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Press Communiqué

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), felicitated the winners of the Declamation and Painting Competitions organized under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar, on 17th September 2026. The competitions were conducted by the Governor's Secretariat at the initiative of the Governor in support of the Prime Minister's nationwide call to eradicate the menace of drugs and build a healthier, stronger and more responsible society.

In his address, the Governor described drug abuse as one of the most serious social challenges confronting the nation today. He emphasized that the fight against drugs must become a 'Jan Andolan', a people's movement in which families, educational institutions, and the community join hands with a shared sense of responsibility. He said that every aware citizen has a vital role in protecting society from the destructive impact of substance abuse.

The Governor said that recognizing the gravity of the challenge, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has made the fight against drug abuse a national movement. He said that if the people of Arunachal Pradesh truly wish to honour the Prime Minister on his birthday, the most meaningful tribute would be to translate words into action by committing themselves to a drug-free society.

The Governor stressed that prevention remains the most effective strategy and urged all stakeholders to remain alert to early signs of substance abuse. He also advocated the use of technology and intelligence-based monitoring systems to curb the movement and distribution of narcotic substances.

The Governor, while calling the competition winners and participants as ambassadors of a noble cause, urged them to carry the message of a drug-free Arunachal Pradesh to every corner of the State. He asked them to use the voice, creativity, influence and leadership to inspire others.

In the Painting Competition for school students, Master Paktu Dui and Master Prasanjit Das of Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Naharlagun secured the first and second prizes respectively, Master Subrojit Das of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Chimpu, Itanagar secured the third place.

In the Declamation Competition for colleges and universities, Miss Ephesia Tatung of Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat won the first prize, while Miss Sangi Tayang of Jarbom Gamlin Government Law College, Itanagar and Miss Dorjee Lhamu of Dorjee Khandu Government College, Tawang secured the second and third prizes respectively. The Governor also presented participation certificates to all contestants in recognition of their commitment to the cause.

Competitors from higher educational institutes from across the State, including Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat, Dera Natung College, Itanagar, Binni Yanga Govt. Women's College, Jote, Jarbom Gamlin Law College, Jote, Dorjee Khandu Govt. College, Tawang, NERIST, Nirjuli, Arunadaya University, Itanagar, Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai, Apex Professional University, Pasighat, IGTAMSU, Ziro and Don Bosco College, Itanagar are participated in the Declamation Competition, while participants from various schools of State Capital Itanagar, including Govt. Higher Secondary School, Polo Colony, Naharlagun, Malo Tarin Govt. Higher Secondary School, Itanagar, Kendriya Vidyalaya No.2 Itanagar, Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1, Naharlagun, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Chimpu, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya Nirjuli, and Don Bosco School, Jollang participated in the Painting Competition.

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