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Governor pays rich tributes to Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Atal ji was one of the most prominent personalities of the century: Governor

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) paid rich tributes to Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister of India at Dorjee Khandu State Convention Centre, Itanagar on 23rd August 2018.

Joining the people of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor offered prayers as the Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Asthi Kalash, which reached Itanagar earlier in the evening and was honour placed in the DK State Convention Centre, Itanagar.

Remembering former Prime Minister Late Vajpayee for his path breaking decisions and initiatives, the Governor said that Atal ji was one of the most prominent personalities of the century, a great politician, an eminent Statesman, able administrator, development oriented leader and a memorable poet. He was a strong advocate of humanism. His demise is an irreparable loss to India.

Recalling Atal ji's public meeting at Begusarai, Bihar in 1967, when the Governor heard him for first time, the Governor recalled Atal ji's message in which he said that for every nationalist, it is 'Nation First' and Caste, creed, sect and religion come next. Vajpayee ji called for strengthening and promoting leaders of developmental outlook and spirit, the Governor said.

The Governor also recalled his personal interactions with former Prime Minister, including when he requested Atal ji and Atal ji agreed to write the 'Forward' of the first book written by his daughter Smt Kaninika Mishra.

The Governor called upon the people of the State to dedicate themselves towards the peace and development of the State as a befitting tribute to the departed leader Late Vajpayee ji.

Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's ashes will be immersed in River Lohit at Parasuram Kund, Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh.

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