

Director's Address on New Year's Day

Dr PG Rao, Director, NEIST-Jorhat addressed the NEIST staff members on 1st January, 2010 and wished them all and their family members happy, prosperous and healthy new year. He appealed to the staff members to begin the journey into 2010 with a positive attitude and rededicate themselves for achieving the unfulfilled dreams and plans of the previous year and dedicate themselves to achieve higher targets this year. He declared the year 2010 as the 'Year of Achievement'. He mentioned that the year 2009 has been a rewarding one with improvement in the publication quality and infrastructure. He also stressed and emphasized that today it is necessary to do quality and cutting edge research in the field of Agriculture, Health, Energy and Human Resource Development.

Talk Delivered

Dr BG Unni, Scientist G

- *Juvenile Hormone Biosynthesis in Insects: Is it regulated by Neuropeptides or Chemical factors?* on 12 December, 2009 in the International Conference on Neuroscience held at Cochin University of Science & Technology, Cochin, Kerala during 12-14 December, 2009 organized by Society of Neurochemistry, India with ISN, APSN and IBRO
- *Molecular and functional properties of Biomolecules from insects, plants and microbes* on 11 December, 2009 in the 19th Swadeshi Science Congress held at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala during 10-11 December, 2009. He was also member of the Panel for the "Students-Scientists meet" session

Dr DK Dutta, Scientist F

Montmorillonite clay based matrix supports for catalytic applications at Tezpur University in the 14th National Workshop on Catalysis on 22 December, 2009.

Seminar/Workshop/Meeting Attended

Dr PG Rao, Director, NEIST attended meeting with Chief Engineer, State PWD and Hon'ble Minister of Govt of Tripura and Reviewed progress of Quality Control Centre, Agartala on 4 January, 2010

Dr RC Boruah, Scientist G attended the DST-

INSPIRE programme organized by Nagaland University, Lumami, Mokukchung, Nagaland on 8 December, 2009.

Mr Chandan Tamuly, Scientist in-charge attended the National Seminar on "Agro-forestry for Socio economic Development of NE region" on 11-12 December, 2009 organized by Dept. of Forestry NERIST, Nirjuli Arunachal Pradesh and presented the paper "*Cultivation of aromatic plant towards sustainable development of tribal people of A.P.*" authored by Sanjeev Saikia, Chandan Tamuly, Budhen C. Baruah & Jayanta Bora.

Ms Yelena Kakoty and Ms Basab Rani, Research students, NEIST attended the Golden Jubilee Annual Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India at National Chemical Laboratory, Pune from 16-18 December, 2009

Honours/Recognition

Dr RC Boruah, Scientist G inaugurated and chaired the Technical Session-I of National Seminar on 'Environment Degradation and Sustainable Development' organized by Sonari College, Sonari on 4 December, 2010

Dr BG Unni, Scientist G

- nominated to review a research paper for the *Journal of Developmental Tissue Engineering*, Academic press journals.
- nominated as a Editorial Board Member for the *Journal of Developmental Tissue Engineering* by Academic press
- nominated as a Judge for the selection of T. Desiraju award for the best oral presentation (Young scientist Colloquium) at the International Conference on Neuroscience organized by Society of Neuro Chemistry India with ISN, APSN and IBRO held at Cochin University of Science & Technology, Cochin, Kerala, 13 December, 2009
- nominated as Sectional Recorder and judge for the poster section of research papers for the New Biology section at the 97th Indian Science Congress, jointly organized by ISRO & University of Kerala, Trivandrum Kerala from 4-7 January, 2010.

Dr BP Baruah, Scientist has been listed as reviewer for *Journal of Hazardous Material* (Elsevier publication)