PRESS RELEASE

CSIR – Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), the apex R&D institute for mechanical engineering and allied disciplines under the aegis of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), which is an Autonomous Body under the Government of India welcomed **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, **Hon'ble Minister** for **Science & Technology and Earth Sciences**, **Govt. of India** and **Vice President**, **CSIR** on **May 16**, **2016** in its campus at **Durgapur**. **Dr. Girish Sahni**, **Director General**, **CSIR** and **Secretary**, **DSIR** accompanied the Hon'ble Minister in his visit to CSIR-CMERI during **May 16-17, 2016**.

Hon'ble Minister along with **Dr. Sahni** and **Prof Harish Hirani**, **Director, CSIR-CMERI** had an interactive meeting with the renowned leaders of industries in and around Durgapur and senior scientists of CSIR-CMERI to assess the **needs of the industry** and **how CSIR as a whole and CSIR–CMERI in particular can address those needs**. **Chief executives** from **public sectors**, Durgapur Steel Plant, Alloy Steels Plant, Eastern Coalfields Ltd., Damodar Valley Corporation, etc and **private industries**, Graphite India Ltd., Philips Carbon Black Ltd., Alstom Projects (India) Ltd., Durgapur Cement Works, Matix Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd., etc took part in the deliberation.

Hon'ble Minister wished a 'Full-fledged Marriage' between Industries and CSIR laboratories to solve common peoples' problems in a simple way. He urged the industries to be courageous and own CSIR technologies; he cited the example of an ayurvedic drug developed by one CSIR lab, which was taken by an industry, who got immensely benefitted within a short time.

Hon'ble Minister requested DG, CSIR and Director, CSIR-CMERI to have regular interaction with industries to know their needs and fast-track their research to meet the industrial need.