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**Governor chairs annual general meeting of NERIST society**

**Nirjuli Jan. 6:** Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd.) JJ Singh chaired the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual general meeting of North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology Society at NERIST campus, Nirjuli on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012, *reports PRO to Governor.*

Professor Gautam Barua, Chairman, Board of Management, NERIST & Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, A N Jha, Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development, GoI, F P Solo, Commissioner, Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Nagaland, L R Sangma, Secretary, Education, Govt. of Meghalaya, Dr. Joram Begi, Director, Technical and Higher Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and R K Y Singh, Additional Director, University & Higher Education, Govt. of Manipur were present in the Annual General Meeting.

Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg, also attended the meeting as Special invitee.

Opening his address by quoting Prime Minister Dr. Mammohan Singh, who said that Like the sun, Arunachal Pradesh will rise from the east as a new star and become one of the best regions of our country the Governor said that in the same manner NERIST should also rise and become one of the best Technical institutes of the country.

Underscoring the importance of the meeting, the Governor said that the meeting is being held at a very critical juncture. Like the entire global economy, higher education in the country is today confronting challenges about the need for a higher numbers of more highly trained, more highly educated scholars. In the years to come, Arunachal Pradesh, which is also going through a historic phase of development, will require a large pool of technically qualified manpower for various civil construction and hydro-power projects under implementation. This requirement increased the expectation of the State citizenry from NERIST Society, as well as imposes upon the institute, a moral obligation to not fail them in their expectations.

The Governor added the adoption of State Public Private Partnership Policy 2011 by the State Government will open the gates for development of various infrastructure sectors in the State through much-needed infusion of resources and managerial capability of the private sector. It will require lots of technical help. He expressed his hope that NERIST will be there to provide specialized advice or consultancy and more importantly, the pool of qualified manpower.

The Governor, who is chairing the Annual General Meeting for fourth time in a row, said that the society must integrate learning, discovery and practical work to provide the best environment for the students. The guiding principle must continue to be based on academic rigor and discipline but also provide opportunities for as many students as possible to participate in research teams, perform challenging work in industry and work sites and gain substantive professional experience.

He suggested that the premier technical institute should collaborate with other universities within the country and outside and create online networks for knowledge sharing. Maintaining that experienced engineers working along young engineering students and local residents can develop workable solutions for areas where working conditions are tough through a cross-disciplinary approach, the Governor also suggested for creating network of alumni. He also weighted importance to extracurricular activities.

Actively participating in the discussion, members gave important inputs for further improvement the campus environment and academic activities of NERIST.

Professor Dipankar Pal, Director NERIST presented the Directors report in the meeting.

Earlier on his arrival to the NERIST Campus, the Governor, along with other NERIST society members took part in a plantation programme organized to commemorate the occasion, *the report adds*.

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