

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
ITANAGAR**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Independence Day celebrated at Itanagar Raj Bhavan**

**Governor strongly advocates for adopting the Mantra of 'Vocal for Local'**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) hoisted the National Flag on the 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor saluted the National Flag, while the Echo Company of 33<sup>rd</sup> Battalion of Indo Tibetan Border Police Detachment, attached to Raj Bhavan, presented the Guard of Honour to the Flag. First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, special invitees from COVID19 Frontline Warriors of medical officials and police personnel and officials of Raj Bhavan participated in the celebration adhering to the COVID19 pandemic protocol.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor extended Independence Day greetings to the people of Arunachal Pradesh and fellow citizens of India. On behalf of the people of the State, he conveyed appreciation to the Indian Armed Forces, State Police Paramilitary Forces and the people for contributing towards ensuring the safety of individuals and the security, unity and integrity of the Nation.

The Governor, one of few people in the State who saw the British Colonial Rule in India, shared his experiences as to what restrictions then the yokes of foreign rule exerted on us. He called upon the people to cooperate with the armed forces and the people in the administration to uphold the hard earned freedom.

Reminding the people of their fundamental duties, the Governor exhorted them to contribute to the development process of the Nation. He advised them to promote the local economy for the overall growth and development of the Nation.

Reiterating the appeal of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for stronger economy of the Nation, the Governor strongly advocated to adopt the Mantra of 'Vocal for Local'. He urged the people to buy only local products. This, he said, will definitely help the local farmers, artisans and entrepreneurs, which in turn boost the local socio-economic status.

The Governor appealed to the people to pledge on the Day to strive forward with transparency, accountability, continuity, audit, review for mid course correction and perfection. He said that the spirit of unity must be our strength, teamwork and cooperation be our approach and discipline and hard work be our key result areas.

The Governor commended the COVID 19 Frontline warriors on the occasion. He said that it is their hard work and dedication that the State is successfully countering the Coronavirus pandemic.

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