

Int'l seminar concludes in NEHU



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An International Seminar Workshop organized by the North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong on the “Economic and Social Impact of Medical Devices on the Healthcare Sector in the Country” in blended mode concluded on April 30. The program was organised by the Design Innovation Centre (DIC) and Department of Biomedical Engineering, NEHU, Shillong in collaboration and sponsored by ICSSR NERC NEHU and DIC.

The program brought forth experts from academia, industry, healthcare institutions, government agencies, medical experts and venture capitalists from across the country and abroad to deliberate on their vision and develop a roadmap for progress in the medical technology sector in the North East and India. The sub-theme of the event focussed on the Growth of Medical Devices in India- Towards Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

Dr. Dinesh Bhatia, the program coordinator, welcomed the dignitaries and apprised the objectives and outcomes of the three days of extensive deliberations which took place involving experts from different fields from both India and abroad. He stressed upon the future roadmap and how the event would try to achieve them in the near future. He profusely thanked all stakeholders and government agencies involved in making the event successful. He emphasized the role of local entrepreneurs within the state and across to carry the discussions forward and turn their dreams into reality.

The Chief Guest of the event Prof. Animesh Mishra, Registrar I/c, NEIGHRIMS, Shillong emphasized the importance of innovation and how it developed from the 18th century onwards. He outlined during his keynote address the difference and relationship between invention and innovation and why organizing the Seminar was the need of the hour. He encouraged young participants to enhance their skills to develop innovative healthcare technologies that meet societal needs for the advancement of the medical device sector in the country.

Prof. B. Panda, Honorary Director, ICSSR-NERC, NEHU and Guest of Honor emphasized the role of artificial intelligence and machine learning in the analysis of vast amounts of data being generated in healthcare organizations and their meaningful analysis by employing advanced scientific tools. He stressed upon the integration of social sciences with other streams such as engineering, so that more meaningful outcomes can be achieved.

Dr. Punit Gautam, Joint Coordinator, in his vote of thanks conveyed his sincere gratitude to all stakeholders who made the event a grand success with their support and cooperation. He profusely thanked the University administration, press and media, industry and other agencies for supporting the successful organization of the event.

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