CSIR in Media





News Bulletin

21st to 30th June 2019











VC SKUAST interacts with farmers under Aroma Mission







The visiting team inaugurated the first harvest of the lavender crop and its distillation at Kupwara. The team also interacted with the farmers from Budgam, Ganderbal and Kupwara who have been covered under the two flagship programmes for production of high value aromatic crops like Lavender, Rose, Clarysage, Wild Marigold and other such

crops. Lavender is being grown over an area Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir Prof. of around 1000 kanals across different parts Nazeer Ahmad accompanied by Prof. PL of the valley under the Mission. Prof. Gautam (Chairman PPV&FRA), Dr. Rajbir Nazeer while interacting with the farmers Singh (Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-I, impressed upon the importance of Ludhiana), Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad (Director production of high value aromatic crops like Extension, SKUAST-K), Er. Abdul Rahim Lavender, owing to the agro-climatic (Head PME & Business Development, CSIR- suitability and tremendous scope for its IIIM), Prof. J.S. Mahal (Director Extension, marketing nationally and internationally. PAU, Ludhiana), Prof. Arvind Kumar He also congratulated the farmers for their (ATARI, Ludhiana) and Dr. Shahid Rasool first harvest and the team involved in (Coordinator Aroma Mission & Project K- implementation of the Mission. Prof. P.L 5000) made an extensive visit to the different Gautam emphasized the importance of production sites of Lavender in frontier fragrant crops like Lavender in enhancing district of Kupwara developed under Aroma the habitat of insect pollinators like honey Mission Project K-5000. and bees and conservation of the beneficial insect





biodiversity. Pertinent to mention Aroma Mission involving production of region specific high value aromatic crops is being implemented in the Valley and Ladakh jointly by CSIR-IIIM & SKUAST-K.









CSIR-NML

Kendriya Vidyalaya students get exposures of research at NML

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 29 : A group of 49 students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tatanagar accompanied by two teachers, Parmanand, SantwanaKabi visited National CSIR-Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur and interacted with scientists and research scholars in this morning under the

HRD, Govt.of India and the coordinator of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, New about the basic idea about

CSIR NML, and documentary film show and laboratory visits. Dr.P.N. Mishra, Principal Scientist, delivered welcome address and briefed the silent features about the programme, its contributions in different branches of Science & Technology, relevance and application of natural resources such as ores, minerals for making metals Gigyasaprogramme, jointly and alloys. Dr. S.K. Officer gave collaborated by Ministry of Mandal, Chief Scientist and thanks. programme discussed Delhi. The students were science and inspire thrilled to visit the students to pursue further laboratory and interact with study in science discipline. their feelings, asked The programme was numbers of questions and clarify their doubt with R&D infrastructure and its scientists carried out their scientists. Dr. Anjani Kr.

Sahu, Senior Technical



Officer gave a vote of application of minerals for initiating from ores and

Technical Officer has

making different types of minerals to making of industrial components Further, Dr.P.N. Mishra metals used as components valuable metals, used in & S.N. Hembram, Senior in the various types of various industries. N. industries. Riya, Mr. Meghana, LavanyaKumari

Anurag Gupta and and PramilaKumari has views. They expressed that Shikha Singh, Std. X, expressed the R&D on

especially electronic waste has impressed her and know that the valuable metals like copper, nickel, cobalt, gold are extracted from E-waste products. Mr. KarhishVishwakarma expressed the similar view and gained knowledge about recycling of waste. Students visited creep testing units of MTE Division and know about ! the fatigue, creep, fractures prevailing in different types like boiler, reformer tubes, pressure vessel etc. Students get exposure of different machines like Servo Hydro Testing Machine, Servo Electrical Machine and Fumace. They further visited at Analytical Chemistry Centre, Electronic Waste Units, Mechanical Testing Unit : and Museum.

30th June, 2019

scientists of different The students expressed working group.

scheduled for a duration of three and half hours that includes brief up about

helped students during laboratory visits.

