

PRESS RELEASE

GOVERNOR HOLDS MEETING WITH CHIEF SECRETARY, VICE-CHANCELLORS AND PRINCIPALS OF COLLEGES.

Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland, Shri P B Acharya convened meeting of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of Colleges on 16th March, 2015 at 10:30 AM in Raj Bhavan, Kohima. The meeting was convened pursuant to the letter of Smti Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India seeking support for implementing the credit framework for skills and choice based credit system for Universities and Colleges. The meeting was attended by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Nagaland, Commissioner & Secretary, Higher Education, Vice-Chancellors of Nagaland University, ICFAI, The Global Open University of Nagaland, Pro-Vice Chancellor, SASRD, Medziphema, Director, Higher Education, Principals of St.Joseph College, Jakhama, Patkai Christian College, Chumukedima, Fazal Ali College, Mokokchung, Modern College, Kohima, etc.

In the meeting Hon'ble Governor emphasised the need to design the curriculum so that students get employment. He further emphasised that skill based education should supplement the present system of education and elaborated on the identified service oriented sectors such as processing of mineral oil products, hydro power projects, event management, preservation of organic vegetables, motor repairing, spray painting, cooperative system for handloom/woollen/colours etc, tribal dialect learning course, maintenance of electrical gadgets, mobile repairing, marketing of indigenously produced items, garments, etc. He pointed out that though India is an agricultural country and has many agriculturists, our Universities have not addressed these issues systematically. He observed that our Universities are well equipped to impart knowledge and award degrees to youth. Though the youth have knowledge in their respective subjects, but have no skill which give them the required confidence to independently stand up as entrepreneurs or be in a situation to be useful to enrich the society. This has necessitated supplementing our present curriculum with credit framework for skills and choice based credit system in Universities and Colleges. There is hardly any dialogue between our trade, commerce & industry and educationists. The supply and demand has

no proper understanding. Our national wealth, our requirements to enrich our society with the existing and available resources has completely been neglected.

He stressed the need for introducing more job oriented courses in Universities and College so that students get employment. Hon'ble Governor further directed the Vice-Chancellors and Principals of Colleges to explore the possibility of exchanging faculties and students with other Universities and Colleges in order to benefit the students and also to promote National Integration. He also told the VCs and Principals to construct at least three toilet each in public places.

Hon'ble Governor said that unless down trodden people get empowered, the society will not get empowered. Therefore, minimum 5 persons must be got enrolled in Jan Dhan Yojana by the Universities/Colleges, etc.

Regarding Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Vice-Chancellor, Nagaland University informed that last working day of every month has been notified as cleaning day for the University and its affiliated Colleges. Hon'ble Governor directed the Chief Secretary to constitute a committee for monitoring the work done in connection with Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in the villages, adoption of villages and toilet movement, etc. They shall submit a monthly report in a suitable format to reflect the performance/ progress made.

The Hon'ble Governor has decided to institute 4 awards in graduate level in Governor's name for best students in academics (one each for boy and girl), one for best social worker/all rounder among the students and one for best service to villages. The award will consist of a memento, certificate and cash prize of Rs 5,000/- each.

The meeting was concluded with fellowship lunch arranged by the Governor at Raj Bhavan.
