

Speech of the Hon'ble Governor for Achiever Awards

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Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M.Venkaih Naiduji, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Sarbananda Sonowalji, Sadin Pratidin Group Chairman, Shri Jayanta Baruah ji, Hon'ble members of the Parliament and Legislative Assembly, the awardees, Vice Chancellors of the universities, Intellectuals, Representatives from North Eastern states, Leaders of various tribes and communities, my dear Media friends and all the guests present here today.

First of all, I welcome our Vice-President Venkaiah Naiduji to this beautiful state. At the same time I would like to congratulate all the awardees on being adjudged for the awards in recognition to their contribution to different fields. I must say it is a great initiative by Sadin-Pratidin group in showing the benevolence of felicitating people from all walks of life.

There is no doubt that our state has a huge pool of talented people who have made not only Assam but the entire north east and India proud at various levels.

We are living in the era of information technology where media plays a vital role in influencing socio and political values. We all know that media is considered to be the fourth pillar in a democratic country and it maintains a perfect balance between the other three pillars namely Judiciary, Executive and Legislature. Therefore, it is

very important for all the media houses to be responsible. I believe, Sadin Pratidin Group is one such group which has been very bold and unbiased in showing the right and wrong to its readers. The newspaper group has also been successfully connecting a thread of unity and prosperity among all the tribes, ethnicities and communities of Assam.

On this occasion, I take the opportunity to express my heartfelt love and warm wishes to you. It is a special moment because Sadin Pratidin Group, the popular media voice of Assam, has traversed a long way braving all odds since its inception 30 years ago. For this I would like to thank Mr. Jayanta Baruah, the spirit behind the group and his dedicated team who have tried their level best to deliver information at the doorstep of everybody.

Assam is a very beautiful state with enormous potentials. It also proudly holds and nurtures the aims and aspirations of its heterogenous pool of people. At the same as it always happens, the state has its own share of problems. In such a situation, media should play a vital role representing the voice of all voiceless people. In its 30 years of journey, the Sadin Pratidin Group has made all efforts to lead and revolve the information ecosystem of our society. Today's event is none but a reflection and replica of this spirit.

I am very honoured to be present on this auspicious occasion. I moreover hope that Sadin Pratidin Group in the coming days continues its impressive journey and empower our society to take

informed decision by championing the cause of development-centric communication and set an agenda for our society to pursue and move.

Thanking you all

Namaskar.....and Jai Hind.