

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
ITANAGAR**

PRESS RELEASE

On his maiden district visit after joining the State the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma visited Changlang, Jairampur and Nampong on 6th June 2013. First Lady of the State Smti Jyotsna Sharma and Secretary to Governor Shri Ankur Garg accompanied the Governor.

Interacting with the district officials, Public and Panchayat leaders and Gaon Buras, the Governor advised them to realise their responsibilities and commit themselves as dedicated members of Team Arunachal to take the State to new heights of progress and glory. He emphasised on development, road communication, education and restoration of peace and tranquillity in the district. The Governor who also saw the ongoing double Lanning of Changlang- Margherita Road stressed on timely completion of the projects.

The Governor asked the government officials to take extra care in implementation of infrastructure projects.

Stating that peace is a prerequisite for development, the Governor advised the officials and security forces to be proactive in instilling a sense of security amongst the people. He said that efforts should be made to bring back the misguided youth into the mainstream. He asked the Gaon Buras and Panchayat leaders to guide the youth towards sports and other physical activities in which they have huge potential.

The Governor urged upon the people to stand up unitedly against militancy. He said that it is collective responsibility of all citizens and in this effort of theirs and the State Government, he is with the people. Strong measures will be taken when necessary but such situation should not be allowed to arise.

Referring to Namdapha Park, the scenic beauty of Vijoynagar, historic Stilwell road and Second World War's war memorial and many other important tourist places, the Governor said that the district has the potential to be one of the biggest tourist attractions of Arunachal Pradesh. He advised all stakeholders to protect and preserve the prized flora and fauna.

The Governor, who was very impressed by the cultural troupes emphasised on preservation of the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the communities.

The Governor congratulated the government officials, public and Panchayat leaders for successful conduct of the recently concluded Panchayati Raj election. He advised the Panchayat leaders to work with dedication and contribute towards the welfare of the society and the State as a whole.

It may be recalled that the Governor has been a part of the Sino-India Working Group and several other inter-ministerial delegations working for Arunachal Pradesh and Northeast region.

Earlier on their arrival at Changlang, the first couple was received by Local MLA and Parliamentary Secretary Shri Thinghaap Taiju, Deputy Commissioner Chanchal Yadav and SP Shri B.K. Singh. Warm traditional reception by cultural troupes and Gaon Burahs was accorded to the visiting dignitaries.

After arriving at Jairampur, the Governor, accompanied by Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Dairy Development Minister Shri Setong Sena and Geology & Mining, Art & Culture and Food & Civil Supplies Minister Shri Kamlung Mossang visited Pangsau Pass and inspected the ongoing road constructions under Trans Arunachal Highway and Ledo-Jairampur-Nampong-Pangsau Pass road project.

The Governor had brief interaction with several Myanmarese delegates at the Border Post. The delegation requested the Governor for his consent for allowing rice and construction materials to pass across the border through Pangsau Pass.

Before returning to State Capital, the Governor and the First lady visited the World War-II cemetery at Jairampur and laid wreath at the war memorial.

Before departing, the Governor also urged the youth and students of the district to adopt the following inspiring poem by Nobel laureate Shri Rabindranath Tagore as their prayer:-

*Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit
Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.*

The Governor is scheduled to visit Khonsa, the district headquarter of Tirap District on Saturday, the 8th July 2013.

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