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GANGTOK, March 23: Governor Shrikrishna Patil today said with more and more colleges and universities coming up in the State, Sikkim has the potential to develop into an education hub of the region.

Addressing the valedictory function of the three-day 'Sikkim: An annual fest' of the ICFAI University, at Monas Kinchi here, the Governor lauded the initiative of the university in providing opportunities for the students of the region to showcase their co-curricular activities apart from academics. "Many universities and colleges are coming in the State... we have the potential to convert Sikkim into an education hub," he asserted.

Uplifting the students to take part in regular national and state-level activities of the state government, Patil expressed confidence that ICFAI University will play a pivotal role in preparing the students to face the challenges of the future.

Earlier, the Governor inaugurated the Counciling Cell of the university and placed an end cap to its inauguration.

The ICFAI University was declared as the 'Champion of the Champions' in this year's edition of Akhara. The winners of various competitions were given trophies and medals by the Governor. Participants were also given trophies and certificates by the university vice-chancellor J. P. Singh.

The highlight of today's function was the Hrudaya Memorial Concert with a special performance by Manita, the popular Nepali rock music band. The festival included cultural performances by students from different colleges.

Akhara is an annual event started by ICFAI last year to bring youngsters together to share their experiences with an aim to 'inspire, enlighten and ignite young minds'. A total of 19 colleges from 16 and around Gangtok participated in the fest.

In all, 22 events, including indoor and outdoor sports, cultural events and various competitions, were held during the three-day festival.

Earlier, while welcoming the guests, including teachers and students from different colleges, the vice-chancellor thanked the participants. Special officers of the university Vikas Phakpa, engineer Soumitra Tensing Venkataraju and associate team member Nirmal Tensing were also present at the valedictory function.



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