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**Rise to the challenges of the society using their technical knowledge:  
Governor to NERIST Society**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa inaugurated the SONABYSS'15, the annual techno-cultural festival of North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Nirjuli in its campus on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.

In his inaugural address, the Governor called upon the students and faculty members upto rise to the challenges of the society using their technical knowledge. He said that they must be useful to the society as an institution and at the same time as a technical individual.

The Governor, who is also the President, NERIST Society exhorted them to explore the best ways and means to construct durable roads and other infrastructure in this sub Himalayan region which is supposed to have peculiar geological formation. He also advised them to explore and develop effective ways to tackle the menace of annual floods and other natural calamities.

The Governor, who have been steering the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, called upon the NERIST Society to strive initially for Clean and Green NERIST and then for Clean and Green Arunachal.

The Governor opined that either to do good to the society or to do great things, there is no substitute to hard work and perseverance. He also advised the people to develop better work culture amongst the people of the State, especially among the government servants.

Expressing concern on the drug addiction problem, he called for initiating awareness activities against drug abuse during the festival.

Commending the faculty members and students for the multicultural annual festival, which also include SHRISTI 2015 the Governor emphasised on the maximum participation by the student community under the active guidance of the faculty. He said that extracurricular activities are means to relieve the mental stress during studies. The Governor added that such activities contribute to the growth of the institute along with strengthening camaraderie and brotherhood amongst the members of the institute.

Referring to his meetings on state of roads in the State four months earlier, the Governor once again called upon the State Government to form a task force constituting representatives from the Central Road Research Institute, Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology, Nirjuli and senior engineers from the State Works Departments.

Speaking on the occasion, North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology Director, Prof. P.K. Das gave a brief about the history of the institution to the Governor, who is on a first official visit to NERIST on the premier technical institute of the State. He also highlighted the achievements and challenges of the institution so far.

Students' Affairs Dean, Prof. Binay Singh, NERIST Gymkhana Chairman, Shri Ashwini Kumar Patra, Recreation and Creative Activity Forum (RACAF) Secretary, Shri Yike Lomri and Shristi 2015 Secretary, Shri Techi Tader also spoke on the occasion. The speakers highlighting on the SONABYSS 2015, said that it is the annual cultural festival of NERIST. This four day program organised by the Recreation and Creative Activity Forum (RACAF) works under the aegis of Gymkhana, NERIST. There are various events and competitions are conducted by the respective clubs such as Dance Club, Hobby Club, Speaking arts Club, Music Club, Drama and Game Zone.

Shristi 2015, the latest episode of Shristi, which has been organised for last 11 years conducted simultaneously is the annual technical festival. It is a three-day program, where students showcase their technical acumen and assess their technical knowledge and innovative skills. The events and competitions are of two kinds here; one is open events and the other is department wise events. The department-wise events are managed and executed by the team of students belonging to the respective departments. As a whole, all the events are monitored and co-ordinated by a committee of faculty members.

First Lady of the State, Smt Rita Rajkhowa, Deans and Faculty members, officers and staff members of NERIST and students attended the programme. Cultural items, including Indian classical dances, dances of Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Assam and Mizoram, reflecting the multicultural assets of NERIST campus were presented in the inaugural function of the four-day festival.

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