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Enhance the prestige of your University and Country: Governor

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri JP Rajkhowa, graced the 13th University Convocation of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), Rono Hills, Doimukh as Chief Guest on 30th November 2015. First Lady of the State Smt Rita Rajkhowa, State Chief Secretary Shri Ramesh Negi, Chancellor, RGU, Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora, Vice-Chancellor, RGU Prof. Tamo Mibang, members of executive and academic councils, deans of Faculty, Heads of departments, Registrar, parents of some of the candidates receiving degrees and medals of excellence attended the convocation.

In his convocation speech, the Governor said that education is the key to development, as without human resource development, economic development based on availability of scarce natural resources, would not lead to sustainable economic growth and development. It is universally recognized that efficient and optimum utilization of available natural resources rather than mere supply, is more important to achieve sustainable economic progress. He added that productivity can be enhanced by efficient management of labour and capital and herein lies the importance of higher education in building a storehouse of human capital. This human capital based on knowledge based higher education, which Institutions like RGU are building up, is indispensable for increasing the productivity of a nation. This also enables all to appreciate that over-exploitation of natural resources not only causes fast depletion of the same and causes environmental degradation, but also is not sustainable in the long run. He advised the premier institute of the State to formulate alternative sustainable modules of production in order to enhance productivity of human and all other resources.

Reminding Swami Vivekananda quotation that the real education is that which enables one to stand on one's own legs, the Governor said that the education that the University and other Institutions impart should be useful to the Society and the 'aam admi'.

The Governor said that universities have a significant role in supporting knowledge driven economic growth strategies and in the making of democratic, liberal, value-based, all inclusive, socially cohesive societies. Higher Education is more than the capstone of traditional education pyramid. It is a critical pillar of human development world over, which trains individuals to develop capacity, analytical skills and take decisions. While making decisions affecting a large segment of the population or the entire people of a country, the motto should be the 'greatest good of the greatest number', in line with our democratic dispensation. In using the public resources including public fund, you have to keep in mind five 'Es' – Economy, Efficiency, Effectiveness, Equity and Excellence. The success that one would achieve depends on how well these 5 'Ms' Men, i.e. Money, Machines, Materials and Methods are managed, and that would be possible by imaginatively applying the Principles of 5 'Es', the Governor said while reposing his confidence that RGU will equipped its students with the knowledge and skill to apply these 5 yardsticks.

Exhorting the students and faculty to play key role in harnessing the natural resources of the State while keeping in mind the need to conserve it for the posterity, the Governor said that there should be inter-disciplinary research on natural resource management and environmental impact assessment of various developmental projects, including hydropower.

He emphasised that the University should conduct useful research on challenges to the hill economy, conflict between traditional and modern institutions as well as opportunities of border trade and how to integrate the North East economy with the Indian and global economy, keeping in mind the Act East Policy of the Central Government.

The Governor suggested that the RGU to take up appropriate research projects to document the culture, traditions, customs, faiths, expertise in handlooms, handicrafts, exquisite designs, language / dialects, costumes, folk lores, food delicacies etc. of the 26 major Tribes and about 110 Sub-Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, as very little documentation and research have been done in this area. The same is true of other North Eastern States and as such, RGU scholars and researchers have an important role to play, for conservation of the cultural heritage of such Tribes and sub-Tribes.

Underscoring conservation and sustaining Nature and reminding all that otherwise they have to pay a heavy price due to erratic climate change including Global Warming, the Governor called for their commitment towards 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. Reminding Prime Minister's call for devoting at least hundred hours a year towards the cleanliness drive, he said it means sparing just 17-18 minutes a day.

Congratulating the candidates, who were conferred degrees on the day, the Governor said that convocations are important events in the life of all academic institutions and its graduate scholars. It gives a sense of identity, continuity over the years and re-affirms the duty of each generation to transmit the best of its knowledge, culture and wisdom, gathered in its hallowed precinct, to be passed on to the next generation. He added that the serenity and ceremonious order should remind you of the responsibility that await you as graduates and scholars. This is also an occasion for them to think of what they can do for their alma-mater and motherland.

The Governor said that getting the degree is only the beginning. There is no shortage of opportunities, but with vision, hard work, dedication and imagination, these opportunities can be translated into reality. You, who are graduating today, have a major responsibility to shoulder. Future is neither given nor ordained. If you have the skills, and the will, you can make it happen, he added.

