

21st Dr JN Baruah Memorial Lecture held

CSIR-NEIST organized the 21st Dr J N Baruah Memorial Lecture jointly with Dr J N Baruah Memorial Trust and Assam Science Society (Jorhat branch) in association with DKD College, Dergaon (Golaghat, Assam) on 1 September, 2015. The programme is held annually in honour and fond memory of Late Dr J N Baruah, Former Director of CSIR-NEIST and also an eminent scientist and educationist from Assam who contributed significantly in science popularization among the students.

Prof Santanu Bhattacharya, Director, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered the Memorial Lecture. The function was presided over by Dr R C Boruah, Former Outstanding Scientist, CSIR-NEIST & President, Assam Science Society (Jorhat branch). Shri S R Medhi, Director (Technical), Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Numaligarh (Golghat) was present as Guest of Honour.

Delivering the Lecture on his chosen topic, 'Natural Science and Scientists, Prof Bhattacharyya spoke very vividly about who can be a scientist and how one can become a scientist. His lecture greatly inspired the students to pursue science as a career while highlighting on the need of scientists and scientific research in the country.

In his brief address, Shri S R Medhi stressed on strengthening and building strong relation between research/academic Institutions and industries which he said is the need of the hour. The programme was attended by a galaxy of scientists, students, researchers and prominent personalities of Jorhat town including members from Late Dr JN Baruah Memorial Trust, family members of Late Dr JN Baruah and members from CSIR-NEIST, Assam Science Society and DKD college. The welcome address was delivered by Dr R K Bordoloi, Principal, DKD College. Dr J C S Katakya, Former President, Assam Science Society, Guwahati spoke about the Memorial Trust and said that the Trust is dedicated to conferring awards, student fellowships, publication, providing support to research activities in the area of biological and chemical sciences in the region. The Memorial Lecture programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp and paying homage to the portrait of Late Dr J N Baruah by the dignitaries along with brief remarks by Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST. Dr R L Bezbaruah, Chief Scientist, CSIR-NEIST spoke about Late Dr J N Baruah and his contribution to science while Er R Bhuyan, Secretary, Assam Science Society, Jorhat branch introduced the Chief Guest to the audience. Mr Rabishankar Bhattacharyya and Mr Santanu Bordoloi were conferred the Dr J N Baruah Student Fellowship and one-time cash assistance in the memory of Dr J N Baruah for securing more than 96% marks in HSSLC Exam of SEVA Board from a family with monthly income less than Rs. 5000/month by the Chief Guest on behalf of the Trust. Ms. Smitashki Goswami, a student of higher secondary science was conferred the J N Baruah Student Fellowship as second year grant. In their lectures Ms Manashi Baruah Sarmah, daughter of Late Dr JN Baruah and Dr R C Boruah mentioned the relevance, utility and success of the programme in the NE India. The programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr S P Saikia, Scientist, CSIR-NEIST & Secretary, Dr J N Baruah Memorial Trust.

Glimpses



Lighting of the inaugural lamp and homage to the portrait of Late Dr J N Baruah by the dignitaries.



Left: Dignitaries on the dais (from left), Dr R K Bordoloi, Principal, DKD College; Prof Santanu Bhattacharyya, Director, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata; Dr R C Boruah, Former Outstanding Scientist, CSIR-NEIST & President, Assam Science Society (Jorhat branch); Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST and Shri S R Medhi, Director, (Technical), NRL, Numaligarh. Right: Prof Bhattacharyya delivering the 21st Dr J N Baruah Memorial Lecture.



A section of audience attending the programme.