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**Governor participates in the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan**

**Hindi is the lingua Franca of Arunachal Pradesh: Governor**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D Mishra participated in the 71st annual conference of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag at Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Amidst Vedic chanting, the Governor lighted the inaugural lamp of the 3-day maiden conference of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan in Arunachal Pradesh.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor complimented the members of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan for organizing the programme which helps, though the medium of language unites the people of the nation.

The Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh has 26 major tribes and more than 110 sub-tribes having distinct dialects. They interact with members of other tribes through the Hindi language, but, Hindi is the lingua franca of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sharing his personal experience during his tour to all the districts of the State, the Governor said that all Arunachalis greet him with 'Jai Hind' and interact in Hindi. This reflects the popularity of Hindi in the State. He also said that Hindi songs are sung maximum in Arunachal Pradesh amongst the North Eastern States of India.

Recalling the political farsightedness of first Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Namboodiripad, who introduced compulsory Hindi in primary and secondary school, the Governor said that it is because of his initiative that today, we find people from Kerala working efficiently in various parts of the country.

Talking about the promotion of Hindi in India, the Governor recalled the contribution of Thakur Shiv Singh Sengar in 1833, Dr. Sit Griyerson in 1889, Nagari Pracharni Sabha in 1900 and Pandit Shyam Bihari Misra in 1913 through 'Mishra Bandhu Vinod' compilations. Their effort resulted in making Hindi as Central Official Language in 1950, under Article 343 of The Constitution of India.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Shri Vibhuti Mishra, Prof. Surya Prasad Dixit and Shri Shyam Krishna Pandey of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag, also spoke on the occasion.

First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, Organising secretary of the 71st annual conference of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Shri Kuntak Mishra, Programme coordinator, RGU, Prof. Harish Kumar Sharma, and Head, Department of Hindi, RGU. Prof. Oken Lego, were also present in the inaugural function amongst others.

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