



# IN TOUCH.....IN TUNE

## CSIR-CMERI Monthly Newsletter



### Republic Day Celebration

On the occasion of 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Prof Harish Hirani, Director, CSIR-CMERI hoisted the National Flag at the Institute premises.

### Director's address

On the eve of the Republic day Director, CSIR-CMERI addressed all stakeholders of the



**Prof. Harish Hirani, Director, inaugurating e-kiosk at the E&W Office at CMERI Colony**

Institute at Institute Auditorium to foster a sense of inclusiveness by improving the work culture and to motivate the employees to be more productive. The participation of the employees was unprompted and interactive. Next day, at the evening of the Republic Day, Director, CSIR-CMERI addressed all the colony residents about their security and welfare and made them aware of a number of infrastructural development projects undertaken by the institute in CMERI Colony. The gathering took place near the MS buildings ground, adjacent to the Smart Parking space in CMERI Colony. After the programme, 'e-kiosk', an automatic system for registering complaints at E&W Office and Smart Parking space were inaugurated and demonstrated by the Scientists of IT Department and R&A Group of the institute.



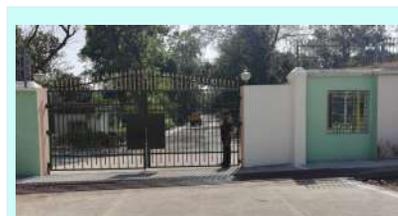
**Prof. Harish Hirani, Director, hoisting the National Flag**

### Inauguration of New Gate

A new gate was inaugurated near Bungalow No. D-II-13/1 in CSIR-CMERI Colony Old Colony for general use from January 19, 2019 onwards. The Gates near the CMERI Dispensary and the old Guest House would be closed permanently from February 01, 2019.

### Erudite Lectures

Prof. Byung Kyu Kim from Korea Aerospace University, Seoul delivered a lecture on "Novel mechanisms for better living: from field to biomedical applications" and Prof. Pradip Majumdar from Northern Illinois University, USA delivered a lecture on "Electric Battery Storage: Applications, Developments and New Opportunities" on January 16, 2019 and January 29, 2019, respectively at the M. M. Suri Hall of the Institute Main Building.



**Front view of the new gate**

### Accolades

- Dr. Prosenjit Das, Senior Scientist has been awarded the "ISCA Young Scientist Award 2019" of the Indian Science Congress Association under "Engineering Sciences" section. Dr. Das has been also appointed as "Research Advisor" of Nan Yang Academy of Sciences (Singapore) with effect from the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Oct 2018.
- Ms. Suparna Paul, JRF (DST Inspire Fellow), was awarded the 'Best Oral Presentation Award' and Ms. Amita Mondal, a PhD student was awarded the 'Best Poster Presentation Award' at the National Conference on Recent Developments in Chemistry (RDC-2018) held at NIT, Durgapur during December 17-19, 2018. Ms. Suparna Paul was awarded the 'Best Poster Presentation Award' at SRM Institute and Science Technology, Ramapuram Campus, Chennai during December 27-29, 2018.



**Technology transfer of Semi-continuous Biodiesel Plant**

### Technology Transfer

The Technology of Semi-continuous Biodiesel Plant was transferred to M/s Sains Engineering Works, Ludhiana on January 09, 2019.

### Paper of the Month

**Effect of thermal annealing on the physico-chemical and tribological performance of hydrophobic alkylated graphene sheets**

*by Suprakash Samanta, Santosh Singh and Rashmi R. Sahoo*

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### Skill Development Programme

Two Skill Development Programmes (SDP) on 'PCB Design and Fabrication' for the students of MBC Polytechnic, Burdwan and 'Estimation and Billing for Civil Works' for the students of Luthfaa Polytechnic, Malandighi, Durgapur were organised during January 14-18, 2019. Another SDP on 'CNC Operations' was organized for the students from New Horizon Institute of Technology, Durgapur during January 21-25, 2019.

