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**The people of the State must come forward and help the Arunachal Pradesh
Literary Society to lay strong foundation for literary pursue: Governor**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa graced the 77th Birth Anniversary celebration of Late Lummer Dai, which was organised by Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society in the Jawaharlal Nehru State Museum Complex, Itanagar on 1st June 2016. The Governor paid floral tribute to the Doyen of the Arunachalee Literature and Journalism on the occasion. At the request of the Governor, the maiden 'Luminous Lummer Dai Literary Award', which was to be presented by him, was presented by Smt Nani Dai, wife of Late Lummer Dai to Shri Kaling Borang, a multi-lingual writer-poet.

Paying rich tribute to Late Lummer Dai, the Governor said that Late Dai was a scholar, writer and an administrator. He was also a great humanist, who reflected in his work, the woes and challenges of downtrodden and women in the society, thereby strongly advocating for their rights and self-determination. He built a bridge between Arunachalee and Assamese societies through his brilliant literary works, which needs to be cemented by us and kept the goodwill alive.

While expressing unhappiness that younger generations are taking less interest in pursuing literary activities, the Governor said that young Arunachalee boys and girls have immense latent pool of talent which can be seen in their school and college magazines. They must be encouraged and their literary pursue should be supported.

The Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh has abundant natural environment to get inspiration from. He said that with its large number of tribes having distinct and variants culture and heritages, Arunachal Pradesh has all the subjects to get inspiration and to write about. He suggested for developing script for each and every language of the tribes so that the ancient oral culture are preserved before its too late.

Congratulating Shri Kaling Borang for receiving the first 'Luminous Lummer Dai Literary Award', the Governor expressed hope that the Award will encourage budding writers and poets in the pursue and enrichment of the society.

Commending the APLS for its effort in promoting creative writings, the Governor said that people of the State must come forward and help the Society in cash or kind to lay strong foundation for literary pursue. Contributing a cash amount of Rs. 50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only towards the Society, he advised APLS to draw students and youth towards literary activities.

The Governor suggested APLS to bring out monthly magazines in multi languages, which may include English, Hindi, Tribal Languages and Assamese.

In his address, Guest of Honour of the occasion and renowned author and publisher from Assam, Shri Nabin Baruah, said that people of Assam consider Late Dai more as Assamese than Arunachalee for his exceptional works in Assamese language. He is a literary figure of not only Arunachal Pradesh but for Assam also. His writings were inspirational and phenomenal. Shri Baruah along with Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Shri Ninong Ering shared their acquaintances with Late Dai.

In his acceptance speech, Shri Borang said that the Award will motivate him to work harder and write for the society. Shri Borang, who considers Late Dai as his guide, mentor and inspiration, said that writing require continuous attachment and practice. Exhorting the younger generation towards writing, Shri Borang said that they need to take the first step, that is start writing. Skill can be developed slowly.

Wife of Late Dai, Smt Nani Dai who also spoke on the occasion said that Late Lummer Dai earned lots of respect from people of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. Overcame with emotion, Smt Dai expressed her gratitude to APLS for its initiative in contualization of 'Luminous Lummer Dai Literary Award', which includes a trophy, a citation, cash amount of Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) and books.

In his presidential address, the President of Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society, Dr. Y.D. Thongchi, Sahitya Akademy Awardee briefed on the activities and initiatives of the Society. He appealed to the people for financial assistance to carry forward the path of literacy, poetry and writing shown by Late Lummer Dai.

Earlier in his welcome address, Secretary APLS, Shri Batem Pertin, Director, Research, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh said that prime objective of holding the function is to generate and promote literary sensitization amongst the people of Arunachal Pradesh, especially younger generation. He hoped that the programme will give the participants enough of motivation and encouragement and provide the audience with rich set of diversion. Vice President, APLS Shri Tokong Pertin, Director, Trade and Commerce, Govt. of AP also spoke on the occasion.

Smt Inamoni Das Bora and Luminous Lummer Dai Literary Awardee Shri Borang recited poems on Late Dai. Large numbers of guests, invitees and students attended the function.

A two-minute silence was observed on the occasion to remember the bravery and ultimate sacrifice of Late Havaldar Hangpang Dada of Borduria village near Khonsa, Tirap District. Havaldar Dada laid down his life fighting terrorists in Toot Maar Ghali (TMG) in Nowgam sector of the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district on 27th May 2016.

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