

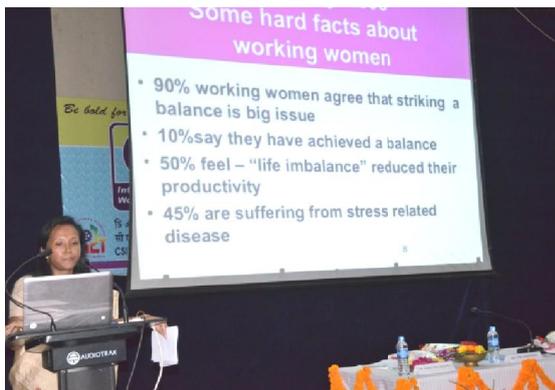
CSIR-NEIST celebrated International Women's Day 2017

CSIR-NEIST celebrated International Women's Day 2017 on 6 March, 2017 with a day-long programme at its premise. A special function was held at Dr J N Baruah Auditorium presided over by Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST wherein Mrs Bandana Dutta Tamuli, District Development Commissioner, Jorhat graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Dr Usha Rani Pegu, Professor, Jorhat Medical College Hospital was present as Guest of Honour. Dr Archana Moni Das, Sr Scientist & Coordinator of the programme delivered the welcome address wherein she emphasized on Gender Equality towards a Planet 50-50 by 2030 to a Changing World. Mrs Alokandana Sengupta, Sr Principal Scientist presented a brief overview of the Institute and its active technologies available for licensing. Mrs Sengupta highlighted the women scientists' role and their contribution in various activities of research & development at CSIR-NEIST. Speaking on the occasion as the Chief Guest, Mrs Bandana elaborated the role of Women in various fields in her speech entitled, 'Women- Today and tomorrow'. Tracing the genesis of reciprocal strength of man and woman, she discussed the status of woman, vis-a-vis globalization, economic empowerment, impact on society etc. and also various schemes of Assam Government to support the women for self dependent. In her address as Guest of Honour, Dr Usha Rani Pegu highlighted the different health issues associated with women in her speech entitled, 'Women and Health Issues'. Speaking on the occasion, Dr D Ramaiah remarked on the immense potentialities of women empowerment and pointed out the paradigm shift in women issues in recent times. He advised all to help women achieve their ambitions, call for gender-balanced, value women and men's contributions equally. As a part of the celebration, various competitions like extempore speech competition and quiz were organized for the staff members on 2 March, 2017. Winners of the competitions were suitably awarded with prizes during the function. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Dr Kalyani Medhi, Scientist. The function was attended largely by invitees, guests, press & media personnel besides CSIR-NEIST fraternity.

Post lunch, a training session on edible 'Mushroom Cultivation' was organized wherein 27 women from Bokakhat (Assam) participated. Mr Himangshu Lekhak, Technical Assistant discussed the cultivation of mushroom, market value & potential income source from mushroom cultivation, health benefits of mushroom etc. followed by hands-on demonstration on Mushroom cultivation.



Left: Dr D Ramaiah, Director. CSIR-NEIST, addressing the gathering on the occasion of International Women's Day celebration 2017. Right: Mrs Bandana Dutta Tamuli, District Development Commissioner, Jorhat delivering her speech as Chief Guest.



Left: Dr Usha Rani Pegu, Professor, Jorhat Medical College Hospital & Guest of Honour delivering her speech in the function. Right: Participants of the Mushroom training programme along with CSIR-NEIST team during hands-on demonstration.