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PRESS RELEASE

Governor participates in National Unity Day celebration

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) participated in the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day) programme, commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Itanagar on 31st October 2018. He flagged off the "Run for Unity" – a 11 km mini Marathon Race on the occasion from Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Naharlagun, organised by Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor has been associated with 'Run for Unity' since its inception in 2014 under the initiative by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, when he participated in the race with over 300 ex-servicemen in the National Capital.

The Governor, who administered the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' pledge to the participants of National Unity Day celebration at the Flag Off ceremony, expressed his confidence that celebrating the birth anniversary of the Iron man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will continue to strengthen the spirit of cooperation, peace and amity in the State and the nation.

Speaking after the culmination of the 'Run for Unity' in the prize distribution ceremony at Indira Gandhi Park, Itanagar, the Governor recalled the contributions of Sardar Patel in uniting 562 Princely States with Indian Union. It was his boldness and farsightedness that Sardar Patel could unite even the recalcitrant Princely States Hyderabad, Gunagarh, Kashmir and some others.

The Governor urged upon the people to work for the unity and integrity of the Nation as a tribute to the Rashtra Rachaita- (Unifier of the Nation), Sardar Patel.

The Governor called upon the younger generation to shoulder responsibly of keeping the Nation unity intact as inherited and quoted the famous lines of Lyricist Pradeep " हम लाए हैं तूफान से कश्ती निकाल के | इस देश को रखना मेरे बच्चों सम्भाल के |",.

First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, State Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Dr. Mohesh Chai, Chief Secretary Shri Satya Gopal also participated in the programme.

Continuing their effort to encourage youth towards physical activities and spirit of patriotism, the Governor and First Lady of the State hosted a High Tea for the winners at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar.

PRO to Governor
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