

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

Governor participated in the State Convention on Right to Information Act

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) participated in the State Convention on Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005 cum the 13th Foundation Day celebration of the Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission at Dorjee Khandu Auditorium, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Itanagar on 19th October 2019.

The Governor said that there are seven pillars of good governance, i.e. transparency, accountability, honesty, continuity, audit, review and mid-course correction. Transparency and accountability build-up to RTI. He said that RTI aims to combat corruption, protect Fundamental Rights, prevent human rights violations, provide exigency in getting justice, eliminating administrative procrastination, prevention of distortion of procedures and provisions. RTI act encourages the Governments to ensure administrative honesty through effective RTI compliance and voluntary disclosures.

While brushing away the apprehensions of antagonists that RTI will hamper frank file noting, bold administrative recommendations and abet play safe administrative approach, the Governor said that if the government officials maintain transparency, accountability and honesty in their working, there is nothing to fear. The more we hide, the more vulnerable we become, the more we reveal, the more working burden we shed, the Governor stated.

Sharing his experience as a Law luminary, the Governor advised the Commission to help iron out vague answers, couching and part replies, sub-quality information, shifting of responsibility on RTI applications.

The Governor complimented the officers and officials of Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commission on its 13th Foundation Day of the Commission and reposed his confidence that they will continue to render their service in most sincere and dedicated manner.

State Chief Information Commissioner, Dr. Joram Begi and State Information Commissioner Shri Goto Ete briefed about implementation of RTI Act 2005 in Arunachal Pradesh.

State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam Shri Himangshu Sekhar Das, IAS (Retd.) and State Information Commissioner Shri Leki Phuntso, former SCICs Shri Nyodek Yonggam and Shri Y.D. Thongchi, members of State Legislative Assembly, Lok Ayukta, representatives from educational institutes, RTI activities and students were present on the occasion.

PRO to Governor
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