About the meet

‘Innovators cum Entrepreneurs Meet’ is being organized by CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology (CSIR-NEIST), Jorhat during 8-11 May, 2019, at its premises to promote entrepreneurship among the striplings. The institute is focusing on entrepreneurship development in the country, particularly in North Eastern Region (NER) with innovative technologies developed by the institute for last few decades and understand the needs and aspirations of the innovators & entrepreneurs.

The program was inaugurated by CSIR Song followed by lighting of the lamp by Chief Guest Dr. Anil K Gupta, Visiting Faculty, IIMA & IITB and other dignitaries. Welcoming the assembly, Dr. G. Narahari Sastry, Director, CSIR-NEIST, highlighted the objectives of the meet. The program also included a lecture on a new venture- STINER by Dr. Mantu Bhuyan, Org. Secy., followed by brief remarks from guests of honour Dr. Anil K Gupta, Dr. Anil Koul, Director, CSIR-IMTECH, Dr. Rakesh K Mishra, Director, CSIR-CCMB, Dr. USN Murthy, Director, NIPER-Ghy and Dr. P.K Mishra, VC, KU and Mr. U C Bora, Retd. Sc. CSIR-NEIST.

Padmashree Dr. Anil Kr. Gupta, Guest of Honour addressed the spectators by thanking CSIR-NEIST for congregating all the knowledgeable persons over the dais. He shared his thoughts and ideas for propagating entrepreneurship through amalgamation of the innovators with marketers for their product exposure as like centralized manufacturing, grass root distribution, multi-franchising and distribution trials. Importantly he focused on societal involvement for this translational process.

The Meet aimed to initiate business start-ups for potential entrepreneurs and to create a congenial atmosphere for innovators and entrepreneurs within the framework of the ongoing ‘Science and Technological Intervention in NER (STINER)’ programme where the delegates from across the country will address and interact with innovators and entrepreneurs of North East India.

The first technical session was anchored by Dr. S P Saikia, wherein lecture was delivered by Dr. Anil Koul, Director, CSIR-IMTECH; Dr. Rakesh K Mishra, CSIR-CCMB; Dr. A.K. Barooah, Director, TRA.
The second technical session was chaired by Dr. PK Mishra, VC, KU and lecture was delivered by Dr. Madhu Dixit, National Chair, THSTI; Prof. Vibha Tandon, JNU and Dr. V.S. Ravishankar, Director, NID, Jorhat.

The third technical session was chaired by Dr. A K Mishra, Director, ASTEC, and lecture was delivered by Dr. A Chakraborty, Chief Scientist & Head, DGTC, CSIR and Dr. V M Tiwari, Director, CSIR-NGRI.

A total of about 150 grass root level innovators of northeast assembled at the ICEM held in CSIR-NEIST and their innovative products ranging from handicrafts, local food products, traditional attire, herbal medicine etc. were showcased in the stalls set up in front of J N Baruah auditorium.

“FOOD FOR THOUGHT” was held in Social Activity centre, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat where innovative discussion was done on various topics such as Entrepreneurship in Educational Institutes, Women Entrepreneurship, Data Science for Sustainable Development etc. in presence of experts and supporting scientists and students. These were carried in various aspects with mindful activities from audience in a total of 9 topics in table wise.