

CSIR-UNB MoU for mutual cooperation



Exchange of MoU documents by Shri P.K. Ghosh, Finance Officer, UNB and Dr Naresh Kumar, Head, RDPD, CSIR. Prof. A. Basumajumdar, VC, UNB, presided over the function

The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and the University of North Bengal (UNB), Siliguri – a state university endeavoring to provide quality education and research, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 27 November 2008. CSIR and UNB have complementary endowments in academics and advance research, and the MoU is to facilitate a working arrangement to jointly move forward and provide greater dynamism and value for the benefit of both the organizations. The MoU was signed by Dr Naresh Kumar, Head, RDPD, on behalf of CSIR, and by Shri P.K. Ghosh, Finance Officer, UNB, on behalf of UNB.

Initially, the cooperation programme is proposed to be implemented with participation of UNB and a few select CSIR laboratories, viz. CMERI, CFTRI, CGCRI, CMFRI, IICB, IIP, NCL, NEIST and NPL as UNB's specific interest is in the areas of Biotechnology, Materials, Physics, Chemistry, Petroleum (energy) and Food Technology. CSIR scientists shall extend teaching support by giving lectures on topics of their expertise and those matching with and the UNB course curriculum.

Initially, up to ten students in a year shall be allocated summer training opportunity at the select CSIR laboratories, where they shall also be extended use of CSIR facilities. The University of North Bengal shall extend its facilities to CSIR scientists and researchers on reciprocal basis. The UNB shall also accredit participating CSIR scientists for guiding research leading to Ph.D. degree. Under the MoU, University of North Bengal and CSIR will also explore areas of mutual cooperation through courses, etc.