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Press Communiqué

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), conferred the Bharat Scouts and Guides Rajya Puraskar to 33 outstanding awardees, including 16 Guides, in the 23rd Rajya Puraskar Award Ceremony held at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar, on 20th January 2026. In total, 114 Scouts and Guides, including 61 Guides, qualified for the prestigious State-level award this year.

The Governor congratulated the awardees for their accomplishment and expressed his hope that they will inspire their peers. He encouraged them to aim higher by striving for the Rashtrapati Puraskar, the highest honour in the Bharat Scouts and Guides movement.

The Governor advised the awardees to strike a fine balance between tradition and technology, maintain physical fitness, engage in outdoor activities, and make the regular practice of Yoga a part of their daily lives. Emphasizing holistic well-being, he also urged them to stay physically and mentally fit, adapt positively to challenges, and always act with compassion.

Impressed by the commitment and activities of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, the Governor exhorted the Scouts and Guides to become ardent volunteers for noble causes. He called upon them to serve as ambassadors of hygiene and sanitation, health, cleanliness, environmental awareness, and anti-drug campaigns.

Expressing his faith in the youth of Arunachal Pradesh will impact fully contribute towards the collective vision of Viksit Bharat, the Governor said that the vision of Viksit Bharat can only be realized through Viksit Yuva, young citizens who are developed, disciplined, and guided by strong values. He said that the Bharat Scouts and Guides movement truly embodies this spirit through its emphasis on character-building, service, and leadership.

Stating that the strength of India tomorrow will be shaped by your strength today, the Governor further advised the youth to uphold the core values of honesty, kindness, respect, and responsibility in all walks of life. He encouraged them to remain lifelong learners, continue serving their communities, lead by example, respect and celebrate diversity in culture, beliefs, and backgrounds, and remain focused on their goals.

Speaking on the occasion, the State Education Minister and President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides State Association, Shri PD Sona, said that the Scouts and Guides movement plays a vital role in the holistic development of children by instilling discipline, patriotism, and a strong sense of social responsibility. Director of Secondary Education and Ex-Officio State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides State Association, Shri Tanyang Tatak, and State BSG Secretary, Shri Shehand Ronrang, also addressed the gathering.

Earlier, Ms. Chanyan Lowang, SOC (Guides), presented a brief report on the status of Scouting and Guiding activities in Arunachal Pradesh. She informed that 3474 scouts and 3616 guides have received the Rajya Puraskar Award Certificate since 1992.

As part of the ceremony, the Scouts and Guides presented a patriotic cultural programme and a live First Aid demonstration, showcasing their skills, preparedness, and commitment to service.