

## CMER&TI Research Fellow wins national level competition

(Biotechnology Entrepreneurship Students Team (BEST)-2017)

Ms. Pinky Moni Bhuyan, Junior Research Fellow and Ph.D. Scholar of CMER&TI, Lahdoigarh with her multi-institutional team members has succeeded to stand THIRD in a nationwide innovative talent search program viz., *Biotechnology Entrepreneurship Students Team (BEST)-2017* promoted by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India. The prize involves a certificate and cash prize of Rs. 2.00 lakh. The team comprises of 5 Ph.D. scholars - Sri Pranab Nath, AAU (group leader); Ms. Himadri Das, CSIR-NEIST; Ms. Pinky Moni Bhuyan, CMER&TI; Sri Somip Borphukan, CSIR-NEIST and Sri Himangshu Baruah, Cotton University. The thematic concept of the team was in the area of '*Bioremediation in tea garden*'.

The programme 'Biotechnology Entrepreneurship Students Team (BEST)-2017' was conducted by the Association for Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE) (<http://www.ableindia.in>), Bangalore to encourage entrepreneurship in the field of Life Sciences / Biotechnology. The event was held at Clark Exotica Resort and Spa, Bangalore during 12-16<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The selection process involves an open call for proposal from the students of colleges and universities in India from which 20 best ideas are selected to be presented before an experts committee.

Ms. Pinky's team has further been invited to attend 'Bio-Economy India Conclave - 2018' (<http://bioeconomy.in>) to be held at Bangalore during 15-16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 where the team will receive the prize.



The team members receiving the prize

[From the left: Ms. Himadri Das, Ms. Pinky Moni Bhuyan, Sri Pranab Nath, Sri Somip Borphukan and Sri Himangshu Baruah]