

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor's follow up of 'Beti Bachoa Beti Padhao' - a worthy cause worth supporting**

On 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) took Miss Manisha Munda, a six years old girl, the daughter of a very poor widow labourer and admitted her in the Nursery Section of Government Primary School, 'B' Sector, Itanagar, securing for her free education including uniform, books and mid-day meal.

The Governor chanced upon this kid, a few days back, while walking to Raj Bhavan from Government Primary School, 'B' Sector, Itanagar, which, he is developing by allocating a Raj Bhavan officer's quarter to enable the school to provide a room each to each class. As the Governor walked up the road, he saw this little girl coming from the opposite direction, holding a 10 rupees note in her hand to buy biscuit for her younger brother, who was under her care, as her mother had left them at home and had gone for contingency work. He asked the girl her name and age. She coyly replied that she was six years old. On Governor's inquiry, she replied that she does not go to school, which came as a jolt to the Governor. He immediately directed his staff to inquire the details about the child. Inquiry revealed that Manisha was one of the four siblings of Ms. Pinky Munda, a very poor widow. When she went out to work, Manisha was left at home as caretaker for her four and half year old younger brother. The Governor was further informed that her elder brother, Manoj, aged 8 years, also does not go to school. The Governor decided to admit all the three siblings in the Govt. Primary School, 'B' Sector, near Raj Bhavan and he did it on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The Governor, from his own personal account, gave a cheque of Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) and on his request the State Bank of India (SBI) officer opened Manisha's Fixed Deposit Account. The proceeds of this account will be available to Manisha Munda when she attains the age of eighteen years.

The Governor, who is an ardent supporter of the concept of "Education to all children of Bharat Mata", appealed to the people, particularly, the public leaders, senior bureaucrats and financially well-off people to support the schooling of poor children of Arunachal Pradesh and make it as their WONT.

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