

A good teacher is like a candle: Guv

ITANAGAR, Sep 05: "Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing Army," said state Governor Gen (Rtd) JJ Singh, quoting Edward Everett, while giving away the state awards to Teachers on the Teachers' Day which commemorate the birth anniversary of former President of India and Bharat Ratna Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan at Banquet Hall here today, reports his PRO.

Congratulating the awardees, the governor said, the award has been conferred on them because of their sincere and dedicated service in the field of education.

"A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way for others," the governor said while calling for retrospection. He said that teachers need encouragement and support from the community to feel that their devotion to students is appreciated.

Urging the teaching community for their individual contribution as member of Team Arunachal, Gen Singh called for removal of the stigma of 54.74% literacy rate through their hard work.



Earlier, paying rich tributes to Dr Radhakrishnan, he said Dr Radhakrishnan was the embodiment of righteousness and high moral values. His philosophy and teachings inspire all of us to commit ourselves to the cause of the illiterate with service and sacrifice. Even today, he is a role model for our teachers.

While congratulating the awardees, higher and technical education director Dr Joram Begi said that the success of education to some extent depend upon the performance of the teachers and urged for missionary zeal amongst the teaching community. He recalled the dedicated services of pioneers, like Indira Miri and Late D Lego, who shaped the education scenario in the state.

Stating that Arunachal Pradesh has highest un-

trained teachers, Begi called for optimum use of DIETs to enhance quality of education.

Giving impression of the Awardees, and State Teacher's Day Awardee Joram Paku, a JT from Paniya government primary school in Lower Subansiri, said that each of the awardees will cherish the event through out their lives.

In his address, school education director T Talo said the award is conferred for sincere work towards the cause of education.

Twenty-two dedicated teachers, including three senior teachers, nine JTs and 10 ATs who have completed 20 years in the noble profession and made some extraordinary contributions received the awards comprising a shawl, a citation and cash award of Rs. 10,000 each.