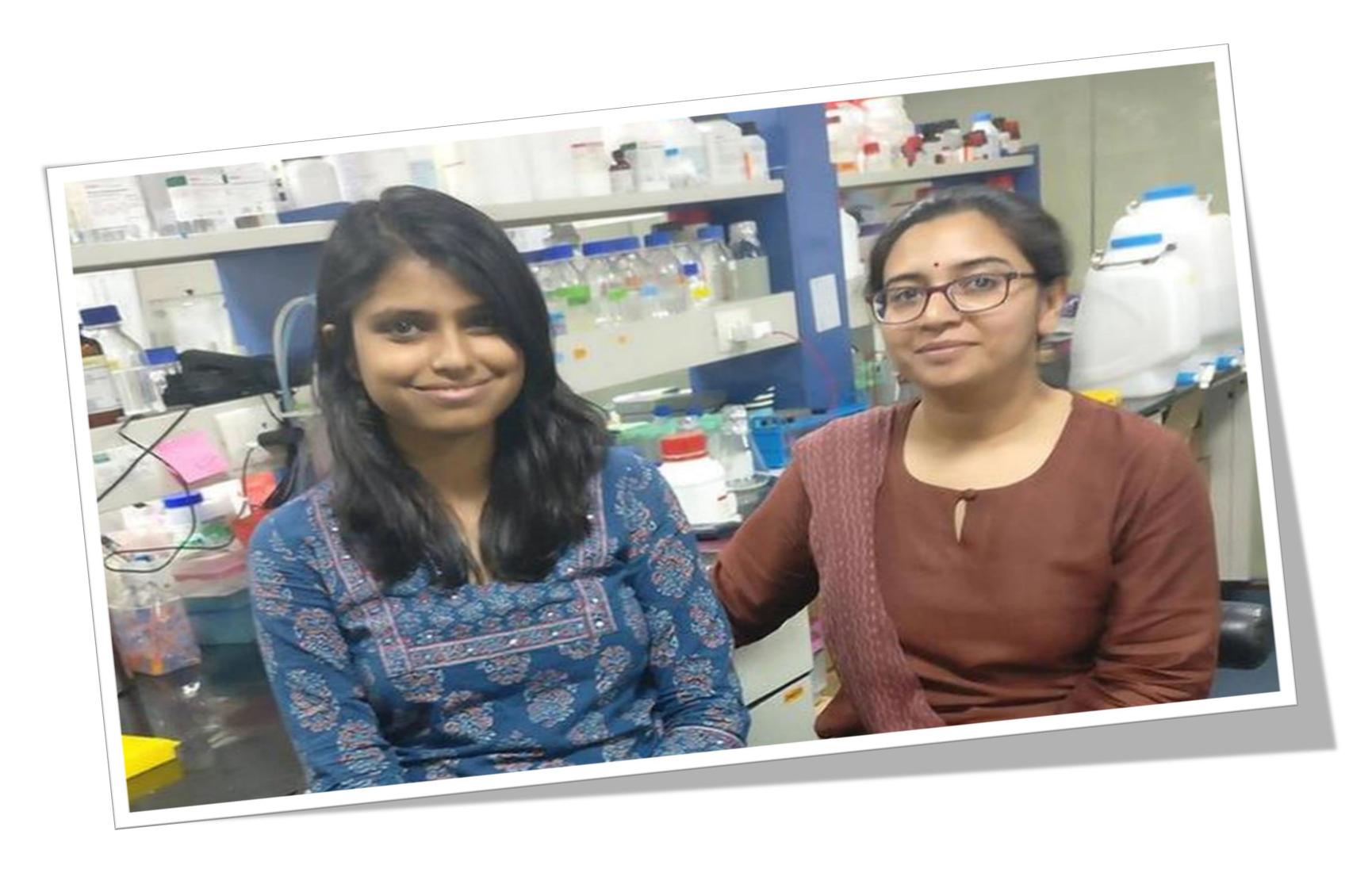
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CIMFR help for pollution report





Dhanbad: The civic body here has asked Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR) to help it prepare a report on land, air and water degradation to form the basis of a sustainable waste management plan for the coal town to be prepared by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). JICA is a government agency of Japan that provides support for economic and social development. Dhanbad is plagued by land, air and water pollution due to mining and related activities.

