

## DA 'settles' RGU land dispute



DOIMUKH, Aug 20: Paying a visit to Rajiv Gandhi University, which has been rattled by alleged land encroachment controversy, a team of officers from district administration led by Doimukh SDO M Riba on Tuesday conducted official land survey at one of disputed sites of the University which has been identified as encroached land, and did demarcation of the said land in presence of varsity officers, RGUSU members and LPC holders. The portion at the backside of the university guest house is one of the areas identified as one of encroached land. Construction of boundary wall of more than 300 meters stretch was halted by the RGUSU over the issue of land ownership dispute. The SDO, who was accompanied by CO Doimukh, CO Gumto and other officers, while talking to media informed that the district administration received a letter from the RGU authority in the month of May complaining of land encroachment while constructing the university boundary wall. He said that after verifying the alleged encroached varsity land they mapped out the university land and later compared same with the LPC holders before making the final demarcation. "Today, we have conducted verification and finalized the boundary demarcation of the area where the construction of boundary was halted. And any other issues pertaining to encroachment in other areas will be taken up when the university authorities intimate the district administration," Riba told reporters. RGU security officer Techii Badal informed that dispute over land ownership at various areas of RGU land arose when the construction of university boundary wall was started. He said the construction of boundary wall was halted as there was a claim of the said portion that has been sorted out today from a LPC holder. "Taking up the matter, the university authority had written a letter to the DC, Papum Pare. We got a reply from the district administration stating that they have not issued any LPC of the portion situated at the RGU side against the one who claimed the plot," said Techii. He said that they convinced the person to surrender some portion of the area as well whom they came to understanding and demarcated the land today. He added that rather the demarcation has benefited the university.

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