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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) graced the 32nd Statehood Day of Arunachal Pradesh at Itanagar on 20th February 2018.

While conveying his greetings to the people of the State on the occasion, the Governor said that, 31 years ago, the State of Arunachal Pradesh was bestowed with Statehood, which paved the way for the people of the State to charter their destiny, make law and to pursue policies and developmental plans. As a full-fledged State, he underscored, the actions initiated by those responsible must be for the benefit of the people of the State. Every penny spent from the Tax Payers money should be accounted for. He appreciated the Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu's commitment on 15th February public rally attended by Prime Minister of India, to bring in total transparency in the public expenditure.

The Governor appealed to the people in whatever profession they are to display honesty and transparency in their dealings, stand against corruption and ensure that every rupee sanctioned for development projects are spent fairly and in full for the intended purpose.

In his address, the Governor emphasised on five important issues, i.e. education, healthcare, developmental projects, self-employment & entrepreneurship and fight against drug and gun menace. He stressed that literacy rate of the State must be 100 percent for both men and women. As a social responsibility, every citizen and every teacher must ensure that every child has the opportunity to go to school particularly in far-flung areas.

The Governor, while disclosing his interaction with Prime Minister during latter's recent visit to Arunachal Pradesh regarding problem of late receipt of textbooks in secondary education, the Prime Minister advised that the textbooks be uploaded on the internet to address the problem.

Stating that the higher education is the driving force of the society, the Governor called upon the private universities to develop their infrastructure, library, classrooms, hostel and appoint good faculty to offer quality education. He said that State Government is constituting a Monitoring Board to guide the universities and the private universities must avail the benefit from it.

Sharing his observations about health sector during his district tours, the Governor urged upon the medical officers to serve in the interior areas, He also suggested the people to practice Yoga and at the same time maintain cleanliness for good health.

Stating that any government can never provide jobs to every needy person, the Governor emphasised on skill development, self employment and entrepreneurship. He advised the youth to avail subsidized loans and other schemes provided by the Government and start up one's own business work. Organic farming, orchid growing, floriculture, orange, bamboo, handloom & handicrafts fields offer great opportunities to our youth to flourish and prosper.

Sharing his concern and pains about the drug menace and gun culture in some part of the State, the Governor called all the political leaders, government officials, Goan Burahs, Panchayat members and common citizens to join hands together and fight against drug menace and gun culture.

The Governor, who has been keen on the recruitment of local youth of Arunachal Pradesh in the Indian Army, informed that 3000 youth have filled up online forms for 350 vacancies in the Indian Army this year and he will try for more vacancies in the coming years, which was received with huge applause from the audiences. He extended his appreciation to the Deputy Commissioners and Indian Army for motivating the youth in the recruitment process. The Governor pointed that 'home grown' soldiers are the best for safety and security of the State and the country.

The Governor released the Statehood Day souvenir and launched the 'Saubhagya Scheme'- Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana on the occasion.

The Governor presented the 'Arunachal Ratna' award posthumously to Ashoka Chakra awardee Havildar Hangpan Dada. Smt Chasen Lowang, wife of late Havildar Dada received the award. The Governor also presented State Gold Medals to 46 awardees, State Silver Medals to 51 awardees and three Chief Minister's Excellence Award in Civil Service on the occasion of 32nd Statehood Day.

The Governor, who declared open the 'Festival of Arunachal' also witnessed the rich cultural treasure of different tribes of Arunachal Pradesh which was presented on the occasion.

First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, State Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, members of cabinet, government officials and public attended the function.

Later Governor accompanied by First Lady of the State and State Chief Minister inaugurated the Exhibition and District Food Stalls. Making rounds of the venue on a e-rickshaw, he interacted with the stall managers, artisans and officials. Starting from 'Flower Show' by Department of Environment and Forest, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh they visited the District Stalls and interacted with representatives and cultural troupes from different district.

The Governor accompanied by the Chief Minister met the troupe of performers from Uttar Pradesh which have come to Itanagar sharing the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' integration programme of the State.

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