

CSIR-NEIST holds all-India event for research scholars

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JORHAT, Jan 30: Research scholars from 37 Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) centres across the country congregated at the North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST) at Puliabor here for a three-day event christened as 'Gyantarang 2020'.

A CSIR-NEIST press note stated that the event was aimed at bringing together research scholars of the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) functioning under CSIR from all across the country to brainstorm mainly on the 17 sustainable development goals identified by the United Nations.

The idea behind organising the event is to bridge a connect between the young scientific minds from all over the country for achieving scientific excellence through a rapport building that will facilitate exchange of knowledge, information and construction of robust scientific notions, goals and strategies, the note mentioned.

Director CSIR-NEIST, Dr G Narahari Sastry, while delivering the welcome address at the inaugural function of the event, elaborated on the idea of having interdisciplinary research to address the 17 UN sustainable development goals and the significance of having such an event to facilitate the cause.

Dr Sastry said that organizing brainstorming sessions among the research scholars was expected to lead towards more of applied-oriented research, which will be holistic in nature and fruitful to address societal problems.

The Director recommended a group of 13 AcSIR research scholars of CSIR-NEIST who spent three days in local villages of Jorhat and took stock of the health and local societal issues of the rural masses to address them through their PhD research objectives, the note stated.

Director of AcSIR, Dr RS Sangwan, in his opening remarks, narrated the very basic idea of instituting AcSIR in the country. Dr Sangwan elucidated on the importance of having large number of PhDs in the country and said that the fundamental difference of obtaining a PhD under AcSIR from rest of the institutes is the social relevance of the thesis which is one of the mandatory criteria, the note stated.

This was followed by a Satriya dance performance by the research scholars of CSIR-NEIST.

Thereafter, two keynote lectures were delivered by Dr B Gopalan, CEO and Executive Director, IICT, Hyderabad and Dr Sanjay Kumar, Director, IHBT, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh.

NCC training camp: A 10-day Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) for about 350 NCC cadets



Dignitaries and AcSIR (CSIR-NEIST) student performers pose for a group photograph in the inaugural function of Gyantarang 2020 at CSIR-NEIST in Jorhat recently. – Photo: Wasim Rahman

was inaugurated on January 20 by Brigadier AK Borah, (VSM), Group Commander, NCC Group, Jorhat, in the presence of Camp Commandant Colonel SK Mishra at NCC Academy at Garmur outskirts of Jorhat.

Addressing the cadets, Brigadier Borah spoke about the objectives of the camp and its significance in terms of

collective training and inculcating virtues of discipline. He said that the training aims to inculcate team spirit, discipline and self dependence in the young cadets. It may be mentioned here that CATC is meant to impart collective training to NCC cadets as well as to give them first hand exposure to camp life with frugal living.