TAWANG, Nov 26: Appreciating the vast natural resources of the state, Vice President of India Md Hamid Ansari today advocated a pragmatic strategy and planning to tap Arunachal's vast potential for development.

Ansari, accompanied by Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh and Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu, visited Tawang today, reports DIPRO.

The vice president interacted with the governor on vast issues concerning the state.

In fact, while interacting with the governor and state cabinet at Raj Bhawan last evening, he was of the view that the Planning Commission should change its population-based funding criteria to speed up the development of thinly populated Arunachal. He had also supported a priority treatment to this land-locked state considering its sensitiveness and uniqueness.

The vice president, who is currently on his maiden visit to the state, besides visiting Tawang Monastery, paid homage to the war heroes of 1962 at the War Memorial at Korea Brigade.

Ansari is expected to visit Kibitho and Tezu on the last leg of his visit Thursday, the report adds.