

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma visited Kurung Kumey District on 21st December 2014. State Minister for Public Health Engineering and Water Supply, Shri Takam Pario, Parliamentary Secretary Education, IPR & Printing Shri Bamang Felix, Director General of Police Shri S. Nithianandam and Secretary to Governor Shri Shurbir Singh accompanied the Governor in his maiden visit to the remote international border district.

In his meeting with District Heads of Departments, Public and Panchayati Raj Institution leaders and Gaon burahs on the occasion, the Governor said that biggest challenge of the district is that the centre of gravity of administration and public leaders is not in the district. If the people want development in the district, the epicentre has to be in the district. The leaders and government departments have to put in a concerted effort to explore ways to address the challenges.

Pointing that the district has huge potential for horticultural and tourism activities, the Governor advised the people to harness it. He said that Government can only facilitate, it is the people, who has to undertake.

The Governor said that Kurung Kumey with its very less population can be a model district provided the leaders and district administration led by setting examples.

Acknowledging the infrastructural and communication deficits in the district, particularly road and air communication, health and education, the Governor emphasized on proper implementation of project, monitoring and utilization of allocated fund. The local people have to be made stakeholders of the projects for making it a successful one. At the same time, he said that strengthen of the tribe people is to think for the whole community and this spirit needs to be rejuvenate.

Emphasizing on providing basic amenities to the people in border areas, the Governor suggested availing health and other facilities of armed forces stationed in remote areas by co-locating and pulling of resources together of the department. He also advised for taking up education and health projects under Public Private Partnership mode.

Commending on success of sports stars of the State in the recently concluded 28th National Level North East Sports championship at Itanagar, the Governor said that the youth has the potential to excel in any field provided they are given proper guidance. He urged upon the public leaders and government officials to mentor some youth and facilitate them in joining armed forces.

Speaking on the occasion, State PHED Minister Shri Takem Pario expressed gratitude to the Governor for his visit to share the pain and challenges of the people of the district. He said that the visit of the Governor will give impetus to the developmental process and streamlining it.

Apprising the Governor of various challenges in the district particularly road Parliamentary Secretary Shri Bamang Felix said that people of the district migrate to Itanagar and other places due to lack of road communication, health and education facilities. He also expressed reservation on the work implementation of Border Road Organisation and All India uniform policies irrespective of hilly and plain areas.

The local MLA Shri Pani Taram of Koloriang suggested some projects to meet the requirement of the border area people and security forces on the occasion.

Director General of Police Shri S. Nithianandam called for cooperation of the people for security related projects and functions.

The Deputy Commissioner Shri Manoj Kumar Sahoo, Additional Deputy Commissioner Shri Deepak Shinde and Superintendent of Police, Shri Jasmeet Singh with a PowerPoint presentation briefed the Governor on the developmental projects and programme in the district with special focus on connectivity, hydropower and security. They also briefed on education, health, Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan implementation and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.

Earlier, on his arrival at Koloriang, the Governor was accorded a traditional reception led by the local MLA, Shri Pani Taram. Government officials, Public leaders and cultural troops were present on the occasion.

The Governor visited the under progress 50 bedded Hospital at Taipa, the offices of the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police and had on-the-spot interacted with concerned officials.

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