

National level Science Conclave in Assam



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Assam State Science & [Technology](#) Councils two days annual conclave has been inaugurated in Guwahati [city](#) on September [6](#) which has been organised by Assam Science [Technology](#) & [Environment](#) Council (ASTEC), Guwahati and supported by Department of Science & [Technology](#), Government of [India](#). The inaugural session was held at Hotel Gateway Grandeur where S&T officials from 23 Indian states have participated. In the inaugural ceremony at 11 am today Ravinder Gaur, Scientist D (TDT) and Member Secretary (SSTP), DST, [India](#) spoke on State S&T Council's Conclave while Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Advisor & Head (TDT), DST, [India](#) explained about significance of [state](#) S&T council programmes and activities. Dr. [Arup](#) Kumar Misra, Director, ASTEC, Assam in his welcome address thanked all the distinguished scientists from 23 states of [India](#) attending the Science Conclave in Guwahati. Speaking on ASTEC and its activities on science popularisation, he said that officials and activists of ASTEC had been working closely with the help of 219 [Aryabhatta](#) Science Centers established in each development blocks in Assam. BR Samal, Commissioner and Secretary, Department of Science & [Technology](#), Assam highlighted the challenges posed by Assam with special attention to With Hunting [as](#) a major social [menace](#). Keshab Mahanta, Minister, Science & [Technology](#), Assam formally inaugurated the Science Conclave and released the "Compendium on [State](#) Specific S&T Interventions by States and S&T Councils". On the occasion he also said that a Science City would be constructed in Assam shortly with an initial amount of rupees 110 core. He specially mentioned the role to be played by scientists in remote areas of Assam giving importance to increase in pioneering activities on research on river beds, Muga silk and to prepare a [state](#) wide data base of Bio-diversity. He declared that ASTEC would arrange [state](#) or NE [level](#) science exhibition or Science mela every year. Dr. RK Barman, HOD, S&T, ASTEC offered vote of thanks at the end of inaugural ceremony. Along with the two days Science Conclave ASTEC is also organising an exhibition - "Ideas to Action: Let us Grow with Innovation" at Regional Science Centre, [Khanapara](#) during September [7](#) and [8](#). The exhibition will display the various technologies propagate the programmes carried out by the council for the benefit of the participants coming from different states of [India](#).

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