

## **SESTEC 2018 held at BITS Pilani**

**PANAJI:** Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in association with Department of Chemistry, BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus and the Association of Separation Scientists and Technologists (ASSET) organized the eighth edition of DAE-BRNS biennial symposium on 'Emerging Trends in Separation Science and Technology (SESTEC-2018)' at BITS Pilani, Goa Campus recently. The four-day symposium attended by about 250 delegates from India and abroad, was inaugurated by Prof P R Vasudeva Rao, Vice Chancellor, Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai. The Director of BITS Pilani Goa Campus, Prof G Raghurama; Dr P K Pujari, Co-Chairman of SESTEC-2018 and Associate

Director, RC & I group, BARC, conveners and secretary of SESTEC-2018 were also present for the inaugural function. Dr Mainak Banerjee, Co-convenor of SESTEC 2018 and faculty at BITS Pilani Goa Campus welcomed the dignitaries and delegates.

Prof G Raghurama mentioned about the history and legacy BITS is carrying for last over half a century. Highlighting the importance of collaboration of premier national research institutes with academia, Prof Rao shared the recent advancement and future in separation science in India. SESTEC series involves eminent separation scientists and technologists from India and abroad.

The aim of this symposium was to hold an open deliberation on state-of-the-art developments in the important areas of R&D of separation science and technologies and allied areas.

The major areas of the conference were separations in nuclear fuel cycle, membrane science and technology, treatment of industrial effluents, chromatography and pyrochemical separations, computational chemistry in separation science, radiochemical separations, green separations, speciation studies etc.