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Press Communiqué

Governor addresses Ex-Servicemen and Veer Naris at Rupa Rally

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) addressed an inspiring Ex-Servicemen Rally at Rupa in West Kameng District on 14th June 2025. Extending warm greetings to the distinguished veterans, the courageous Veer Naris, officers of the Rajya Sainik Board, and the proud families of the Ex-Servicemen, the Governor expressed his deep respect and sincere gratitude for their presence, describing them as the living embodiment of India's spirit of sacrifice and patriotism.

Paying a compliment to the Ex-Servicemen, the Governor acknowledged their immense contribution in safeguarding the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. He commended their unwavering discipline, unmatched courage, and the noble way in which many continue to serve their communities even after retirement.

Offering a heartfelt admiration to the Veer Naris, the Governor, with emotion and reverence, said that their strength and dignity, in the face of the supreme sacrifices made by their loved ones, are a source of inspiration for the entire nation.

Underscoring the importance of welfare and support systems, the Governor urged all Ex-Servicemen to stay informed and actively avail themselves of the various schemes initiated by the Ministry of Defence, such as pension support, the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), resettlement and skill development programmes, and educational assistance for their children. He issued clear instructions to the Director of the Rajya Sainik Board to ensure that Veer Naris are extended every possible care and assistance, and that the children of our brave martyrs are supported to complete their education with honour and dignity.

The Governor encouraged the younger generation from veteran families to proudly follow in the footsteps of their forebears by joining the armed forces. He praised the remarkable legacy of discipline, patriotism, and commitment that continues to be passed down through generations in these proud families.

Calling the veterans 'natural mentors', the Governor appealed to them to guide and motivate the youth of Arunachal Pradesh to prepare for a life of service in the defence forces, thus contributing to the greater cause of nation-building.

Speaking with the empathy of a former Army Commander himself and sharing his personal message of solidarity, the Governor said that their welfare, and that of the brave Veer Naris, remains his highest priority. He assured them that their voices will be heard and he will continue to raise their concerns with the highest authorities, so that they live with the dignity, honour, and security they so richly deserve.

The Governor commended the efforts of the 5 Mountain Division for successfully organizing the rally under the aegis of 4 Corps. He expressed his deep appreciation for the sense of unity and pride displayed by the participants.

The Governor reaffirmed the unwavering commitment of both the State and the Nation to the well-being of its veterans. He said that the people stand with them, the Ex-Servicemen and Veer Naris, not just in words, but in spirit and in action. Your legacy strengthens the very foundation of our great nation and continues to inspire every generation, he said.

Large numbers of Veterans and Veer Naris from Arunachal Pradesh, particularly Tawang and West Kameng, participated in the rally.

Lieutenant General Gambhir Singh, AVSM, YSM, General Officer Commanding, Gajraj Corps, Major General KS Grewal, SM, VSM, General Officer Commanding, Ball of Fire Division, State Director cum Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board Air Commodore R.D. Mosabi (Retd.) alongside senior military officers, civil dignitaries, and representatives from State Government, welfare organizations, and resettlement agencies were present on the occasion.

The rally offered practical support through dedicated help desks, where the Army and State Government assisted with pensions, healthcare, and resettlement queries. A fully equipped medical camp provided free health check-ups and consultations.

Veterans and their families were able to explore opportunities at stalls hosted by organizations such as the Army Welfare Placement Organization (AWPO), Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV), Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), and the Arunachal Pradesh Resettlement Department.

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