The report, which will mainly focus on air pollution, is being prepared as an outcome of

the recent talks between DMC authorities and JICA representatives during a global meet of urban local bodies held in Indore from April 9 to 12. Speaking to this correspondent on Thursday, Dhanbad mayor Chandra Shekhar Agarwal said, "JICA representatives took interest in the issues of land, air and water degradation due to mining and allied activities raised by me at the mayoral session of the Indore meet and offered their assistance," said Agarwal.

"We spoke to a panel of CIMFR scientists, which included V.K. Singh (business development and industrial liaison department) and Abhay Singh, Rajshekhar Singh, D.P.

Singh, Shailendra Singh and Shantanu Bhattacharya (all from CIMFR's natural resources and environmental division) on Wednesday and told them about the requirement of the report. They agreed to prepare it as soon as possible. If everything goes right we will forward the report to JICA by next week. It will help JICA prepare a sustainable waste solution for Dhanbad," said Agarwal. Sources in CIMFR said the DMC also sought its suggestions on the detailed project report for the upcoming mine pit water supply project jointly prepared by the civic body and utilities major Jamshedpur Utilities and Services





Company (JUSCO). The report has already been approved by DMC and forwarded to the government for cabinet approval. "The mine pit water supply project was widely appreciated by over 700 representatives of more than 106 local bodies from 41 countries who took part in the Indore meeting. Many of them also expressed their desire to implement the same in

their respective areas," said Agarwal.



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CSIR-IIIM holds awareness programme under Aroma Mission







Dr. Naved Qazi welcomed the guest and provided introduction to CSIR-IIIM. Dr. Sumeet Gairola gave detailed introduction about CSIR- Aroma Mission to the participants and thanked them on behalf of Director, CSIR-IIIM, Dr. Ram Vishwakarma. Dr. Parvaiz Qazi shared the details of aromatic crops suitable for Kishtwar District and said that Kishtwar is KISHTWAR: CSIR-Indian Institute of very suitable for temperate aromatic crops Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu 1**n** like Lavender, Rosemary, Salvia, etc. collaboration with J&K Senior Citizens He said that Director, CSIR-IIIM, Dr. Ram Council and Youth for Peace, Kishtwar on Vishwakarma is keen to see the cultivation Thursday conducted an awareness of these crops in Kishtwar and adjacent programme 'Catalysing Rural Employment areas at the earliest. Dr. V.P Rahul, Dr. P. through Cultivation, Processing, Value Sultan and Dr. Vikas Babu discussed about Addition and Marketing of Aromatic Plants' the agro technologies developed by CSIRunder CSIR-Aroma Mission at Dak Bunglow, IIIM. Research scholars from CSIR-IIIM, here. A team of scientists comprising of Dr. Anil Raina, Kanwaljeet Singh, Amit Kumar Parvaiz Qazi (IIIM Nodal, CSIR-Aroma and Shahnawaj Khaki also helped farmers Mission), Dr. Sumeet Gairola (IIIM Coto understand about the CSIR-Aroma Nodal, CSIR-Aroma Mission), Dr. V.P Rahul, Mission. Abdul Majeed Bichoo, State Dr. P. Sultan, Dr. Naveed Qazi and Dr. Vikas President, J&K Senior Citizens Council Babu interacted with a group of 300 farmers, facilitated the awareness programme and 200 students and over 200 other participants.





informed participants abut CSIR-Aroma Mission. Chief Guest of the programme Abrar Ahmad Choudhary, SSP Kishtwar pressed for the need of adopting new systems of farming with latest scientific interventions. Other dignitaries who attended programme were Abdul Salam Bhat, Manmohan Gupta, Riyaz Ahmad Zargar, Jagdish Raj, Ramesh Chandra Sen, Dr.

Ashiq Hussain, Advocate N.D Qazi and Showket Ashai.













