## CSIR-NEIST to Setup COVID-19 Testing Laboratory in Collaboration with Air Force Hospital, Jorhat

CSIR-NEIST in collaboration with 5 Air Force Hospital Jorhat is going to establish a COVID-19 Testing Laboratory. Dr G Narahari Sastry, Director, CSIR-NEIST has informed that they have taken an initiative in collaboration with Air Force Hospital, Airforce Station, Jorhat to develop a COVID-19 testing facility to offer diagnostic services for the public. A team of scientists led by Director, CSIR-NEIST and Air Commodore Dr S Bhargava along with Doctors & officials of 5 Air Force Hospital had a joint meeting on 15 April 2020 and finalized the infrastructural and logistical aspects at Airforce Hospital, Jorhat for the soon to be opened COVID-19 testing facility. CSIR-NEIST will not only provide the equipment and diagnostic kit reagent supports, but also facilitate the Air Force Hospital staffs to conduct the testing. CSIR-NEIST and Air Force staff will actively participate in conducting the testing under stipulated regulatory guidelines and with close association of authorities of the North Eastern States. Dr G. Narahari Sastry, Director of CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat also informed that they are also jointly working to open up 101 bedded makeshift hospital for treatment of COVID-19 patient. A team of expert engineering scientist is in the process of developing innovative economic patient friendly hospital design to meet up the need in the event of escalating emergency.



CSIR-NEIST team led by the Director, Dr G Narahari Sastry with officials of Air Force Hospital Jorhat.

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