Udhbhaui Singh, Std. X, was impressed and happy to visit NML and also contribution towards the research in the

AnupriyaSurinhas also also espressed their similar expressed their feeling in similar way. Preety, Std. X, the documentary film on expressed that she has got NML was also very surprised to observed the information about how interesting and informative. gainful utilization and metallurgical laboratory, Waste Management area

Published in:

The Avenue Mail





This scientist developed sensor to detect signs of heart attacks much faster than conventional tests







Dr Inderpreet Kaur, 42, principal scientist at Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO-CSIR) worked on the project, one that's very close to her heart as it saves lives of people with cardiac complications. Kaur, who did her PhD on a CSIR fellowship from Panjab University, did doctoral research on "charge transfer" in In 2016, news of a new 10-minute test for DNA to find out how DNA mutations can heart damage assessment hit the headlines. lead to cancer. Now studying physics of Biologists from Delhi and physicists from nanomaterials, she is working on two-Chandigarh had jointly developed a sensor to dimensional material, the latest being detect, within 10 minutes, a protein linked to graphene. A one-atom thick layer of carbon heart attacks, confirming heart muscle atoms arranged in a hexagonal lattice, damage faster than standard tests. Standard graphene is the building block of graphite tests take about two hours to detect troponin (used for pencils and solar panels). "It is a (a cardiac biomarker or proteins that indicate multilayer structure and when we take its increased chances of a heart attack) levels. single layer, charges on it are freed and travel While just 0.48 nanograms per microlitre of at the speed of light," Kaur says. This in blood are detected in the conventional system, future can be used to reduce heating in the new graphene-based sensor can detect devices. Talking about another remarkable 0.192 picograms per millilitre of blood, and is and widely recognised research, Kaur talks about discovery of nanodiamonds, which are 4,000 times more sensitive. The research was below the size of one micrometre, in havan published in Nature India.





kunds in which fires are lit for religious ceremonies. "The nanodiamonds are formed when there is carbon emission from burning wood and smoke deposits. "We took samples from a havan kund and discovered nanodiamonds in its deep layers. We also discovered blue nanodiamonds which have huge implications in biological imaging and diagnosing

diseases," says Kaur, who did her postgraduation in physics from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, and graduation from Anandpur Sahib. Kaur was far removed from the world of science and scientists while growing up in Anandpur Sahib. Her father was a preacher in a gurdwara and mother a housewife. She developed an inclination for science studies during her school days. The Government Girls Senior Secondary School where Kaur studied had good facilities which were even better than private schools, she says. "It's because of my teacher and my school that I am working in this field. We had fullyequipped labs where we would spend all our free time because we were encouraged to do so," Kaur says. "Our teachers encouraged us to take samples home and study them. That's when we got interested in science." Kaur believes scientists should not run after recognition and rewards, which come with time and effort. Inspired by Albert Einstein, she admires her teacher, Dr Arvind, now officiating director of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali. Criticising the culture of godfathers in this field, Kaur says, "People think that they will achieve something by holding somebody else's hand and that doesn't happen." One needs to make their own identity and work hard to achieve something," she adds. Kaur who wants to be able to produce more devices and applications for the benefit of mankind says career setbacks were a low for her after she had two children but she managed to get back to work quickly. A science buff herself, Kaur's daughter, now a Class 5 student, makes YouTube videos of different experiments. When not studying the nanoparticles, Kaur indulges in spiritual reading, spending time with her children, travelling, yoga and cooking.

Published in: The Hindu





ISTC graduates get diplomas





The 54th convocation of Indo-Swiss Training Centre (ISTC) was held at the CSIR-CSIO today.

Dr Indraneel Ghose, Senior Adviser, Education, Research and Innovation in the Embassy of Switzerland, advised the passing-outs to be ready to accept change for societal progress and development.

He said the Swiss government was among the first countries to sign a friendship treaty with India and proposed technical collaboration.

There were over 2.5 lakh Swiss companies in India employing a large number of people, he said Ghose said there was a need to further increase the number of girls opting for technical studies. Prof RK Sinha, Director, CSIO, was also present.

Environmental public hearing on Bainguinim waste treatment plant on July 28

28th June, 2019

Panaji: The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) has notified an environmental public hearing for the centralised municipal solid waste management facility (CSWMF) to be set up by the Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC) at Bainguinim.

