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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), presided over the 23rd Convocation of Raj Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, at its campus on 30th November 2025. In the convocation, degrees were conferred upon 115 PhD scholars, 911 postgraduates, and 6,331 undergraduates, along with 127 recipients of postgraduate diplomas for the academic session 2024-25. 38 gold medal winners from postgraduate programmes and 33 gold medal winners from undergraduate programmes were honoured for their outstanding achievements.

The Governor, while congratulating the graduates, said that the achievements of the graduates rest on the love, sacrifices, and support of many parents, teachers, friends, and the society that nurtured them. He encouraged them to let their education become a tool for uplifting others and to step forward as responsible contributors and leaders.

The Governor reminded the graduates of their responsibility to use their knowledge for the greater good, uplift communities, and contribute meaningfully through everyday choices rooted in honesty, integrity, and kindness.

The Governor urged the graduates to carry with them three guiding values, which he said are curiosity to keep learning, courage to face challenges, and character to stand firm in their principles. With confidence, humility, and purpose, he expressed faith that they will bring honour to their families, their alma mater, and the nation.

The Governor said that as ambassadors of Arunachal Pradesh and citizens of a New India, the graduates must use their knowledge to build bridges, their ideas to create opportunities, and their actions to inspire positive change.

The Governor said that Rajiv Gandhi University, the premier institution of higher education in Arunachal Pradesh, stands as a vibrant centre of knowledge, research, and cultural heritage, shaping young minds through an environment that blends modern disciplines with the State's rich traditions. With committed faculty, an energetic student community, and a strong focus on innovation and inclusivity, the University consistently produces graduates who are academically strong, socially conscious, and ready to serve, he said.

The Governor said that national initiatives such as Digital India, Skill India, Start-up India, Make in India, and the transformative NEP 2020 are empowering youth with flexible learning, creativity, and research-driven education. As Arunachal Pradesh moves rapidly toward development, he urged RGU to act as a catalyst for progress by nurturing innovation, strengthening research, promoting entrepreneurship, modernizing infrastructure, and fostering national and international collaborations. He also emphasized the importance of a Clean, Green, and Plastic-Free campus, alongside sports and physical activities for holistic growth. With these efforts, Rajiv Gandhi University can drive local solutions, support the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, and play a transformative role in shaping a prosperous and future-ready Arunachal Pradesh.

Advising the faculty, the Governor said that as educators of Rajiv Gandhi University, they carry the profound responsibility of teaching and also inspiring, for their classrooms are spaces where ideas are shaped and futures defined. He urged them to nurture curiosity, critical thinking, and innovation, guiding students to question, explore, and challenge themselves so they can excel in a rapidly transforming Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor appreciated the Convocation Speaker, Prof S. Mahendra Dev, for highlighting the challenges and opportunities where the new graduates can focus on to be part of the transformation.

During the Convocation ceremony, the Governor, who is the Chief Rector of RGU, conferred the Chancellor's Gold Medal to the Post Graduate topper for the academic session 2024-25 to Ms Bobita Hazarika, M.Sc. (Chemistry), and Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal to the Undergraduate topper for the academic session 2024-25 to Ms Prastuti Borah, B.Ed.

The Governor also conferred the Pushpa Rani Mitra Gold Medal 2025 to Ms Nyayir Lendo for the degree MA in Psychology. The Pushpa Rani Mitra Gold Medal was instituted by Prof. Amitava Mitra (Retd.), former Pro-VC, for the topper amongst girl students in the faculty of Social Sciences.

Dr. J. Suresh Babu, Chancellor, Prof. S.K. Nayak, Vice Chancellor and Dr. N.T. Rikam of Rajiv Gandhi University, also spoke on the occasion.

Prof S. Mahendra Dev, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India, delivered the convocation address. He highlighted the areas that need to be improved to achieve the Viksit Bharat vision.

Members of the Court, the Academic Council, and the Executive Council, Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments and Directors of Institutes, Awardees of medals and degrees and their Family Members as well as Relatives, Statutory Officers, Faculty Members, Staff, Students, Community members and other guests also attended the ceremony.

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