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2nd Edition of North East Junior Prize Money Badminton tournament starts.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) attended the inaugural function of the 2nd Edition of North East Junior Prize Money Badminton tournament as the chief guest at Raj Bhavan Badminton stadium, Itanagar on 27th April 2018.

In his inaugural address, the Governor said that sport is the most important aspect of life. To be healthy, positive and progressive, a person takes part in sports. It is the best form of recreation and indulgence of the life.

Motivating the children, the Governor exhorted them to work hard to perfect their techniques and stamina. He also called upon the coaches and mentors to guide the players properly.

The Governor urged upon the parents, guardians and sporting organizers to encourage the budding players, appreciate their potentials and motivate them. He also underscored the responsibility of the State Governments of North eastern States to provide infrastructure and exposure opportunities to the youth for the sports achievement. While reposing his faith in the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu, being the youngest Chief Minister, who is keen on the sports activities in the State, he called upon every member of the society to promote sports in their own way.

Welcoming the participants from the eight north eastern States for which he has coined an acronym 'ASTAM-NMM', the first five letters of the acronym represent the States of Arunachal, Sikkim, Tripura, Assam and Meghalaya on Northern cardinal point and Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram on the Eastern cardinal point, which phonetically be pronounced as 'astam namam', meaning 'Salute to the great eight', the Governor said that the Central Government's focus on the development of the region will definitely assist the States in harnessing the potential of the youth of the region in the field of sports..

While conveying his appreciation to the Badminton Association of India and Arunachal State Badminton Association for conducting the event, the Governor expressed his confidence that the tournament will be conducted in a befitting manner and as per the highest traditions of sportsmen spirit.

in his welcome address informed that The tournament includes Under 9 years, Under 11 years, Under 13 years, Under Fifteen years and Under 17 years for boys and girls. 340 players are participating in the tournament.

First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, Minister, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary, etc. Dr. Mohesh Chai, Parliamentary Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Nyamar Karbak, Secretary Sports And Youth Affairs Shri Dani Salu, Director of Sports Shri Tadar Appa, Secretary General Arunachal Olympic Association Shri A.K Tech, Vice Chairman, Sports Authority of Arunachal Shri Doni Nich and Organising Secretary, North Eastern Junior Prize Money Badminton Tournament, Shri Bamang Tago were present on the occasion along with officials from Badminton Association of India and Arunachal State Badminton Association.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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