किया जा रहा है। इसमें विद्यार्थियों को विज्ञान और तकनीक पर आधारित अपने विचार और डिजाइन्स को सीएसआईआर के साथ साझा करना होगा। इसमें भाग लेने के लिए प्रतिभागी को हिंदी या अंग्रेजी भाषा में अपने द्वारा की गई नई खोज के बारे में 1000 शब्दों में लिखकर आवेदन करना है। अपना आवेदन 31 मई 2018 तक ciasc.ipu@niscair.res.in पर ईमेल करना होगा अथवा इस पते, हेड इनोवेशन प्रोटेक्शन यूनिट-सीएसआईआर, एन आई एससीएआई आर बिल्डिंग, 14, सत्संग विहार मार्ग, स्पेशल इंडस्ट्रियल एरिया, नई दिल्ली-110067 पर पंजीकृत डाक या कोरियर के माध्यम से भी भेज सकते हैं। प्रतिभागी को अपना नाम, पता, कक्षा, जन्मतिथि, खोज का नाम

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Young innovators display projects the future







departments on the second floor of the college. The projects included driver assisted autonomous vehicles, thought recognition using BCI, bone conduction hearing system, design and fabrication of low speed water tunnel, human powered nebulizer and thin film coating for absorbance beyond visible spectrum,

among others. The evaluation panel CHANDIGARH: The two-day annual Open comprised Dr Navneet Singh Aulakh, House organised by the PEC career senior scientist CSIR-CSIO and Inderdeep Development and Guidance Centre began on Aulakh, faculty member at UIET. Lalit Tuesday. The Open House serves as a Singla of the Infosys was part of the platform for college students to showcase circuital branch evaluation team while their technical projects. It also aims at offering Udey Kumar, CMD; Owner Essel Sanitary Tricity school students exposure to possible Fittings, Vikas Singla, entrepreneur and career paths. Besides, they get an overview of Inderpal Sandhu constituted the noncollege life, as they visit the college campus to circuital branches evaluation team. The observe and learn from students. As many as projects categorised under technical 28 technical projects created by final year societies were evaluated by a separate panel students from the branches of engineering comprising Lalit, Infosys and Inderpal and 23 projects created by students of various Sandhu. Winners will be honoured with technical societies of the college were cash prizes worth Rs 83,000. School displayed near the auditorium and in various students will visit the campus to get a





glimpse of college life. Technical projects will also be showcased and students would be given a campus tour. A series of performances exhibiting the cultural side of the college have also been lined up. Students from different branches of engineering developed seven projects.









Vice President addresses Scientists of CSIR-North East Institute of Science And Technology







Technology can also help protect forest wealth, reduce pollution and help us lead healthier lives, he added. The Vice President said that one must strive to be among the leaders in the field, accessing applying and adding to the wealth of scientific knowledge. We need to continuously draw inspiration from this lineage and forge ahead in the

The Vice President of India, Shri M. current world which is witnessing Venkaiah Naidu has said that science and phenomenal changes mediated by science and technology interventions should improve technology, he added. the nutritional status of women and Following is the text of Vice President's children in underserved areas. He was address: "I am delighted to be with all of addressing the scientists and other staff of you at the CSIR - North East Institute of the CSIR – North East Institute of Science Science and Technology in Jorhat. I am glad And Technology, in Jorhat, Assam today. to note the tremendous work done by this The Governor of Assam, Shri Jagadish Institute right from its inception in 1961 as a Mukhi, the Minister for Agriculture, multi-disciplinary laboratory harnessing Assam, Shri Atul Bora and other dignitaries science for development. Glancing at the 120 were present on the occasion. The Vice technologies developed by you, I am President said that Science and Technology impressed at the wide range of activities can make farmers get more income and taken up by you in the fields of biological sciences, material sciences, geo-sciences, enable them to optimally utilize resources engineering sciences and chemical sciences. like soil and water.





