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Governor suggests special programmes to spread the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) attended the second and the concluding day of the two-day Conference of Governors and Lt. Governors at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi on 5th June 2018. The concluding session was addressed by the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh initiated and invited innovative ideas for commemoration of 150 years of birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Participating in the discussion, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh suggested that special programmes must be conducted to spread the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and to inculcate progressive Gandhian spirit among youths and students to make them catalyst and ambassadors of Gandhian Philosophy. Quiz competitions, drama, essay-writing, debates, painting, workshops, seminars, and symposium be conducted at various level, i.e. Primary, Secondary, Higher Secondary, College and University levels with appropriate awards. The awards for the winners must be books on Mahatma Gandhi and special tours and site seeing to Sabarmati and Porbandar.

The Governor further suggested that to commemorate the special occasion, more villages be adopted under '150 Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti Adarsh Gram Yojana' on the same lines as Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. These villages will be self financing model smart villages using the latest IT enabled digital technology. As a commemorative initiative, to carry forward Gandhi ji's ideas on education, special programme titled 'Mahatma Gandhi Shiksha Sashakta Abhiyan' be launched to expand access to high quality, early-childhood education programmes. Special commemoration programs aimed at protecting human rights, literacy and microfinance be taken up in 'Mission Mode' in order to restore high status of Indian women and t a better future for them.

Earlier in the sessions, presentations on Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and Swachhata youth Internship were made by Secretaries to Government of India.

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