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Be innovative, entrepreneur and disciplined: Governor to NERIST Students

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma called upon the students of North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli to be innovative, entrepreneur and disciplined during his maiden visit to the institute on 31st October 2013.

Governor exhorted the students to think in new ways to find solution to existing challenges of society. He said that innovation is not about doing different things but doing things differently. It is about solving the problem with simple technologically feasible and acceptable creative solution.

Advising the students to get rid of colonial mind set of looking for government jobs, Governor said that government jobs are limited and many of jobs are unproductive. You must become entrepreneurs, which is essential for progress of the nation. You must not be job seeker but job creator, Governor emphasized.

Underscoring the importance of discipline amongst the students, Governor said that discipline leads to respect for each other, which in turn creates peace and harmony in the campus and in the society. Discipline since early life helps to grow as a responsible and responsive citizen. He added that discipline will not only help in inculcating a quest for knowledge, a spirit of tolerance, a positive mind and respect for fellow human beings, but also in bringing out the best in a person.

Governor who was addressing the students on the platform of Recreational and Cultural Activities Forum (RACAF) of NERIST appreciated proactive role of RACAF in promoting creative aspect of the students in areas of Art, culture, music and dance. He added that culturally based programs in the areas of art, drama, music and dance provide a different, but equally important, means of building skills in creative thinking, decision-making and problem-solving. Cultural activities foster social cohesion and community identity by promoting multicultural understanding. Such activities provide opportunities for sharing the various forms of diversity that comprise a community.

Governor, who is the President of NERIST Society further said that through cultural festivals, presentations and exhibits of art, it is possible to display and recognize different historical and cultural backgrounds as well as other forms of social diversity. Culture and recreation contribute immeasurably to the health of individuals and of communities by keeping them alive and well.

Earlier interacting with members of the faculty, Governor urged upon them shoulder responsibility to make NERIST in equivalent to IITs and NITs. He said that one of the biggest challenges to them is creating human resource qualified to meet the needs of today's dynamic world. Governor advised the faculty prepare the students ready for avenues for employment, entrepreneurship and industry by encouraging more researches, redesigning courses, relevant to the present and future requirement.

Governor said that inspite of having pool of talents, outstanding faculty and brilliant students, no Indian University is ranked among the top 200 Universities of the world. He exhorted the faculty to improve the quality of education and use technological options available to increase the reach of technical education. He remarked that the delivery of higher education in institutes cannot be allowed to continue in a routine fashion any longer. The administrators and academicians must introduce innovative changes in the institutions. The challenges have to be addressed expeditiously. A culture of excellence has to be promoted by allowing adequate flexibility in different aspects of academic management.

Governor suggested the faculty to address challenges to region specific such as hydropower, tourism and water resources. He also suggested for focus on earthquake and waste management.

On his maiden visit to the institute, Governor took part in a plantation programme and visited different parts of the 512 acres campus of the NERIST. He also released the annual cultural magazine of NERIST, titled Sonar Echoes, as part of five day cultural festival 'Shristi' of the institute.

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