. Sharing his experience about his visit to CSIR-NEIST, he mentioned the potential of various technologies of the Institute and urged upon establishing tie-ups with NEDFi, Ministry of Development for North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and various state governments to maximize its reach to the society and deliver more. He also encouraged that all MSME entrepreneurs of CSIR-NEIST should be attached to NEDFi for accessing its venture fund scheme and effective marketing assistance also be extended. He further informed about the support and association of Ministry of DoNER with CSIR-NEIST for Science & Technology intervention in the North East Region (STINER). He stressed on tapping the immense natural resources of the region for microhydro projects, developing value added products from ginger, aromatic plants, bamboo etc. He encouraged the younger generation and the budding scientists to work more closely with users of such technologies to understand their needs and problems.

On the occasion, 'Highlights 2017-18' of CSIR-NEIST was released by the Chief Guest. Further, the employees who retired during March 2017 to February 2018 were felicitated with mementoes. Also, 'Certificates of Appreciation' were awarded to employees for exemplary performance during 2017-18 in different categories. It is worthwhile to mention that the Institute also transferred a technology on 'Bio-organo fertilizer-SUFAL' to M/s Rishika Interior & Developer Pvt.Ltd., Guwahati on the day. The technology has been recently developed by the team led by Dr Tridip Goswami, Principal Scientist & Group Leader of Cellulose, Pulp & Paper Group. The agreement and other related documents of the technology were handed over to Mr Dibyajit Barooah, Managing Director of the company by Director, CSIR-NEIST. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr Mantu Bhuyan, Sr Scientist.

Earlier before the function, the Chief Guest inaugurated the "Centre for Advanced Civil Engineering Research" at CSIR-NEIST premise besides interacting with beneficiaries & entrepreneurs of CSIR-NEIST's technologies at the walk-through interaction held in the auditorium premise. As a part of the celebration, the Institute also observed 'Open Day' in the later part of the day wherein several students from various schools of Jorhat visited the Institute.

It may also be mentioned that during the visit of Shri Naveen Verma to the Institute from 17-18 March 2018 he had interacted with CSIR-NEIST's scientists and also visited various divisions of the Institute.

Glimpses of the Foundation Day Celebration Programme



Shri Naveen Verma, IAS, Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Development for North Eastern Region (MDoNER) delivering the Foundation Day Lecture. Other dignitaries present in the dais are (from left) Dr P Sengupta, Head- Materials Science & Technology Division and Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST.



Release of 'Highlights 2017-18' by the dignitaries during the function.



Shri Naveen Verma unveiling the inaugural plaque of "Centre for Advanced Civil Engineering Research" at CSIR-NEIST in presence of Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST.



Shri Naveen Verma interacting with CSIR-NEIST scientists at the poster session.



Shri Naveen Verma at the walk-through-interaction with beneficiaries & entrepreneurs of CSIR-NEIST's technologies.