Invoking the Missile Man of India and the Peoples' President, late Dr. AP.J. Abdul Kalam's advice to the youth of India 'If you want to shine like a Sun, First burn like a Sun' the Governor said that one should accept knowledge from whatever sources it comes and one should always try to expand one's knowledge. One should always have an attitude of respect towards mother, father and teachers. Be free from fear and always try to achieve perfection in every work. Be generous in life and in whatever field you are working you must always try to enhance the prestige of your University and Country, he added.

In his address, Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora, Chancellor, RGU called upon the graduates and students to come out of the comfort zone of the region and see the mainland and explore opportunities. Work with devotion and serve with integrity and also be proud of being Indian. He said with experiences they must come back and work for their States.

The Chancellor advised that they must not be academically good but also good citizens. The Chancellor urged the students and graduates to shoulder responsibilities of Nation building and help India in getting its rightful place in the world.

In his welcome address, Prof. Tamo Mibang, Vice-Chancellor, RGU highlighted on the Institute. He said that the University offers Post Graduate programmes in 21 disciplines along with M. Phil and Ph. D programmes. It also offers various skill based programmes, in Hospitality management, tourism, mass communication, disaster management etc. There are 53 ongoing major and minor research projects worth of Rs.27.27 crores. It has conducted around 15 outreach programmes to create mass awareness on environment, rural economy, education, health, opium cultivation and addition.

Vice Chancellor also informed that RGU is running post-graduate programme focusing on Teacher Education and implemented Choice Based Credit System. It has introduced three new departments, i.e. electronic and communication, social work and B.P.Ed in physical education. It has 150 faculty and student's enrolment of 1929.

In an impressive function in the University Campus, the Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy for the academic sessions 2013-14 & 2014-15 were conferred to twenty-seven persons, while the Degrees of Master of Philosophy for the academic sessions 2013-14 & 2014-15 were conferred to forty-two individuals. A total of 12,051 candidates are being conferred with various degrees, including Master's Degree, Degrees of the Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Computer Application, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine & Surgery during the academic sessions 2013-14 & 2014-15 for the academic sessions 2013-14 & 2014-15.

The Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy for the academic sessions 2013-14 & 2014-15 were conferred to Indra Bahadur Newar (History-2015), Chow Nakunand Singkai (Geography-2014), Watsen Bangsia (Geography-2014), Anil Mili (Education-2014), Tayum Saroh (Education-2014), Tulika Baruah (Education-2014), Dulumoni Saikia (Education-2014), Sabita Devi (Education-2015), Sangita Borthakur (Education-2015), Amal Goswami (Education-2015), Sampat Ghosh (Zoology-2014), Tenzing Dema (Botany-2015), Rajiv Mili (Botany-2015), Habung Yami (Botany-2015), Jamuna Bini (Hindi-2014) and Tadam Ruti (Hindi-2014).

The Degrees of Master of Philosophy for the academic sessions 2013-14 & 2014-15 were conferred to Kamin Modi (Tribal Studies-2013), Kekge Essi (Tribal Studies-2014), Maya Pulu (Tribal Studies-2014), Tobom Lollen (Tribal Studies-2014), Chandan Kumar Boruah (Anthropology-2014), Shyamalee Gogoi (Anthropology-2014), Tashmina Rahman (Anthropology-2014), Apilang Apum (Economics-2014), Debajit Bhuyan (Economics-2014), Jarpa Gadi (History-2014), Mino Kamsi (History-2014), Man Norbu (Political Science-2013), Amor Taboh (Geography-2014), Liyo Nyodu (Geography-2014), Rinchin Tashi Bachung (Geography-2014), Akepi Linggi Ehili (Commerce-2013), Atom Dodum (Commerce-2013), Apurva Kumari (Commerce-2014), Biri Amji (Commerce-2014), Rikam Welly (Commerce-2014), Yab Rajiv Camder (Commerce-2014), Tenzing Norbu (Commerce-2014), Joram Api (Hindi-2014), Sanju Sharma (Hindi-2014), Jami Nyitan (Botany-2013) and Mohsin Raza (Zoology-2013).

The Governor, who is also the Chief Rector of RGU, gave away the Chancellor's gold medal to Mr. Monkhum Khilak, M. Sc. (Mathematics), the topper in the Post Graduation section for the Academic session of 2013-14 and Mr. Chandra Kamal Borah, M. Sc (Physics), the topper in the Post Graduation section for the Academic session of 2014-15. The Chancellor presented the Vice-Chancellor's Gold to Ms. Bornami Das, Bachelor of Computer Application, the topper in the Under Graduate section for the Academic session of the year 2013-14 and Mr. Joseph Khongsit,

Bachelor of Computer Application, the topper in the Under Graduate section for the Academic session of the year 2014-15.

