



SPEECH

OF

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ON THE OCCASION OF

18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NERIST SOCIETY, NIRJULI

ON

TUESDAY, 21 JULY, 2009

1. Distinguished Members Shri Anil Sarkar, Hon'ble Minister, Education, Government of Tripura; Dr K.K. Dwivedi, Scientist 'G' Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi; Prof Gautam Barua, Director Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati; Dr Audrey Apang, Managing Director, Siang Tea Industries Private Limited, Itanagar; Director of the Institute Dr Joram Begi; representatives from constituent States of North Eastern Region, Registrar and distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen.

2. As the President of the NERIST Society, it is my proud privilege to welcome this august gathering to this 18th Annual General Meeting of NERIST Society. The institute has played a yeoman role in imparting quality education in science, technology and management streams in the entire North Eastern Region.

3. The popularity of the institute can be gauged by the response of admission seekers, which I am made aware is touching new height every year. With its increased popularity, which in-turn increases our responsibilities, we have to play a vital role in the promotion of scientific and technical education in the north eastern region of our country.

4. I am also pleased to learn that the institute has successfully conducted numbers of seminars, community development pursuits, conferences, workshops, training programmes attended by scholars, researchers, faculty experts of leading institutes from different parts of the country, and introduced new and path breaking programmes.

5. I would like to place on record my appreciation for the contributions made by the members in the celebration of the silver jubilee of our institution, in the first convocation ceremony chaired by Her Excellency the President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil.

6. As we all know, Arunachal Pradesh's society is basically peace loving, well knit and with strong cultural ties amongst different tribes, blended with the age old tradition of cohesion and fraternity. It is a blessing that the menace of ragging has not been able to spread its roots in the tribal society of our State. There is hardly any case of ragging reported so far. However, we still cannot ignore the problem and I am happy to know that NERIST has taken various actions based on the verdict of Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding this menace. Once again I appeal to Anti-Ragging committee of the institute to constantly monitor, create awareness among students and parents about the menace and preserve our traditions even in the future.

7. What gives me greatest satisfaction is that the alumni of this institute are contributing towards the development of North Eastern region and the country too. We take great pride in the outstanding achievements of our NERIST alumni and we look forward to see that the tradition continues. This is, of course the result of hard work put in by the students and the professors and the dedicated faculty, staff and other stakeholders of the institute along with the dynamic leadership shown by successive directors.

8. The success of this premier institution is attributed to the strength and quality of its human resources and the placement of its students. I feel we have to impress upon the business and financial institutions through our numerous initiatives. Our effort should be of the highest order so that cent percent of our students find placement and do well in their chosen fields.

9. As the President of India said during the first convocation *“development and progress become sustainable only when the people receive the benefit of education. Education is essential for preparing a population that is not only knowledgeable and skilled, but is also aware of its responsibilities and is willing to contribute to the growth of the nation and as well as the well being of society”*. I hope we are going in that direction, and justifying the trust bestowed upon us by the President of India.

10. Well, I am aware, the institution has faced many challenges and rough weather recently, but as proud members of this esteemed institute of North East region, we have the courage and vision to take our institute to new heights. I am surprised that the annual general meeting of our society was not conducted since the 17th Meeting, which was held way back in April 2005. I would like to request all the members to cooperate and ensure that Annual General Meetings are held regularly.

11. The Institution’s quest for continuous value creation would not have been possible but for the support that we have received from the NERIST fraternity, the people and the State and Central

Governments. I am grateful to all of them for their continued confidence in the management and we expect to receive their full support in implementing our future plans and strategies.

12. Ladies and Gentlemen, let us always remember, education is a route to enlightenment and a tool for empowerment. If carried out effectively, education can transform our youth into a huge 'human capital', and make India one of the most powerful nations of the world.

13. Now, I would like to invite the Director, NERIST to present the annual report.
