

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma called on the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi at New Delhi on 12th January 2015. They discussed on various issues pertaining to the State, including roads, air, railways and waterways, hydropower, security, Prime Minister's package, Prime Minister's Jan Dhan Yojana and bottlenecks in the path of development and progress.

The Governor said that the State of Arunachal Pradesh is on the path of general development and has achieved number of milestones in socio-economic fields. However, it suffers from lack of infrastructure and is unable to unlock the huge potential in hydropower, tourism, agriculture-horticulture and some other important sectors.

The Governor pointed that the main concern is poor connectivity of road, rail air, waterways, Information Technology, telephone, radio and television. He also pointed that progress of ongoing projects is quite slow with repeated time and cost overruns.

The Governor suggested for a comprehensive plan for the State based on a 'Vision 2025' perspective to address the huge infrastructure deficit and strategic urgency. It should take into account the vital security, developmental and financial imperatives, while measures to enhance capacities and adherence to time and cost lines should be vital in the endeavour.

Highlighting on the unique topography, large land area with very less population and huge economic potential, the Governor also suggested to the Prime Minister for creation of an Arunachal specific apparatus for planning, decision-making, coordination and oversight.

In the meeting, the Governor emphasized on Trans Brahmaputra connectivity, exploitation of huge availability of waterways, provision for free Direct to Home (DTH) sets to the people and strengthening border area development mechanism.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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