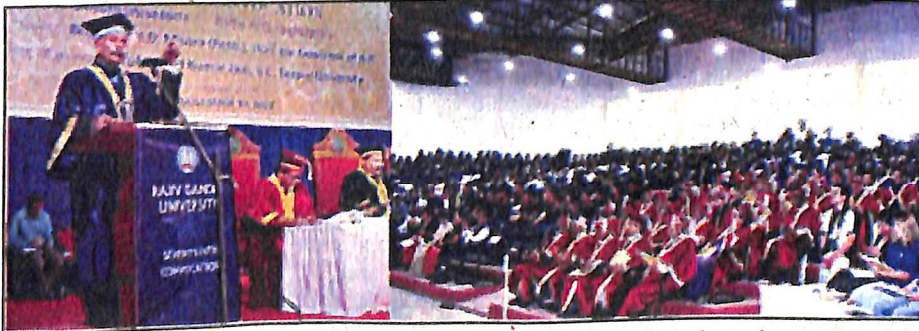


RGU holds XVIIth convocation ** Female students take away maximum gold medals Guv calls for merit-based, transparent selection of faculty



By Our Reporter
ITANAGAR, Nov 30: Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) has said that to improve the quality of higher education, there must be competent faculty and good teaching.

"Selection of faculty must be merit-based, with transparency, without fear, favour or ill will and the selection process must be videographed," the Governor said while participating in the XVII convocation of

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) at Rono Hills, Doimukh, today.

He suggested for 'Startup' oriented curriculum and interface with the development of regional requirements. There must be appraisal of faculty and other teaching staff, he emphasised.

The Governor called upon the passing out students to show themselves worthy of the degree con-

ferred on them. The right path, he advised was of nationalism, good citizenship, entrepreneurship and compliance with fundamental duties.

He highlighted the promising scope in agriculture-related fields, such as agriculture, horticulture, dairy, poultry, piggery, sericulture, pisciculture and apiculture etc. "These sectors are easiest and best for food security and self-sustenance," the Governor said.

He advised them to work with integrity and succeed with integrity unmindful of the challenges which are sure to come on their path.

Stating that academic pursuit should not be confined for certification and seeking job, he advised them to study for knowledge, which gives confidence and spirit for enterprise.

The Governor called upon the student community to contribute toward 'Nation First Initiatives' like 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao', 'Say no to one-time-use Plastic' and 'Jal Hi Jeevan Hai'. He exhorted them to 'Fit India' mission, while stating that 'happy mind exists only in a healthy body'.

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of the indigenous community in the valley, the traditional practices and the culture of the area.

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students took away the highest number of gold medals in their respective disciplines.

Twenty-five students received the gold medal in various Master degrees, while 27 graduates from various colleges under the RGU were also awarded the gold medal in their respective disciplines.

The Governor presented the Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Academic session of 2018-19 to Utpal Dutta, M.Sc. (Chemistry) and the Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal for the Academic session of 2018-19 to Kajal Kumari Sah Bachelor in Computer Application.

He also presented the Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy to the qualified candidates, while the Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain presented the Degrees of Master of Philosophy.

Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University delivered the convocation address.

Earlier, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor of RGU, in his welcome address, highlighted the achievements and new initiatives in the university.

Prof. A. Mitra, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Tamo Riba, Registrar, Deans, Teaching Faculty, Officers of the University along with distinguished guests, passing out students and scholars, their families and friends participated in the convocation.

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