

October 2, 2018

**RAJ BHAVAN ORGANISES SEMINAR ON “THOUGHTS &
PHILOSOPHY OF MAHATMA GANDHI”**

A seminar on “Thoughts & Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi” to mark the 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was held at Raj Bhavan Kohima on 2nd October 2018 with the Governor of Nagaland, Shri PB Acharya as the Chief host and Minister Higher Education, Shri Temjen Imna Along as the Guest of Honour.

In his key note address, Minister Along said that if one could invite a small principle of how Mahatma Gandhi lived in their lives, one could bring positive change not only in their towns and country but the world as well. Explaining the term Mahatma, meaning a revered person regarded with love and respect, he encouraged the students gathered to create an influence for all generation to come by living the life of a Mahatma.

The Minister explained that Mahatma Gandhi inspired the world with his faith in truth and justice for all Mankind. He was a great soul who loved even those who fought against his ideals to bring about peace with non-violence. Along stated that the youth were the future of the Nation and encouraged all to shut down hypocrisy, greed and acknowledge living life with boldness and strength and follow the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi to change the world for the better.

Governor Acharya while delivering the valedictory address stated that the importance of Gandhian thought of truth, morality and ethics remain integral to our national consciousness and has influenced the social and administrative sectors of India in various aspects.

The Governor said that the Government of India’s initiative Swachh Bharat Mission, a Clean India by 2nd October 2019 which coincides with the 150th Anniversary of Gandhi and Make in India campaign, aimed at enhancing

the manufacturing capability of our Nation, are significant part of the Gandhian discourse. He encouraged the students to embrace the life and message of Gandhi and to let it be a guide in their life.

The welcome address and opening remark was made by the Chairperson of the Programme and Vice Chancellor, NU, Prof Pardeshi Lal. Speeches on “Thoughts & Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi” were presented by Prof Laltluangliana Khiangte, Department of Mizoram University, Dr S Priyokumar Singh, Visitor’s Nominee, St Josephs University, Nagaland, Dr (Prof) Manisha Barua, Guwahati University, Dr, Athungo, Nagaland University and Shri Shyam Bhurke, Writer and social worker from Pune. This was followed by panel discussion.

The Governor also handed over the Awards to the winners of the District level Quiz Competition that was conducted by the Department of Higher Education. Earlier Governor Acharya lit the inaugural lamp and paid tribute to the Father of the Nation. Secretary Home, Government of Nagaland, Shri Rovilato Mor administered the Pledge for Nonviolence and Peace.

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