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**Governor mourns passing of First Lady, Suvra Mukherjee**

**ITANAGAR, AUGUST 18, 2015:** The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri JP Rajkhowa has deeply mourned the sudden demise of the First Lady, Smt Suvra Mukherjee and wife of the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee.

In his condolence message addressed to the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the Governor said "I am deeply grieved to learn about the sudden passing away of your beloved wife and the First Lady, Smt Suvra Mukherjee, this morning, in the Army Hospital, New Delhi, where she was reportedly undergoing treatment for some ailments."

"A highly accomplished vocalist of Rabindra Sangeet, the First Lady founded the "Geetanjali Troupe" and played a vital role in propagating the philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore through performances of the National Poet's poems, songs and dance-dramas and often playing on her favourite Tanpura-harmonium. A deep void has been created in the 'Cultural & Art world' with her sudden passing away."

"A multi-faceted personality, and a highly religious and spiritually guided person, The First Lady also made immense contribution to the 'Art world' through her superb paintings and she had also authored two books, thus enriching the world of literature. A totally apolitical Lady, she epitomised the greatness of the ethos of India"

"On behalf of the people and Government of Arunachal Pradesh, on my own behalf and on behalf of my wife, Rita Rajkhowa, I convey our most profound and heartfelt condolences and pray to Almighty God for eternal peace of the departed soul. I join all Arunachalees to pray to the Almighty to give you, your children and the other nearest kin, the much needed strength, grit and courage to bear the irreparable loss." the message added.

PRO to Governor  
Arunachal Pradesh

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