### New/Additional Responsibility

- Consequent upon the technical resignation of Dr. Abhiram Hens, Scientist, Dr. Ranajit Ghosh, Scientist has been nominated as the Institute Auditorium-in-Charge in addition to his existing responsibility. [OM No.: 10.Adm.(18)/78-E(B), dated 17.01.2019]
- Shri P.K. Sahu, Scientist has been nominated as Head, Housekeeping & Horticulture Group and Dr. Amit Ganguly will be the advisor. Shri Pranabendu Saha, Senior Technical Officer (3) has been posted full time in BDG. [OM No.: 10.Adm.(18)/78-E(B), dated 17.01.2019]
- Sh. Kalyan Kumar Choudhury, Principal Technical Officer has been nominated as Estate & Welfare Officer with effect from February 01, 2019. He may be engaged in NDT field activities as and when required. [OM No.: 10.Adm.(18)/78-E(B), dated 25.01.2019]



Hands on training programme on CNC Operations

### Constitution/Reconstitution of Committees

- Shri J.P. Maji, EWO and Shri Santu Matia, Sr. Technical Officer have been incorporated in the committee for determining the habitability of quarters. [OM No.: 5(56)/2016-GL, dated 03.01.2019]
- Dr. Asit Kumar Batabyal, Senior Principal Scientist has been included in the PSRC committee as an expert for discussing various Institute Projects with the project leaders about extraction of Intellectual Properties from project deliverables. [OM No.: 4.Adm.(18)/78-E(B), dated 07.01.2019]
- The International Science and Technology Affairs Group (ISTAG) has been reconstituted. Mr. Abhijit Chatterjee, Chief Scientist will be the Chairman of the group. [OM No.: 1.Adm.(1)/Misc./Committee/97-E, dated 14.01.2019]
- Consequent upon retirement on superannuation of Dr. P.K. Chatterjee, Ex-Chief Scientist and technical resignation of Dr. Nagahanumaiah, Ex-Chief Scientist, the 'Patent Advisory Committee' has been reconstituted. Dr. Avik Chatterjee, Chief Scientist will be the new chairman of the Committee. [OM No.: 10.Adm.(18)/78-E(B), dated 18.01.2019]
- The Guest House & Executive Hostel and the Canteen Committee has been reconstituted. Dr. Malay Kr. Karmakar, Pr. Scientist will be the Chairperson of the committee. [OM No.: 1.Adm.(1)/Misc./Committee/97-E, dated 24.01.2019]
- Shri Shantanu Kumar Naskar, Sr. Technical Officer (1) has been incorporated in the Guest House & Executive Hostel and the Canteen Committee. [OM No.: 1.Adm.(1)/Misc./Committee/97-E, dated 31.01.2019]

### Transfer

- Shri Jiten Mondal, Technical Officer and Shri Bimal Hansda, Technical Officer have been transferred from NDT & Metallurgy Group to North East Technology Development Group. [OM No.: 10.Adm.(18)/78-E(B), dated 07.01.2019]
- Shri Suman Kumar Char, Technical Officer has been transferred to BDG from R&A Group and Shri Prakash Singh, JSA has been posted in Bill Section on full time basis. Dr. D. Chatterjee, Principal Scientist and Shri P.S. Pal, Scientist have been relieved from BDG. [OM No.: 10.Adm.(18)/78-E(B), dated 17.01.2019]

### Miscellaneous

- In order to formulate a policy regarding forwarding of applications to other organizations against advertisements, a committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. Avik Chatterjee, Chief Scientist. [OM No.: 1.Adm.(1)/Misc./Committee/97-E, dated 29.01.2019]
- Consequent upon the joining of JSA & Jr. Steno., the duties of the establishment section have been redistributed. [OM. No.: S.O./Misc/Estt.I, dated 15.01.2019]