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Governor gives away Rajya Puraskar certificates

Itanagar, November 11: Governor Gen JJ Singh gave away Bharat Scouts and Guides Rajya Puraskar Award certificates to thirty-two Scouts and twenty-nine guides at the 13th Rajya Puraskar Award ceremony at Raj Bhavan on Nov 11 last. State Home minister Tako Dabi, State Education Minister Bosiram Siram, who is also the President of State Scouts and Guides organization, Director School Education T Taloh, State Commissioner of Scouts and Guides organization, state organizers, scoutmasters, guide captains, officers of the School Education directorate, scouts and guides and invitees were present on the occasion, **reports PRO to Governor.**

Congratulating the awardees, Governor said, this is an important milestone of your life reflective of your hard work, dedication and discipline.

Appreciating to State organizers, Gen Singh said, I believe the ceremony and the Camp will go a long way in developing the moral core of the youth. It is a laudable purpose which seeks to channelize the latent potential, capacity and genius of youth to realise their own strengths, capabilities and to raise the bar to become successful and valuable citizens. The scouting and guiding is not merely a programme of the youth but also a way to sensitize the society about its own evolution. Through its activities like, community development, literacy programmes, health awareness campaigns, and accidents and calamity relief, the Bharat Scouts and Guides have been fostering in our society a new culture of work, a refreshingly different attitude. It is an education system based on respect and relevance for children, a system which will help each one blossom according to one's best potential. An education system fit for a vibrant democracy which will develop children to be responsible and progressive citizens of the country. I congratulate all its members for their commendable work in fostering the spirit of national integration and for promoting youth development activities, he added.

Governor urged upon the Scout masters and Guide instructors to be creative, innovative and dedicated. You should develop critical, ethical thinking and analytical skills in children. Our Scouts and Guides should be trained in Spirit of Adventure, Spirit of Inquiry, Spirit of Self Introspection and Growth and Spirit of Self Sufficiency to enable them to face any challenges in life and emerge victorious, to always be the best and have the burning desire to Fight to Win in all spheres of life, he added.

Governor, who was pleased to know that there are 777 (Seven hundred Seventy-Seven) units covering 347 (Three Hundred and Forty-Seven) schools and colleges in addition to 20 (twenty) more private educational institutions said, I am very happy to learn that many of our Arunachalee scouts are the recipients of bravery awards and have also contributed towards the cause of the Nation at the time of need such as Kargil war,

Orissa Cyclone and earthquakes. I am also delighted that you all have been taking part in national immunization programmes.

Speaking on occasion, President of State Scouts and Guides organization, Bosiram Siram, State Education Minister appreciated the officers for making the organization successful in the State and said, the BSG contributes in nation building by instilling discipline and good moral character amongst the youth. He also highlighted the activities of the organization in the State in social development sector.

In his welcome address, Director School Education T Taloh, State Commissioner of Scouts and Guides organization said, the participation of the Governor is a motivating factor for the Scouts and Guides to do better in the life. He also touched on achievement of State BSG movement, its history and its participation in world centenary celebration of Girls Guide movement. School Education Joint Director B Yirang also spoke on the occasion.

State BSG Organizing Commissioner DP Gupta in his brief report on the activities of the State BSG movement informed that Scout and Guide movement in Arunachal Pradesh started in 1948 with 24 scouts and 24 guides at Pasighat and today it has 777 units in 347 educational institutions recording an enrollment of 18500. For the first time, the State participated in the 4th All India Jamboree in 1964 in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh at national level and in the 7th Australia Jamboree at the international arena in the same year. Among the pioneers in the movement, he said was the Rashtrapati scout Hage Hinda from Ziro, who received his President Scout certificate from the then President of India Dr. S. Radhakrishna on 26th November 1965.

On the Rajya Puraskar, Gupta pointed, it is the highest BSG award in the State level and this year 116 scouts and 120 guides from different districts of the State qualified for it. The scouts and guides who didn't receive the awards will be given by Deputy Commissioners in their respective districts.

Earlier on this arrival to the function, the Governor and guests were ushered through the galleries of photographs depicting achievements of the State BSG organization and the trophies it were awarded. Motivating photographs like Mahatma Gandhi participating in BSG activities in 1939 and Hinda receiving the Rashtrapati Scout certificate from the then President of India were in display.

Other highlights of the ceremony were the first aids demonstration in case of accidents, fire mishaps and emergencies. Scouts and guides from Donyi Polo Mission School for Hearing Impaired, Chimpu and King Cup Public School, Itanagar presented cultural programme, while other took part in community songs. The ceremony which started with BSG prayer song saw the induction ceremony of the patron of State BSG organization, Governor Gen JJ Singh by the State Commissioner of Scouts and Guides organization.

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