

## CSIR-NEIST observed Vigilance Awareness week

Like previous years, this year also CSIR-NEIST observed vigilance awareness week during 27-31 October, 2014 at its premises. A pledge taking ceremony was held on 27 October, 2014 wherein the Director, CSIR-NEIST administered pledge to all the staff members. Banners, posters, etc. were displayed and hung at various corners for awareness on the importance of vigilance, corruption free system, accountability and transparency in govt. offices. The occasion also included Slogan and Debate competitions among the staff members.



*Mr Pankaj Sharma, Wing Commander, Air Force, Jorhat delivering the valedictory lecture.*

The week-long programme concluded with a valedictory function held on 3 November, 2014 at Dr J N Baruah auditorium. Mr Pankaj Sharma, Wing Commander, Air Force, Jorhat graced the function as Chief Guest which was presided over by Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST. Mr J L Khongsai, Section Officer (R/V) & Coordinator of the programme in his welcome remarks mentioned that the Central Vigilance Commission, Govt. of India initiated the vigilance awareness week since 31 October, 2000 and the same has been followed in CSIR since then. This year, the theme has been 'Combating Corruption, Technology as an Enabler', he further informed. Mr Vikram Singh, Administrative Officer gave brief introduction of the Chief Guest to the audience.

Delivering the valedictory lecture, Mr Pankaj said that in recent times, maximum air time has been occupied by corruption news and reports so also uprising of various movements across the country against corruption. Corruption is a global phenomena and India has been plagued by this disease since ancient times, he opined. In his lecture, he spoke in detail about vigilance, its administration, functions of CVOs, mechanisms to enforce rules and procedures, irregularities in contracts/tenders, irregularities in evaluation of tenders and initiatives that can be taken up to bring in more transparency and awareness among the people. Sharing his message on the day, he emphasized to take technology as a boon and use it to the maximum to curb corruption at every organization.

In his presidential remarks, Dr Ramaiah, appealed to all to be vigilant and spiritual in all spheres of their lives. He encouraged all to take responsibility to be self accountable to the society and the nation in general. Let us all strive for implementing technology and take advantage of IT to bring effective transparency to the system, he opined. On the occasion, prizes were distributed to the winners of the Slogan and Debate competitions by the Chief Guest. The function concluded with vote of thanks offered by Mr J L Khongsai.