

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma called the Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on 14th January 2015. They discussed on border area development and coordination amongst the security agencies and State Governments to instil sense of security among the people.

The Governor emphasized that there is urgent need for strengthening the effort in developing border areas in the International and interstate boundaries. He suggested on expediting road connectivity projects to address the challenge.

The Governor also stressed for appropriate mechanism to ensure proper coordination amongst the security forces to ensure foolproof security in the border areas, no infiltration and suggested for security drills as deterrents.

Referring to recent carnage in Assam and spill over violence incidence in Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor called for more coordination and cooperation among the State Government and security machineries.

The Governor, who is on an official tour to National Capital also met Dr. V.K. Saraswat, member NITI Aayog in New Delhi on the day.

In the meeting, the Governor reiterated for Arunachal specific proposals to attend the unique requirements of the Frontier State of the country, which has international boundaries with three countries. He shared the challenges of the State owing the tough terrain, harsh climate and small population with huge area. He also informed Dr. Saraswat that as the ongoing projects particularly road connectivity, are not within the scheduled timeframe due to environmental factors. The Governor suggested for considerate and compassionate view while dealing with States like Arunachal Pradesh. They also discussed on harnessing the huge hydropower potential, solar and wind energies in the State.

Continuing his effort in apprising the central ministries of the bottlenecks and urgent requirement of the State, the Governor called on the Union Minister of State for Railway Minister, Shri Suresh Prabhu in the evening. He called for expediting the railway projects in the State announced by the ministry, particularly the Murkongselek-Pasighat-Tezu-Parasuram Kund-Rupai, which will have immense economic impact and facilitate in religious pilgrimage and tourism. The Governor further informed that the other projects, Missamari-Tawang and North Lakhimpur-Along-Silapathar are not only important in defence point of view but also will facilitate in harnessing the tourism and horticultural sector of the State.

The Governor reiterated his request for starting 'Rajdhani Express' between Naharlagun and Delhi at the earliest.

The Governor called on Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) Tourism (Independent Charge) and Civil Aviation, in New Delhi on 15th January 2015. They discussed on harness the tourism potential of the State and promotion of its ethnic culture. The Governor accentuated on expediting Greenfield airport and other airport and Advance Landing Ground projects in the State.

PRO to Governor
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