Dr A Ramesh Kumar, Scientist-F, CSIR-NEERI participated in the “India-Norway Dialogue on Waste-to-Resource Solutions in the Cement and Construction Sectors” jointly organised by CSIR and the Research Council of Norway on 10 November 2026 in Delhi.

Dr Kumar made a presentation on “India’s National Implementation Plan and Legacy POPs Inventory: An Update”. In his talk, Dr Kumar focused on the updated inventory of legacy POPs stockpiles viz. DDT and Endosulfan, and industrial POPs, viz. polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and the need for their destruction as per the mandate of the Stockholm Convention. He also highlighted the technologies available for POPs destruction, including co-processing in cement kilns. The workshop was attended by representatives from CSIR-CBRI, CSIR-CRRI, CSIR-AMPRI, SINTEF-Norway, Cement Manufacturers Association, CPWD, MoHUA, BIS, CPCB, MoEFCC, MoHFW and NGOs.

