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PRESS RELEASE

**PREPARE YOURSELF TO MEET ANY CHALLENGE IN FUTURE: GOVERNOR TO
SCOUTS AND GUIDES**

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen(Retd) Nirbhay Sharma gave away the Rajya Puraskar, highest State Level Scouts and Guides award to 46 (Forty-six) Guides and 39 (Thirty-Nine) Scouts on the occasion of 15th Rajya Puraskar Award ceremony at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar on 10th January 2014.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor advised the Scouts and Guides to prepare themselves to meet any challenge in future. He said that today's youth and students are the architects of the future India. In the age of moral turmoil and depletion of values, the social fabric has been weakened. Channelizing the energy and enhancing the capabilities of the youth for the task of nation building is necessary. The purpose of the Scouts and Guides Movement is to facilitate the young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals to become a responsible citizen. It is a very important movement which aims to channelize the latent potential, capacity and genius of the youth to realise their own strengths and capabilities.

Governor, while advising the scouts and guides said that the youth must appreciate the richness and diversity of their culture and imbibe their age-old values of truth, tolerance and respect for all, in particular for their parents, teachers and elders and the Mother Nature. Youth must inculcate in themselves love and duty for Motherland, reverence for traditions and perspective for change.

Governor, who was impressed by the exhibition stall of photographs and trophies depicting scouting activities in Arunachal Pradesh and cultural presentation, expressed his hope that those activities will help the younger generation in building a strong bond with their age-old traditions and cultural heritage. He emphasised that Scouts and Guides be trained in continuous manner in various other fields like Disaster Management, traffic rules, awareness against Opium de-addiction and these activities are included in the extra curriculum activities of school syllabus. He also stressed that more schools be involved and Scouts and Guides movement should be equally proactive in the border district of the State. The next Rajya Puraskar ceremony venue should be in one of the border district of Arunachal Pradesh, he added.

Earlier, Director School Education T. Taloh who is the State Chief Commissioner for Bharat Scouts and Guides and BP Gupta, SOC (Scouts) informed that scouting movement started in Arunachal Pradesh way back in 1948 and at present it has a total enrolment of about approximately 20,000 (Twenty-Thousand) cadets and adult learners. There are 777 (Seven hundred Seventy-Seven) units covering nearly 350 (Three Hundred and Fifty) schools and colleges in addition to 50 (Fifty) more private educational institutions.

In the award ceremony, Scouts and Guides of presented First Aid Demonstration. Scouts and Guides of Hornbill English Medium School, Itanagar, Arunodaya Government Higher Secondary School, Ganga gave a colourful cultural presentation.

Parliamentary Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs, Wangki Lowang, Col. S.A. Patil, CO, NCC Battalion, Naharlagun, officials of School Education and State Bharat Scouts and Guides organisation, scouts and guides from different parts of Arunachal Pradesh attended the function.

PRO to Governor
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