

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

**Governor exhorts all to uphold peace, harmony, unity and integrity of the nation
and at the same time preserve the green environment and maintain cleanliness**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd) participated in the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas ceremony at National Institute of Technology, Yupia Campus on 31st October 2017. The Governor led the 'National Unity walk' on the occasion. Students of NIT and also citizens of Yupia joined the walk from NIT Campus to DC Office, Yupia.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor called upon the people to emulate and follow the path of national integration as conceived and promoted by Sardar Patel. He said that it was due to the national spirit, vision, political acumen and iron will of Sardar Patel that 565 Princely States were integrated into the Indian Union after the Independence in 1947 and today India is one and united.

Recalling the political developments at the time of independence, the Governor said that for political unity of the nation, Sardar Patel made personal sacrifices. Despite being the most popular and senior leader of the Congress Party, he accepted number two position, after the independence, in the Government, in national interest and for the unity of his party.

While recalling the events leading to the accession of Princely States of Junagarh, Hyderabad and Kashmir to India, the Governor said that Sardar Patel never wanted the Kashmir issue to be taken to the United Nations.

In the interactive session, while appreciating the thought process / predicament of the students, the Governor advised them to put in their best as a responsible citizen in whatever career they are pursuing. He exhorted them to promote peace, harmony, unity and integrity in the society. He advised the students to preserve the pristine status of environment and maintain cleanliness.

A decorated soldier and a war veteran himself, the Governor motivated the students to join the Indian Armed Forces, which he identified it as a good and dignified career.

Earlier on his arrival at NIT Campus, Yupia, the Governor was received by NIT registrar Dr. Pratap Kumar Bandyopadhyay, Associate Professor and was accorded Guard of Honour by the NCC cadets of NIT.

As part of the National Unity Day celebration, NIT Students, Shri Pritesh Khatri, M. Tech (2nd year), Ms Priyanka Pardalai, M. Tech (2nd Year), Shri Deepak Mandol, B. Tech (3rd Year), Shri Siddharth Goswami, B.Tech (3rd year), Shri Suraj Kumar Saw, PhD Scholar participated in short talk on the life of Sardar Vallabhai Patel on the occasion.

Secretary to Governor and Secretary Planning Dr. Joram Beda, Papum Pare District Deputy Commissioner Shri Tai Kaye, Superintendent of Police Shri Tumme Amo were present on the occasion.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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