

CM urges overall development of students, seeks teachers' suggestions to improve education system



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Gangtok, Mar 7: Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling today inaugurated a daylong Conference titled 'Higher Education Scenario in the State- Past & Way Forward and Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)-Recruitment & Impact' at Chintan Bhawan here in the capital. The conference is the first of its kind in the state, organized by Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim, informs a press communiqué.

The CM in his inaugural address emphasized on holistic development stating education should act as a catalyst to make a student or a person a good and valuable

human resource. Students should be highly competitive and creative to move forward in life, he added.

"It's ironic that these days educational institutions brings out degree holders but what they should really focus on is to give right and proper direction to the students who can imply the power of education in their lives when they come out of these institutions," he said. The CM urged teachers to guide the students towards better future and appealed to assist the government with their suggestions to improve the state's educational system.

If Sikkim, the state that is spending 20% of its budget on education can deliver quality education to the students

and maintain high standards, nothing can stop Sikkim from being like USA and Great Britain; the countries so advanced due to their education system, which is of highest standard and quality, he added. The CM presented a cheque of rupees two lakh to the parents of Megha Nidhi Dahal, IAS under the State Government's policy of awarding cash prizes for Sikkimese youth who get through in UPSC examinations.

Minister for Human Resource Development Department R.B. Subba was all praise of the state CM and attributed his stewardship for the resultant "Sikkim's unprecedented growth in the field of education".

Principal Secretary G.P. Upadhaya earlier in his welcome address gave an introduction about the conference and informed about RUSA.

A short film on Higher Education scenario in the state of Sikkim was also screened during the inaugural secession. Later in the afternoon, brain storming session was conducted in the presence of Vice Chancellors of various Universities including Sikkim University and also held open discussions.