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Governor inaugurates Office of the Autonomous Puroik Welfare Board

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri P.B Acharya inaugurated the Office of the Autonomous Puroik Welfare Board in the Civil Secretariat, Itanagar on 26th June 2017.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor exhorted the members of the community to change their mindset, by forgetting the past and moving forward. Open your mind and remove dependency mindset. Don't condemn yourself. Be proud of your identity, if you want to keep your culture alive. Don't let politics or religion interfere in one's own activities.

The Governor advised the community to go for skill education and entrepreneurship while highlighting central sponsored schemes such as MudraBank, Jan Dhan Yojana etc.

Appreciating the Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu for his prompt action in creation of the board and also for providing office rooms, the Governor said that the gesture is in the true spirit of "Sabkesaath, Sabkevikas". He exhorted that the fruits of development must reach to all the sections of the society in equal and appropriate manner.

Speaker of state legislative assembly, Er. TN Thongdok, while congratulating the community for achieving such a platform, said that it is an important milestone towards its upliftment. He urged upon them to put in concerted effort in establishing permanent model puroik villages. The speaker also stressed upon the bounden responsibilities of various government departments towards the community.

Attending the special occasion on behalf of the chief minister, parliamentary Secretary home and education Shri Pani Taram conveyed the good wishes of the chief minister. He asked them to avail the maximum benefit from the facility. He also urged them to be proactive with the government in order to gainfully address their problems and challenges.

In his keynote address, chairman, APWB Shri Satya Gopal briefed the objectives for establishment of the board and the office. It will take up the challenges of the community with the government and regularly coordinate development activities for the puroik, he said. It will take up for their reservation in employment and skill development for the community. He informed that necessary directives have been issued to the deputy commissioners of Kurung Kumey, Papum Pare, Kra Daadi, East Kameng and West Kameng districts for special drives for enrolling members of the community under Jan Dhan Yojana, Aadhar Card, Job Card, Ration Card, and PM Awas Yojana etc.

Special Secretary, Social Justice, Employment and Tribal Affairs Ms Nikita Pawar also spoke on the occasion.

Puroik Autonomous Welfare Board members including MesamSoja, TakiaSoja, David Was and student leader Bihu Painchey also spoke on the occasion. They expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Governor, state government and all the well-wisher for helping in their cause.

Parliamentary Secretary Shri Mama Natung along with members from Poruik Community and others were present on the occasion.

It may be mentioned here that, the Governor took up the cause of Puroiks in the 11th session of the 6th Legislative assembly and also in the 66th Plenary of North eastern Council.

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