

CSIR-NEIST celebrated CSIR Platinum Jubilee Foundation Day 2016



Left: Padma Shri Prof Goverdhan Mehta, FNA, FRS, President of International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry delivering CSIR Foundation Day Lecture at CSIR-NEIST. Right: Prof Goverdhan Mehta inaugurating the Experimental Animal House.

CSIR-NEIST celebrated the 75th Foundation Day of its apex body, CSIR with a 3-day program at its premise during 24-26 September, 2016. Established in 1942, the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research today has a pan-India presence with 38 constituent laboratories spread across the country. This annual event is marked by technology awards, felicitation of the employees, award of special fellowships/scholarships to science students, etc. This year, the event carried a special significance as it marked the beginning of the year-long Platinum Jubilee celebration of CSIR. The event held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi was graced by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India & President, CSIR wherein he released 7 new plant varieties developed by CSIR labs and further interacted with farmers assembled in five different locations across the country. This was supported through live telecast by Doordarshan. Hon'ble PM also visited the exhibition of CSIR held on the occasion, accompanied by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences & Vice President CSIR; Shri Y S Chowdary, Honorable Minister of State for Ministry of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Government of India and Dr Girish Sahni, Director-General, CSIR. Later, in the Foundation Day function held at Plenary Hall, he addressed a galaxy of scientists, dignitaries from various govt. establishments, research scholars and students.

At CSIR-NEIST, an 'Open Day' was observed on 24 September, 2016 wherein about 150 students and general public visited the Institute. The following day on 25 September, a special function was held at Dr J N Baruah auditorium wherein Padma Shri Prof Goverdhan Mehta, FNA, FRS, President of International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry graced the function as Chief Guest and delivered the Foundation Day Lecture on the topic, "Dimensionality of Chemistry: A Science for Global Sustainability in the 21st Century". Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST presided over the function wherein dignitaries, invitees, eminent personalities from in and around Jorhat district, along with CSIR-NEIST fraternity attended the function. It is worthwhile to mention that Prof Goverdhan inaugurated the Experimental Animal House and modernized RRL Nursery School at CSIR-NEIST campus besides interacting with the scientists during his visit. On 26 September, 2016, 'Kisan Mela' was organized at experimental farm, CSIR-NEIST wherein Dr K M Bujarbaruah, Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat attended as Chief Guest and handed over the saplings of Citronella and Lemon grass released by the Hon'ble PM to two progressive farmers. The farmers then interacted with the Hon'ble PM which was telecast live by Doordarshan. Other dignitaries present in the function were Shri Swapan Saikia, AFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat and Shri Birendra Nath Sharma, District Agriculture Officer, Jorhat. About 500 farmers/beneficiaries of CSIR-NEIST participated in the fair wherein free

saplings of Citronella and Lemon grass were distributed to them.



Left: Dr K M Bujarbaruah, Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat handing over the saplings of Citronella and Lemon grass to the farmers. Right: Farmers attending the Kisan Mela and interactive program with Hon'ble PM on 26.09.2016.



Interactive session of the farmers at CSIR-NEIST experimental farm with Hon'ble PM through Doodarshan live telecast.