

## **XXXII<sup>nd</sup> Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting of ICAR-NINFET**

**January 30, 2023, Kolkata:**

The XXXII<sup>nd</sup> Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting of ICAR-NINFET was held in hybrid mode at ICAR-NINFET, Kolkata during January 30-31, 2023. Dr R.C. Maheshwari, Former Vice-Chancellor, Sardar Krushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Gujarat has chaired the meeting. Dr.D.B.Shakyawar, Director, ICAR-NINFET has welcomed all dignitaries and presented the achievements of the institute during the period from February 2022 to January 2023. The Chairman and members of RAC have expressed their satisfaction with the progress of the institute activities and they have made introductory remarks.

Four memorandum of agreement (MoA) were signed between the institute and M/s. Divulge, Kolkata; M/s. BSNM Industries Pvt Ltd, Kolkata; M/s. Poly Industries, Kolkata and M/s. Joy Maa Tara Enterprise Sodepur for commercialization of Sisal Fibre extractor, Jute Ribboner, Jute leaf Drink, Jute activated Carbon and manufacture of value added products from yak hair. After that Vision@2047 document of the institute and NINFET Newsletter (for the period January-June 2022) were released by the dignitaries.

Dr. L. Ammayappan, Member Secretary, RAC has presented the action taken reports of XXXI<sup>st</sup> RAC recommendations during March 09-10, 2022 and the RAC committee agreed and accepted the ATR presented by Member Secretary, RAC. All head of the divisions and sections presented have the major contributions of the division followed by completed projects and ongoing research projects of the respective divisions. New research projects were presented by the respective principal investigator and RAC gave valuable suggestions.

On January 31, 2023 Dr. D.B. Shakyawar has presented the curriculum of B.Tech course in Agricultural Engineering with specialization in Natural Fibre Technology under the umbrella of ICAR-IARI, New Delhi. Dr. L.K. Nayak has presented the important recommendations of two days National Conference on "*Natural fibre for sustainable societal development*". Dr. S. Debnath, Nodal Officer-NEH has presented the progress of activities under NEH of the Institute; Dr. L. Ammayappan has presented the proceedings of interface and workshop conducted by the Institute. After deliberations, RAC have suggested their remarks and suggestions for the future research works of the institute. Dr. L. Ammayappan, In-charge, PME Cell & Member Secretary, RAC has delivered the vote of thanks.

