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RGU ranked among top 100 Universities in India by NIRF

ITANAGAR, Apr 9: The Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) has been ranked among the top 100 Universities in India by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Union ministry of Human Resource Development. The rankings were announced by President Ramnath Kovind at New Delhi on Monday and comprises the ranking among the 907 Universities in the country. 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 Arunachal Pradesh governor B D Mishra, former VC prof Tamo Mibang for the achievement. He lauded the efforts of the team of director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell prof Amitava Mitra, prof Utpal Bhattacharjee (CSE), Chemistry Head of Department Rajesh Chakrabarty, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering Ani Taggu and Firos A, assistant professor 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", prof Kushwaha said. He also extended his gratitude to the Government 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 five of the NIRF rankings. RGU registrar prof Tomo Riba said that the University has constantly been focused on a core value of expansion- in its outreach and inreach initiatives, its enrollment, its fair and diverse recruitment as also ensuring better access to the best in higher education. "Our efforts have now resulted in this and we are really much encouraged by this recognition", he said. Applauding this achievement of the University, both the Rajiv Gandhi University Students' Union (RGUSU) and the Rajiv Gandhi University Scholars' Forum (RGUSF) 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. 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. Not only has this brought the University in the same league as the other 99 top Universities in the country but has also opened up avenues for better collaborations and partnerships considering that this ranking is a major criteria for even international funding institutions. With the recent visit of the delegation of the European Union and the USEIF to the RGU campus, this ranking comes as great boost to its credibility and efficiency. 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. The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was launched by the MHRD, Government of India in September 2015 and has been published since 2016. Its framework outlines a well-defined methodology to rank institutions across the country. It has identified broad parameters for ranking various universities and institutions, mainly in Teaching, Learning and Resources, Research and Professional Practices, Graduation Outcomes, Outreach and Inclusivity and Perception.

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