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Global meet on functional materials

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST, CSIR) and Kerala Chapter of the Ceramic Society is organising an International Conference on Advanced Functional Materials here on December 9 and 10. The conference will discuss the most recent developments globally in the area of materials and find ways to apply these developments to the traditional sector industries related to sanitary ware, ceramic tiles, porcelain insulators, table ware, terracotta products including bricks and tiles which require modernisation and diversification.

The conference will be attended by more than 250 delegates from India, the U.K., the Netherlands, Germany, the U.S., Australia, Finland, China and Korea.

Many from the ceramic industry have set up exhibition stalls and posters.

The NIIST (CSIR) and Indian Ceramic Society have come forward to organise such a novel platform for the first time in this part of the country.

A. Jayakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor of Kerala University and Suresh Das, Director, NIIST (CSIR), Thiruvananthapuram, will inaugurate the conference. The keynote address will be delivered by Dipankar, Chief Controller, R&D (AMS) & DS, DRDO, New Delhi. There are 42 invited speakers out of which 30 are from abroad.