

Give priority to serve the nation: Governor

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The Governor, Shri P. S Sreedharan Pillai stressed on the importance of serving the nation while speaking as the Chief Guest at the 8th Convocation of National Institute of Technology Goa (NIT Goa), at Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula [today](#).

He told the gathering of students that the Government has invested a lot in bringing them up to this level and reminded them that there are plenty of opportunities to rise in a career in India. Give first priority to serving the nation he urged the students. The Governor in his convocation address said he sees a bright future for India, a country which recently overtook United Kingdom to emerge as the fifth largest economy in the world.

The Governor said that India has emerged out of the pandemic as strong and resilient nation where the call of Prime Minister for Aatmanirbhar Bharat during this time was answered by scientists, doctors, healthcare and frontline workers and with full support and cooperation of people of India.

The Governor further asked the students not to become slaves of technology but to be the masters of technology. He told them to never forget the human elements when harnessing technology.

The Governor said that a sterling character is need of hour and appealed to the students to maintain professional ethics and moral values that should never be compromised.

He lauded NIT Goa for several of their initiatives such as their collaboration with foreign universities under the Global Initiative of Academic Networks, Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan, where NIT Goa has trained school teachers and principals, and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, where NIT Goa has adopted five villages in Goa for sustainable development.

The Governor appreciated that NIT Goa has been working for effective adaption and implementation of National Education Policy 2020 keeping aims of our State in mind. The Governor said that salient feature of NEP is encouragement of mother tongue as medium of instruction and hoped NIT Goa explores possibility of using local language as medium of instruction.

Director of IIT, Mumbai, Prof Subhasis Chaudhuri in his address asked students to give back to the country and society. He said that one can give back only when one has something to give. To have something to give, you will need to create eco system on your own efforts, he said adding that India needs that initiative from it's students.

Present were Director of NIT, Goa, Prof. (Dr) Gopal Mugeraya, faculty members, parents among others.

Registrar of NIT Goa, Dr Shashidhar Kudari proposed the vote of thanks.

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