

The youth hold the state's key: Guv



By Staff Reporter

RONO HILLS, Nov 28: Calling upon the youths of the state to work together to make Arunachal Pradesh the best state in the country, Governor General (Retd) JJ Singh today advised them to utilize the state's natural potentials to convert them into sources of income.

Addressing a large gathering at the Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) auditorium here during an

interactive session, the governor said the youth have a greater role to play in the state's development.

The youth, by acting as a catalyst, can change the shape of the state by bringing new thoughts and ideas and by channelising their energy into developmental works, he said. Pointing out that two-thirds of Indians are youths, Singh added, "If your cause is justifi-

fied and your path righteous, success will be yours."

Besides appealing for support to make Arunachal the first plastic-free state, he urged them to shun the *bandh* culture, as also violence. Even if you simply adopt black-badge protests to place your demands, the authority will listen to you, he said.

The governor led a minute's silence for those who lost their lives in the Mumbai *Contd P.*

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From P.I... attacks and urged the youth to ensure that the tranquility in Arunachal remains forever.

On the other hand, congratulating Lobsang Chombey for becoming the first youth from the state to become editor of NDTV news channel (and not its director, as erroneously mentioned by this daily yesterday) Singh expressed happiness that RGU products are doing well in all fields.

Calling the PM's financial one of the best gifts to the state, he said the developmental works which will be undertaken under the package would generate employment for all. He further advised the youth to engage themselves in tourism, handicrafts, or-

ganic farming, floriculture apiculture and such to earn good living.

Besides these, he informed that once Arunachal Scout is introduced, more than 5000 youths would be employed. Games and sports, especially shooting, archery, boxing and martial arts, also have great potentiality in the state, he observed.

The governor also released the university's magazine *The Rono Post*.

In his welcome speech, RGU vice chancellor Prof KC Belliappa called Singh a proactive governor whose involvement in the state's affairs was most heartwarming. With his

robust and infectious optimism, the state will surely undergo a sea of change, Prof Belliappa said. RGU registrar Dr Deepak Kumar also spoke.

With the help of a PowerPoint presentation, RGU's mass communication department head Moji Riba gave a thorough profile of the university, highlighting its outreach activities, campus interviews and such. He apprised the gathering of the need to create more infrastructure, recruitment of adequate faculty members and addition of values to the education system.

Earlier, the governor and first lady Anupama Singh visited the RGU'S women's technology park and the centre of biodiversity.