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Governor takes up issues of the State at the NEC Forum

**Governor highlights the potentials and challenges of Arunachal Pradesh at the
NEC Plenary**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) participated in the first day of the two-day 67th Plenary of North East Council (NEC) at Shillong on 9th July 2018.

Addressing the august gathering of all the Governors and Chief Ministers of eight North Eastern States, chaired by the Union Home Minister Shri Raj Nath Singh, the Governor highlighted on the potentials and challenges of Arunachal Pradesh. He also put forward the connectivity bottleneck and implementation of 1500 km Trans Arunachal Highway, Arunachal Frontier Highway and East West Corridor. He said that Arunachal Pradesh is the lone State which does not have airport in the State Capital and emphasised that Civil Aviation Ministry and Ministry of DoNER must fund this important project at the earliest.

The Governor requested the North East Council and Ministry of Development of North Eastern region (DoNER) for their assistance and participation in tourism, skill development, health care and education.

Stating that Arunachal Pradesh is most strategically located in the country, having 1680 KM International Border with three countries i.e. Bhutan (160 Km), China (1080 Km) and Myanmar (440 Km), the Governor said that the Border Area Development in the State is a national necessity for security and to check thinning out of population. Nation has to invest in the Border Areas so that people of the State are safe and the far-flung land has men & women to fly the National flag. He informed the house that Arunachal Pradesh Government has submitted a BADP and it would need additional package under the programme.

To boost the education sector in the State, the Governor urged NEC to explore the possibility of establishment of regional important educational institution in Arunachal Pradesh in the same lines of IITs and IIMs. He also urged the NEC to open a strategic policy research cell in Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, which can deal with border related issues across the North Eastern region on the same line of the APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis set up by NEC in IMM Shillong.

The Governor informed that Arunachal Pradesh does not have any iconic institution. He requested for allotment of appropriate fund for one State-of-Art Sainik School in the State, wherein students from across the States would dream to join.

Stating that Arunachal Pradesh has a great potential in sports and music and there is a need for avenues to channelize the youth energies in order to wean them from going the drug and gun way through sports and music, the Governor requested the NEC to provide fund for establishing five State of Art Football Institutes and five State of Art Music Institutes in the State. He underscored that such institutes will help in weeding away the youth from gun and drug culture.

The Governor urged the NEC to take up major projects under North Eastern Region Community Resources Management Project (NERCORMP). He said that there is a need to accelerate the pace of socio-economic development of the Tirap, Changlang and Longding Districts for which the State Government has submitted a plan of Rs. 1524 crores to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In presence of Union Home Minister, the Governor also expressed his concern about the insurgency activities and the Tirap, Changlang and Longding Districts and called for a concrete action to bring peace and development in the eastern part of the State.

The Governor also requested the Ministry of Home Affairs, DoNER and NEC to strengthen the infrastructure at border check posts to promote inter-border trade with the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Kingdom of Bhutan and the People's Republic of China.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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