

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ITANAGAR**

Press Communiqué

Governor extends National Press Day greetings

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) has extended his heartfelt greetings to all members of the press, as well as the print and electronic media, and the entire reporting community of the State and the nation. He expressed his hope that the day will inspire every journalist and media professional to uphold the highest standards of integrity and continue delivering constructive and impactful reporting.

In his message, the Governor said that the Press, as the 'Fourth Pillar' and 'Watchdog' of Democracy, plays a vital role in safeguarding public interests and shaping informed opinion. Its foremost duty is to combat falsehood, serve the truth, and reflect the realities of society. With privileges like access to power comes the responsibility to be impartial, objective, and independent. Constructive criticism of the establishment is essential, but it must always aim to strengthen democratic institutions and the social fabric. The Constitutional guarantee of Freedom of Speech and Expression requires the media to exercise its power responsibly by avoiding sensationalism, fostering justice for the marginalized and promoting governance that benefits all, he said.

On National Press Day, I urge all members of the Media Fraternity to imbibe the 'Nation First' spirit and actively contribute to the State's development. I encourage the press community in Arunachal Pradesh to commit to promoting peace, progress, and democratic values within our society, the Governor appealed in his message.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
ITANAGAR, November 15, 2024