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**Governor emphasises on economic empowerment of the rural communities
through BRLF**

Dr. Mihir Shah, Chairman, Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF), New Delhi called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar on 28th September 2015.

The Governor emphasised on development of villages throughout the State especially those in border areas and difficult districts to bring economic empowerment of the rural communities by value addition to agricultural and horticultural products and non-timber forest produce etc and sustainable livelihoods, including promotion and modernization of handloom and handicrafts, improved agricultural and horticultural activities, poultry, piggery, tourism, dairy farming, aquaculture etc. He suggested that BRLF should pay special attention to establishment of de-addiction and rehabilitation of drug addicts, planning of suitable schemes for alternative livelihood of farmers engaged in illicit cultivation of opium in several districts and special development of the districts of Tirap, Changlang and Longding under NEC sponsored (NERCOMP) North Eastern Community Resource Management Project) and other opium-affected districts as well.

The Governor stressed on skill development and initiative towards integrated habitat improvement, including housing, drinking water, electricity, medical facility and sanitation etc.

Earlier, Dr. Shah briefed that BRLF aims to facilitate and upscale civil society action in partnership with Government for transforming livelihoods and lives of rural households, with an emphasis on women, particularly in the tribal regions. It will provide financial grants to civil society organisations to meet their human resource and institutional costs for up-scaling of interventions and capacity building of professional human resources working at the grassroots.

The Foundation is constituted as a partnership between the Central Government on the one hand and private sector philanthropies, private and public sector undertakings, under Corporate Social Responsibility on the other hand.

Secretary to Governor Shri Kaling Tayeng, Prof. Ajay Dandekar, BRLF, Smti Indira Mallo, Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ms. N.B. Doye, State Mission Manager, Arunachal State Rural Livelihood Mission (ArSRLM) and Dr. Rakesh Srivastava, Core Committee Member, ArSRLM were also present on the occasion.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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