

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma who is on a two-day visit to western most district of the State arrived at Tawang on 29th April 2014. The Governor, who is accompanied by Principal Secretary (Home) Shri Dharmendra Sharma was accorded a traditional reception led by Deputy Commissioner Shri Abhishek Dev and Superintendent of Police Smt Nupur Prasad. Tourism Minister Shri Pema Khandu, MLA was also present to receive the Governor.

Addressing the District Heads of departments (HoDs), the Governor advised them to synergise their resources and efforts. He emphasized on augmentation of resources especially in health and education sectors, while suggesting availing of assistance from the armed forces.

Emphasising on harnessing the potential of the youth, the Governor exhorted the District officers to pick up the role of mentors. While appreciating District HoDs and officers who are contributing towards education in the district, he asked them to adopt some meritorious students and ensure that those children receive proper education.

The Governor expressed his concern on thinning out of population in the border areas. He advised the district administration and District HoDs to make the border villages self sustaining and provide basic resources and facilities.

The Governor said that Tawang is one of most important border districts of India and it is very crucial for all. He advised on projecting Tawang, which is blessed with enormous tourism potential and cultural richness as a model place for tourist and pilgrimage at international platform.

For that, Governor said that local population has to be energised and encouraged to partake in the development process. The spirit of 'Athiti Deva Bhavo' has to be further strengthened. On the developmental issues, the Governor said road connectivity is vital for the district as well as for tourism and hydropower. He stressed on concerted effort at all levels in removing the impediments such as forest clearance and land acquisitions in the implementation of road projects.

The Governor opined that the people should be encourage partake in the development process and they should be encouraged to facilitating the executing agencies and works departments in implementation of any projects in the district.

The Governor laid wreath at Tawang War Memorial paying homage to the martyrs of 1962 war. Later in the afternoon, the Governor visited the Tawang Monastery, interacted with local NGOs working on 'Clean Tawang, Plastic Free Tawang', 'Hand made paper', artisan from Mukto, Jhamtse Ghatsal Society, Childuk School Lumla and appreciated their efforts for providing education to orphanage of Lumla village, next day before departing to Guwahati, the Governor visited Mahabodhi Society, Old age and Children's Home.

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