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Shri Nabam Tata conferred Doctor of Philosophy *Honoris Causa* by Gauhati University

Shri Nabam Tata, a social activist from Arunachal Pradesh has been conferred degree of Doctor of Philosophy *Honoris Causa*, by Gauhati University in recognition of his unstinted and tireless efforts over a long period of time in popularising, preserving and promotion of the rich traditional culture, art and folk music of the State in general and of the Nyishi Community in particular. The University regards it as unique achievement and significant contribution to the society at large.

His '*Scroll of Honour*' states that Shri Nabam Tata of Arunachal Pradesh, who recently retired as a State Government employee of Arunachal Pradesh Government has dedicated his life from a very young age to the preservation of the rich cultural heritage of the State in general and the Nyishi community in particular. He has been instrumental in popularizing and promoting the rich folk art and music of the State. This he has done through the visual medium, that is, films. He scripted and was the lead actor in the State's first feature film, '*Mera Dharam Meri Maa*'. He also directed and produced numerous films and music albums, chief among them being '*A Nyishi Marriage*' and '*Komchi Lilla*', an audio album.

Hon'ble Governor of Assam and Chancellor, Gauhati University, Shri Banwarilal Purohit conferred the Degree to Shri Nabam Tata in the 26th Convocation of the University in the BKB Auditorium in the university campus, Guwahati on 28th April 2017.

In his speech, the Shri Purohit called upon the students to carry with them knowledge gained from their education and put them into practical in real life situations. He advised them to make a difference in the community, in the society, in the State and in the Nation. Be an ambassador of peace and goodwill and make the country proud.

The Governor, emphasised for strong character and integrity for development and prosperity of the State and the Nation, while recalling Mahatma Gandhi's list of seven social sins. He also highlighted on the challenges in higher education and in the University, which he stated that it rank 27th among Universities of India.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Professor C.N.R. Rao, Bharat Ratna and renowned scientist, who delivered the convocation address said that the future of India depends on science and technology. It is the foundation of science and technology that enables a country to become a leader in the world.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University, Dr. Mridul Hazarika highlighted on the achievement of the University.

Expressing his happiness that Shri Nabam Tata from Arunachal Pradesh and Smt Tasile N. Zeliang from Nagaland have been conferred with degrees of Doctor of Philosophy *Honoris Causa*, Shri Acharya, who reached Itanagar in the morning from Kohima opined that people from all walks of life must be recognized by the Universities for their selfless and unique services to the society and the Nation. Such conferment will encourage the dedicated and extraordinary individuals and also motivate many others to work towards sustaining cultural heritage, preservation of fragile environment and overall prosperity and empowerment of every section of the society and gender.

Shri P.B. Acharya, who is the former Governor of Assam and also former Chancellor, Gauhati University, well aware of the valuable works of Shri Nabam Tata in the field of preservation of indigenous culture and tradition had recommended his name for the recognition.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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