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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor calls upon the youth of the State to make Arunachal Pradesh a paradise on earth**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri V. Shanmuganathan attended the inaugural function of the 5<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Youth Festival at Tezu, Lohit District on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The inaugural function of the three-day Youth festival, which is being organized by Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh was also attended by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Jual Oram, special guests, All India President of Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Shri Jagdeoram Oram, Mrs. Yvette Chaire Rosser, Research Scholar from USA and Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha Shri Ninong Ering amongst others.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the youth must prepare themselves to shoulder their present as well as future responsibilities effectively and fruitfully in various sectors and professions. He reminded them that they have an important role in addressing social issues, including protecting the environment, preserving the good age old traditions, eliminating evil social customs and contributing to socio-economic development.

The Governor called upon the youth to make Arunachal Pradesh a paradise on earth.

The Governor advised them to inculcate self-discipline. He said that their action, thoughts and words must reflect the highest sense of integrity, honesty, commitment and a very high sense of patriotism. They must have quest for knowledge and be inquisitive. Strive to be excellent and best in whatever field you choose. Think globally and have purpose in life, he further advised.

The Governor said that the youth must change their mind set and open to new ideas and new friends. They have the strength, innovation and creativity to excel. He advised them to be an entrepreneur and provide jobs to others as there are many scope for entrepreneurship in horticulture, tourism, hydropower, handloom and handicrafts.

The Governor called upon the youth to rise to the expectation of the elders, relatives and the fellow countrymen. He urged them build a new, strong, prosperous, disciplined and efficient India.

Felicitating the IFCSAP for working very tirelessly in preserving and promoting the cultural identity and the traditional art of every indigenous faith since its inception in 1999, the Governor wished that the NGO carry on its bounden work and further strengthen the indigenous faiths and beliefs of the State. Raj Bhavan will be always there to support you morally and in any other way possible in your great endeavour, he added.

The Governor, who lighted the inaugural lamp and unfurled the indigenous festival flag, expressed hope that the Youth Festival which is being organized by IFCSAP will open new horizon of amity and oneness amongst the people of the Frontier State. The festival will secure, strengthen and rejuvenate indigenous culture and traditions. Youth should take pride in their cultural ethos and reflect it in their day to day life.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Tribal affairs said that indigenous people must be proud of the tradition based on community living.

Replying to three-point memorandum on the occasion, the Minister assured to address the points positively.

In his presidential address, Dr. Ligu Tacho, President IFCSAP called for implementation of the Arunachal Pradesh Freedom of Religions Act (1978). He added that faith and culture are two sides of a same coin. Culture without faith is body without soul. Shri Gichik Taaza, Vice President(Hq) IFCSAP also spoke on the occasion.

More than four thousand and five hundred participants from different parts of the State are attending the festival. Seminars and interactive sessions of indigenous faith and culture, indigenous games and sports competitions, mass procession, indigenous cultural shows and innovation by priests are parts of the three-day cultural extravaganza.

Earlier, the Governor, who was accompanied by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Jual Oram visited the Parasuram Kund and offered prayers. Impressed by the scenic location of the famed pilgrimage centre, the Governor suggested for more amenities around the spot for tourists and pilgrims.

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