

Steal the march, Rijiju to NE youths



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North east is full of talents. But it alone can't help the region steal the show. The key to success perseverance. This is was more or less of what Kiren Rijiju told the north east youths at a function in New Delhi on Saturday.

Interacting with the participants at the Young Leaders Connect-sponsored programme, the minister of state for home urged the youths to show their talents beyond the region which will help the north east outshine the other parts of the country and the people. This, he said, perhaps was the best way to beat the others. Then the north east will be the best of all the parts of the country, said the minister who hails from Arunachal Pradesh.

He further stressed involvement of student organization and civil society to help the region get out of the utter misconception and conspicuous ignorance about the north east and its people. On the repeated incidents of [racial](#) attacks on the north east youths outside the region, Rijiju said that the government won't allow it to go on promising that law will take its own course. "The guilty must be punished," he said.

But in the same breath, he said all cases of attacks should not be tarred as [racial](#) adding that investigations will reveal the truth. Rijiju participated in the function on his return from Gurgaon local goons mercilessly beat up two [Nagaland](#) youths and asked them to leave the area.

On the simmering statehood issue, the Union minister said that the entire north eastern region is governed by its own people and that separation from the parent state is not always for the best interest of the people. He said that the Constitution safeguarded the interest of the entire people of the country.

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