

## Workshop on Science Communication held at CSIR-NEIST

CSIR-NEIST in association with Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance organized one-day Science Communication workshop on 03 February 2020 at its premise. The workshop was held with an aim to help Ph D scholars, young post docs and students in their early stage of science career develop skills for effective science communication through an interactive platform where they can discuss with peers and mentors about various issues pertaining to scientific research and career advancement. Dr Hina Lateef Nizami and Dr Yukti Arora, Communications & Public Engagement Officers and Dr Maheswar Reddy Gummalla and Dr Syed Asraffuzzaman, Grants Advisers from DBT India Alliance deliberated on key subjects such as Research Ethics, Manuscript Writing, Presentation Skills, Impressive CV (Curriculum Vitae) writing, Tips for Interview and Research Proposal writing. The workshop also included a session wherein various funding opportunities of India Alliance were discussed in detail by Dr Asraffuzzaman. Addressing the participants on the occasion, Dr G Narahari Sastry, Director, CSIR-NEIST pointed out that science should be accessible to everyone and this can be achieved when scientists learn how to communicate or disseminate their research findings effectively for the benefit of not only scientific community but a broader audience comprising non-science and common people. He also emphasized the various ethical issues and the moral responsibilities that come together in the process of research and communication. The workshop was attended by 98 students mostly Ph D scholars from CSIR-NEIST, Tezpur University, Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Tea Research Association (TRA), Assam Agricultural University (AAU) and Jorhat Medical College. The participants showed keen interest and actively participated in all the sessions with questions, response and feedback.



Dr G Narahari Sastry, Director, CSIR-NEIST addressing the participants on the occasion



Dr Hina Lateef Nizami, Communications & Public Engagement Officer, discussed research ethics and introduction to science communication



Dr Maheswar Reddy Gummalla, Grants Adviser, discussed about manuscript writing



Dr Yukti Arora, Communications & Public Engagement Officer speaking on Presentation Skills. She also shared tips for making impressive CV and interview



Dr Syed Asraffuzzaman, Grants Adviser spoke about Grant and Fellowship writing.



Participants of the workshop with Dr G Narahari Sastry, Director, CSIR-NEIST and officials from both CSIR-NEIST and DBT India Alliance

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