

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor attends the 33<sup>rd</sup> Statehood Day celebration of Arunachal Pradesh**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) attended the 33<sup>rd</sup> Statehood Day celebration of the State at Itanagar on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The Governor unfurled the national flag and took the salute from the Guards of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that statehood paved way for speedy development. Today, the central government under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has special focus and consideration for the development of the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The Central Government and State Government under Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu have been putting in their best efforts to electrify every village, provide toilet in every house, road to every village and gas connection to every kitchen.

We have achieved a lot in this direction and credit for this goes to every citizen of the State who under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, contributed in assisting the government and administration for the development in the State, he said. While reposing his faith and trust in the citizens the continued the help and assistance of each and every Arunachali for the progress of the State.

Reiterating his Mantra for ensuring 100% percent transparent implementation of developmental projects, the Governor called on every citizen to make sure that all the projects are implemented with honesty and accountability.

Sharing his concern about education in the State, the Governor urged upon the people to come forward to see that every child above 6 years of age goes to school; teachers must impart value based education and be ready to serve in far-flung schools in their turn. He also suggested for rotation based transfer for teachers of urban and rural areas. The Governor called upon the parents to motivate the students to be entrepreneurs and job providers instead of managers and job seekers.

Paying tribute to the martyrs of Pulwama Terror Attack, the Governor expressed his anguish that some of the youth of the State, particularly in the Eastern districts of Arunachal Pradesh are lured towards gun culture and drug culture. He appealed to them to join back the mainstream of the society for their own wellbeing. He also cautioned the youth against drug abuse and advised them to stand against this culture, which is destroying them, their family and the society.

Do not go for drugs and do not allow any of your friend, relative and acquaintance to give into these evils, the Governor said.

Stating that this year, the nation will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation, who preached, practised and propagated Swachhata, the Governor urged upon the people to be connected to the Swachhata Mission and strive towards cleaner, healthier and greener India. It will be the best tribute to Gandhi on his 150<sup>th</sup> Jayanti, he said.

First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, members of State Cabinet, Chief Secretary Shri Satya Gopal, distinguished guests and invitees were present on the occasion.

The Governor released the Festival Souvenir and launched the Proceedings of Agricultural Conclave.

Before declaring the three-day Festival of Arunachal open, the Governor presented the State Awards, Chief Minister's Excellence Award in Civil Service and Dorjee Khandu Memorial Award to people from different walks of life.

Traditional folk dances of various tribes were the highlights of the pageantries. Participants from Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya also presented a cultural programme under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' a Government of India initiative that aims to improve the present cultural connection across various states of India.

Later the Governor inaugurated the Exhibition and Food Stalls.

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