

20th Dr JN Baruah Memorial Lecture held at CSIR-NEIST

“The next major step towards sustainable development is to improve the value of our products and services per unit of natural resources employed” remarked Dr PS Ahuja, Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) today. As a Chief Guest in the 20th Dr JN Baruah Memorial Lecture on “My Tryst with Plant Research”, he mentioned the need of translational research for the Industry, Society and Environment as per the main Ethos of CSIR. “CSIR-NEIST is known for translational research for the industry and society and with focused goal, the laboratory will contribute more in future” opined by Dr Sudeep Kumar, Head, PPD, CSIR and Guest of Honour of the programme. The lecture was held on 2nd September 2014 in the honour and fond memory of Late Dr JN Baruah, former Director of CSIR-NEIST and an educationist at Dr JN Baruah Auditorium, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat. The lecture was organized by Dr JN Baruah Memorial Trust, Jorhat, Assam Science Society, Jorhat Branch in collaboration with CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology, Jorhat for spreading the awareness of Science and Technology and to motivate the young students to take up science as a career and to encourage the scientific research in biology and chemistry in the NER. The programme was largely attended by the galaxy of the renowned scientists and prominent personalities of the region viz., Dr PS Ahuja, Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST, Dr Sudeep Kumar, Dr RC Boruah, Outstanding Scientist, Mr UC Borah, President of Dr JN Baruah Memorial Trust and Assam Science Society, Jorhat, members of Late Dr JN Baruah Memorial Trust, family members of Late Dr JN Baruah, fraternity of CSIR-NEIST both old and present, members of Assam Science Society. The programme started with the welcome address delivered by Dr RC Boruah, followed by the presentation of the focal areas of the activity of the Late Dr JN Baruah Memorial Trust by Dr JCS Katakya, former president, Assam Science Society, Guwahati. The Memorial Lecture programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp and paying homage to the portrait of Late Dr JN Baruah by the dignitaries along with brief remarks by Dr D Ramaiah. Dr RL Bezbaruah, Scientist, CSIR-NEIST read the brief resume of late Dr JN Baruah and Dr PJ Chetia, Secretary, Assam Science Society, Jorhat branch read the brief biodata of Dr Ahuja, DG, CSIR and Chief Guest of the programme. Prof Latha Rangan, Biotechnology Division, IIT-Guwahati and Ms. Smitashki Goswami, Salt Brook Academy, Dibrugarh were conferred respectively the Dr JN Baruah memorial award in Biological Sciences for the work “Tapping *Zingiberaceae*: Wilderness to Gene Mining” and JN Baruah Student Fellowship for securing more than 96% marks in HSSLC Exam of SEVA Board by the Chief Guest on behalf of the trust. Ms Papor Saikia, a student of Higher Secondary Science was conferred the JN Baruah Student Fellowship for the second year grant. Dr Ahuja, the Chief Guest and Dr Sudeep Kumar, the Guest of Honour were felicitated by Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST. In their lectures Dr Manash Protim Baruah, son of late JN Baruah and Mr UC Borah mentioned the success of the programme in the NE India. The programme ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr SP Saikia General Secretary, Dr JN Baruah Memorial Trust and Scientist, CSIR-NEIST. The programme ended with a grand success.



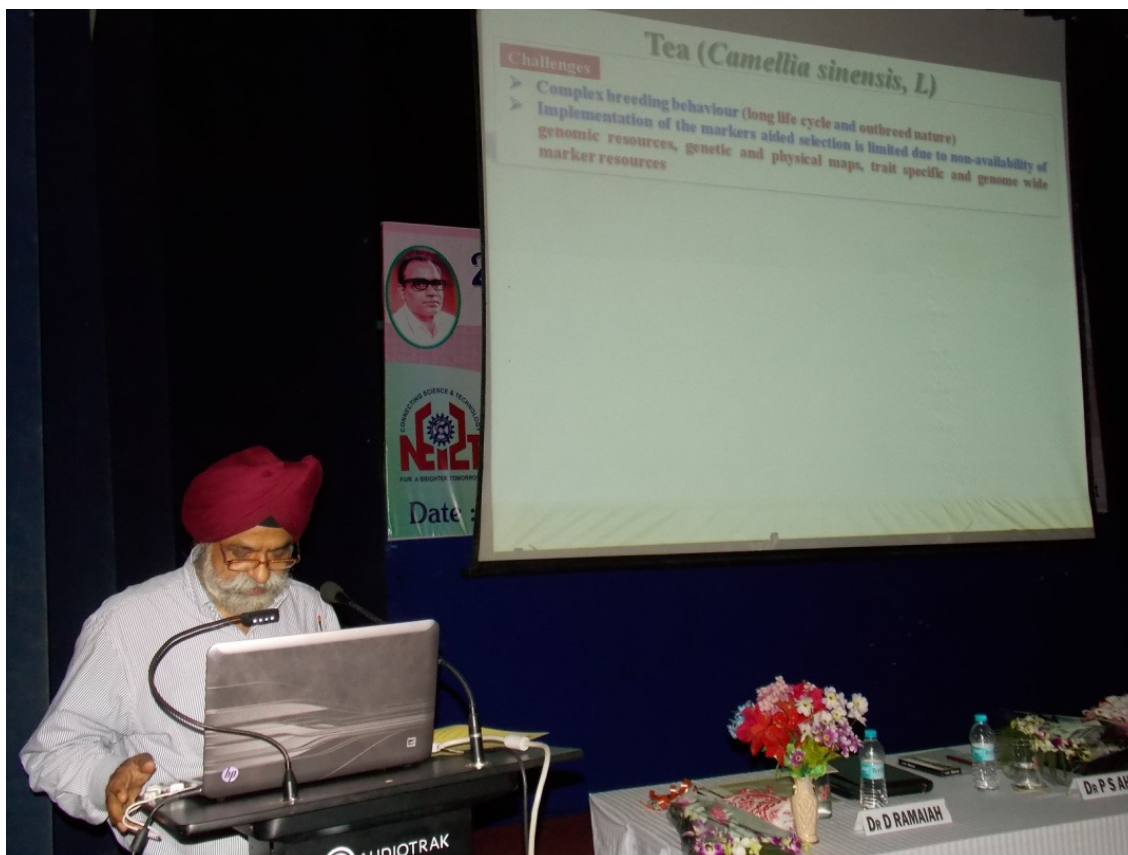
Dr PS Ahuja, DG, CSIR and Chief Guest lighting the lamp while inaugurating 20th Dr JN Baruah Memorial Lecture at CSIR-NEIST on 2nd Sept 2014 (from left Mr UC Borah, former Scientist, Dr PS Ahuja, Dr RC Boruah, Outstanding Scientist, Dr Sudeep Kumar, Head, PPD, CSIR, Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST).



Dr PS Ahuja, DG, CSIR and Chief Guest offering homage to the photograph of Late Dr JN Baruah on the occasion of 20th Dr JN Baruah Memorial Lecture at CSIR-NEIST on 2nd Sept 2014.



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Dr PS Ahuja, DG, CSIR and Chief Guest delivering 20th Dr JN Baruah Memorial Lecture at CSIR-NEIST on 2nd Sept 2014.