

## Report on Press Conference at NIT Meghalaya

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A press conference was held at NIT Meghalaya on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Prof. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal, who joined NIT Meghalaya as Director on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017, greeted the media persons present from various news channels (namely, DD News, The Telegraph, The Shillong Times).

Prof. Biswal spoke regarding the academic excellence of the premier institute and the various academic activities that are carried out at the present moment. He mentioned that the primary goal of the institute is to impart education and carry out research in cutting edge technologies. The institute excels in those spheres of technical and industrial matters that immensely help for the benefit of other organizations. This institute will become a main hub in the region promoting technical education, and will further take the responsibility of adopting schools and various junior colleges of the state.

Prof. Biswal also focused on coming up with new departments, along with the existing 5 engineering, 3 basic science, and 1 humanities departments. Along with teaching and research, promoting entrepreneurship should also be one of the goals of NIT Meghalaya. He also focused on creating an atmosphere for innovative start-ups in this institute which in turn will help the students and other innovators of the state to come up with solutions and help in making the Make-in-India program successful.

Prof. Biswal's next five years' plans include many important areas, like creating skill development centre for young and unemployed people, opening centre for Tribal studies, providing state-of-the art infrastructure for all stake holders, etc. He also mentioned that we will be working in close collaboration with other institutes of high repute. Promotion of industry-institute interaction will also be one of the main focus.

He also stated that as NIT Meghalaya is having young and dynamic faculty members, it will be comfortable for him to achieve the line of target that he aims during his tenure.