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Guv inaugurates state's first NIT



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ITANAGAR, Aug 18: Governor JJ Singh inaugurated the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Arunachal Pradesh, at Yupia today amidst a large gathering of officials, public leaders, students and guardians.

Education Minister Bosiram Siram, parliamen-

tary secretary Nabum Rebia, education commissioner Hage Khoda, governor's secretary Ankur Garg, higher and technical education director Dr Joram Begi, Durgapur NIT director Prof S Bhattacharya, information and public relations director Leki Phuntso and school education director T

Talo were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the historical occasion, Singh said with the establishment of the NIT, "we aim to develop highest quality of technical education. We aim to build human resource with sound footing on basic engineering principles, *Contd. P.3*

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From P.I...technical and managerial skills. Along with innovative research capabilities and exemplary professional conduct, I am sure, the alumni of this institute will lead and use technology for the progress of mankind and also adapt themselves to changing technological environment with the highest ethical values."

Referring to former President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's speech at the 2nd convocation of the NERIST, who stated that the fruits of economic development should translate into better income and quality of life for the people for promoting inclusive growth and also dwelt on the need to implement the Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas model in the North East for empowering the rural com-

munity. Singh urged the students to address the needs of the region through their technical expertise.

"I am confident that with the concerted efforts of the management, faculty, staff and students, NIT Arunachal Pradesh will scale new heights of excellence in the years to come and come up to the aspiration of the people," he said.

Education Minister Bosiram Siram in his address said, the day will be an important one in the history of the state and education. Expressing his confidence in the institute, Siram said it would contribute towards the development of the state in a bigger way.

Rebia, who was the special guest of the inaugural function, said, "We are proud to have the NIT at Yupia, even if it is on a tem-

porary site." Rebia, who is also the local MLA, thanked the Union MHRD for the institution, and assured his personal attention to the needs of the institute.

Khoda termed the establishment of the NIT as a new chapter in technical education in the state and hoped that it would fulfill the technical manpower required in the region. "We should take best advantage of this institution," he suggested.

Dr Begi in his address highlighted the efforts in getting the NIT for the state. He expressed his hope that it would address the need of an engineering college in the state and put hold to large numbers of students going out to pursue engineering outside the state. Extending gratitude to the Papum Pare administration, the urban de-

velopment and school education departments and others for the temporary site, he informed that Rs 300 crore has been earmarked for the permanent one.

Earlier, Prof Bhattacharya said the NIT would change the entire region in a big way. The union MHRD is looking forward to the institution as a benchmark for future NITs, he said, and informed that 11 lakh 20 thousand students appeared for the entrance test of NIT and 15000 were selected.

Prof Bhattacharya, who is also mentor director of the NIT here, urged the students to take the initial shortcomings in infrastructure and other problems as a challenge.

Mentoring committee coordinator Prof JP Sarkar also spoke.

In the sideline of the inaugural function, Prof Sarkar informed that as on the day 65 students against 90 seats have joined, out of which 13 are girls. Against the 43 seats for the host state, 42 students have already joined.

Prof Sarkar, who is also one of the visiting faculty members, informed that at present the NIT here will have three streams - Computer Science Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Electronics and Communication. He added that at present there are four faculty members and advertisement has been floated for eight faculty and ten non-faculty members.

Located at the erstwhile secondary school building, the NIT's classes began today. (PRO to governor)