The hearing to be conducted in accordance with the environment impact assessment (EIA) notification would be held at Old Goa panchayat hall from 10 am onwards on July 28. As per the notification published on GSPCB website on June 26, those concerned about the project can communicate their comments, suggestions, objections on environmental aspects or seek clarification from the project proponent by writing on or before the scheduled public hearing to the regional officer of Environment Ministry at Bangalore or the Goa State Pollution Control Board office.

The District Collector would preside over the public hearing and the report will be submitted to the environment impact assessment body of the ministry, which will decide on the grant of environmental clearance to the project.

The GWMC had appointed CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur to carry out environmental impact

assessment (EIA) studies as per the terms of reference (ToR) issued by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). The report states that crude dumping of waste is happening at various locations on the outskirts of Panaji due to the absence of a centralised engineered solid waste management treatment facility.

The Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC) is a nodal agency for executing solid waste management infrastructure projects in the state. The GWMC has proposed a solid

waste management facility in Bainguinim village on an acquired land of 1,71,312 sq mt for the purpose, on similar lines as plant set up in North Goa at Saligao and a proposed facility for South Goa at Cacora.

Accordingly, the GWMC has undertaken work for establishment of the 250 tonnes/day (TPD) capacity centralised municipal solid waste (MSW) processing facility based on recycle and sorting line, segregation, bio-methanation and in-vessel composting at Bainguinim.

CSIR-IICT

Electricity from

28th June, 2019

market yard waste

Bowenpally vegetable market to get waste-to-energy plant soon

M SAI GOPAL Hyderabad

In a novel initiative aimed at converting waste to wealth, the market yard at Bowenpally is being equipped with a solid waste treatment plant and energy generator designed by researchers from Hyderabad-based Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT).

A joint initiative of Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the State government, the plant is coming up at a cost of Rs 3 crore and will be ready in another four to five months. The plant, on a daily basis, will treat 10 tonnes of vegetable waste produced in the yard and generate 1,000 units of power, enough to meet daily electricity needs of the yard, which incurs an expenditure of Rs 3 lakh towards power bills and Rs 2 lakh to get rid of vegetable waste every month. "Through this treatment plant, we will save Rs 5 lakh every month. Our plant will treat all vegetable waste generated from the market yard," says IICT Chief Scientist Dr A Gangagni Rao, who designed the treatment plant. For the Bowenpally market yard project, the DBT has released Rs 2 crore while the rest of the funding is being done by the State government. The plant and power generator is expected to save the market yard anywhere between Rs 30 lakh to Rs 35 lakh annu-

 Solid waste treatment plant and energy generator which is designed by researchers from IICT.

'Green' power

VEGETABLE WASTE IN ALL MARKET YARDS TO BE USED TO GENERATE POWER

tonnes of vegetable waste at Bowenpally market yard to be treated

- 100 units of power to be produced every day
- Being set up jointly by Department of Biotechnology and State government
- 5-tonne recycling plant installed at Jawaharnagar already producing
 300 units of power

ally. "Within three years, the J invested amount of Rs 3 1 crore can be recovered. We Moreover, this is a clean reconcept of the second technology that quite efficiently recycles vegetable waste into energy," Gangagni said. The researchers have already installed a similar wet is waste treatment plant of 5tonne capacity at Jawaharnagar dumping yard. Apart Jawaharfrom treating wet vegetable and food waste, the plant at the

Jawaharnagar also treats the leachate and generates 300 units of power daily, thus meeting the power requirement of the dump yard.

Published in:

Telangana Today

The IICT plant is also capable of recycling wet waste, mostly leftover cooked and uncooked food items, into biogas. The food waste generated from the IICT canteen, which prepares food for 5,000 employees on a daily basis, is being recycled into biogas.

CSIR-IICT

IICT shows the

27th June, 2019

way for recycling

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

premier re-City-based search laboratory Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) launched a unique initiative to effectively manage and recycle the waste generated on a daily basis on its campus. The IICT entered into a pact with Hyderabad-based startup, Waste Ventures India, which will pick up all the dry waste generated by IICT on a weekly basis. The garbage will then be segregated and recycled into products such as diaries, calendars, pens, recycled paper, cardboard and construction material, which will be reused by the IICT staff within the campus.

