

## CSIR-NEIST CELEBRATED 56<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDATION DAY

CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology, the premier institute of CSIR in the North East India celebrated its 56<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day with a special function at Dr J N Baruah Auditorium. Padma Bhushan Dr T Ramasami, former Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Director, Dr D Ramaiah welcomed the gathering and expressed gratitude to the founding fathers of the institute and congratulated all for the achievement of the institute. He introduced the Chief Guest Dr T Ramasami as a technologist-turned-scientist and a scientist-turned-civil servant and paid glowing tributes for his immense contribution in fostering R&D.

Padma Bhusan Dr T Ramasami in his Foundation Day Lecture on “Triple Helix of Excellence, Relevance and Sustenance” held the audience spellbound. Elaborating on the difference in grammar of sustenance, excellence and relevance and their interdependence he drew parallel from the triple helix structure of collagen. He went on to elucidate with examples of Dr C V Raman, Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. International sustaining Institutes of legacy and repute, Madame Curie, Michael Faraday, Sir J C Bose, Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore and inspired the young by drawing attention to the fact that sustenance can be achieved only with inspiration, aspiration and perspiration. On the occasion, ‘Highlights 2016-17’ of CSIR-NEIST was released by the Chief Guest. The employees who retired during 2016-17 were honored with silver plaques. Also, ‘Certificates of Appreciation’ were awarded to employees for exemplary performance in different categories during 2016-17. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Pinaki Sengupta, Chief Scientist & Head-MSTD Division. Earlier before the function, the Chief Guest laid the foundation stone for “Centre for Advanced Civil Engineering Research” at CSIR-NEIST premises. As a part of the celebration, the Institute also observed ‘Open Day’ wherein a large number of visitors including students visited the Institute.

Later on the day, Dr T Ramasami attended the ‘Weaving Cluster Beneficiaries Meet’ at *Common Facility Centre on Textile and Weaving Products Manufacturing* of CSIR-NEIST set up in association with the NGO, SNEHPAD at New Sonowal Gaon, Mariani supported by DST, Govt. of India. Mr Dipankar Neog, Scientist & Coordinator of the Centre, CSIR-NEIST presented the activities and progresses made by the Centre since its inauguration in May, 2014 by Dr T Ramasami. During his interaction, Dr Ramasami urged to find out the socio-economic impact in terms of per capita income of the people covered under the cluster and explore opportunities to increase the production against market size available locally and outside.

### **Glimpses of the Foundation Day Celebration Programme**



(From left) Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST; Padma Bhushan Dr T Ramasami, former Secretary, DST, Govt. of India and former DG-CSIR & Chief Guest of the function; and Dr P Sengupta, Chief Scientist.



Dr T Ramasami delivering the 56<sup>th</sup> CSIR-NEIST Foundation Day Lecture.



Release of 'Highlights 2016-17' by the Chief Guest, Dr T Ramasami, during the function.



Foundation Stone Laying of "Centre for Advanced Civil Engineering Research" by Dr T Ramasami at CSIR-NEIST.



Padma Bhushan Dr T Ramasami addressing the Beneficiaries at New Sonowal Gaon, Mariani.



A section of Beneficiaries along with CSIR-NEIST staff attending the Beneficiaries Meet.