

he Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Central Coir Research Institute were held at C.C.R.I. Complex, Kalavoor, Alleppey, from 4th to 5th February 2010. The formal inauguration of the celebrations was made by Shri. Dinsha J Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for MSME, Govt. of India in a glittering function. In his inaugural address, the Hon'ble Minister said that the activities of the Central Coir Research Institute in the past 50 years have been praise worthy and it played an important role in the development of coir industry in the country. He added that coir industry is getting prime attention of the Union Government and lauded the trade and industry for maintaining the tempo of the development of Coir Industry in the country inspite of adverse effects of Global recession. On the occasion, Shri Dinsha J Patel also launched the Mobile Defibrering Machine developed by the CCRI as a solution to the problem faced by the coir industry

due to fibre shortage.

Shri. G. Sudhakaran, Hon'ble Minister for Co-Operation & Coir, Govt. of Kerala presided over the function. Shri G. Sudhakaran complimented the CCRI for developing many new machines and technologies including the Mobile Defibering Machine which he considered most ideal for the perennial problem faced by the coir sector in the state, ie, low husk utilization. The Hon'ble Minister also briefed on the activities envisaged by the Government of Kerala for the development of coir industy which includes setting up of a coir machinery manufacturing unit at Alleppey and implementation of the recommendations of the Coir Commission for the development of the industry. He requested for the benevolent support of Union Government in implementing these activities.

Shri. V.S. Vijayaraghavan, Ex. M.P, Chairman, Coir Board welcomed the distinguished guests and the gathering to the

celebrations. The distinguished guests on the occasion included S/Shri K.C. Venugopal, M.P., Anathalavattom Anandan, MLA, A.A. Shukkur, MLA, Shri Dinesh Rai, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of MSME, Shri Seshkumar Pulipaka, IA& AS, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of The Product and MSME . Technology Exposition organized in connection with the celebrations and the sales outlet of Hindustan Coir, the modern Powerloom Coir Factory of Coir Board, were inaugurated by Shri. Dinsha J Patel, Hon'ble Minister for MS & ME in the same function. The newly developed Mobile Fibre Extraction Machine by the CCRI was launched and named as "Swarna" by the Hon'ble Central Minister in the function. Officers and technicians who contributed for the development of the MFEM were introduced by Dr. U.S. Sarma, Director, RDTE to the distinguished guests and were congratulated by one and all. On the occasion, a Compendium on