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RGU SEMINAR ON NORTHEAST ISSUES UNDERWAY



RONO HILLS, Mar 18: The two-day national seminar on “India/Northeast India: Issues, Dynamics and Emerging Realities” was inaugurated today by RGU Vice-chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha with participation from HoDs, faculties, scholars of the university and delegates from across the country. Addressing the gathering, VC explained the relevance of the seminar and expressed hope that the two-day researchers’ meet will benefit the scholars a lot. Emphasizing on the need for quality and originality of research, he impressed upon the scholars to carry out comprehensive study having a good impact factor. “Develop good content in whatever you do, because the pattern of selection has changed intensely in recent times. Harness the resources available and brace yourself for a future where the supplies are more than the demand,” VC appealed the researchers. In his keynote address, Director IQAC RGU Prof Amitava Mitra concentrated on the regional issues of Northeast India. The richness of biodiversity of the region is almost matched by its ethnic diversity which is a meeting place of a large number of races, creeds, cultures, and languages and homeland to more than 200 tribes and sub-tribes constituting of more than 60% of the communities categorized in the country, he emphasized. He said the imbalance in development and growing unemployment helps to keep discontentment alive which in turn fuels agitations and insurgency. Only sincere initiatives from both governments in state and centre can address these issues, he added. RGU Registrar, Prof Tomo Riba who attended as special guest presented an overview of the challenges faced by the North-easterners. A total of 26 research papers were presented during two different parallel technical sessions. Prof Elizabeth Hansing, Prof Hui Tag, Prof T K Lhungdim and Dr. Tabang Mibang chaired the opening sessions. Earlier, RGUTA President Prof Jumyir Basar welcomed the gathering. The seminar is being organized by the RGU Research Scholars’ Forum in collaboration with Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies.

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