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Research contributes to social capital of a nation: Prof Joshi at USTM

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Govindpur, Sept 24: The primary mandate of universities is to create new knowledge through quality and cutting-edge research, and make a tangible and sustainable impact on the society.

Research has societal benefits through contribution to the social capital of a nation, in stimulating new approaches to social issues or informing public debate and policy making.

This was stated by Dr SR Joshi, Prof. and Head of the Department of Biotechnology, NEHU while addressing the fresh batch of Ph.D. scholars at an orientation programme organised by Research Division of the University of Science & Technology Meghalaya here today, according to a Press release.

The orientation session was also addressed by Prof Robin Deka, Head of the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, apart from others. The orientation was attended by more than 100 fresh Ph.D. scholars of the university as well as by faculty supervisors.

Addressing the scholars on how to begin preparation for research, Dr SR Joshi said that during the first six months, a Ph.D. scholar's main motivation has to be to enrich the domain of knowledge in his or her area of research.

He said that basic research is done for knowledge enhancement and for the welfare of human, animal and plant kingdom and not for commercial potential. Speaking about significance of research, he was of the opinion that research is done to gather necessary information, make changes, improve standard of living, know the truth, explore our history, understanding arts, developing technology and augmenting productivity.

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Research for Society: Experts at USTM PhD orientation

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Research must be useful for society, honest, integrity, objectivity, and respect for confidentiality are a few of the important qualities of a researcher. This was

said by Dr Anjan Bhuyan, Deptt. of

Scholarship, Deptt. of

Supervising and Technology

Graduate Internally when he was addressing an orientation

programme for

Ph.D. scholars at

the University of

Science and

Technology Me-

ghalaya here to-

day. The orientation was also addressed

by Dr Anjan Bhuyan, Department of Busi-

ness Administration, Tezpur University,

and others.

Welcoming the participants, Prof GD

Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, USTM said,

"Our resources are not exploited because

of the lack of proper research. USTM of-

fers multiple study opportunities

and research scholars here are free

to avail very many facilities."

Addressing the scholars, Dr Arjan Bhuyan

said, "We need Goodwill research for people and development. Research scholars should not have偏见that certain things cannot be done. Everything

is possible."

The Orientation session

was also attended by Dr

BK Deka, Pro-

Vice-Chancellor,

USTM and Dr

RK Sengupta, Ad-

visor, USTM. A

brief session

on PhD Exam-

ination, Rules

& Regulations

was taken by

Dr Anjan Bhuyan

Laskar, Controller of Examinations and

Admissions, USTM. All the Deans of var-

ious Schools at USTM addressed the

students with introductory notes. The

vote of thanks was given by Dr AH Bar-

bhuja, Academic Registrar, USTM. Lati-

er the resource persons visited the re-

spective departments and interacted

with supervisors convened by the re-

spective Heads of various Depart-

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