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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor inaugurates week-long North East National Service Scheme (NSS)  
Festival**

**Be proud of their history, culture, traditions: Governor to youth**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa inaugurated the week-long North East National Service Scheme (NSS) Festival at NERIST, Nirjuli on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015. 300 NSS volunteers from all the eight North Eastern States are participating in the Festival.

In his inaugural address, the Governor advised the youth to be proud of their history, culture, traditions of the region and country. He urged them to share their knowledge, cultural traditions, ethos and codes of good human being. Create bonds among the people and believe in positive aspects of life.

Reminding the youth the objectives of the NSS, the Governor advised the participants to inculcate in themselves fraternity, punctuality, patriotism, integrity and discipline. He emphasised that they should be able to serve the poor and needy and the discriminated and disadvantaged section of the people..

The Governor said that the North East region has lots of talents but poor in good leadership quality. He expressed hope that this type of programme will help in developing leadership quality among the youth of the region.

Recalling his service to refugees and dislocated people from Arunachal Pradesh and adjoining areas during the 1962 war, the Governor called upon the youth to prepare themselves for emergencies. He exhorted them to work for mentally and physically challenged people and terminally ill persons like Cancer patients.

Reposing faith in the younger generation, the Governor called on the youth to contribute towards eradication of drug addiction, substance abuse, i.e. smoking and drinking and strengthening the communal harmony.

Recalling his early days and work as Sub Divisional Officer in a remote area in Mizoram today when he met a NSS young volunteer from there, he said that he took initiative in providing road connection to the place. After 45 years, he is still proud of it. He advised the youth to take responsibility and to do good for the society, which will make them proud in long time to come.

In his address, State Education Minister Shri Tapang Taloh said that today youth comprise around 40% of national population and they are most valuable human resource. He said that they are the fountainhead of development. While dwelling on the broader objective of NSS, the Minister exhorted the participants to inculcate values of life.

Briefing on the festival, Regional Head of NSS, Guwahati Shri Sunil Kumar Basumatary informed that the programme aims to develop personality of the participating students and youth. He said that NSS provide exposure to the youth through its programmes in the national and international levels. He informed that as on the day the scheme has 33 lakhs volunteers from 50,000 educational institutions and 200 Universities.

The NSS Regional Head informed that it is the 11<sup>th</sup> Festival in the North East region and 2<sup>nd</sup> festival in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

NSS volunteers from Sikkim, Manipur and Assam presented traditional cultural items in the inaugural function.

The week-long programme includes cultural and literary competitions, cultural interaction and lectures including on Life skills for youth by Dr. A. Lusker, USA Commander (Retd.).

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