

CSIR-NEIST celebrated its 53rd Foundation Day



Left: Dr Ch. Mohan Rao, Director, CSIR-CCMB, Hyderabad delivering Foundation day lecture. Right: Release of CSIR-NEIST Highlights 2013-14 by the Chief Guest in presence of Dr D Ramaiah (centre), Director, CSIR-NEIST and Dr R C Boruah (left), Outstanding Scientist.

CSIR-NEIST celebrated its 53rd Foundation Day on 18 March, 2014 at its premises. Befitting the occasion, a special function was held at Dr J N Baruah auditorium which was presided over by Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST. Dr Ch. Mohan Rao, Director, CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The function was largely attended by scientists, engineers, distinguished guests, eminent personalities, besides CSIR-NEIST fraternity both retired and existing. Dr R C Boruah, Outstanding Scientist, CSIR-NEIST delivered the welcome address wherein he briefed some highlights on the activities and achievements of the Institute.

Delivering the Foundation Day lecture, Dr Mohan Rao spoke about the origin of Life on earth and DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) Biology. Various theories and studies done by scientists on evolution of life and DNA Biology were elucidated in the lecture. Speaking about DNA and its biology, Dr Rao said that DNA sequencing has become a very important tool in studying the molecular and biological characteristics of any living organisms which decides and determine how different protein molecules function in our body. Dr Rao demonstrated some early works done by Fritiz Miescher, Phoebus Levene, Allam Maxam & Walter Gilbert and Sanger method on DNA and DNA sequencing. On the occasion, Dr Rao appealed to all to keep innovating to meet the demands of future times and also to nourish the innovation ecosystem of India.

It may be mentioned that earlier, Dr P R Bhattacharyya, Chief Scientist & Head- MAEP Division briefly introduced the Chief Guest to the audience. On the occasion, CSIR-NEIST publication on 'Highlights 2013-14' was released by the Chief Guest. Commemorating the Foundation Day, the members of staff, researchers, etc. who delivered exemplary performance in various R&D fields, Management, Administration works etc. in the year 2013-14 were felicitated by awarding Certificates of Appreciation. The Day was also observed by felicitating the retired members of staff, who retired during the March, 2013 to February, 2014 with mementoes as a token of appreciation for the services rendered to the Institute in particular and the CSIR in general. In his Presidential address, Dr Ramaiah appealed to all to inculcate the spirit of working together for the Institute and bring many more achievements. The programme concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr R L Bezbaruah, Head- I&BD division. As a part of the celebration programme, the Institute was declared 'Open day' for the visit of students and general public from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm wherein a large number of students, teachers and general public visited the Institute.