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Governor, Chief Minister witness Stage Show on Sardar Patel

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) along with Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu witnessed the high profile Stage Show on Bharat Ratna, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, the Iron Man of India in the Dorjee Khandu State Convention Hall, Itanagar on 15th August 2019. The programme was organised as part of the State Independence Day celebrations, with the active cooperation of the Gujarat State Government, aimed at promoting aesthetic music, song, dance and drama to reinforce patriotism, national integration and spirit of national unity and integrity.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor recalled the contributions of Sardar Patel, who united 562 princely States, including Jammu and Kashmir, which was the most difficult aspect of our nationhood after Independence. With constitutional provisions like Articles 370 and 35A, although J&K was merged with Indian Union, these hindered the development in Jammu and Kashmir even after Independence. Now these provisions are abrogated and the people of Jammu and Kashmir will be immensely benefited, Governor said.

Sharing his experience of pre-independence days, under the British Colonial Rule as a small child, the Governor urged upon the people to raise the spirit and values of Independence with transparency, accountability and discipline. He said that present generation and future must realise the values of our independence and preserve it.

The Governor commended the State Government and Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu and his cabinet for developmental initiatives in the State like 'Sarkar Aap Ke Dwar' etc.

Showcasing 21 selected important incidences of Sardar Patel's, Stage Show presented by theatre artists of renowned theatre group 'Viewfinder' from the State of Gujarat performed the Play with repeated applause from the hall fully packed with viewers. .

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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