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RGU-hosted national seminar begins



ITANAGAR, Mar 18: A two-day national seminar on 'India/Northeast India: Issues, Dynamics and Emerging Realities' was inaugurated by Rajiv Gandhi University vice chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha at the RGU premises today. Addressing the gathering, Prof Kushwaha applauded the relevance of the seminar and expressed hope that the two-day researchers' meet will stand in good stead for the scholars in benefitting them from the academic conference. Emphasizing on the need for quality and originality of the 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," RGU VC told the researchers. In his keynote address, Prof Amitava Mitra, Director IQAC RGU, concentrated on the regional issues of Northeast India. The richness of biodiversity of the region is almost matched by its ethnic diversity. The region 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. "Such insurgent activities undermine meaningful steps for genuine economic development. Only sincere initiatives from govt both in state and at the Centre can help realize the goal of the dissatisfied sections," he added. RGU Registrar Prof Tomo Riba presented an overview of the challenges faced by the Northeasterners. After the inaugural session, 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. The seminar is being organized by the RGU Research Scholars' Forum in collaboration with Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies.

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