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Governor attends valedictory function of Matrix 2011

Itanagar, Nov. 28: Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd.) J.J. Singh called upon the members of North East Writers' Forum to promote writers to write in indigenous dialects of the region, which he believes, in turn will help in growth, promotion and preservation of these dialects. The Governor, who attended the valedictory function of two-day conclave as chief guest at Banquet Hall, Itanagar on 28th November 2011 asked them to conduct workshops in creative writing for young girls and women and create an enabling environment for women to write, tell and publish their stories, **reports PRO to Governor.**

The Governor also called for promotion of new and emerging writers and provides a forum for the expression of their talent. Always strive to formulate and maintain standards and behavior of high moral virtues. Be a good role model, he added.

Stating that meetings of the writers always provide opportunity to exchange views and create opportunities for cooperation, he expressed gratitude to NEWF for organizing the conclave in Arunachal Pradesh.

Calling Arunachal Pradesh a cultural mosaic, the Governor stressed on preservation of its traditions and culture. Nothing should be done, which will uproot the age old tradition and rich cultural heritage.

While highlighting on development aspects of the State, the Governor informed that in next six to eight years Arunachal Pradesh will be transformed into one of fast developing State in the country. He informed that by March 2012, it will be connected by railway line and by October 2012, train service will start.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University Prof David R. Syiemlieh, who was the Guest of Honor urged upon the writers to help the smaller communities to have own written script, stating that written script is a identity. Exhorting the writers to continue writing, Prof Syiemlieh said that book is a wonderful companion.

In his address, North East Writers' Forum President Arup Dutta, who has many novels including two about Arunachal Pradesh called for a linking language in the State. Comparing Arunachal Pradesh with Indonesia and stating that language is a very powerful unifying force; Dutta said for more united psyche, we need a common language.

Earlier, presenting the resume of the conclave, Padma Shree Mamang Dai gave details of the discussion, poetry and prose reading. Dai said, writing is not such a lonely business as people imagine. Every writer is separate and but alone as a blade of grass or a growing tree following its simple direction. The difficult part is in writing honestly. Quoting Arup Dutta, she added, it must be what one feels is the truest way of expressing it. It may be misunderstood, but about that later. If it is read it belongs to the reader, but while I own it I will not write, nor allow anything to be added that I feel is not true to this feeling.

Convener of the conclave, Dai also informed the detail discussion of creative writing.

Smti Mitra Phukan, President NEWF designated and Arunachal Pradesh literary Society Assistant Secretary Dr. Pekba Ringu also spoke on the occasion.

State First Lady, Anupama Singh, Chief information Commissioner YD Thongchi, Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission Chairman Dr. Ligu Tacho, Principal secretary Yeshe Tsering, Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg, hosts of officials, members of NEWF and APLS were present on the occasion. Chimpu Raseng presented a Adi Ponung on the occasion.

As token of encouragement, the Governor, who visited the book gallery assured to book twenty best books of the NE writers for Raj Bhavan, **adds the report.**

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