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### Second ICAFM begins

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The huge application potential offered by advanced functional materials and nanotechnology in diverse fields such as energy, consumer electronics, infrastructure, defence and health care was the highlight of the second International Conference on Advanced Functional Materials (ICAFM - 2014) which took off here on Wednesday.

Manfred Stamm of the Leibniz Institute of Polymer Research, Dresden, Germany, inaugurated the three-day event organised by CSIR-NIIST in association with the Indian Institute of Metals, Materials Research Society of India, Indian Ceramic Society, and The Society for Polymer Science. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Manfred emphasised the need to create a platform for active interaction and exchange of ideas among scientific community. Suresh Das, Director, CSIR-NIIST, highlighted the necessity of developing novel functional materials to cater to the needs of the energy, food and health sectors.