

Former Secretary of Department of Science & Technology visited CSIR-NEIST

“CSIR has a special role in current changing scenario of India in Global Science, Technology and Innovation Space” opined by Dr T. Ramaswami, Padmabhushan, Former Secretary of Department of Science & Technology and former Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). Held in a Seminar at Dr JN Baruah auditorium at CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology on 16th May 2014 among the CSIR-NEIST fraternity, Padmabhushan and Former Secretary of DST and Former DG of CSIR delivered a talk on his chosen topic “Research and Development in Nation Building – Role of CSIR; a Perspective”. Efforts are being made in India for emerging as one of the top 5 economies of the world by 2020 and CSIR has a special role to play he mentioned. He discussed the scale of transformations in R & D with respect to national objectives and the nation building role of science as emerging paradigm for socio-economic uplift. Though the Gross Expenditure in R & D or Gross Expenditure per Full Time Equivalent meets global bench marks and R & D outputs per scientist is also high still it is essential to invest at least 2% of national GDP on R & D in the country. With the active involvement and participation of industrial sector and through Public Private Product partnership CSIR can play a crucial role in emerging space for science, technology and innovation in the new global economy, he mentioned. During his short visit on 16th May 2014, he had inaugurated the Common facility centre of weaving and textile product manufacturing at New Sonowal village, Mariani set up by CSTRI-NEIST centre in collaboration with Society for North East Handmade Paper Development, a NGO under a new and special initiative “Council of Science and Technology for Rural India (CSTRI)” funded by Department of Science & Technology. He also visited all the divisions of CSIR-NEIST and interacted with the scientists.



Padma Bhushan Dr T Ramasami, Former Secretary, DST and Director-General, CSIR delivering his lecture on “Research & Development in Nation Building- Role of CSIR: a perspective” on 16 May, 2014 at Dr J N Baruah Auditorium, CSIR-NEIST.



Members of staff of CSIR-NEIST attending the lecture.