

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma has extended his warm greetings and good wishes to every citizen of the State for a happy and prosperous 2015. He expressed hope that the New Year will usher-in peace, harmony and tranquility in Arunachal Pradesh. He also wished that the festivity of the New Year will heralds a new era of initiatives, development and progress in the State.

In his New Year message to the people of the State, the Governor said that the year gone-by was yet another important year in the developmental phase of the State. Many important projects reached the final stage of implementation and some were successfully completed. Most important was the linking of railway line to the national network, which enhanced the connectivity of this Frontier State. Announcement of 'Frontier Road' and three more railway projects will be shot in the arm as Trans Arunachal Highway, District Connectivity and 4-Lane Highway are already in the implementation schedule. Approval of construction of Greenfield airport at Hollongi and ongoing construction of the ALGs adds more to connectivity.

The Governor further said that agriculture and its allied sectors got a boost when Arun Kiwi, a high quality wine produced from Kiwi fruits of the State is formally launched. Concerted efforts of the State Government were recognized with Arunachal Pradesh bagging the India's Best Project-2014 award and Krishi Kaman Award. The year also saw enthusiastic participation of the people in the democratic process and giving a clear mandate in the State. The Namsai District officially become the 18th District of the State.

The Governor, who has been encouraging the youth towards games and sports said that the year 2014 was marked by achievement in the sporting activities. Arunachal Pradesh bagged the runners up trophy in the 28th national level North East championship.

The Governor expressed sadness that the year also saw loss of lives and materials due to natural calamities, fire accidents, and law and order challenges. He added that inspite of interstate boundary issues, ethnic differences and kidnapping and murder, the committed spirit, courage and determination shown by the State Government and people of the State facilitated in bringing the normalcy.

At the commencement of the New Year, the Governor appealed to the people to take a resolution to put in concerted effort to secure our future and future of the children through our collective endeavour as a 'Team Arunachal'. Let us provide our children opportunity to excel to their fullest potential, realize our dreams and give shape to our aspirations. Let key to development and progress be the 'good governance' with greater impetus in education and health sectors in particular. Let there be a transparent and accountable administration, which works for the betterment and welfare of common people guided by 'Citizen First' principle. Let us keep our house, office, school, colony, town, city, district and State clean and be an active participants in 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'.

The Governor urged upon the people to share the optimism and rise above differences. Let us make our society bestowed with communal harmony, just and free from drugs menace. Let us start the year with a clear vision, new strength and renewed commitments towards taking Arunachal Pradesh to new heights of development and prosperity to fulfill the dream of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Governor emphasized in his message.

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