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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), graced the 12th Convocation of the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Nirjuli, at its campus on 17th November 2026. The Governor presented Gold Medals, Academic Excellence Award, NERIST Class of 2002 Silver Jubilee Award and Alumni Achievers Award on the occasion. Miss Keneisenu Tetso, Under Graduate (B.Tech.) received the Academic Excellence Award, which includes a certificate, a cash prize of Rs. 50,000.00 and a plaque for highest 'Cumulative Grade Point Average' (CGPA) across all disciplines. Prof. Biplab Sikdar, received the Academic and Research Excellence Award 2026, which Smt Koj Ringa, IFS, Secretary, received the Distinguished Alumni Award 2026. Er. Pritam Pebam, a Product Designer at Meta Reality Labs, USA received the Young Alumni Achievers Award 2026 from the Governor.

Congratulating the graduating students, the Governor said that their degrees reflected years of hard work, perseverance and dedication, besides the sacrifices of their parents, guidance of teachers and support of the NERIST fraternity. He advised them to remember that a degree is the beginning of greater responsibilities. They must remain curious, adaptable and committed to lifelong learning, while being ambitious in their aspirations, humble in conduct and steadfast in values. Success should be measured by the positive difference they make to society, he said.

Calling upon the graduates to contribute to Viksit Bharat @ 2047, the Governor urged them to uphold constitutional values and Fundamental Duties, promote scientific temper, protect the environment and preserve the country's rich cultural heritage.

Addressing the NERIST fraternity, the Governor identified cutting-edge research, innovation and entrepreneurship as institutional priorities. He advised the Institute to equip students with emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Science and Geospatial Technologies, and ensure that research translates into practical solutions and viable enterprises.

The Governor called for focused research on the North Eastern Region's challenges, particularly difficult terrain, connectivity, landslides, floods and earthquakes. Climate-resilient infrastructure, renewable energy, off-grid power, agricultural technology, horticulture, food processing and healthcare technologies, offered immense opportunities. He encouraged faculty and students to collaborate with governments, industries and communities to develop affordable, locally relevant and scalable solutions, he said.

The Governor urged NERIST to translate its Memorandums of Understanding into tangible outcomes through collaborative research, technology transfer and field-based projects, envisioning it as a Centre of Solutions for the region. He also stressed discipline, academic integrity, professional ethics and interdisciplinary research integrating scientific knowledge with indigenous wisdom.

Highlighting the achievements of NERIST alumni, including contributions to ISRO missions such as Chandrayaan, the Governor urged graduates to uphold the institution's legacy, mentor younger students and remain connected with their alma mater. He encouraged faculty to strengthen research mentorship and industry partnerships.

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Director, Indian Institute of Management, Shillong, Prof. Arun Mohan Sherry, Chairman, Board of Management, NERIST, Prof. M.S.M Rawat, Director, NERIST, Prof. Narendranath S. also spoke on the occasion.

Divya Yadav, Vishal Vaibhav, Rudam Tangha, Phanuma Kochari, Nambi Giba, Lenny Nathan Siangbud, Karson Lusi Tamin, Michi Rimin and Sanoj Kumar Giri of Post Graduate (M.Tech.), Mela Aihun Nora Lyngdoh, Goutam Phukan, Busara Rehma, Gyanjyoti Saikia and Himujjwal Bhattacharya of Post Graduate (M.Sc.), Himujjwal Bhattacharya of Post Graduate (MBA), Keneisenu Tetso, Biswashreya Acharya and Partha Surajit Bhuyan of Under Graduate (B.Tech.), Taku Ado, Keneisenu Tetso, Biswashreya Acharya, Dinesh Shah, Seigunhao Khongsai, Partha Surajit Bhuyan and Ngilyang Ankha of Under Graduate (B.Sc), Yamo Natung, Gyamar Atte, Ojshwi Raj, Tage Nomo and Sange Pema Lama of Certificate module received the Gold Medal for meritorious performance in the examination from the Governor.

Out of the total of 794, which includes 29 Ph.D, and 97 PG, more than 300 graduates received their degree in person.

Chairman, Board of Management, NERIST, Prof. M.S.M Rawat, awarded the PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) and PG (Postgraduate) degrees, while the Director, NERIST, Prof. Narendranath S awarded the Undergraduate degrees.

Deans, Registrar, and Heads of Departments and members of the faculty, members of Board of Management and Academic Council, officers and staff, alumni, parents and guardians, and NERIST fraternity attended the convocation.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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