"This is a unique initiative of circular waste management, which involves recycling the waste generated within the campus into something useful. We hope that through this initiative, we set an example for other research organisations and academic institutions in Hyderabad," IICT director Dr S Chandrasekhar said. On Wednesday, the first recycle cycle of dry waste worth 2 tonnes was flagged off by the director. The waste will be transported to the segregating facility of Waste Ventures India on the outskirts for processing. It also entered into an agreement with Waste Ventures to collect wet waste generated within the campus.

Published in:

Telangana Today

25th June, 2019

CSIR-IICT

Published in:

Times of India

IICT's sex pheromones a shot in the arm for the Araku organic coffee producers TNN | Jun 25, 2019, 12.20 PM IST

HYDERABAD: Araku organic coffee growers, mostly tribals, have got a shot in the arm in the form of 'sex pheromones' to control the White Stem Border, an insect that eats the coffee stems.

CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology has come out with a solution to prevent the breeding of the pest by using sex pheromones. Araku organic coffee is one of the most sought after coffee products across the world, including stores opened in cities like Paris and Banjara Hills in Hyderabad.

Following the request of Integrated Tribal Development Authority, IICT has decided to produce artificially synthesised sex pheromone of male White Stem Border to attract the female adult insect and lure into a trap. Organic coffee producers are not using the pesticide due to which they are suffering losses so far.

ITDA Project Officer D K Balaji in a letter written to IICT said, "Even though coffee is grown in vast extents in the area, productivity levels is 60 kgs clean coffee per acre per year against the anticipated yield of 240 kgs per acre. Income of coffee producers are very low around Rs 15,000 to Rs 18,000 per acre per year against the anticipated income levels of Rs 40,000 to Rs 60,000 per acre per year. Most of the yielding coffee gardens of above 10-year-old are affected by White Stem Borders and no control measures are taken up by tribal coffee growers as they do not adopt any chemical plant protection measure,"

Experts of IICT Pheromone Lab led by Chief Scientist Dr B V Subba Reddy visited the Paderu area and suggested implementation of pheromone technology.

B V Subba Reddy told TOI, "We have been using pheromone technology against several pests in cotton, maize and vegetables. Fall Army Worm had started affecting maize crop so we synthesised sex pheromone in our lab to attract male insects and trap it. This will prevent further reproduction in insects and protect the crops. The cost of pesticide will come down. It is environmental friendly with no water and soil pollution as well as pesticide residues in the food can be avoided,"

In coffee plantations to control White Stem Border, scientists are using chemical 2-hydroxy-3-decanone which is specific to the species of insect. IICT

Director Dr S Chandrashekar said scientists synthesis the sex pheromones in the sophisticated lab and pheromone blend optimisation is done and community outreach programmes are conducted to popularise the technology in farmers.

Senior scientist Dr Bathini Nagendra Babu told TOI, "In Telangana, we have successfully used pheromone technology to control Pink bollworm in cotton spread over 25,000 acres for 2018 Karif season. The technology is also used to control Groundnut leaf miner, Rice Yellow stem borer and Brinjal the oot & fruit borer. There is a reduction in pesticides spraying from 50 to 80 per cent in crops. Farmers income increased by Rs 3000 to Rs 13,000 per acre depending on the crop,"

CSIR-NML

EEPC India signs MOU with Jamshedpur based CSIR-NML to help exporters of engineering goods

> Kolkata, Jun 24 (UNI) Scientists from the prestigious National Metallurgical

24th June, 2019

Engineering Export Promotion Council

Laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research would help the country's engineering exporters in achieving

cutting edge technologies for a highly competitive global market, under an MoU signed between EEPC India and the CSIR-NML,.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Jamshedpur - based NML and EEPC India, the apex organisation of the country's exporters, was signed here on Monday.

