

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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Press Communiqué

Governor participates in the 23rd Conference of Higher and Technical Education

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) graced the 23rd Conference of Higher & Technical Education as the Chief Guest at the Golden Jubilee State Banquet Hall, Itanagar, on 14th March 2026. On the occasion, he felicitated the pioneers of higher education in the State and conferred the Outstanding College Teacher Awards, Best NSS Volunteer Awards, Best Programme Officer Awards, Best NSS Unit Award, as well as the Undergraduate Topper and APSCTE Topper Awards. The Governor also released a book titled "Shifting Cultivation: Traditions and Practices adopted by the Tangsa Tribe" authored by Dr. Odol Pertin, Principal of Jomin Tayeng Government Model Degree College, Roing.

Addressing the stakeholders of Higher and Technical Education in the State, the Governor advised that higher education must progress with a clear and purposeful vision. He urged universities to promote innovation, research, and creativity, encouraging students and faculty to develop solutions to regional challenges such as sustainable agriculture, biodiversity conservation, disaster management, and border area development. He emphasized focused research in areas relevant to the State, including Himalayan ecology, renewable energy, and indigenous knowledge systems.

The Governor, while stating that technology is the biggest enabler, highlighted the need to integrate modern technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, robotics, coding, and data science into academic curricula. AI-enabled digital platforms, virtual labs, and smart classrooms, he said, can help students in remote areas access quality education, while reminding them to use AI as a learning aid rather than a substitute for critical thinking.

The Governor further advised institutions to nurture entrepreneurship and build strong start-up ecosystems through innovation hubs, incubation centres, and start-up laboratories, enabling students to become job creators. Sectors like eco-tourism, agri-technology, handicrafts, and digital services, he noted, hold great promise for the State and align with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat.

Stressing the importance of values and inclusiveness, he encouraged universities to promote community engagement, rural internships, and social innovation projects. He also underscored the need for strong collaborations with national institutions, international universities, and industry partners to enhance research, faculty development, and global exposure, while building centres of excellence in Himalayan studies, biodiversity, and sustainable development.

The Governor complimented the Education Minister, Advisor, Commissioner, Secretary, and Director of Higher Education for consistently organizing this important conference. He observed that the conference provides a valuable platform for educators, administrators, and policymakers to come together, stay connected with the pioneers of the department, and celebrate excellence in teaching, service, and leadership.

The Governor felicitated the pioneers of higher education in Arunachal Pradesh, acknowledging their dedication, vision, and perseverance in laying a strong foundation for the growth of higher learning in the State. He also congratulated the recipients of the Outstanding College Teacher Awards, the Best NSS Volunteers, the Best Programme Officer, and the Best NSS Unit for their exemplary contributions to education and social service. Appreciating the Undergraduate Toppers, he said their hard work and determination serve as an inspiration to fellow students. He also commended Dr. Odol Pertin, noting that such scholarly work plays a vital role in documenting indigenous knowledge and preserving the rich cultural heritage of the State's tribal communities.

Speaking on the occasion, State Education Minister P. D. Sona, called for committed effort of all stakeholders for corrective measures in the education sector and also emphasized on digital transformation. MLA and Advisor to the Hon'ble Minister for Education Mutchu Mithi, Commissioner of Education Amjad Tak, and Director of Higher & Technical Education Dr. Milorai Modi also addressed the inaugural session of the two-day conference. In their remarks, they shared valuable insights on strengthening the education sector, highlighting the importance of innovation, quality learning, and collaborative efforts to further enhance higher and technical education in the State.

Pioneers of higher education, Dr. Giasuddin Ahmed, Professor & HoD, Bio-Technology (Retd.) and Dr. Khargeswar Bhuiyan, HoD, Chemistry (Retd.) of Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat were felicitated on the occasion. Dr. Vinod Kumar Sinha, Associate Professor & Head, Deptt. of History, Govt. College, Bomdila and Dr. (Mrs) Modang Reena, Asstt. Professor (Geo), Wangcha Rajkumar Govt. College, Deomali, Tirap District received the Outstanding College Teacher's Award 2025.

Miss Hiinyo Pombo, J N College, Pasighat and Mr Umek Lozi, Don Bosco College, Jollang received the Best NSS Volunteer Award-2025. Ms Dakngam Riba, Hills College of Teacher Education, Lekhi and Shri Ngamwang Lowang, Wangcha Rajkumar Govt. College, Deomali, Tirap District received the award for Best NSS Programme Officer 2025. Dorjee Khandu Govt. College, Tawang was conferred the Best NSS Unit Award 2025.

Miss Radhe Reela, Government Polytechnic College, Dirang, Shri Manuj Konwar, Government Polytechnic College, Dirang, Roing and Shri Kobit Pradhan, Rajiv Gandhi Government Polytechnic College, Itanagar received the Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Technical Education (APSCTE) Topper (Gold Medalist) Award 2025.

Miss Tam Sita, B.A (Anthropology) and Miss Anita Mondal, B.Sc. (Zoology) of Dera Natung Govt. College, Itanagar and Miss Chaney Lowang, B.Com of Don Bosco College, Jollang, Itanagar received the Toppers of University Examination Award 2025.

The two-day conference is having five technical sessions on discussions including multidisciplinary and holistic education, implementation of NEP 2020, digital transformation in higher & technical education, skill development, industry-academic collaboration, entrepreneurship, faculty development and institutional autonomy.

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