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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor participates in the XVII RGU Convocation**

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which are sure to come on their path: Governor to passing out students**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) participated in the XVII Convocation of Rajiv Gandhi University in its University Campus at Rono Hills, Doimukh, Itanagar on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

In his address, the Governor said that the convocation is a special occasion for the students, their parents and guardians and also for the faculty and the university. He said that convocation is the beginning of the journey for the students into the realm of responsibilities.

The Governor called upon the passing out students to show themselves worthy of the degree conferred on them. The right path, he advised was of nationalism, good citizenship, entrepreneurship and compliance with fundamental duties.

The Governor asked the passing out students to respect the dignity of work and labour. He highlighted the promising scope in agriculture-related fields, such as agriculture, horticulture, dairy, poultry, piggery, sericulture, pisciculture and apiculture etc. These sectors are easiest and best for food security and self-sustenance, the Governor said. He advised them to work with integrity and succeed with integrity unmindful of the challenges which are sure to come on their path.

In his address to the students, the Governor said that their academic pursuit should not be confined for certification and seeking job. He advised them to study for knowledge, which gives confidence and spirit for enterprise.

The Governor urged upon the student community to contribute toward 'Nation First Initiatives' like 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao', 'Say no to one-time-use Plastic' and 'Jal Hi Jeevan Hai'. He exhorted them to 'Fit India' mission, while stating that 'happy mind exists only in a healthy body'.

While sharing his interactions in the recently concluded Conference of the Governors about new Education Policy, the Governor said that to improve the quality of higher education, there must be competent faculty and good teaching. Selection of faculty must be merit-based with transparency, without fear, favour or ill will. The selection process must be videographed. He suggested for 'Startup' oriented curriculum and interface with the development of regional developmental requirements. There must be appraisal of faculty and other teaching staff, he emphasised.

Impressed by the arrangement of the convocation, the Governor commended the Vice-Chancellor and his team for effectively keeping the calendar of University activities.

The Governor presented the Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Academic session of 2018-19 to Shri Utpal Dutta, M.Sc. (Chemistry) and the Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Academic session of 2018-19 to Ms Kajal Kumari Sah: BCA (Bachelor in Computer Application). He also presented the Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy to the qualified candidates, while the Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain presented the Degrees of Master of Philosophy.

Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University delivered the Convocation Speech of XVII Convocation of Rajiv Gandhi University.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, in his welcome addressed highlighted the achievements and new initiatives in the University.

Prof. A. Mitra, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Tamo Riba, Registrar, Deans, Teaching Faculty, Officers of the University along with distinguished Guests, passing out students and scholars, their families and friends participated in the Convocation.

PRO to Governor  
Arunachal Pradesh  
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