

**Governor attends 123rd foundation day of Cotton University
Cotton University should take lead in addressing societal challenges: Governor**

Guwahati, May 27: “Cotton University is a name synonymous to quality and is instrumental in creating exceptional human resources”, said Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria while speaking at the 123rd foundation day of the institution held in the university campus here today.

Attending the foundation day, Governor Kataria paid rich tributes to all the protagonists like Manik Chandra Baruah, Sir Henry John Stedman Cotton and others who took crucial role in establishing the institution. He also said that Cotton University has already garnered accolade for its remarkable role in academics and research publications at the national level. With hopes held high, it is expected that the university would maintain its esteemed reputation in its march towards future, the Governor added.

The Governor during his address also said that true to its name and fame, Cotton University should take the lead in meeting the challenges the present day society is facing. He also said that the university with its innovative and scientific pursuits should work towards academic development with the incorporation of the provision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 into its syllabi and course structure.

Referring to climate change which has posed a global challenge requiring unified and dedicated efforts to combat its effects, the Governor said that in view of this, Cotton University with its exceptional resource pool should take steps to tackle climate change. He also said that the faculty members of the university should take the responsibility to shape students into individuals of immense potential and novel ideas, who can contribute significantly to addressing the pressing challenges of the society.

He further said that Assam is blessed with abundant resources and holds immense potential. By harnessing these resources effectively and efficiently, the state can bring about substantial economic revitalization. Kataria also appealed to the teachers to wholeheartedly dedicate their services to help the students to inculcate scientific temperament to use the resources of the state and fuel transformative changes, propelling the state to reach greater heights.

It may be mentioned that eminent scientist Prof. Bhupendra Nath Goswami delivered the foundation lecture.

Vice Chancellor Cotton University, Prof. R.C. Deka, Pro Vice Chancellor Professor G.C. Wary, Registrar, Deans, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

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