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**Governor on two-day tour to Lohit District
Governor expresses deep anguish and concern about opium cultivation
Governor suggests for group farming for better returns**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) who is on a two-day tour of Lohit District reached Tezu on 2nd January 2020. The Governor along with State Chief Secretary Shri Naresh Kumar interacted with Gaon Burahs and farmers in the presence of District Heads of Department.

The Governor emphasised that for progress and development of the State, the government officials, Gaon Burahs, farmers and members of the society should ensure that there is honesty, accountability, responsibility, continuity, audit and where ever required mid-course correction in the implementation of all programmes, projects and schemes. He advised that the government officials must be punctual and regularly meet the general public. They must make it point to go to field, site and ground for better understanding of the local problem and proper implementation of government programmes.

The Governor said that the State has ample opportunity and scope in the field of agriculture and its allied sector, which at present lies uncovered. It can be realised if the youth of the State change their attitude and mindset and explore this sector with positivity and scientific approach. If we want development in the State, we must double the income of the agrarian community, the Governor underscored, while suggesting for group farming for better returns.

Expressing his deep anguish and concern about opium cultivation, the Governor suggested for 'Alternative livelihood for opium cultivators' programme. He also said that it must be a continuous process till such cultivators en block shift to cardamom and other profitable horticultural avenues.

The farmers and Gaon burahs shared their problems and challenges with the Governor.

The Deputy Commissioner Shri Prince Dhawan briefed the Governor regarding the agriculture and its allied sector of Lohit District.

Shri Karikho Kri local MLA was present during the interaction session.

Later in the evening, the Governor also interacted with officers of 82 Mountain Brigade. Earlier on the arrival of the Governor, and the State Chief Secretary at the Brigade Headquarters at Tezu, they were received by Brigadier Sajeev Kataria, Commander, 82 Mountain Brigade.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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