In Post Graduation section for the Academic session of 2013-14, the other Gold medallists were Ms. Nani Umie, M. Phil (Tribal Studies), Mr. Goda Kaye, MA (Anthropology), Ms. Yime Potom, MA (History) and Ms. Mudang Meena, MA (Sociology) in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Mr. Konchok Tsering, MA (Geography) in Environmental Science, and Ms. Anamika Gogoi, MA (Education) in Faculty of Education. In other science sections, Ms. Hage Asha, M. Sc (Botany) and Ms. Indira Sarma, M. Sc (Zoology) in the Faculty of Life Science, Mr. Toku Tagu Tada, M. Sc (Chemistry) in the Faculty of Basic (Chemical) Science, Mr. Monkhum Khilak, M. Sc. (Mathematics) in Faculty of Basic (Numerical) Science and Mr. Mukhunda Madhab Borah, M. Sc. (Physics) in the Faculty of Basic (Physical) Science were the gold medal recipients. Mr. Dully Loder, MA (English) and Ms. Sarita Kumari, MA (Hindi) in the Faculty of Languages, Ms Marum Basar, M.Com and Ms. Paporri Bordoloi, MBA in the Faculty of Commerce & Management, Ms. Chinmoyee Gogoi, M. Tech in Engineering & Technology and Ms. Moti Pangkam, MA (Mass Com) in Information Technology also received Gold Medals.

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In the Under Graduate section for the Academic session of the year 2013-14, the other gold medallists includes, Dunya Buni, B.Sc. Honours in (Zoology), Wassim Akhtar, B.Sc. Honours in (Mathematics), Gem Taka, B.Sc. Honours in (Physics), Chonga Kamcham, B.Sc. Honours in (Botany), Osu Borang, B.Sc. Honours in (Chemistry), Pipi Yanggi, B.A. Honours in (Geography), Hiddam Maro, B.A. Honours in (Sociology), Ankheey Hage, B.A. Honours in (History), Puppy Gyadi, B.A. Honours in (Political Science), Kago Kobin, B.A. Hnours in (Education), Vandana Pandey, B.A. Honours in (Hindi), Nada Yami, B.A. Honours in (English), Sanju Maya Tamang, B.A. Honours in (Economics), Chandra Bahadur Chetry, B.COM. Honours, Dutem Siboh, B.Sc. Pass Course, Julion Gongo, Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine & Surgery, Ms. Kakuli Chaudhery, Bachelor of Education, Mr. Geli Nosi, Bachelor of Law and Ms. Bornami Das, Bachelor of Computer Application.

In the Under Graduate section for the Academic session of the year 2014-15, the other gold medallists includes, Ruby Taid, B.Sc. Honours in (Zoology), Phecha Arang, B.Sc. Honours in (Botany), Riyajur Rahman, B.Sc. Honours in (Mathematics), Neelam Kuma, B.Sc. Honours in (Physics), Charu Angha, B.Sc. Honours in (Chemistry), Tania Tagia, B.A. Honours in (Geography), Luckilu Yun, B.A. Honours in (Hindi), Inkey Tayeng, B.A. Honours in (Sociology), Pani Renyu, B.A. Honours in (Political Science), Happy Sonam, B.A. Honours in (History), R. Ngalengwon, B.A. Honours in (English), Akhtarul Islam, B.COM.

Honours, Dawa Drema Maney, B.Sc. Pass Course, Mumtum Lego, B.A. Pass Course, Geyin Pertin, Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine & Surgery, Karma Leki, Bachelor of Law, Ganga Tayeng, Bachelor of Education and Joseph Khongsit, Bachelor of Computer Application.

Established in 1984, this University, popularly known as RGU, is the premier institution of higher learning in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. In line with its founding objectives, the University has been contributing to knowledge enrichment and societal development imparting quality education to several thousands of youth in this remote part of the country. The courses and the various programmes have been designed to cater to the development needs of the region, keeping in view its socio-cultural, economic, ethnic and geographical requirements. Through its affiliated colleges and constituent post-graduate teaching and research departments, the University is set to make an impact in teaching-learning innovations in the higher education arena and in quality research. While focusing on these basic aspects of higher education, the University has been successfully playing its role in extending the benefits of collegiate and university education to the society by way of its multifarious extension activities. The University is in the process of creating the necessary infrastructural and intellectual resources for quality education.

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