

CSIR-NEERI celebrated its 68th Foundation Day

CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) celebrated its 68th Foundation Day on April 8, 2026. To commemorate the occasion, a series of programmes were organized. Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), graced the event as the Chief Guest and delivered the Foundation Day address in the NEERI Auditorium. Dr. S. Venkata Mohan, Director, CSIR-NEERI, was also present on the occasion.

While delivering the Foundation Day address, Dr. Kalaiselvi lauded the contributions of the visionaries and former staff of CSIR-NEERI, highlighting its remarkable journey, continued relevance, and impactful achievements. She emphasized the need to revive and strengthen the Institute's past glory by enhancing research excellence and societal impact. She urged scientists to actively submit research proposals, increase student engagement, and mentor at least three students each to generate meaningful success stories.

She noted that although CSIR-NEERI is addressing several societal challenges, there is a need to significantly enhance research impact, ideally by threefold. She also underscored the importance of accreditation for all R&D facilities and called for expanding the currently limited accredited facilities. She also recommended the formation of collaborative consortia to amplify research outcomes and visibility.

Dr. Kalaiselvi appreciated the Testbed Facility and encouraged the development of sustainable business models. She advised focusing on at least two long-term, globally competitive technologies to position CSIR-NEERI as a benchmark institution and a National Centre of Excellence. Referring to the successful remediation of the mercury-contaminated site at Kodaikanal, she highlighted it as a matter of national pride.

She further emphasized the need for focused research on soil health and called upon CSIR-NEERI to play a leading role in achieving India's Net Zero 2070 goals through impactful research and technological interventions.

In his welcome address, Dr. S. Venkata Mohan, Director, CSIR-NEERI, highlighted that the Institute has served as a referral laboratory for the past seven decades, providing sustainable solutions through science and technology interventions. He emphasized CSIR-NEERI's significant contributions to national flagship missions and policy support. He also underscored the Institute's role in capacity development and translating science to policy and then practice.

Dr. Mohan further outlined the Institute's key achievements. He highlighted CSIR-NEERI's growing visibility and recognition at the international level, reflecting its continued commitment to addressing environmental challenges through impactful research and innovation.

During the CSIR-NEERI Foundation Day Celebration, held at the CSIR-NEERI Auditorium, Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR inaugurated the Living Lab and released several key publications. These included Environment Sustainability and Governance Report, CSIR Water Technology Compendium, CSIR-NEERI Technology Compendium, Circular Economy Report on Solid Waste Sector, Book on Ecological Significance of Tree Flora in NEERI Smriti Van, and CSIR-NEERI Newsletter.

Earlier, Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR, inaugurated the Bamboo Bio-Germplasm Conservation Garden along with the plantation of rare bamboo species. She also inaugurated the Testbed Facility, Bio-CCUS Innovation Hub, and Student Research & Innovation Expo



Dr. S. Venkata Mohan, Director, CSIR-NEERI delivering the welcome address



Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR delivering the foundation day address









