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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor participates in the second day of the NEC plenary**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd) participated in the second day of the two-day plenary of North Eastern Council at Guwahati, Assam on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Secretaries to Government of India, including Secretaries from the Ministries of Development of North Eastern Region, Civil Aviation and Telecommunication and Chief Secretaries of eight State of North Eastern Region made PowerPoint presentations on various issues and challenges on the day.

Chairing the first session of the second day's plenary, the Governor shared his observations. He said that every project undertaken must be implemented within the given timeframe. There should be no slippage, he stressed while referring to the ongoing Hollongi Greenfield Airport project, which is to be completed by March 2022. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the project on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The Governor also highlighted the acute problem of telecommunication, i.e. mobile and internet connectivity along with road, air and rail communication in Arunachal Pradesh in the session. Reiterating the challenges of the people of the Frontier State, the Governor underscored the special significance of Arunachal Pradesh because of its strategic location and vast potential in natural resources and green cover. He said that vast areas of the State are yet to be covered by telecommunication and road network. The North Eastern Council as the 'Think Tank' of the Region must address these challenges and assist the State Government, the Governor emphasised.

The Governor also expressed his concern about conservation of wildlife in the face of fast developmental process. He suggested for sustainable balanced approach to address the issue so that the conservation and developmental activities do not derogate from each other.

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