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Security of the land is fundamental to national sovereignty, territorial integrity and collective responsibility: Governor

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Governor launches Fortress India with Festival of Ideas

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), along with the Governor of Mizoram, Gen (Dr) Vijay Kumar Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM (Retd) launched the Fortress India at India International Centre, New Delhi on 30th October 2026. The formal launch of Fortress India, under the theme 'Festival of India', marks an important initiative to reconnect Indians with the country's land, history, ecology and civilisation values. The movement seeks to bring these four pillars into a continuum of awareness, strengthening the understanding of India as a living, evolving civilisation whose identity is deeply rooted in its geographical heritage, historical experiences, natural wealth and enduring traditions.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the security of the land is fundamental to national sovereignty, territorial integrity and collective responsibility. Citizens must understand the strategic significance of India's borders, respect the sacrifices of the Armed Forces and recognise that safeguarding the nation is a shared duty. Drawing from his experiences during service, he observed that a deeper understanding of India's geography and history fosters patriotism, strengthens national unity and deepens the sense of belonging to the nation.

The Governor, an eco-warrior himself, also emphasize that the ecological security is equally vital to the country's long-term prosperity. India's forests, rivers, mountains, wetlands and biodiversity sustain livelihoods, regulate the climate and support millions of people. He said that protecting these natural assets through responsible consumption, conservation, sustainable development and community participation is essential for future generations. Environmental stewardship must become a national responsibility rather than remain confined to policy or institutional action.

The Governor, who is member of the Advisory Board of Fortress India, said that the movement also seeks to revive the values embodied in India's best traditions, including respect for elders, compassion, integrity, self-discipline, service, harmony and reverence for nature. He said that these principles, reflected in the ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and the spirit of Seva, can strengthen social cohesion and guide young citizens towards responsible nation-building. Connecting historical knowledge with contemporary civic responsibility will help transform cultural pride into meaningful public action.

The Governor underscored that the Fortress India can inspire every citizen to become a custodian of the nation's territory, heritage, ecology and values, ensuring that India's civilisation strength remains a living legacy for generations to come.

The Governor of Mizoram, Dr. Satyanarayana Bheesette, a prominent Indian experimental physicist, Shri Rajinder Pal Devgan, senior educationist, Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, economic advisor to PM and Shiv Kunal Verma, an author, military historian and filmmaker and Fortress India founder, also spoke in the launching function.

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