

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa, who is on a two-day visit to Lower Subansiri District visited the under construction Advance Landing Ground at Ziro on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The Governor interacted with the Deputy Commissioner Shri Kangki Darang and Project Manager of MES Anand Srivastava and expressed happiness on the progress of the ALG and proactive role played by concerned officials and community leaders. The Project Manager informed that the project will be completed by October 2015 and 85% of the work is completed.

Earlier on the first day, the Governor visited horticultural farms and fish and paddy culture farming in Ziro. The Governor also visited Hong Village, one of the largest villages of Asia and had local cuisine in the bamboo grove of Hija Village. He advised the people to ensure that organic produce and cleanliness of the village. He suggested the people of value addition procedures of the local produce. The Governor was very impressed by the traditional methods in preservation of forests and environment.

Calling the Apatani Community as one of the most industrious, hardworking and enterprising communities, the Governor urged upon the people to maintain age-old unique farming method. District Fisheries Development Officer Pani Odyssey informed that of 2646 ha of wetland paddy field 1083 ha are under paddy-cum-fish culture.

To have first knowledge of the road condition, the Governor reached Ziro by Ziro-Putin road. He wished that for development to reach to the district, the district roads must be improved and maintained. Emphasising on better road communication, the Governor said that there are lots of horticultural produces in the State. With good roads, the people can export their produces, find good market avenues and improve their socio-economic conditions.

On the second-day of his visit, the Governor visited the District Handicraft Centre, Ziro. Seeing the condition of the outdated building and machines, the Governor advised the officials to renovate the building immediately and procure latest machines, so as to increase the production. He also advised to have more trainees in the all the eight different trades to generate more skilled persons.

Visiting the 1954 established Museum at Ziro, the Governor said that it is very rich museum with huge number of artefacts. He suggested that it is the time to celebrate its diamond jubilee. It should be done to fully develop it into another State Museum. Observing the important artefacts and historical photographs of the museum, he suggested for air conditioning the rooms for proper preservation but at the same time keep the aesthetic values.

Earlier in the morning of the second day, the Governor visited the Sidheswar Nath Temple in the Kardo Hills, Ziro. He said that the Shiva Linga is a subject of history and culture of the State as well as religious values. The Governor advised that the archaeology and research departments must take initiative to preserve it. He also called upon the people to preserve the forest near the temple. The Governor suggested for hanging bridge near the temple so as to add to its aesthetic but at the same time said that it should be constructed by the pilgrims or donors. On his visit to the Naam Ghar of the Assamese community at Ziro, the Governor advised them to promote goodwill amongst the people and further strengthen the relationship between people of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

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