You have researched and come up with healthcare herbal formulations like anti-lung cancer, anti-arthritis and anti-fungal products as well as mosquito repellents. I am happy that your research findings have great relevance to farmers. The bio-organic fertilizer and bacterial formulations for crop enhancement and yield improvement as well as bio-remediation of hydrocarbon contaminated soil can contribute to enhanced farm productivity. I am equally impressed by the 'Aroma Mission' you have undertaken since 2017. This will bring significant value addition to the existing agricultural practices in the region and augment farmers' incomes. This is an initiative that holds great promise and needs to be pursued with great zeal and devotion in the next few years. Your research into seismicity of the north east region and your networking of 27 seismic stations is generating valuable data that will be most useful for hazard communication and disaster preparedness. Institutes like yours have a vital role in ensuring that science and technology brings tangible benefits to the people of our country. You have undertaken a challenging mission and you are doing a commendable job. I notice that you are not only focussing on research and product development but also on training and skill development. Your training programmes on mushroom cultivation, vermin compost production, weaving and textile products manufacturing and banana fibre extraction can transform the agrarian economy in many ways. In keeping with the spirit of 'Antyodaya' you have taken up science and technology interventions to improve the nutritional status of women and children in underserved areas. I congratulate the Director and the entire team for making significant progress in your mission. The north eastern region has vast natural resources and incredible bio-diversity. If we can tap into the power of science and technology, we can add considerable value to existing occupation and processes. Science and technology has a powerful transformational potential. It can make farmers get more income, it can enable us to optimally utilize the scarce natural resources like soil and water, it can help protect forest wealth, it can reduce pollution, it can make us lead healthier lives. I am happy that scientists like you are working hard to push the frontiers of science and technology still further. We are a country with long, illustrious scientific heritage. We need to continuously draw inspiration from this lineage and forge ahead in the current world which is witnessing phenomenal changes mediated by science and technology.





We must strive to be among the leaders in the field, accessing applying and adding to the wealth of scientific knowledge. I wish you all success in this noble endeavour. The new India we are dreaming of will be built in the laboratories like yours which connect science with societal development. So as long as you keep this connection alive, you will stay relevant, you

will stay energized and take up newer challenges with each passing day.

My greetings to each one of you on your achievements and best wishes for your continued

success.









PEC's open house begins on a high note





The two-day annual open house, organised by the Career Development and Guidance Centre, Punjab Engineering College (PEC), took off on Tuesday. The open house serves as a platform for college students to showcase their technical projects. Around 28 technical projects created by final year students and 23 projects created by students of various technical societies were displayed near the auditorium and in various departments. Some of the projects included Driver-assisted autonomous vehicles, Bone conduction hearing system, Design and fabrication of low speed water tunnel, Human-powered nebuliser and Thin film coating for absorbance beyond visible spectrum.

Dr Navneet Singh Aulakh, senior scientist, CSIR-CSIO, Er Inderdeep Aulakh, faculty member, UIET, Er Lalit Singla, Infosys, are constituting the circuital branch evaluation team while Er Udey Kumar, CMD and owner Essel Sanitary Fittings, Er Vikas Singla, entrepreneur and Er Inderpal Sandhu are constituting the non-circuital branches evaluation team. The projects categorised under the technical societies were evaluated by a separate panel consisting of Lalit, Infosys and Er Inderpal Sandhu.

After a careful consideration by the panel of experts, winners will be announced. They

would be honoured with cash prizes worth Rs 83,000, sponsored by Verka and PECOSA, during the prize distribution, which is scheduled for Wednesday. The second day of the open house will begin on Wednesday where students from schools across the tricity would be visiting the campus to get a glimpse of the college life that lies ahead of them. Technical projects would be showcased and the students would be given a campus tour. A series of performances exhibiting the cultural side of the college has been lined up.





Robot to detect flaws on rail tracks

An autonomous robot prepared by final year students of electrical engineering, Kanish Bajaj and Yatharth Ved Bajaj, has been on display. The robot is designed in a way to detect flaws or cracks on railway tracks using infrared and ultrasonic senor. The major motivation behind

the project is the derailments in the past few months.

Projects to help special persons

This project is developed by second year students Jatin, Palak, Ashmeet, Aman and Mukul. It is a wheelchair which can be operated using an application which uses gyro sensor of the phone to move in the desired direction. The robot is designed for physically challenged persons to move and can try to be independent as much as they can. Along with this, they prepared an automated home system to enable better usage to the differently abled.









