

## **CSIR-NEIST CELEBRATED NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DAY 2015**

CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology celebrated National Technology Day 2015 on 11 May, 2015 with a well charted out programme. Shri P Padmanabhan, Managing Director, Numaligarh Refinery Ltd., Numaligarh graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Dr N N Dutta, Chancellor, Assam down town University was present as Guest of Honour. The programme was presided over by Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST wherein invitees, important personalities from Academia, Industry and Press & Media besides CSIR-NEIST fraternity attended in large number.

Delivering the Technology Day lecture before a packed auditorium, Shri Padmanabhan emphasized the power of technology in revolutionizing the world and improving the quality of lives. He mentioned that, technology is something which makes us do things differently for the benefit of the people/society. In this line, he urged the people to introspect and understand its proper use while citing instances of its misappropriation by the very human kind. Being from an oil industry sector, he mentioned some of the various challenges faced by the oil sector and said that it is not a technologically evolved industry unlike other industries such as Electronics, IT, etc. while hazards is also of high concern in the oil sector. In his message, he urged the scientists, technologists and all researchers to be more humanitarian, inquisitive and a good human being. Following the lecture, Shri Padmanabhan addressed various queries and questions from the audience ranging from technical to environmental issues concerning oil industries.

Addressing the occasion, Dr Dutta spoke about the technological advancements made in Medical Science which have made so many sophisticated diagnostics, surgeries, etc. possible today. From advanced MRI, CT scan, Endoscope to technology applications in Stereotactic surgery are some notable developments over the years, he said. Dr Dutta also further laid emphasis on the importance to develop technologies for benefit of the people.

Earlier, Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST gave opening remarks and introduced the Chief Guest to the audience. He spoke in brief about the significance of the day and mentioned the importance of S&T for inclusive growth. Dr R C Boruah, Outstanding Scientist, CSIR-NEIST delivered the welcome address and briefly spoke about the Institute and its contribution in the field of S&T.

Dr S B Wann, Principal Scientist, CSIR-NEIST introduced the Guest of Honour to the audience. The function concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Dr H P Deka Baruah, Head-Biotechnology Division & Coordinator of the function.

As a part of the celebrations, the Institute observed 'Open day' during 9.00 am to 12.00 pm for the visit of students and general public.



*Shri P Padmanabhan, Managing Director, NRL, Numaligarh delivering the Technology Day Lecture as Chief Guest. Other dignitaries on the dais seen are (from left), Dr R C Boruah, Outstanding Scientist, CSIR-NEIST; Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST and Dr N N Dutta, Chancellor, Assam down town University & Guest of Honour.*