

PRESS NOTE

CSIR-NORTH EAST INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CSIR-NEIST)

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Today, CSIR-NEIST has celebrated National Technology Day 2020 by focusing the national priority i.e. rebooting the economy through S&T with a number of activities in the campus, mostly virtually. In the morning, the programme was started with plantation of about 300 indigenous plants at NEIST Ecological Park where Dr. G. Narahari Sastry, Director, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat; Dr. K Karthikeyan, CEO, NEATEHUB (AIC-AAU); Dr. Danish Tamuly, Director on Board of NEATEHUB (AIC-AAU), and other employees have participated. By considering the need of the hour, the CSIR-NEIST has taken its first step towards post COVID-19 fight to rebuild the economy by celebrating National Technology Day in a way to create awareness on different aspects of social entrepreneurship for self-reliance in coming days. The formal meeting was started with the welcome speech by Dr. Jatin Kalita, Principal Scientist & Head, RPBD division of CSIR NEIST, in presence of about 10 aspirant women entrepreneurs from the NEIST colony and online participation of the employees and entrepreneurs across the state through MS Teams & Jitsi Meet. Addressing the participants, Dr. G. Narahari Sastry, the Director, CSIR NEIST has mentioned that CSIR-NEIST will step out to reach about 500 villages of NE through various endeavors of CSIR-AROMA Mission, Rural Women Technology park, STINER programme and other skill development programs of the institute to help innovation and entrepreneurship with post-COVID-19 situation as a part of institute's resolution "Revitalizing NEIST for Strengthening Northeast".

Dr. Tamuly has delivered his speech by describing the importance of social entrepreneurship which is generally based on the social, cultural and environmental need of society to cope with the post COVID-19 situation in the country. He also mentioned about the importance of innovative ideas in making profitable business with some suitable examples.

Dr. Karthikeyan, in his speech mentioned about the changing scenario of business procedures, marketing along with the currently available facilities in NEATEHUB (AIC-AAU) and assured the participants to provide helping hand in all possible ways.

Dr. Mantu Bhuyan, Principal Investigator of STINER-Hub at NEIST also presented the scope and opportunities for the budding entrepreneurs in the form of technical support, training, incubation, etc. The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Kalyani Medhi, Senior Scientist, CSIR NEIST.

At 4:00 PM, Dr. G. Narahari Sastry, the Director, CSIR NEIST has delivered the National Technology Day Lecture on "Role of Science and Technology in the times of War, Pandemics and Natural Disasters" which was attended virtually by about 280 participants including students from 4 different KVs viz. Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 3 RRL Jorhat, Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1 AFS Jorhat, Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 ONGC Jorhat and Kendriya Vidyalaya, Khanapara along with the employees of CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat.

