

# City well-equipped to combat climate change, says mayor

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**Nagpur:** Being a developing city and endorsing green approaches right from the inception stage, Nagpur has the scope of making headway in the right direction by embracing modern methods to combat climate change and establish sustainable means of development, said mayor Nanda Jichkar, on Thursday.

She was speaking as the chief guest at the 77th foundation day celebration of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) held at the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (Neeri) Hall.

"We have a number of pilot projects in the city aimed at mitigating climate-related threats. Following India's visionary move of signing the Paris agreement, we have introduced electric buses, 100 electric cabs and 40 Tejaswini buses. The energy requirement of MahaMetro and administration buildings are from so-



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The 77th foundation day of CSIR-Neeri was held on Thursday

lar panels. We are inching towards Union minister Nitin Gadkari's vision of moving to electric cars by 2030," Jichkar added.

She informed that the city is ranked at the first position in the Smart City Mission. "Construction of roads and flyovers is not comprehensive development. All stakeholders and citizens must join hands in proposing and executing schemes to make the city's impression on the global map," said Jichkar.

CSIR-Neeri director Rakesh Kumar expounded upon how CSIR came into being.

He also mentioned the landmark achievements made by the group of scientists of the council. He said, "We try to reinvent ourselves across different domains to serve the society. Neeri has been traditionally working to manage the contributors to climate change. We are studying the mandate for climate action."

While introducing Jichkar, CSIR-Neeri chief scientist Jai Shanker Pandey said, "If the mayors of all cities unite, they have the power to emerge with innovative ideas that even the bureaucracy might not be able to come up with."

The ceremony was followed by the launch of 'Noise tracker' app. It has been developed by the Analytical Instruments Division of CSIR-Neeri for noise monitoring and data management. Engineer Satish Lokhande briefed everyone with the diverse features of the app like real-time sound level monitoring, data storage, facilitation of data sharing and geographical tags among others. The Intranet website for staff and scientists and the official website of CSIR-Neeri was inaugurated by Kumar.

The employees who completed 25 years at the institute and those who recently retired were felicitated.

Senior principal scientist Prakash Kumbhare proposed a vote of thanks. Mahak Puri and Samruddhi Bawankule conducted the event. Students presented science models on air pollution, water treatment and waste management at 'Jag-ruti' an exhibition and a competition organized by CSIR-Neeri on their premises.