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Governor presents Rajya Puraskar award to thirty Scouts, forty Guides, two rovers and seven rangers

Itanagar, December 12 : The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh General (Retd) J.J. Singh gave away the Bharat Scout and Guide Rajya Puraskar to thirty scouts, forty guides, two rovers and seven rangers in an impressive function at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on December 10 last. The Rajya Puraskar is the highest State level awards for scouts, guides, rovers and rangers. State First Lady Anupama Singh Commissioner cum Secretary Education Shri Ganesh Koyu, Secretary to Governor Shri Ankur Garg, Director School Education Shri T. Taloh, who is also the State Chief Commissioner for Bharat Scout and Guides, guests and invitees, government officials, teachers, scout and guide masters and trainers, rovers and rangers scouts, guides, cubs and bulbul attended the 14th Rajya Puraskar Award ceremony, **reports PRO to Governor.**

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the spirit of harmony and tolerance has been the hallmark of India and all should strive to uphold these values. The nation needs the contribution of every individual to strengthen every social fabric of the nation. The Scout & Guides movement is providing the youth with the physical, mental, intellectual and moral values to face the challenges of life ahead. He added that scouting and guiding in India is not merely a programme of the youth but also a way to sensitize the society about its own evolution. Through its activities like, community development, literacy programmes, health awareness campaigns, and accidents and calamity relief, the Bharat Scouts and Guides have been fostering in our society a new culture of work, a refreshingly different attitude. It is an education system based on respect and relevance for children, a system which will help each one blossom according to one's best potential. An education system fit for a vibrant democracy which will develop children to be responsible and progressive citizens of the country.

Congratulating the recipients of Rajya Puraskar Award, the Governor said that the award is the fruit of your hard work, dedication, and discipline and recognition of their excellent work in the field of Social Service and Community Work. He expressed hope that the award will further encourage the awardees and their colleagues to strive towards excellence in every field. The Governor called upon the awardees to be role model.

The Governor commended the State scouts and guides officials for reviving the scouting activities in the State. He also appreciated the scouts and guides for humanitarian activities and for bringing good names for the State in the regional and national level activities. The Governor advised the Scout masters and Guide instructors to be creative, innovative, and dedicated. They should inculcate ethical thinking and analytical skills in children. The children should be trained in the best way to enable them to face any challenges in life. They must have the burning desire to fight to win in all spheres of life and they must emerge victorious, he stressed.

In his welcome address State Chief Commissioner for Bharat Scout and Guides Taloh, DSE informed that Arunachal Pradesh is regarded as best in the country. There are 777 units covering 350 schools and 4 colleges in addition to 50 more private educational institutions. Earlier he presented scarves and memento to the guests.

Giving a brief report on the scouting movement, State Organizing Commissioner B.P. Gupta informed that scouting activities are taken up in 155 countries involving 38 million youth people. He added that for the first time Rovers and Rangers of the State are included in amongst Rajya Puraskar awardees. Deputy Director School Education Opel Tayeng also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, the Governor along with the First lady and guests and invitees visited the exhibition stall of photographs and trophies depicting scouting activities in the State. District Training Officers, Kenpi Pakam and S.B. Singh ushered the visitors around the stalls, providing detail information of the photographs, charts and trophies won by scouts and guides in regional and national camps and jamborees.

Students of Donyi Polo Mission School for the Hearing & Visually Impaired, Chimpu and guides presented cultural items on the occasion. The First Aid demonstration and community song were part of the function which started with Bharat Scouts and Guides prayer.

Rangers Mumtak Yommin, Nana Tatak, Kalpana Kalita, Osi Siram, Yoyi Rukbo of Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat and Yapng Rai and Lavanya Sharma of State Bharat and Guide Headquarters, Papum Pare district received the Rajya Puraskar, while Rovers who received the award were Basant Kumar Singh and Anu Tabing of Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat.

Sd/- Keter Bagra, DIPRO