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## **CSIR-NEERI** holds lecture on NEP

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CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) conducted a special lecture on 'National Education Policy (NEP) 2020: Multidisciplinary Environmental and Education Research University' to mark 'Aazadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav', on Tuesday. The programme was held at CSIR-NEERI Auditorium.

Dr CV Chalapati Rao, former Chief Scientist and Head, Air Pollution Control Division, CSIR-NEERI was the keynote speaker.

Dr Atul N Vaidya, Director, CSIR-NEERI and Dr Sadhana Rayalu, Senior Most Scientist, CSIR-NEERI were present on the dais.

Dr Rao shared his views on the NEP 2020. Describing the salient features of NEP 2020, he stated that it could bring a fundamental change at research and education fronts in India.

Research institutes, including CSIR-NEERI should take advantage of NEP 2020 and align its research activities according to it as a massive institutional restructuring is expected in the country by 2040, said Dr Rao.

Research Institutes are supposed to remain at least 10 years ahead in their planning, Rao added. He informed that National Research Foundation is being built for the first time in the country which will strengthen governance structure of research-related institutions and will improve links between R&D, academia and industry.

Earlier, Dr Atul Vaidya, in the introductory remark, said that the foundation of CSIR-NEERI has been based on multi-disciplinary research. Now, CSIR-NEERI will have to play a major role in implementation of NEP 2020.

The Professors and Teachers from various academic institutions across

India were present and interacted on various aspects of the NEP 2020.

Dr Sadhana
Rayalu was felicitated for her outstanding achievement in the field of Environment
Protection on the occasion of International
Women's Day. Jaya
Sabjiwale conducted the proceedings.

The programme was also broadcast live on the facebook and YouTube pages of CSIR-NEERI.



Dr Atul N Vaidya felicitating Dr Sadhana Rayalu for her outstanding achievement in the field of Environment Protection.