The signing of the MoU took place at a seminar jointly organised by the EEPC India Technology Centre in collaboration with CSIR-NML, Jamshedpur & CSIR-CMERI Durgapur on Materials Science and Engineering. The theme was to educate MSMEs on Materials Science and Engineering

to move up value chain for sustainability .

'This MoU will enable scientists from NML to facilitate our members with their expertise towards improvement of their production technique', according to EEPC India chairman Ravi Sehgal.

He told reporters that while Indian engineering exports have been growing by 10 per cent with variation, reaching a historic high of USD 81 Billion during FY2018-19, the shipments as percentage of ASEAN and world are stagnating at 0.8-1 pc over the last 10-15 years.

'This is because majority of our goods are from low or middle level products'.

The Department of Commerce has given EEPC India a mandate to form Technology Centres for helping, in particular the MSMEs with the knowledge of various new technologies. As globally Industry 4.0 is the new buzzword. Indian MSMEs should leapfrog one generation. 'That is

where our Technology Centre comes in. Our Technology Centre in Bengaluru and also the one we would be opening in Kolkata, will be giving MSMEs the facilities to use and to develop their

product by also providing a forum for Industry and Academia discussion and learning' Mr Sehgal said at the seminar.

Experts from CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur and CSIR-NML, Jamshedpur deliberated on the subjects 'Material selection in Design and Manufacturing', 'Forging and Advance Manufacturing of Metals and Alloys',' Advance Manufacturing', 'Heat Treatment in Metals and Alloys'

UNI PC KK

Published in:

UNI

चीन-फ्रांस पर नहीं रहेगी निर्भरता, भारत में बनेगा सोडियम मेटल

CSIR-CMERI

23rd June, 2019

महानिदेशक डॉक्टर शेखर मॉडे ने किया विवास की प्रिया हुर्गापुर के वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद (सीएमईआर) सीएसआईआर में सीएसआईआर के सचिव डीएसआईआर और महानिदेशक डॉ शेखर सी मॉडे ने विकास हब का उद्घाटन नारियल फोड़कर एवं शिलापट का अनावरण कर किया। संस्थान में उन्होंने घुमकर संस्थान द्वारा किए जा रहे नये-नये टेक्नोलॉजी के

बारे में जानकारी ली। श्री मॉडे ने तीन माह पूर्व संस्थान का कार्यभार संभाला। कार्य संभालने के बाद वह प्रथम बार दुर्गापुर सीएसआर सीएमईआर के दौरे में आये है। उन्होंने कहा कि संस्थान में वैज्ञानिकों ने जो टेक्नोलॉजी को बनाया है, वह बहुत ही अच्छी है, खास तौर पर किसानों के लिए बनायी गयी ट्रेक्टर, रॉबाटिक मशीन, सोलिड एंड वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रदूषण से बचाने के लिए हर एक लोगों को पौधारोपण करना जरूरी है। हरीश हिरानी ने कहा कि हम भविष्य में प्रगति के लिए पिछले प्रदर्शन और रणनीति का विश्लेषण कर सकते हैं। डॉ हिरानी ने कहा कि विज्ञान को मन मे बैठाये और पोषित करे, ताकि हम इसे सोसायटी के नैतिक और भौतिक

उत्थान के लिए इसका उपयोग कर सके। इस दौरान उन्होंने भारत सरकार के पहले से ही महत्वपूर्ण मेक इन इंडिया

Published in:

Awaz

योग करते लोग। छाया: अभय गिरि सीएसआईआर-सीएमईआरआई में योग दिवस **दुर्गापुर।** सीएसआईआर-सीएमईआरआई दुर्गापुर द्वारा महानिदेशक सीएसआईआर और सचिव डीएसआईआर डा. शेखर सी मांडे और निदेशक सीएसआईआर-सीएमईआरआई दुर्गापुर प्रो. डा. हरीश हिरानी की उपस्थिति में 5वें अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस को भव्य तरीके से मनाया गया। संस्था के कम्युनिटी कॉम्प्लेक्स में योगा अभ्यास