Kashmir Highly suitable for aromatic plants







cultivation of aromatic plants. SKUAST-K has placed 20 candidates who have done their graduation and post-graduation, working for aroma mission as project assistant," he said. The project belongs to IIIM (Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine) headquartered in Jammu and it has its branch at Sanat Nagar in Srinagar.

In order to improve the farmers' income and also utilize their undulated land, government of India has launched 'Aroma Mission' for the cultivation of aromatic plants in Kashmir Valley. According to experts, Kashmir is highly suitable for growing aromatic plants especially lavender and rose. Muhammad Abu Bakar Siddique, Dean Students Welfare SKUAST-K said to promote the cultivation of aromatic plants in the Kashmir valley, Government of India has launched 'Aroma Mission'. people in the valley," he said. He said Kashmir Valley is highly suitable for lavender. like and plants rose under rain fed conditions so they don't need "Kupwara district has been chosen for

SKUAST collaborates with the IIIM for its success. Siddique said SKUAST-K runs run on farm on 1300 kanals of land at Pulwama for aromatic crops mainly rose and lavender. "Rose, Lavender, Clary Sage, Tagetus are main crops which are indigenous to the Kashmir. We have large number of flowers which emanate aroma but they have not been thoroughly worked out on. We need to explore and find out aromatic crops which can be commercialized in the Kashmir valley. It can prove to be beneficial in increasing the livelihood security of the He said that aromatic plants can be grown





much more irrigation process and also can be grown on waste land which is abundantly available in Valley. "Nearly 100 farmers are associated with the aroma farming. We obtain 2 kg of aroma oil out of 1 kanal of cultivated land is worth RS 20000." He said Lavender is in high demand and does not contract any sort of disease.

"Lavender is not consumed by any animal so it can be grown easily in any place," he added. Budgam, Pulwama, Kupwara, Manasbal and Anantnag are the dominant places where aromatic plants grow. He added the oils extracted from these crops are used in detergents, soaps, perfume industries, rose water, in medicines and especially in aroma therapy. "The products we get from aromatic plants are also exported to other states of India and abroad." He said cultivation of aromatic plants can generate lot of employment as its products like oils can be exported to others places. "We have the potential to start our small scale units. We can use these plants to generate employment and create the final product."









Dr B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated at CSIR-IMMT







President, Human Resource Development & Power Centre, New Delhi , National general secretary all India confederation of SC/ST organization, New Delhi has delivered the key note address on "Life history of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and need for development of weaker section" and distributed prizes for the topers of the U.P. School and winners of

Bhubaneswar: 127th Dr. B R Ambedkar different competitions. Jayanti has been celebrated at CISR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Director has felicitated the SC/ST employees Technology, Bhubaneswar with 350 and their children for their significant participants, among them, 100 students achievement in different field – Dr. S.K. from different Schools of Bhubaneswar Behera, for receiving the Ph.D degree and were attended the function. Prof. S. Basu, Mr Satya Sourav Dhal s/o Dr N.K.Dhal Director of CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar has qualified in medical entrance conducted by given welcome address and Chief Guest of NEET and took admission in SCB Medical the function Padmashree Tulasi Munda has College, Cuttack during the year 2017. Shri B addressed the gathering on Dr. B.R. D Mahalik, COA is also address gathering on Ambedkar and also motivated the school Dr B. R. Ambedkar.Dr. children by presenting study materials to them, donated by this Institute with SC/ST R. Sakthivel, Principal Scientist & President of SC/ST Employees Welfare Organization. Employees Welfare Organization. Chief has reported the various activities of welfare Speaker, Shri. Dilip Kumar Behera,





organization and at the end vote of thanks has been given by Dr. Santosh Kumar Behera, Scientist & General Secretary of SC/ST Employees Welfare Organization.









