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**GOVERNOR EXHORTS YOUTH TOWARDS GAMES AND SPORTS**

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma graced the finale of the State Level Football Tournament for Chief Minister' Trophy at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Naharlagun on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor emphasised on importance of games and sports competitions in the State. He said that such physical activities help in channelizing the youthful energy, which otherwise goes wasted for unproductive works. It also helps in honing the inborn talent, developing skill and inculcates discipline in them.

Exhorting the youth to participate in sporting events, Governor expressed his hope that in near future sportspersons of the State should be wearing the national colours.

Governor said that those who excel in sports should choose it, as a rewarding career, while hinting on State's Sports Policy that offers cash incentives for national and international medal winners and job reservation for sportsperson in Government jobs.

While extending good wishes to the teams and game officials for the final match, Governor emphasised that matches be conducted in a befitting manner and as per the highest traditions of sportsmanship.

Governor, who released a souvenir of Chief Minister's Trophy for Football & Volleyball on the occasion, complimented the Chief Minister for conceiving the idea for the tournament and said that the competition has given a new thrust to games and sports activities in the State. It has facilitated in spotting hidden sporting talents amongst the youth of Arunachal Pradesh. He also congratulated the Department of Youth and Sports for conducting the tournament in the Districts and the finale in the Capital Complex.

Earlier, Shri Bilatee Pertin, Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh while briefing on the tournament informed that the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs conducted competition at Assembly and District levels in all the seventeen districts and in capital complex. More than 1200 participants including officials were involved in the competition. The finals were conducted at Itanagar. The Assembly and District level tournament were conducted during the month of January and February 2014 in befitting manner in the respective districts. The final matches are being conducted on the Statehood Day.

Secretary further informed that the Chief Minister's Trophy for Football & Volleyball, which was launched by Chief Minister Shri NabamTuki at Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy, Chimpu on 1st November 2013 will be an annual sporting event in the coming years.

Chief Minister Shri Nabam Tuki, Parliamentary Secretaries, senior officials of the State Government, District Administration, Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, sportspersons, football enthusiasts and school children were present on the occasion.

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