

# Students catalysts of development: Guv

**NIRJULI, Jun 22:** Students with their scientific and technological knowledge have tremendous potential as catalysts to carry out reforms as the most important partners in the development process, said Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh.

Addressing the 19<sup>th</sup> annual general body meeting of NERIST Society here today, Singh said NERIST students have won lot of laurels for the state in India and abroad and are well placed in public and private sectors including MNCs. NERIST products are poised to take up challenging tasks under Look East policy of the Centre and play a pivotal role in execution of important projects, like mega dams, aerodromes, mega bridges, highway and infrastructure needs of the North East, he hoped.

Emphasizing on more campus placement for the students, he called upon the students to work hard as there was no shortcut to success. Assess your achievement in education, he said, adding, "If your cause is justified and path is righteous, success will be yours".

He said that NERIST is the first institute of its kind in the country to launch a modular pattern of education offering certificate, diploma and degree level programmes in vari-



ous branches and expressed his satisfaction over the pattern of education that have succeeded in achieving its objective as an acclaimed centre of excellence in technology and management for others reputed institutes to emulate.

Besides other programmes, the Institute has carried out several prestigious projects and sponsored research from reputed organizations and endeavours to reach out from lab to land, he said.

The strong R & D base has aided in the development of trained manpower and created an expertise in the areas of priority like agriculture, horticulture development, food processing, medicinal plants, bio-fuels, bamboo technology etc. in a unique way contributing to the all round development of the region, the governor

said, He said it also supports appropriate technology development, rural development and other activities influencing the life and economy of the rural population in the state and its neighborhood. He however emphasized on students-related activities, training and placement and creation of the state of the art communicational and computational facilities in the Institute. He further asked the Society members to ensure regular meetings with maximum participation representing the member states.

Earlier, the governor inaugurated an integrated bio-diesel reactor plant and a guest house, a 16-room building with all modern facilities at NERIST Complex.

Sponsored by union department of science and

technology, the reactor system has been implemented with the objectives to cover up all aspects of plantation of indigenous bio-diesel yielding plant species, production and procurement of seeds, extraction of raw oil, production of bio-diesel, blending and trade and research and development and training to the local people of the state.

Earlier, NERIST director Dr Joram Begi highlighted the institute's activities as a premier Institute of NE and later presented the annual report of the society.

The meeting also discussed about increasing the intake capacity of students and deciding on the action plan of the Society.

NERIST Society chairman and Guwahati IIT Director Prof Gautam Barua also attended the meeting. (PRO to governor)