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PRESS RELEASE

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma has expressed shock and grief on the sudden demise of former Governor of Assam and former Chief Minister of Odisha Shri JB Patnaik.

In his condolence letter to Late Patnaik's wife Smt Jayanti Patnaik, the Governor said that Late JB Patnaik was a great nationalist who worked with dedication in public interest and for peace and development in the States of Assam and Odisha. He served the States and the people with distinction, both as a Governor and Chief Minister.

Fondly recalling his brief but pleasant association with Late Patnaik when later was the Governor of Assam, the Governor said that Patnaik's proactive initiatives are rare and this makes him stand tall among his peers.

Conveying heartfelt condolences on behalf of people of Arunachal Pradesh to Smti Patnaik and members of the bereaved family and also offering prayers for the eternal peace of the departed soul, the Governor said that Late Patnaik will be remembered for cementing the age-old relationship of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh at the time of crisis.

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