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**People of Arunachal Pradesh are proud of them and take Pride in Indian Army:
Governor**

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in improving the literacy rate of the district**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa visited the remote border post of Bumla in Tawang District on 25th October 2015. Going by the goodwill traditions, the Governor placed a stone on the 'Heap of Stones' as a gesture towards strengthening Sino-India Friendship. He wished for a bright and glorious future for friendship of two Asian economy giants.

Interacting with the Army officers and personnel at 'Maitri Sthal', Bumla, 33 kms from Tawang, the Governor lauded them for defending the Motherland at the difficult and harsh terrain located at the height of 16500 feet. He said that the people of Arunachal Pradesh are proud of them and take Pride in Indian Army.

Commanding Officer of 14 Punjab Regiment, Col Rajesh, Sena Medal, briefed the Governor on Bumla Pass and activities in 'Maitri Sthal' towards Sino-India Friendship.

Earlier, on the way to the Border Post, the Governor paid homage to Param Vir Chakra Awardee Subedar Joginder Singh at his memorial located at the height of 16000 ft, near Bumla.

During the visit, the Governor was delighted to see large numbers of tourists, visiting the border post and its surrounding area and Army and Civil Administrations, jointly facilitating the visitors. He expressed hoped that the serene and pristine environment on the way to the border post will be preserved and more tourists will be able to see the nature at its best, which in turn will boost the rural economy of the areas, district and the State.

In his second day of his visit, the Governor also interacted with the prominent non-governmental organisations of the District. He called upon the Lamas, Civil Society and youth to put in concerted effort in improving the literacy rate of the district. He urged upon the NGOs running schools to impart discipline, punctuality and commitment amongst the students.

Sharing his observation that there is not a single college for higher education, the Governor called upon the Civil Society and District Administration to work for starting a college for Arts Stream at the earliest. He said that many children will not go for higher education if such facilities are not made available in the District itself. With higher education, the society will move forward, Employment Avenues and entrepreneurship will widen. He said that for a holistic development, every town must have one ITI and a polytechnic in every district.

In the meeting, the Governor emphasised on preservation of rich Monpa Cultural heritage and traditions. He said that many indigenous expertise in handicrafts and exclusive design weaving including mask making are getting extinct. Urgent effort must be there to revive and promote these heritages.

The Governor also stressed that cultural assets of the society, including Folk Dances must be preserved and promoted. He underscored that it must be percolated to all ages through training and motivation.

Lauding the Environment Protection Society (EPS),Tawang for its work in cleanliness drive, the Governor advised the NGOs of the District including the Lamas of Tawang Monastery to make contributions towards Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and make the Tawang District the cleanliness District of the State.

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