

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT
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PRESS RELEASE

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa graced the 30th Statehood Day celebration at Indira Gandhi Park, Itanagar on 20th February 2016. He unfurled the National Flag and took salute of the Guard of Honour amidst large gathering.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor greeted the people and congratulated them for a popular Government under the leadership of Shri Kalikho Pul after revocation President Rule. Assuring his advices and guidance, the Governor wished that welfare initiatives are carried forward.

Stating that there is no good hospital with ICU facility, colleges and other infrastructures in the State, the Governor said that there must be accountability of the fund provided and ensure its proper utilization.

The Governor stressed on good work culture. The people, particularly the youth must imbibe dignity of labour in them. He said that this caused hurdles in implementation of project.

He said that in the last 29 years on the path of progress and development, every year the State are adding a new chapter of transformation of Arunachal Pradesh. Along with the rest of the country, Arunachal Pradesh has also made significant progress in several fields and many projects such as 1575 kms length Trans Arunachal Highway, Air and Railway connectivity are in the pipeline. The 1,800 km long Frontier Highway along the Indo-China border and the proposed East-West Industrial Corridor of 431 kms from Bhairabkund in West Kameng District to Ruksin in East Siang District along the border with Assam will definitely boost the State's economy and revolutionize the road connectivity in the State in coming years. He added that Railway line connecting the State Capital with the rest of the country is already in operation, by running daily Inter-city express between Naharlagun and Guwahati and one weekly AC Express between Naharlagun and New Delhi. Steps to increase frequency of both the trains are being taken up. Further, the initial works on railway lines from Tawang in the West and Pasighat in the East in Arunachal Pradesh are to be expedited.

Stressing that Horticulture sector needs to be harnessed to its potential for boosting the rural economy the Governor said that the sector provides immense scope for micro, small and medium enterprises through development of entrepreneurship. The State has already become the largest producer of Kiwi fruit in the country and Kiwi Wine manufactured in Pune is reportedly in high demand. He said that he wants

Arunachal to be the Winery of India with Kiwi, apple, orange and other fruits in plenty.

Along with Fisheries, he emphasised on need to focus for financial empowerment of the people, particularly the women, through Khadi, Cottage and Village Industries. We need to harness the tribal expertise of the State in handloom, handicrafts and textiles sector including carpet making, dress designing etc. through Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). The matter for setting up Skill Development Centres has been taken up.

Expressing his deep concern on drug addiction, he said that all out efforts through Rehabilitation, Motivation, Training by the State and district Administration, NGOs, Students' bodies etc. should continue for ridding the State of Opium & Drug menace. The Government has decided to set up drug-deaddiction cum Rehabilitation Centres in 7 districts to start with and fund for health and educational infrastructure.

The Governor said that in the last twenty-five days after proclamation of President Rule, with the aid and advice of my Advisors, he has taken some important decisions in public interest, including timely payment of pension, salaries to the Government Employees including contractual employees and prompt reimbursement of Medical and Travelling Allowance bills and discontinuation of out of turn officiating or functional appointments, trophies to encourage games and sports.

The Governor also The Governor exhorted the people of the State to stand united to make Arunachal Pradesh an educationally, culturally and economically vibrant and self-reliant State and for peace and development of the State.

The Chief Minister Shri Kalikho Pul highlighted the programmes and policies of the new Government. He said that he will carry forward all the welfare initiatives taken by the Governor during the President Rule. He also assured that all measures will be taken to maintain peace and communal harmony throughout the State. Any kind of Violence, disorders and disturbances will not be tolerated. In case of any law and order situation, it will be dealt with firmly and as per as law. No third degree measures should be adopted but the offenders must be brought to book, while at the same time the administrative and police officers on duty will be protected for any bonafide action taken in the public interest.

Stating that there will be zero tolerance against corruption, the Chief Minister informed that vigilance apparatus will be set up in the State Secretariat, departments, districts and Sub Divisions. Action will be initiated against the corrupt officials.

The Chief Minister said that the main focus of the new Government will be on Road communication, Health, Education, Power, Public Health Engineering, Security and other service sectors. Zero tolerance policy will be adopted in negligence of Health, Education and Security field and all the necessary fund required in these three sectors will be provided.

The Chief Minister assured that the developmental fund will be distributed on free and fair manner and would be need based and distributed equitably to all constituencies.

Earlier, the Governor declared the three-day Festival of Arunachal open. A colour cultural programme was presented in the inaugural function showcasing the cultural diversity.

Later the First Lady of the State Smt Rita Rajkhowa inaugurated the exhibition stalls, while wife of the chief Minister Smt Dangwimsai Pul inaugurated the food stalls.

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