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RGU ranked among top 100 Universities in India

ITANAGAR, Apr 9: In a rare honour for the State, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) has been ranked among the top 100 Universities in India by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India. The rankings, announced by President Ramnath Kovind at New Delhi on Monday, comprises of the ranking among the 907 Universities in the country. The rise in rank for the RGU from 124 in last year's ranking to 99 signifies a watermark achievement in the RGU's evolution. Considering its location in the border state of Arunachal Pradesh, with its own challenges of connectivity, communication and lack of adequate resources, this achievement of the RGU really stands out as a salute to the efforts put in by University fraternity, according to a press note from RGU. Chairing a meeting held to discuss the ramifications of the ranking, RGU vice chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha said that it is indeed a great achievement of the University and expressed deep appreciation to the RGU team and the stewardship of Chief Rector and Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig (Retd) Dr B D Mishra, former VC Prof Tamo Mibang for the achievement. He also lauded the efforts of the team of Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell Prof Amitava Mitra, Prof Utpal Bhattacharjee (CSE), Chemistry HoD Rajesh Chakrabarty, HoD of Computer Science and Engineering Ani Taggu and Firoos A, Asst Prof also of the CSE, for their contributions in facilitating the evaluation process with the NIRF. "We at RGU try our best to relentlessly follow the mandate of the University. As the only Central University in the State, our role goes beyond just providing access to higher education and pushes us to contribute in the best manner to the socio-cultural development of the Arunachal society. Continuing to excel in the NIRF rankings is not an option for us at the University. I believe that it is a must", he said. Prof Kushwaha extended his gratitude to the Govt of Arunachal of Arunachal Pradesh as well as its active civil society for supporting RGU all through its evolution and said that the University will continue to strive to excel and work with a collective vision to take RGU to the top 5 of the NIRF rankings. RGU Registrar Prof Tomo Riba said: "Our efforts have now resulted into this (achievement) and we are really much encouraged by this recognition." Applauding this achievement of the University, both the Rajiv Gandhi University Students' Union and the Rajiv Gandhi University Scholars' Forum congratulated the students, research scholars, faculty members and administration of RGU for the good work accomplished. Terming it as a matter of great pride not only for the University but also for the state, the key student bodies of the RGU expressed hope that this benchmark of performance would continue in the years to come and assured the students' contributions in the best manner. It is interesting to note that seven Universities from the Northeast region feature in the list of top 100 Universities with NEHU, Tezpur University and RGU among them, while at the same time even some major states do not feature in the list. Tamil Nadu tops the list with 20 Universities, followed by Maharashtra with 11 and Karnataka with 10.

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