

## **CSIR-NEIST celebrated 78<sup>th</sup> CSIR Foundation Day**

CSIR-NEIST celebrated the 78<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of its apex body, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) with much zeal and enthusiasm on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019. Befitting the occasion, a special programme was held at Dr J N Baruah Auditorium in the afternoon hour which was attended by an august gathering of dignitaries, invitees, eminent personalities from in and around Jorhat district. Prof. Saroj Kanta Barik, Director, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow graced the function as Chief Guest and delivered the Foundation Day lecture while Dr. B Chandrasekharan, Former Director, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai was present as Guest of Honour. Dr G N Sastry, Director, CSIR-NEIST, presided over the function.

Dr G N Sastry, in his welcome address, extended his warm greetings and highlighted significant technological interventions of CSIR over the years in various S&T sectors. He specially mentioned the contributions made in improving the quality of lives of the people, creating livelihood opportunities and other S&T applications in environment, health, food, housing, farm and non-farm sectors. He also briefed the recent achievements of CSIR-NEIST and further mention that the institute will be taking a lead role in entrepreneurship development in the region while focusing its research in the two important areas of Herbal Formulations & Environmental Care.

Prof. Saroj Kanta Barik, in his Foundation Day Lecture, emphasized for collaboration and synergism among scientific institutions and called for collective efforts in bringing solutions to future S&T challenges. He mentioned that CSIR-NEIST has a greater responsibility to tap the rich biodiversity of NE region for socio-economic development of the North East Region.

Addressing the occasion, Dr B Chandrasekharan, appealed to all to introspect and learn from the past to move ahead in future. He also emphasized for sustainability and doing things relevant to the needs of the people and problems of NE Region.

On the occasion, CSIR-NEIST publication, 'Annual Report 2018-19' was released by the Chief Guest, Prof. Saroj Kanta Barik. As a part of the celebration, employees who retired during September'18 to August'19 were felicitated with CSIR Sanman Patras and Mementoes and also those who completed 25 years in Council's service were felicitated with token of gifts. Certificates and prizes were also distributed to the winners of various competitions held under the occasion like Drawing, Essay, Debate and Quiz competitions held among the school students and staff members. It is also to be mentioned that like previous years, this year also, 'CSIR-NEIST Golden Jubilee Scholarship scheme for bright students of NE region' which started in 2013 with an aim to enthuse North East students towards basic science (in UG level) was continued. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Er S C Kalita, Chief Scientist.

## ***Glimpses of the Foundation Day Celebration Programme***



Dr G N Sastry, Director, CSIR-NEIST delivering welcome address. Other dignitaries on the dais are (from left, Dr B Chandrasekaran, Former Director, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute & Guest of Honour; Prof Saroj Kanta Barik, Director, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute & Chief Guest and Er S C Kalita, Chief Scientist, CSIR-NEIST).



Prof. Saroj Kanta Barik, Director, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow delivering the Foundation Day Lecture.



Release of Annual Report 2018-19 by the dignitaries on the occasion.

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