सत्र किया गया। शाम को प्रश्नोत्तरी और नृत्य प्रतियोगिता भी की गयी। डा. हिरानी ने मानव जाति के लिए योग के महत्व को रेखाें. कत किया और आज के प्रतिस्पर्धी वातावरण में हर दिन कम से कम आधा घंटा योग करने पर जोर दिया।

Published in:

Prabhat Khabar

CSIR-CMERI

23rd June, 2019

चनौतीपूर्ण कार्य था, जिसे प्रति आभार व्यक्त किए, व कहा श्री कमार ने आगे कहा कि ग प्रकाशन मण्डली बधाई के पात्र हैं। पत्रिका सजन को बीते शाम संपादन मंडली के सदस्यों को कि संस्थान के स्वर्णिम अध्याय में क्षेत्र में सीएसआईआर के संस्थान मौके पर अतिथि सीआईएसएफ लोकार्पित किया गया। विमोचन स्वर्ण अक्षरों से अकित रहेगा। यहां काफी मशकत का सामना करना सीएमईआरआई द्वारा सुजन का इकाई (सेल), दुर्गापुर के समारोह के दौरान अतिथि केंद्रीय पड़ा है। प्रो. डॉ हिरानी ने इसके वैज्ञानिक सजन के साथ ही लोकार्पण सभी सदस्या संस्थान के उपमहानिरीक्षक शरद कुमार ने रिजर्व पुलिस बल, समुह केंद्र साहित्य सूजन भी राजभाषा में प्रकाशन की धारावाहिकता को लिए मील का पत्थर साबित होगा। अपने उद्रार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा दुर्गापुर के उपमहानिरीक्षक विनय बरकरार रखने और सजने की मौके पर संस्थान के निदेशक सह संपादित गृह पत्रिका सुजन का कि भारत एक बहभाषायी राष्ट्र है, कुमार सिंह ने कहा कि संस्थान का सजनशोलता को बनाए रखने हेत अभिन्न अंग बन गए है। गृह पत्रिका सजन संपादक व जिसका संपर्क भाषा एकमात्र हिंदी यह पहल प्रशंसनीय तब है जब संस्थान के पदाधिकारियों एवं वैज्ञानिक तकनीकी भाषाओं प्रकाशन समिति के अध्यक्ष प्रो. डॉ ही है। संशक्त व समुद्ध भाषा है राज्य भाषा हिंदी अपने अस्तित्व वैज्ञानिकों को इस दिशा में हरीश हिरानी ने आगत अतिथियों के जटिल शब्दों को यथावत हिंदी जिसे अपने देश, में ही नहीं को लड़ाई लड़ रहा है, जो कि इस वैभवशाली राष्ट्र के लिए बना है। पूरे विश्व के सवाधिक भू-भाग पर का स्वागत करते हुए पत्रिका देवनागरी लिपि में व्यवहत किया संरचनात्मक पहल करने की ऐसे में सीआरआई का सृजन बोली व समझी जाती है। सहज संपादन एवं प्रकाशन मंडली के गया है। सृजन का प्रकाशन एक अपील किये।

Bharat Mitra

CSIR-NML

22nd June, 2019

Students of Shiksha Niketan, Telco visit CSIR-NML

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, June 21: A group of 41 students from Shiksha Niketan, Telco accompanied by two teachers, Madhu Sharma and Vijay Kumar Singh visited at CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur and interacted with scientists and research scholars on Friday as a part of Jigyasa programme under the joint aegis of the Ministry of HRD, Govt.of India and the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, New Delhi. The students were thrilled to visit the laboratory and interact with different working group. The programme was scheduled for two and half which hours. comprises, brief up about NML. CSIR and documentary filmshow and laboratory visits. The programme coordinated by Dr.P.N. and its ultimate benefit goes

& Evaluation Division, Prabir Kumar Roy, explained about the fatigue, creep, fractures prevailing in different types of industrial components like relevance and need of boiler, reformer tubes, pressure vessel etc. Students get exposure of different machine like Servo Hydro Testing Machine, Servo Electrical Machine and furnace.