NASI organises Medical Camp at Chrugora







blood pressure and respiration test. Basic medicines were also distributed to the patients. Dr Arvind Kumar Arya, Senior Medical Officer, CSIR NML, Sister Francy Jacob, CSIR NML and a team of paramedical personals from FAITH in India under the leadership of Mrs AnamikaMajumdar organized all the camp

Jamshedpur, April 15 : In an attempt to take the fruits of science and technology to the grass root population of the state, Jharkhand State Chapter of National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) in association with Faith in India and CSIR NML organized a health checkup camp at village Chirugora of Gorabandha Block of East Singhbhum district. Natives of the village participated in the camp with great interest. Preliminary health screening of about 80 people was carried out in the camp, majority of them being women. The camp offered free blood tests including sugar and hemoglobin along with weight,

related activities. Dr ArvindSinha, Chairman of Jharkhand State Chapter of NASI, expressed his view on higher frequency of such camps and a plan for follow-up action. This cam was organized under the NASI sponsored project, entitled "Health-Hygeine and Nutrition Solutions to tribal of Jharkhand".



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Akola River cleaned, set for facelift after 92-day hard work







programme. Till now, around 35,000 people, including senior citizens, housewives, NGOs, schoolchildren, youngsters and professionals from various fields, have been a part of the campaign. Around 5,000 people are expected to turn up on Sunday to witness the community reaping the benefit of their hard work.

"This will be the last day of public NAGPUR: The 'Clean Morna River' participation. After this, work of riverfront campaign, a citizen's initiative that began development will continue from May three months ago, will culminate in Akola on onwards," Akola district collector Astik Sunday. Almost seven out of eight kilometre Kumar Pandey, the torchbearer of the stretch has already been made free of solid campaign, said. As part of the development waste and weeds, and remaining one kilometre plan, over 10 ghats will be constructed on patch of the heritage river, which had been the lines of Sabarmati riverfront project. rotting for the last over 50 years, will be Apart from this, two gardens, walking path, cleaned of the garbage on Sunday. restaurants and a chaupati will also be The first-of-its kind campaign started on made. "Till now, we have received January 13 when more than 6,000 people of donations of Rs20 lakh. We also plan to Akola and nearby places took the pledge of install LED street lights alongside the reviving the river. "Magnetically attracted" to river," Pandey said. To ensure continuous the initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi cleaning of the lake, the authorities have lauded the effort on his 'Mann Ki Baat' prepared a special garbage cleaning boat.





"We have modified an old paddle boat, a JCB and a crane. As water weeds have a tendency to grow again, we will use these machine for cleaning the lake regularly," Pandey said. At the eight major drains which were polluting the river, solid waste is being trapped. To further ensure that only clean water enters Morna, the administration will be using the

phytorid wastewater treatment plant which is the patented technology of Nagpur-based National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (Neeri). Another technology called 'bio-sanitiser' will also be used.

The district administration is also aiming at finding a place in the Golden Book of World Records. "We are applying for three categories — maximum number of citizens' participation on a single day, women's participation and overall citizens' participation in large numbers," sub-divisional officer Sanjay Khadse, who is also the project's nodal officer, said.

As reported by TOI earlier, the success of Akola's 'Clean Morna River' campaign has prodded the state government to take up rejuvenation of rivers. In its fourth budget presented in the assembly last month, the state government has allotted Rs27 crore for cleaning and beautification of the state's water resources.







IGIB shows how fat cells protect TB bacteria fro oxidative stress







Tuberculosis bacteria are known to also reside in lipid-rich environments, both within and outside the cells, where they end up once they multiply within and bring about cell death. To better understand the physiology of the bacteria in such an environment, the researchers studied fat cells (adipocytes) and their precursors (preadipocytes) which have The team studied fat cells and their relatively less fat content. precursors which have relatively less fat Besides thriving and multiplying inside both cell types and killing them, the bacteria also content Dormant and actively dividing TB bacteria thrives on dead cellular environment. "This is form distinct groups with very different similar to the extracellular environment that susceptibility to anti-TB drugs. Now, supports bacterial growth in TB lesions," researchers from the Institute of Genomics says Dr. Gandotra who is the corresponding and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB), author of a paper published in the Delhi, have found that even among the journal Infection and Immunity. actively dividing bacteria, the essentiality Since the fat content in both the cell types of TB genes varies depending on whether (adipocytes and preadipocytes) are very the bacteria reside in fat-rich environment different, the researchers questioned whether or not. The team led by Dr. Sheetal pathways that bacteria employ to survive in Gandotra also found inherent synergy these cell types are also different. They OJundertook gene-expression studies to answer between fat and iron in host cells providing this question. Their analysis showed that the bacteria resilience to oxidative stress.





