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Governor chairs the 23rd NERIST Society Meeting

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri JP Rajkhowa chaired the 23rd NERIST (North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology) Society Meeting at NERIST, Nirjuli on 30th November 2015. The members of the NERIST Society, Air Marshal Pranab Kumar Barbora (Retd), Chairman, Board of Management, NERIST, Professor P.K. Das, Director, NERIST, Shri Tarh Nachung, Industrialist and non-Secretary Dr. R.P. Bhattacharjee and nominees of the members from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, States of Mizoram, Tripura and Sikkim, and All India Council For Technical Education, New Delhi attended the meeting.

The Governor, who is the President, NERIST Society, was pleased about the status of NERIST in production of highly qualified engineers both at junior and senior level. He urged all the NE State representatives to thrive for better and quality education of the Institute for growth and prosperity of NE States.

During the meeting, the house observed that there is lack of supervision of infrastructural works. It was stressed in for involving of NERIST experts for supervision of civil works to save money as well as to ensure quality construction. NERIST and other institution like RGU and NIT should be involving in monitoring road, building etc of the state in general and capital in particular. Mizoram representative briefed about his experience being a member of BoG of IIM, Shillong in this regard. The Institute must engage more in consultation works so as to save more resources and to maintain autonomy of the Institute. The house was informed that all the construction work are vetted by Finance Committee and BoM meeting of NERIST. The house noted the academic and infrastructural development of the institute and urged upon that in future, updated physical and financial position may be placed for knowledge of the members of the Society. The Institute was urged to start Science in Under Graduate level to cater the great need of NER.

In his welcome address, Prof. P.K. Das, Director NERIST informed that NERIST Society is a registered society with objectives to give directions and advices for smooth running of the Institute. The NERIST Society meeting is conducted once in a year. He further informed that Board of Management, NERIST, which looks after the management of the Institute, under the chairmanship of Air Marshal Pranab Kumar Barbora (Retd) conducts its meeting every quarter of the year.

The Director, NERIST while presenting a report on NERIST, informed that the Institute conducts Conferences/ workshops and seminars regularly throughout the year involving all the faculty members. The Institute is also involved in research project and industrial consultancy. The Institute gives scholarships to Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) students.

Recently the Institute has been granted six full time Ph.D and one part time Visveshwaraia Ph.D scholarship by Govt. of India. The Institute is having PDA facilities for faculty members along with QIP to enhance their academic capability. NERIST is also granted TEQIP-II grants of Rs.10 crore from world bank project since last four years. The NBA accreditation is in the pipeline and expected to visit during January 2016.

The Director also highlighted on the future projects and challenges of the Institute. Institute is planning for improvement of old Hostel and modernisation of library facility. The Institute is also thriving for better laboratory facilities and research works. The Institute proposed to have new programme after addition of academic infrastructure. NERIST is facing encroachment of land and the only hope is the state government in getting rid of encroachment.

The members present in the meeting were briefed about modular pattern of admission after class 10(NEE-I), after class 12 (NEE-II) and after 3 years of diploma (NEE-III) for degree course. In the modular pattern, there is provision of exit for each of such students reducing loss of academic years.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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