

# Would like to make Nagpur a developed, happy city: Jichkar

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“BESIDES making Nagpur a developed city, I would like to make it a happy city, which is possible with people realising their responsibility towards its maintenance,” said Mayor Nanda Jichkar.

Jichkar was speaking during a programme to mark 77th Foundation Day of CSIR, at NEERI, here on Thursday. Appreciating contribution of NEERI in providing solutions to many problems the civic authorities face. NEERI has been guiding for implementation of programmes aimed at sustainable development. She quoted several projects which have been planned for the city, including electric energy operated taxi and buses, use of solar energy, recycling wastewater, eliminating use of plastic, etc. The aim is to eliminate use of fossil fuel in public transport by the year 2030.

People should be made aware of their responsibility towards the nature. NEERI can help in achieving the objective, she stated.



Mayor Nanda Jichkar speaking at the programme to mark 77th Foundation Day of CSIR, at NEERI, on Thursday. (Pic by Satish Raut)

In his introductory remarks Director of NEERI Dr Rakesh Kumar spoke about different achievements of institutions under CSIR, including NEERI. The 38 institutions in the country with 38 extension centres have made several contributions for resolving several problems. This include first drug on malaria, Swaraj Tractor, contraceptive pills, etc. This year green fire crackers will be available for the coming Diwali festival. Flood modelling in Vasai-Virar area of Mumbai has been worked out and is being worked out in three other cities.

Dr Rakesh Kumar stated that our

mandate is to work for the society. CSIR institutions have been carrying out research to understand needs of the society. Besides the students are involved in scientific understanding of the problems and working out solutions.

A mobile application 'Noise Tracker' developed at NEERI, with unique features, was launched. New website of NEERI was also launched on the occasion.

Prominent employees, who retired from service, those who have completed 25 years of service and others were felicitated. A science model exhibition and contest was organised and prizes to the winners given away.