

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma graced the 4th Convocation of North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli as chief guest at its campus on 19th April 2015.

In his convocation speech, the Governor said that as the President of the NERIST society he has seen the institution grow and its students constantly setting new examples of excellence in numerous platforms. It is indeed a matter of pride and satisfaction that the students, despite constraints of infrastructure and geographical remoteness, have excelled against all odds. They have competed and performed with the best talent pool drawn from some of the premier institutions of the country. He added, the journey doesn't and shouldn't stop here. They must not become complacent and content over what we have achieved over the years.

Felicitating the students who have been awarded with degrees, the Governor emphasised that NERIST must set newer targets, create new benchmarks and provide fresh examples of performance, innovation, and excellence.

Underscoring that the north eastern region in general has no dearth of talent and resources, the Governor said that the challenges to tap these resources and channelize the energy of the youth towards developing through quality education. He pointed that NERIST can play a pivotal role of a facilitator to provide them with the avenues to prove their latent talents and thereby contribute for the well-being of the state and the country.

The Governor pointed that NERIST has all that it takes to become a centre of excellence to do substantive and focused research in areas of the regional concerns.

Reiterating his concern for flora and fauna and need for developmental activities, the Governor said that along with conservation of flora and fauna the people want development. Development and environment protection can go hand in hand if the young scientists and members of faculty explore innovative ways to address this issue. Knowledge and innovation are the keystones of progress. Need of the hour is to develop a scientific temperament and apply it to the issues of development at hand. NERIST has also rendered consultancy services and provided vital inputs to numerous infrastructure projects in the North East, especially in Arunachal Pradesh, in such diverse and critical sectors as Highways, Buildings, Industry, telecom, mining and food processing etc.

The Governor expressed his concern on girl education, and students from Arunachal Pradesh are going to various parts of the country for pursuing higher studies, particularly in metropolitan cities. He also stressed on improvement of teacher-student ration, which is opined is vital to upgrade the quality of education in the region.

Chairman, Board of Management, NERIST, Air Marshal (Retd) Pranab Kumar Barbora, Director, NERIST Prof. P.K. Das, Deans, Registrar, Heads of Departments, faculty Members and staff of the Institute, Members of the NERIST Society, Board of Management and Academic Council and students of NERIST were present on the occasion.

Earlier, the Governor laid the foundation stone of the Administrative Block in the NERIST campus.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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