

Int'l seminar on Gandhian thought underway at RGU



RONO HILLS, Feb 17: A three-day international seminar on 'Vartman mein Gandhi-darshan ki prasangikta tatha Gandhi-darshan ka Bhartiya sahitya par prabhav', coinciding with the 45th conference of the Bhartiya Hindi Parishad (BHP), Prayagraj, was inaugurated by Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) Vice-Chancellor, Prof Saket Kushwaha, at the university campus here on Monday. In his inaugural speech, Prof Kushwaha said, "Gandhiji took valuable references and teachings from all religions and recommended all those values for the betterment of humanity." He made an appeal to not keep Gandhi's teachings merely in books but to put them into practice in one's daily life and thought. BHP chairman, Prof Nand Kishore Pandey, who chaired the inaugural session, highlighted the activities organised by the BHP for the development of Hindi and other Indian languages and dialects. Speaking on the relevance of the Gandhian philosophy, he said "Gandhi presented the Bhagavad Gita as a model for understanding the real meaning of karma. "For Gandhi, the Gita is not a religious book but a source of inspiration for doing hard work and acknowledging the merit of justice and truth in life," he said. The BHP honoured seven Hindi scholars from all over the country, while scholars from Arunachal shared three awards. Sahitya Akademi awardee, YD Thongchi, was presented with the Acharya Hajari Prasad Dwivedi Award, while the Dr Ramkumar Verma Samman went to Jumsi Siram, and the Acharya Nand Dulare Vajpayee Samman was presented to Prof Oken Lego for their contributions to creative literature and criticism. Among those who spoke during the inaugural event were Mahatma Jyotiba Phoolle Rohelkhand University VC, Prof Anil Sukla, Lucknow-based Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan's acting chairman, Prof Sadanand Prasad Gupt, Uttar Kamlabari (Assam) satradyaksh, Janardan Dev Goswami, NDRF Commandant Umesh Kumar Thapliyal, BHP pradhanmanti Dr Bharat Singh, RGU Languages Faculty Dean, Prof Oken Lego, and RGU Hindi HoD, Dr Shyam Shankar Singh. The distinguished invitees later released the souvenir of the conference, titled Hindi Anusheelan, besides a Hindi-Adi Adhyeta Kosh and a Hindi-Monpa Adhyeta Kosh. The conference, which is being attended by more than 150 professors and scholars from across the country, besides delegates from Japan, Uzbekistan and Nigeria, witnessed a cultural programme presented by the students of RGU's Hindi department.

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