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**3rd CONVOCATION OF NERIST HELD,
GOVERNOR, UNION MINISTER HRD ATTENDS**

Itanagar, October 15: The 3rd Convocation of North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology was held at NERIST Campus, Nirjuli, Itanagar on October 12 last, **reports PRO to Governor.**

Union Minister for Human Resource Development Shri Kapil Sibal graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, General (Retd) JJ Singh, who is the President of NERIST Society, presided over the function. Shri M.P. Bezbaruah, Chairman, Board of Management, NERIST, other members of the management, senior officers, eminent academicians, intellectuals and the entire faculty and other members of the NERIST family, guests and special invitees, alumni and students of NERIST attended the function.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister congratulated the graduates and expressed his confidence that they will play their roles and contribute in making the world a better place. He said that his expectations from the graduates are of a very high order, not only as professionals but also as intelligent and wish voices in the community that they will now serve. Exhorting them to be an agent of change, the minister advised them not to let the fire in the belly subside. Passion, he said makes difference between an average and an outstanding performer. He advised them to remember that the degrees will help them to make a living but it is their education that will help them to find a life. And, both will help them to make a difference in the lives of others.

The Union Minister was pleased to note the large percentage of girls amongst the toppers. He said that large numbers of girls graduating in mechanical and civil engineering shows that mindset of the people has changed and it is a matter of great pride.

Assuring whatever possible help to NERIST, the HRD Minister appreciated the institute for its dovetailing academic programmes.

In his convocation address, the Governor advised those who have received their degrees to remember that individual success, however desirable and coveted, is not enough by itself. They have to be socially useful, innovative and have multi-disciplinary approach to make themselves, their families and State and Country proud. He exhorted the recipients to be the source of motivation and inspiration for their peers and juniors, their community and society.

The NERIST Society President informed that after attaining the status of a 'deemed to be university' in 2005, NERIST has added another feather on its cap by introducing master's programme in all branches of engineering and technology. It is the first institute in the State of Arunachal Pradesh to start a full time master's programme in Management and doctoral programmes in Engineering, Technology, Basic Sciences, Applied Science, Humanities, Social Sciences and Management respectively. He added that NERIST is committed to comply with the requirements and continually improve the effectiveness of the quality management systems. It is also committed for the personality development of the students for their successful and bright future.

The Governor, who has been attending every annual meetings and activities of the premiere technical institute in the last five years, said that there have been considerable gaps in the resources required for desired infrastructure creation and those available. He urged upon the Union Minister of Human Resource Development to provide the necessary impetus required in term of grants and aids to the institute. He expressed his hope that after the visit by the Union HRD Minister, the Ministry will ensure that all the requirements of the Institute under 12th Five Year plan are met.

Shri M.P. Bezbaruah, Chairman, Board of Management, NERIST in his address said that every person must be alive to the winds of blowing across. They should open up their minds to imbibe the best that the world has to offer, keeping no doubt that pride in their local distinctiveness. If they do not, time and development will pass by them. The NERIST Board of Management, chairman, while stating that as time passes, along with achievements come the problems of ageing of infrastructure. He emphasized that NERIST needs special attention so that the much needed academic excellence and research are not compromised by poor and outdated facilities.

Earlier, in his welcome address, NERIST Director Prof. Dipankar Pal highlighted on the academic and research activities of the institute. He informed that in two years since there had been a number of new developments and initiatives. The Institute has started three new M. Tech programmes in VLSI, Computer Science & Engineering and in Thermo Fluid Engineering from academic year of 2012-13. The Director added that the Institute has recently gone into collaboration with the American University of Sharjah, UAE, on research, project-supervision, research-supervision, faculty and student exchange and issues of bilateral interest. This is for the first time that NERIST has been in collaboration with a foreign university of repute.

Stating few of major achievements of the institute, the NERIST Director informed that Dr. L. B. Singha, from Department of Forestry received DBT Overseas Fellowship to work at the International Laboratory in the Dept. of Biology of Concordia University, Canada, while Dr. Aditi Bhardra from Dept. of Agriculture Engineering has received Indo-US Research Fellowship to do post-doctoral research in US. Dr. K. S. Devangan has gone to Canada for post-doctoral research and Dr. H. S. Yadav has been selected to do post-doctoral research in Hungary by INSA

under its exchange programme. He added that he himself was invited as a part of the Indian delegation to visit the Qingdao Ocean University, China for the 3rd orientation programme under bilateral exchange with RGIIM Shillong.

The award of degree ceremony started with PhD degree to Karam Ratan Singh and Utpal Kumar Saha in mathematics, Purabi Saikia in Forestry, Lakhi Nath Bora in Physics, Swapnali Baruah in Humanities, Jimmy Yebjeny in Forestry and Sanjib Chowdhury in Mathematics. Shri M.P. Bezbaruah, Chairman, Board of Management, NERIST presented the degrees.

M. Tech, M. Sc, MBA, B.Tech, and B.Sc degrees were also awarded to candidates on the occasion along with Diplomas and certificates.

Chairman, Board of Management administered the pledge to the degree recipients.

The Union Minister presented Gold Medals to toppers, Kenli Bagra (M.Tech-ESE), Sudipta Majumder (M.Tech-IT), Subhasish Das (M.Sc Forestry), Junmoni Barman (M.Sc Physics), Dakjum Eshi (M Sc Mathematics) Jini Natung (MBA), Pinom Ering, Pankaj Kumar Jha, Projjolita Mahanta, Ramandeep Singh, Jonaki Biswas, Rina Moirangthem, Swagata Das, Sumit Saurabh, Kuntal Purkayastha, Niti Taki, Minotshing Maza, Nitesh Kumar Jha, Paramjit saha, Sauradeep Dey and Dhiraj Raj Timsina of 2011 batch. Hage Anka (M. Tech ESE), Sai Prasad Ojha (M Tech CIMA), Evanylla Iangap Mawrie (M.Sc Forestry), Rajiv Khatioda (M.Sc Chemistry), Nilakshi Boruah (MBA), Pooja Mishra, Jaba Debbarma, Abhinay Kumar, Ankita Raj, Rahul Kumar Singh, Aditya B. Chandran, Abhishek Mungoli, Nungleppam Monica, Nabajit Sarkar, Indrajit Paul, Darshan Prakash Borthakur, Sapna S. Mishra and Ashish Choudhury of 2012 batch also received Gold medals for topping in their respective streams.

The last convocation of NERSIT was held on 4th August 2010.

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