

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor condoles the demise of former Prime Minister**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) expressed shock and grief on the demise of former Prime Minister of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Governor said that in death of Respected Atal ji, India has lost the tallest leader, politician, statesman, patriot, literary figure and the loftiest human face of Independent India.

Paying homage to the great leader, the Governor said that Atal ji was an apostle of unity, harmony and secularism. One of the best orators of all time, Atal ji was a great visionary and the most respected leader of India. Cutting across the political party lines, he commanded admiration of all. In 1994, the then Prime Minister Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, heading the Congress Party Government, requested Atal ji, then in the opposition in the Indian Parliament, to lead the Indian Delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission at Geneva. Brilliant as he was, Atal ji convinced the International Community about the **RIGHT STAND OF INDIA ON KASHMIR ISSUE**.

The Governor said that Atal ji, demonstrably conducted the nuclear tests at Pokhran and thereby laid the foundation of **NUCLEAR SELF RELIANCE** for the defence of India.

A firm believer in integral humanism, on 19<sup>th</sup> February 1999, Atal ji as the former Prime Minister of India took initiative in extending hand of friendship to Pakistan through his most admired and unprecedented **BUS JOURNEY TO LAHORE**.

The Indian Armed Forces will always remember Atal ji, who, in India's war history, for the first time ensured that the **MORTAL REMAINS OF EVERY MARTYR OF KARGIL WAR** in 1999 was brought home and given befitting last rites, duly participated by the District authorities.

Conveying heartfelt condolence on behalf of the people of Arunachal Pradesh and on his own behalf, the Governor prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul.

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