Dr. A.K. Mohanty, Senior Scientist showed the products developed on coatings for protection of metals. Students has asked various question related to metals exposed 111 environment and its prevention from corrosion. The laboratory has recently setupa New Electronic Waste Unitand it was remained attraction amongthe students, and faculties, theyshowtheir keen interest about the methodology and the steps various electronics

appliances for recovery of valuable metals like gold, copper, lithium, cobalt, nickel etc. Dr.M.K. Jhahasexplained the electronic waste unit to save the environment as well asmankind.

During the concluding session, teachers and students requested for their next visit to the laboratory for gain deeper knowledge. Teachers expressed their views and was satisfied to know about the consistent effort research and emphasis given in various sectors for the ultimate development of our society. They also extend thanks to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Govt.of India, to launch "Jigyasa Programme" tie up with council of Scientific & Industrial Research and they were extremely delighted to visit the involved in the recycling of National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur.

Mishra, Principal Scientist.He delivered welcome address and introduced Jigyasa team to students.Talk about contributions of CSIR in different branches of Science & Technology and products developed by CSIR for various types of industries involved in was different productive sectors

to common people. Further, he discussed about NML and its contribution towards the proper and gainful utilization of natural resources such as ores, minerals for developing different types of metals & alloys.The students expressed their feelings, asked questions and clarify their doubt.

Students were impressed Materials

by various equipments and facilities available at the Analytical Chemistry Centre. Soni Jha, nicely explained about the role of chemical analysis unit and discussed howthis unit performingchemical analysis of minerals, ores, slag, water.

Students further visited at creep testing units of Testing

Published in:

The Avenue Mail

Published in:

Prabhat Khabar

Conserve rainwater: PM to CMs

Concerned about the water crisis and drought conditions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote to Chief Ministers of all States advising them to conserve rainwater during the forthcoming monsoon.

The PM had earlier written a personal letter to 'Gram Pradhans' (village chiefs) urging them to conserve rainwater. The issue of drought conditions and water scarcity was discussed at the highest level at the NITI Aayog's governing council meeting last week. According to a NITI Aayog report, Delhi is among 21 major cities that will run out of groundwater by 2020. Situation in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu is also grim. It is not much better in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. About half of Maharashtra including the districts of Latur, Beed and Osmanabad in Marathwada region - comprising nearly three-fourth of 36 districts of the state are facing severe drought situation. In Karnataka, two dozen of its 30 districts - nearly 80 per cent - are reeling under drought. In his letter, the PM advised the CMs to focus on the construction of farm pond structures, desilting and rehabilitation of irrigation tanks, micro-watersheds, construction of groundwater recharge structures, building of rainwater harvesting structures - both rooftop and ground-level tanks. "Most-of these measures need to be taken at the local level by mobilizing gram panchayats and communities, and dovetailing resources from various ongoing government programmes. Recent studies have also shown a marked reduction in fecal contamination of groundwater resources in many states owing to improvements in sanitation and use of toilets," Modi stated in the letter.

The Prime Minister also asked them to take this mater on high priority and issue necessary instructions to the concerned departments and districts to draw up action plans with concrete.

According to the Drought Early Warning System (DEWS), about 42 per cent of India is 'abnormally dry' which around 6 per cent is more than last year. The pre-monsoon season this year is the second driest in 65 years, with gross rainfall deficiency recorded at 25 per cent, said private forecaster Skymet. Chennai and its suburbs are experiencing severe water

scarcity this summer, with borewells and lakes going dry, forcing people and commercial establishments to depend on water supplied through tankers from villages in neighbouring districts.

A study by the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) from earlier this year found that groundwater levels in Delhi are depleting at an astonishing rate of 10 cm per

year.

"Measurable outcomes and implement them under your personal supervision. I am

requesting the Cabinet Secretary to follow up with your Chief Secretaries. The Central Government will continue to provide full support to States in the matter. We need to collectively take timely measures to enable optimum utilization of the coming monsoon rainfall by way of storing and conserving it for future use," Modi said. According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), monsoon rain deficiency has touched 43 percent till June 20 in the country. The monsoon has covered just about 10-15 percent of the country so far, whereas normally, two-thirds of India should have received monsoon rains by this time of the year.

Please Follow/Subscribe CSIR Social Media Handles

