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Governor inaugurates National Seminar

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), who is on a two-day official tour to Andhra Pradesh, inaugurated a National Seminar on 'Disaster Management' organised by Andhra University at Visakhapatnam on 7th January 2019.

Speaking on the topic, 'India's security' in the seminar, the Governor said that the military preparedness in National Security has a big role, while highlighting a brief history of Post Independence India. Citing attacks on India since its independence, first in 1947-48, then in 1962, then again in 1965, yet again in 1971, further again in 1999 and Proxy War by Pakistan from 1988 to date, he stated that it is of utmost importance that people of India think, talk, debate, discuss, war game, prepare and practice counter measures to all perceptible threats to our sovereignty, unity, integrity and security.

The Governor, while giving a vivid description of security threats on the borders, land, sea and air said that China's 'String of Pearls', religious militancy in Jammu and Kashmir and the low Intensity Proxy warfare of Pakistan have now become multipronged and extremely serious. All these dangers combined with narcotic trade, arms smuggling, money laundering and cyber driven crimes are the critical threat factors to our security. Today the security threat on our tri configured Borders, have become extremely potent and serious.

The Governor said that India is a multiethnic, multilingual, diverse culture society, having an unfortunate history of sub regional conflicts, homeland demand, fundamentalist, extra territorial loyalties keen to break the Nation and militancy. These fissiparous tendencies pose great threat to Indian National security. It is causing great strain on the Nation's Governance and development.

The Governor, a former soldier who fought all the three major wars i.e. in 1962 Sino-Indian War, 1965 Indo-Pak War, and 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War and commanded an Infantry Brigade as a part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka and fought against the LTTE, said that for maintaining the territorial integrity, a deterrent Military Preparedness and no aggression first are the answers. The essential ingredients of Deterrent Military Preparedness are effective, technologically advanced, deep piercing Military intelligence, Integrated Tri Service Joint Operational Plan, training, war gaming and field exercises and Self sufficiency in Military Hardware and software. Of these ingredients, self sufficiency in Military hardware is the most important prerequisite.

We are a great Nation and therefore, onus falls on us to leave no stone unturned to take India to a higher niche of unity and integrity. We as the citizens of India have to assimilate 'Nation First' motto, the Governor said.

First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, Vice Admiral Karimbir Singh, PVSM,AVSM, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, HQENC, Visakhapatnam, Air Marshall R.K.S. Shera, AVSM,VSM, (AOM, IAF, Vayu Bhavan, New Delhi and Smt Rajni Sekhri Sibal, IAS, Addl Secretary, Ministry of Home, GOI, ED, NIDM, New Delhi attended the inaugural function amongst other.

PRO to Governor
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