

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa has emphasised proper sanitation facilities for schools in the State. He advised the officials of Department of Public Health Engineering, which is the nodal department of Swachchh Bharat Mission in Rural areas and the Education Department to ensure that every school in the State has this facility, along with running water. Out of 3222 schools in the State, 2789 schools were approved under SVA and toilets in 2760 schools were completed as on 31st August 2015.

While reviewing the Swachchh Bharat Mission at Raj Bhawan on 4th September, he also advised the officials of Education Department to ensure that private schools also follow the same. In addition to the advisory from the concerned department, he suggested for proper policy framework to make sure that the objective of under Swachchh Vidhyalaya Abhiyan (SVA) is implemented by private educational institutes also.

The Governor called for achieving the target of 1,75,924 Individual Household latrines (IHHL), 1909 Community Sanitary Complexes(CSC) and 1,783 Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) projects within the given timeframe. The Governor was briefed in the meeting that 57.03% of IHHL, 14.25% of CSC and 0.95% of SLWM were achieved till 31st March 2015. Out of 19200 IHHL target for the year 2015-16, 1826 IHHL, while out of 300 CSC target, 11 CSC were achieved till July 2015. Of the target 300 SLWM, no project has been completed till July 2015.

While highlighting on clean environment and proper hygiene, the Governor underscored the importance of starting mission from the Twin-city of Itanagar and Naharlagun. He urged upon the Capital dwellers to rise to the occasion and be exemplary to the people in the districts.

The Governor also advised the Itanagar Municipal Council for optimum utilization of forty vehicles provided to them for waste management and at the same time asked them to explore ways to pull together revenue to effectively maintain the system. The officials assured to revive the system when funding would be put in place, which was assured by the Principal Secretary Finance, under 14th Finance Commission's devolution of funds to the State.

Expressing his concern on disposal of medical wastes, the Governor emphasised that incinerators must be installed in all the hospitals, including private hospitals and nursing homes. The private health facilities, which do not have their own incinerator, they may be allowed to use the incinerators at Government Hospitals, by paying a certain prefixed amount. He advised that incinerators installed in all the general hospitals should be made functional on priority.

Stressing on issuing of advisories to all medical establishments on safe disposal of waste, he said, legal framework must be in place to ensure that medical wastes, particularly non-bio degradable are disposed off in correct and hygienic procedure, without causing damage to environment and danger to human being and animals.

The Governor expressed his appreciations to financial institutes including State Bank of India and Vijaya Bank for coming forward to provide big size garbage bins and to adopt hospitals, schools and locality respectively, as identified by the administration/ Itanagar Municipal Council for cleanliness drive for a month. He also commended the Chamber of Commerce Arunachal Pradesh, commercial houses and corporates for volunteering to be part of Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan in a big way, in coming days.

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