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RGU hosts NATIONAL Academic Depository review meet

RONO HILLS, Jul 5: A State level one-day review meeting of National Academic Depository (NAD) was held at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) campus here on Friday. Organized as per the directives of UGC and MHRD, the review meet saw participation of representatives of eight universities of the State including host RGU, NIT-AP, Himalayan University, Itanagar, Arunodaya University, Naharlagun, North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology (NERIST), Nirjuli, North Eastern Frontier Technological University (NEFTU), Aalo, Apex Professional University (APU), Pasighat and Indira Gandhi Technological & Medical Sciences University (IGTMSU), Ziro. In his introductory speech, Dr Nikhil Kumar, Education Officer of UGC and Nodal Officer of NAD (NER), Guwahati, explained the nitty-gritty of NAD and stated that the NAD was established by the Govt of India as an endeavor to bring administrative and academic reforms. It is a 24x7 online storehouse of all academic certificates, diplomas, degrees and marksheets, which are digitized and lodged by academic institutions. It not only ensures easy access to and retrieval of an academic award, but also validates and guarantees its authenticity and safe storage. The experts pointed out that students were no longer required to carry their original certificates and marksheets everywhere for job interviews and recruitments. Hence, they urged the educational institutions to come forward and take advantage of NAD. RGU Vice-Chancellor in-charge Prof D N Das, in his short speech, said to cope with the changing society and high security breaches, digitization in totality is the need of the hour. During technical sessions, Sreerup Halder, Assistant Manager of NSDL, Kolkata and Abhinav Sharma, Data Analyst of UGC shared their expertise. Experts from the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi and the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), Kolkata explained the process of getting registered with NAD and outlined its advantages. RGU Registrar in-charge Prof Otem Padung, NAD-RGU Administrator and Controller of Examination in-charge Dr David Pertin and Nodal Officer of NAD-RGU Tikendra Nath also addressed the participants during the inaugural session. In the backdrop of the review meeting, three universities namely Himalayan University, Itanagar, NEFTU, Aalo, and IGTMSU, Ziro signed the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with NDML which is a subsidiary of NSDL. The review meeting was attended amongst others by

Dr H S Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of HU, Dr V N Sharma, VC of Arunodaya University, Sandeep Sharma, Registrar of APU, Prof Sarsing Gao, Controller of Examination in-charge of NERIST and Prof Ashan Ridhi, Director, Institute of Distance Education, RGU.

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