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**MARTYRDOM ATTAINED TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY IS THE ULTIMATE FORM
OF PATRIOTISM: GOVERNOR**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma felicitated the families of martyrs at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar on 24th November 2013. Smti Leela Devi, mother of Late Rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat, Maha Vir Chakra, Smti Yape Yajo, mother of Late NK Tape Yajo, Kriti Chakra, Smti Pate Yayir, mother of Late Lance Naik Pate Tasuk, Sena Medal, Shri Tabit Tapak, relative of SSB Constable Late Tagom Taki along with other family members were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor said that martyrdom attained to defend the country is the ultimate form of patriotism and is indeed the supreme sacrifice. The Nation can never repay them for their deeds. It is an act which is well beyond the confines of religion and politics. Paying homage to such brave sons is the highest form of worship.

Sharing his experience, Governor said, 'Having been a soldier and worn the military uniform for 40 years, I know that a soldier fights for his country irrespective of his religion, caste and community. I am often asked as to why a soldier during war walks into a situation of certain death? What makes him do this act? Having seen this from close quarters, I consider it to be a frenzy, **Junoona** to achieve the goal and defend the Motherland. The man in him urges him to go on and on and the Nation must recognise this. We are indeed proud of our armed forces and men in uniform who truly symbolise the spirit of secularism and patriotism, he added.

Informing that there are large numbers of valiant soldiers who have laid down their lives in defending the country, Governor said that State Government will construct war memorial in Itanagar.

Complimenting the organisers for commemorating the martyrdom of the valiant soldiers and inviting their mothers and relatives, Governor informed that State Government has been asked to help the cause in all terms.

First Lady of the State, Smti. Jyotsna Sharma, Chief Secretary Dr. H.K. Paliwal, Development Commissioner Shri Ramesh Negi, Lt. Gen (Retd) V.M. Patil, Officiating Sub Maj, 11 Garhwal Regiment, Naib Subedar Yespal, representing Garhwal Regiment to which Maha Vir Chakra Rifleman Jaswant Singh Rawat belongs to, President, Ex-Servicemen Association (Arunachal Pradesh), Hony Captain Lobsang Monpa, among other who were present on the occasion.

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