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Governor graces North East NSS valedictory function

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.) graced the valedictory function North East National Service Scheme (NSS) Festival of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India, at Arunodaya University, Jollang on 28th June 2026. The Governor felicitated winners of the various competitions during the festival. The NSS Team of Sikkim received the Best Discipline Team Award. The 5-day youth festival, which included competitions, was organised by NSS Regional Directorate, Guwahati In Collaboration with Arunodaya University, Jollang, Itanagar and State NSS Cell, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education (DHTE).

Speaking on the occasion, the youth of the region are the torchbearers of a vibrant and promising North East, blessed with rich cultural heritage, immense talent, and boundless opportunities. He said that the future of the region and the nation will be shaped by their vision, character, and dedication to the common good.

The Governor said that the youth of the North East have a vital role in shaping the region's future. He said that by investing in education, skills, and digital literacy, they can unlock new opportunities in a rapidly changing world. At the same time, they must take pride in preserving their rich cultural heritage while embracing innovation and modern ideas. As custodians of a region blessed with extraordinary natural wealth, they should champion sustainable development. By fostering entrepreneurship, creating jobs, and strengthening the spirit of unity, service, and nation-building, they can lead the North East towards lasting progress and prosperity.

The Governor said that the future of the North East is bright, and that future rests in hands of the youth of the day. He advised them to dream boldly, act responsibly, and work together to build a prosperous, peaceful, and developed region that contributes significantly to the progress of India.

The Governor said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Act East Policy has become a powerful catalyst for the comprehensive development of the North East, and it has consistently had a transformative impact. This region, once considered remote, is now emerging as India's gateway to Southeast Asia. He appealed to the NSS Volunteers to become proud ambassadors of the North East. Wherever you go, speak with pride about the North East's breathtaking landscapes, its serene valleys, majestic peaks, pristine rivers, vibrant culture and socio-economic development, he said.

The Governor said that NSS volunteers contribute to nation-building through selfless community service, environmental protection, literacy, and rural development. Their experiences foster leadership, empathy, teamwork, and national integration, shaping responsible citizens dedicated to an inclusive and progressive India, he said.

The Governor commended the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, NSS Regional Directorate, Guwahati, Arunodaya University, Jollang, Itanagar and State NSS Cell, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education for organizing the festival, which he termed as celebration of unity, service, and cultural harmony. By bringing together volunteers from all eight North Eastern States, it has strengthened bonds of friendship, mutual respect, and understanding across the region, he said.

The Governor gave away prizes to the winners of various competitions. In the Folk Group Dance Competition, Nagaland secured the First Prize, followed by Assam in Second Place and Tripura in Third Place. In the Quiz Competition, the First Prize was awarded to Mr. Vicky Puroik and Miss Techhi Monika of Team Arunachal, while Mr. Joseph Wangjen and Miss Piyanshi Dutta of Team Assam secured the Second Prize. The Third Prize went to Mr. Jack Debbarma and Miss Rupasree Sen of Tripur Team. In the PPT Competition, Ms. Binu Chhetri of Sikkim won the First Prize, Mr. Goto Chiram of Arunachal Pradesh secured the Second Prize, and Mr. Alesterhope of Meghalaya received the Third Prize. In the Extempore Speech Competition, Ms. Binu Chhetri of Sikkim again emerged as the winner, while Mr. Gulshan Tangsang of Meghalaya secured the Second Prize and Mr. Joseph Wangjen of Assam was awarded the Third Prize. The competitions highlighted the knowledge, creativity, communication skills, and cultural richness of the participants from across the North Eastern region.

Chairman of Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission Dr. Pradip Lingfa, Chairman, Arunachal Pradesh Administrative Reforms Commission, Shri Pramod Jain, IAS (Retd.), Vice Chancellor, Arunodaya University, Dr. N.V.Sangvikar also spoke on the occasion.

In his brief on the objective of the program, Dr. A.K.Mishra, SLO (NSS), DHTE, Itanagar informed that 320 NSS volunteers and programme officers representing all eight Northeastern states, participated in 5-day vibrant platform for youth interaction, cultural exchange, leadership development, and national integration. He said that the North-East NSS Festival was designed to celebrate a vibrant culture, history, tradition, flora & fauna woven under the common spirit of 'Not Me, But You'. The festival had various activities such as Literary Activities, Cultural Performance, Yuva Samvad, Site seeing and understanding of the rich cultural tradition of North-East India, he said.

Shri N.C. Deori, Youth Officer and Shri Jangjilong, Regional Directorate In-Charge, NSS, Regional Directorate, Guwahati, Deans and Professors, Arunodaya University, Jollang and officers from the Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh were present in the valedictory function.

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