

## **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.