

CSIR-NEERI Celebrates 68th Foundation Day with Focus on Innovation and Impact

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The CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI), Nagpur, celebrated its 68th Foundation Day on April 8, 2026, with a series of programmes.

N. Kalaiselvi, Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), graced the event as Chief Guest and delivered the Foundation Day address at the NEERI Auditorium. S. Venkata Mohan, Director of CSIR-NEERI, was also present.



In her address, Dr. Kalaiselvi lauded the contributions of the institute's visionaries and former staff, highlighting its remarkable journey, continued relevance, and impactful achievements. She emphasized the need to strengthen the institute's legacy by enhancing research excellence and societal impact, urging scientists to actively submit research proposals, increase student engagement, and mentor at least three students each.

She further stressed the need to significantly enhance research impact, expand accredited R&D facilities, and promote collaborative consortia.

Appreciating the Testbed Facility, she encouraged sustainable business models and advised focusing on globally competitive technologies to position CSIR-NEERI as a Centre of Excellence.

Dr. Mohan noted that CSIR-NEERI has long served as a referral laboratory, contributing to national missions, policy support, and capacity building, while gaining increasing global recognition.



During the event, Dr. Kalaiselvi inaugurated facilities including a Living Lab, Bamboo Bio-Germplasm Conservation Garden, Testbed Facility, Bio-CCUS Innovation Hub, and a Student Research & Innovation Expo, and also released several key publications.

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