

**Governor addresses Vice Chancellors of private universities**

**Advocates for a 10 year roadmap for higher education**

**Guwahati, July 3:** Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria said, “Education plays a crucial role in training our youth for the progress of the country and private universities are playing role of catalyst and contributing along with government universities to the development of higher education”.

Addressing the Vice Chancellors (VCs) during the conclave of VCs of private universities of the state at Raj Bhavan here today, Governor said that private universities across the country are playing their part not only for the growth of the country but also for higher education. He also expressed his sincere gratitude to the private universities for contributing generously to the development of higher education in Assam.

The Governor referred to the worldwide recognition of ancient Indian universities like Nalanda and Takshashila which rose to eminence not because of government intervention but because of the contributions of the society. “The aim of institutions should be towards making the students holistically educated in order to help them become better individuals. Our students should be able to compete worldwide”, he added emphasizing on the timely review of the curriculum for helping the higher education remains relevant all the time.

The Governor also said that the universities should prioritize the creation of a well-defined 10-year roadmap that fosters a focused vision for development of higher education. This roadmap should encompass a diverse range of talent forms, including literature, singing, yoga, language, folklore, philosophy, vastu, sports etc. By intertwining ancient Indian knowledge with contemporary Indian knowledge, these talent forms can be interconnected in a way that promotes the overall well-being and advancement of society. Through such an approach, universities can effectively contribute to the holistic development and growth of individuals, as well as the broader community.

The Governor also pointed that there should be an interchange of different department programs and the best of faculty members should provide in-service training. Inter-university tournaments and activities should be conducted to build in confidence amongst the students. Each university should be given the responsibility of mentoring for the improvement of certain colleges. The motto of every university should be to enable students to make its own place.

Vice Chancellors of Assam Don Bosco University, Assam Down Town University, Assam Kaziranga University, Royal Global University, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankardeva Vishwavidyalaya, Krishnaguru Adhyatmik Vishwavidyala, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Auniati University and Pragjyotishpur University participated in the day long conclave.

The conclave was attended among others by Advisor Education, Govt. of Assam Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Advisor Chancellor’s Secretariat Prof. M.K.Choudhury, Additional Chief Secretary Higher Education Biswaranjan Samal, Commissioner and Secretary to the Governor S.S. Meenakshi Sundaram, Secretary to the Governor Swapna Dutta Deka and senior officers of the State government.

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