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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor on three-day tour to East Siang**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa, who is on a three-day maiden official visit to East Siang District, visited the General Hospital, Pasighat and Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat and abreast himself of the Pasighat Smart City Project on the first day of the district tour on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

Immediately after reaching Pasighat by road, the Governor visited the General Hospital, which started as a small health unit by Britishers in 1911. The General Hospital which is also Health Training and Research Centre is a 150 bedded Hospital with GNM School, ANM and HA training centre.

Accompanied by the First Lady Smt Rita Rajkhowa, the Governor went around the complex, visiting various facilities including blood bank, Sick Natal Care Unit and Opioid Substitute Therapy etc. He also distributed fruits to the indoor patients and interacted with them.

The Governor was very impressed by the cleanliness of the hospital and appreciated the Hospital management for the initiative. He suggested involvement of departments of Horticulture and Environment and Forests to add aesthetic values to the Hospital Campus.

The Governor said that the Hospital requires overhauling and complete maintenance. As one of the oldest Health Centre, it must have an impressive look.

Apprised of the problems of the Hospital, the Governor emphasised that adequate and uninterrupted power and water supplies must be provided in the hospital. He suggested for installation of a high power generator for lifesaving facilities and Operation Theatres. The Governor said that APEDA must be involved for providing Solar lighting system in the complex. He advised the Hospital authority to install incinerator and ensure annual maintenance checkups. He also stressed on use of more dustbins and ensuring of cleanliness of toilets, washrooms and water points.

The Governor called for setting up of separate units for cardiologist and neurologist as such facilities are not available in the nearby places.

While interacting with the trainee GNMs and ANMs, the Governor said that students must get their stipends in time and regularly.

The Governor asked the Deputy Commissioner to provide fund for renovation of the hospital from her untied fund.

The Governor also visited The Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat. He was shocked and aghast to see the dilapidated condition of one of the premier institute of higher education of the State. He said that it is sad that such an important college of the State is in such a bad condition. The Governor, who had earmarked Rs. 1 (One) crore for the college during the Revised Estimate planning meeting, advised the College management to take up the issue of inadequate boy's hostel and classrooms of the college at the earliest. He suggested for involvement of good architects, structure engineers and departments of Horticulture and Environment and Forests for beautification of the college campus.

At the request of the college management, the Governor announced to donate eight desktop monitors for the digitalization programme of the College Library.

The Governor advised the college fraternity to strive for transforming it to a deemed University or University in the future. He added that with its huge campus, it must start other streams such as management courses. He wished that the college continue to provide quality education.

Later, Shri Amit Bose, Director of Design and Development Forum (DDF) Consultants, the consultant for the Pasighat Smart City Project gave a PowerPoint presentation. Deputy Commissioner Ms Isha Khosla and Chief Councillor, Pasighat Shri Dennong Tamuk briefed the Governor of the Project and preliminary works.

The Governor said that project is pride for the State and fund must be properly utilized. No diversion should be there and implemented in time bound manner. He expressed dismay that State Government did not release the allocated fund for the preliminary work of the project. ADC, Pasighat Shri Rahul Singh also spoke on the occasion.

While stressing on active people participation, he underscored that traditional lifestyle, customs and prejudice must not be effected by the project. He wished that Government of India selects Pasighat in the next turn. Let us work hard so that we don't miss the bus next, he added.

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