

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



Left : Address by the Director  
Top : Participants of Parade

The Republic Day was celebrated with much enthusiasm on Monday the 26 January, 2010. Held in front of the Administrative Building in the morning hours. The Director Dr PG Rao was accorded the Guard of Honour by the NEIST Security staff which was followed by unfurling of the national tricolour in the presence of NEIST fraternity followed by the National Anthem. This year special attraction on the was the republic day parade in which besides the NEIST Security staff there was participation by the female research scholars of NEIST and Students of KVS, NEIST. After the parade the director addressed the gathering on this momentous day. As part of the celebration sweets were distributed to children residing in NEIST campus and to the NEIST Staff members.

## Workshop for faculties of Schools & College held at NEIST

The North East Institute of Science & Technology, Jorhat is organizing a 2 day workshop for the knowledge enhancement of the college and school teachers of the nearby area during 28-29 January 2010. This workshop is being held under the CSIR scheme '*Faculty training and motivation and adoption of schools and colleges by CSIR labs*'. The inaugural function of the workshop was held at NEIST conference hall under the presidentship of Dr PG Rao, Director, NEIST-Jorhat. Welcoming the invited trainees and the faculty for the course, Dr Rao said that this programme has been initiated by the CSIR on the advice of various committees who felt the need for scientific manpower development in the country which could be done by updating the knowledge of the teachers. He said the main aim of the scheme is adoption of two colleges by every CSIR lab and to continuously monitor and support their growth

through such trainings and help in infrastructure development. He informed that NEIST on its own has been encouraging such awareness and motivational activities for students and teachers alike and till date over 25000 students have benefited from visiting research departments of NEIST and interacting with the scientists. The coordinator of the workshop Dr L Nath, Head, Human Resource Development, NEIST outlined the different activities to be conducted under the programme. He informed that there will be interactions of trainee teachers with the scientists along with various lectures which will be given by eminent scientists of NEIST and faculties invited from Dibrugarh University and College of Veterinary Sciences- Guwahati. The lectures on the topics like '*Biodiversity*' by Dr TC Bora, Scientist, NEIST, '*Bioinformatics*' by Prof P Borah of College of Veterinary Science, Guwahati, '*Entomology*' by Dr M Bhuyan, Scientist, NEIST, '*Plant biotechnology*' by Dr BS Bhau, Scientist, NEIST, '*Cell biology*' by Prof RN Singh Yadav, of Dibrugarh University and '*Cytogenetics*' by Prof PK Baruah of Dibrugarh University are going to be delivered. A total of 32 participants from 4 colleges namely NN Saikia College, Titabar, Bahona College, Jorhat, DKD College, Deragaon and DR College, Golaghat and 1 school KV, NEIST, Jorhat attended the workshop. The workshop is expected to widen and update the knowledge of the teachers and students and to motivate them to pursue scientific careers. NEIST will continue to hold similar workshops in future also.

## Honours/Recognition

Dr BG Unni, Scientist G was nominated as a judge for the poster section of research papers and as chairman to chair the Life Sciences section at the International conference (ICCE- 2009) organised by the International Conference of Chemistry and Environment (ICCE-2009) jointly with PACON Chemical Society of Thailand and Ubon ratchathani University, at Convention center, Sunnee Grandt Hotel Thailand 21-23 January, 2010

## Farewell

The following members of the staff have retired from Council's service either on attaining the age of superannuation with the effective dates shown:  
1) Dr TC Sharma, Scientist Gr IV(6), w.e.f., 31.01.10  
2) Dr AK Neog, Scientist Gr IV(4), w.e.f., 31.01.10