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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa inaugurated 'Eknathji Centenary Smriti Bhawan', an Auditorium building of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Chimpu, Itanagar in its school campus on 16th July 2015.

In his inaugural address, the Governor lauded the service rendered by the Vivekananda Kendra in the State in the field of education. He expressed hope that the VK will continue its good work in every part of the State including Dibang Valley District. The Governor congratulated the students of VKVs and their teachers for securing good result in the CBSE examination.

Paying tribute to the legendary social worker Eknath Ranade, in whose name the newly inaugurated building has been christened, the Governor called for carrying forward the noble works of Ranade through Vivekananda Kendra.

Quoting the famous quotation of Swami Vivekananda, 'Arise Awake Stop not till the goal is reached', the Governor urged upon the people to inculcate the noble and spiritual values of Swami Vivekananda's philosophy. He advised all to strive for a better society, devoid of anger and corruption through honesty, selfless service and promoting spirit of forgiveness.

Stating that Arunachal Pradesh is facing a challenge due to drugs related problem, the Governor suggested that NGOs like Vivekananda Kendra must take up the challenge, while the State Government put special focus in alternative source of livelihood through horticultural and other activities.

Taking the opportunity to push forward the Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan, while interacting with the parents of the students, the Governor said that together with the students, their parents and guardians, we can make our environment clean. He added that clean environment will result in clean health, which in turn will result in healthy mind and body. The Governor stressed on waste-bin in front of shops and more vehicles from garbage dumping.

Advising the parents and guardians on the occasion, the Governor asked them to ensure that their wards ride motorcycle and pillion rider with helmet.

Speaking on the occasion, Kanyakumari Vivekananda Kendra General Secretary, Mananeeya Bhanudas highlighted the life and works of Eknathji Ranade, the founder of Vivekananda Kendra, in whose name the newly inaugurated building has been christened. VK General Secretary exhorted the parents and students to promote the spirit of selfless service and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda towards Nation building as started by Ranade.

In his welcome address, Dr. Joram Begi, former Higher and Technical Education Director and Prant Pramukh, Vivekananda Kendra, Arunachal Pradesh said that VKV is synonymous to quality education in Arunachal Pradesh and it is doing a yeomen service in State.

Dr. Tejum Padu, Director of Higher and Technical Education Director and Saha Prant Pramukh, Vivekananda Kendra, Arunachal Pradesh, Sushri Radha Devi, Joint Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas, Arunachal Pradesh Trust, Sri PM Unnikrishnan, Education Officer, VKVAP Trust, Principals of VKVs, parents of the students of VKV, Itanagar were present on the occasion. Students of VKV, Itanagar presented a patriotic cultural programme.

Earlier on his arrival to the school, the Governor was given a warm reception by the students and teachers, cultural troupes from Chimpu area and school band of VKV, Itanagar.

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