

## CSIR-NEIST celebrated country's 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Day

Celebrating the country's 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with much zeal and excitement, CSIR-NEIST organized a brief function on 15 August, 2014. Held in front of the administrative block, the programme was attended by CSIR-NEIST staff members along with their families, students and teachers of NEIST Kendriya Vidyalaya who turned in large numbers to celebrate the country's historic day. Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST, inspected the guard of honour, followed by unfurling of the National flag and singing of the National anthem. Dr Ramaiah then took the salute of March past performed by CSIR-NEIST fraternity and NEIST-KV students. Delivering his address on the occasion, Dr Ramaiah recalled the vision, sacrifices and determination of our past leaders, freedom fighters and citizens which led to the country's independence and developments over its journey of 67 independent years. He appealed to one and all to renew their responsibilities as a citizen and continue to work for national integrity and communal harmony. Dr Ramaiah also gave a brief insight of the contribution of CSIR and particularly CSIR-NEIST for the cause of nation building over the years. He said that the Institute during the year 2013 and 2014 has worked significantly not only for the scientific and technological advancement but also played a major role in societal development. Citing some of the many achievements in 2013 to 2014, he said that the Institute received the CSIR technology award in 2013 for the fourth time continuously. He also informed that under the CSIR 800 visionary programme, the Institute aims to establish 8 tech villages in different remotest parts of the NE region to take the benefits of S&T to the people. He further appealed to all to continue their hard work and keep the Institute flag high. Later, as a part of the celebration, sweets were distributed to the children.



Left: Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST unfurling the National flag on 15 the August 2014 on the occasion of India's 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations at CSIR-NEIST. Right: Dr Ramaiah delivering his address on the occasion.