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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma inaugurated the International Conference on the theme 'Climate Change & Natural Resources Development Strategies: Mountain Risks Management and Governance' at Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh on 27th November 2014.

In his inaugural address, the Governor said that industrialization and lifestyle of the people have caused a huge surge in green house gas emission and the green environment, which absorbs the green house gas and checks its effects, is being reduced. He called upon the scientists and participants to find the best scientific ways and means to address the challenges posed by the climate change and at the same time explore methods for balanced harnessing the abundant natural resources. As geologists and environmentalists, they have a crucial role in studying and analyzing the causes, mechanisms and impacts of such geo-hazards and explore ways to mitigate or reduce it. He suggested for special focus has to be on earthquakes, flood, droughts, wildfires, groundwater, coastal flooding and tsunamis.

The Governor called for developing scientific and eco friendly ways to ensure that we harness our natural resources but at the same time preserve the green cover.

The Governor pointed that climate and challenging topography adds mammoth obscurity to the development process in the State. Geologically, he said, Arunachal Pradesh is a lesser-known region. Mountains in Arunachal Pradesh are young ones and the region is prone to earthquake and at the same time experiences very heavy rainfall. Alongside, many developmental projects are coming up in the region and many more are in the pipeline. The Governor appealed to the Indian Geological Congress to suggest on the design of roads, bridges, tunnels and dams with a geological perspective.

The Governor expressed hope that during the three-day conference, which is coupled with the 19th Convention of Indian Geological Congress, in-depth discussion and deliberation, be conducted on the issues pertaining to hilly States.

Your intellectual capital has to be invested out in the field for the good of mankind in general and States like Arunachal Pradesh in particular. I will be very happy if your ideas and findings are shared with State Government. It will help in putting policies in place to alleviate such situations, if they arise, he added.

The Governor emphasised that the knowledge and ideas from the conference hall must reached to the people in the remote part of the country. The Indian Geological Congress must act to instil respect amongst the people for the nature.

In his address, President of Indian Geological Congress, Shri Sachidanandda Rath, Director (Operations), Oil India Limited spoke on climate change and energy security. While stressing on innovative ideas to mitigate challenges, Shri Rath said that a better collaboration of industry and academia can only ensure that relevant and faster skill development. The Director (Operations), Oil India Limited informed that Arunachal Pradesh is one of the key areas for future of hydrocarbon industry.

Prof. Tamo Mibang, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof O.P. Verma, Executive President, Indian Geological Congress, Prof. VKS Dave, Secretary IGC, and Prof. Tomo Riba Convener and Dean of Environment Science, RGU also spoke in the inaugural function.

The three-day international conference is being jointly organised Indian Geological Congress, Roorkee and Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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