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**To build a generation of very disciplined, patriotic, hard working and good citizens, scouts and guides activities must be encouraged and promoted: Governor**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa, who is the Chief Patron of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Movement in the State, gave away the Rajya Puraskar Award in the 17<sup>th</sup> Rajya Puraskar Ceremony at Banquet Hall, Itanagar on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Out of 323 selected Scouts and Guides, 48 awardees from different parts of the State received the award from the Governor, who was earlier inducted to the organisation.

The Governor said that if the State wants to build a generation of a very disciplined, patriotic, hard working and good citizens, scouts and guides activities must be encouraged and promoted. He said that this movement encourages faith in God, nationalism and teaches all to be good human being.

Impressed by the First Aid demonstrations, using Scouts and Guides scarves and ropes, the Governor emphasised that Scouts and Guides activities must be made compulsory in all schools, including private educational institutions.

As the sentinel of the Nation, the State must ensure such activities in all the schools particularly in border areas. Being the people of the 'Land of Rising Sun', we must take lead in the Bharat Scouts and Guides activities, he added.

Recalling his Scouting Days as Boy Scout, the Governor said that the Scouts and Guides Movement has immensely contributed in addressing emergency calls during war and natural disasters. In World War I, World War II and even during Chinese aggression, the Scouts and Guides played a vital role in saving lives and educating people. It continues to have universal relevance, he pointed.

Congratulating the awardees, the Governor advised them to do their best in life and built on their expertises. He wished that the parents must not force their children to their inclinations but to the proficiency and liking of the children, so that the children shine in the life in which they are best.

In his speech, the State Minister Shri Wanglin Lowangdong, who is the ex-officio President of Bharat Scouts and Guides, State Association said that to develop sense of community service, imbibe spirit of nationalism and unity and character building amongst the youth, Scouts and Guides activities must be encouraged.

Director, Secondary Education, who is the State Chief Commissioner Shri Bigam Ngulom Lendo, in his welcome address, said that presence of the Governor in the Bharat Scouts and Guides function will definitely encourage students to join the prestigious organization in days to come. BSG State Secretary Shri Gomo Kato also spoke on the occasion.

Presenting a brief report on Scouting and Guiding in the State, the State Organizing Commissioner (Guide), Smt C. Lowang said that Scouting came in Arunachal Pradesh in, the then NEFA in 1948. The first Scout Troop started in Pasighat. Today there are in all 7882 scouts and 8078 guides in 777 sanctioned units in the state.

She also informed that former Director of Secondary Education cum State Chief Commissioner, BSG Shri T. Taloh was conferred the 'Silver Elephant Award' for his contribution and dedication for promotion of scouts and guides movement in the State. The President of India presented the award to Shri Taloh at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on 8th December 2015. Shri B.P Gupta, former-SOC (S) was also awarded 'Silver Star' for his long service in scouting in Arunachal Pradesh by the President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 16th February 2015.

The State Organizing Commissioner (Guide) highlighted the activities of the Scouts and Guides movement including participation in the regional, national and international jamborees, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and cash contribution towards victims of natural calamities.

Parliamentary Secretary Education Shri Tsering Tashi, Secretary Education, Shri Bidol Tayeng, Director, Higher & Technical Education cum State Commissioner (Scouts), Dr. Tejum Padu, Deputy Director, Secondary Education cum State Commissioner (Guides), Smt Mullo Yam Gollo, officials of the Department of Education, Scoutmasters, Guide Captains and Rangers, Scouts and Guides were also present in the function.

Community songs and dance, depicting the cultural richness of the country were presented by the Scouts and Guides on the occasion. They also demonstrated First Aid methods using scouts and Guides rope and scarf.

Earlier in the function, the Governor and other dignitaries saw the exhibition stalls on the State Scouts and Guides Movement, reflecting the activities and achievements of the movement in the State.