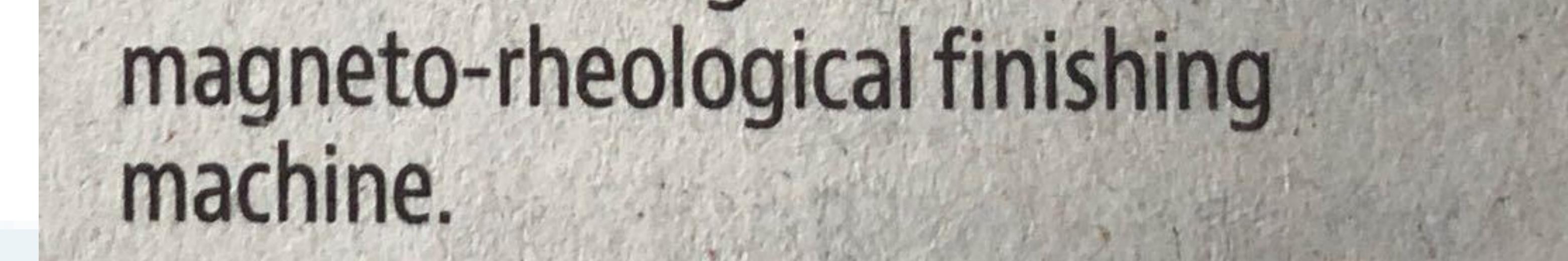
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genes responsible for iron intake were less expressed in bacteria found in adipocytes than in preadipocytes, suggesting higher iron concentration in fat cells. High fat and iron A series of investigations showed that indeed the high fat content is associated with higher iron also. "But as high iron also induces oxidative stress, we hypothesised that bacteria in the adipocyte

environment might be making the bacteria resilient to oxidative stress," says Dr. Gandotra. The researchers experimentally tested their hypothesis by using TB mutant bacteria which are sensitive to iron-mediated oxidative stress. "We found the mutants growing unhindered in adipocytes though they are rich in iron but unable to grow in preadipocytes which are not iron-rich. This proved that the adipocyte environment was providing protection to TB bacteria from iron-mediated oxidative stress," says Ananya Nandy from IGIB and first author of the paper. The researchers do not yet know the complete mechanism by which TB bacteria mitigates oxidative stress. "But fat from the adipocytes may be involved in providing resistance to oxidative stress," says Dr. Gandotra. When there is excess cell necrosis (death of cells) there is accumulation of lipids within the granuloma. The researchers carried out mouse infection studies to test the link between lipid accumulation and iron storage in the granuloma. "The mouse infection studies showed that when there is excess fat there is excess accumulation of iron-storage protein in the granuloma. This provided a clue to the link between lipid accumulation and iron storage," says Nandy. Nutrients "Our work sheds light on the link between macro (fat) and micro (iron) nutrients in a tissue. And different regions of a tissue will have different levels of availability of these nutrients. Tuberculosis bacteria have the ability to adapt to each condition," says Dr. Gandotra. "This probably is the reason why it is difficult to treat tuberculosis because the genes essential for survival of the bacteria in one environment will not be essential in another region of the granuloma." Also, antituberculosis drug isoniazid, which kills TB bacteria by inducing oxidative stress, is not effective against bacteria that grow in fat cells (adipocyte). So inhibiting the pathways essential for reducing oxidative stress in fat-rich environment can possibly make isoniazid drug more efficacious. **Published in:**



inaugurated at CSIO **CHANDIGARH: CSIR-CSIO director RK** Sinha inaugurated the state of art optical metrology facility at Central Scientific Instruments Organisation here on Thursday. CSIO has equipped itself with contemporary optical fabrication facilities such as CNC optical grinding and polishing machines, two and three axis diamond turning machines and



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