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**State Government and Civil Society must join hands together and help the
higher educational institutions: Governor**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa paid a surprise visit to the Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar and Government Women's College, Lekhi on 12th March 2016.

In line with his efforts in getting firsthand knowledge of the higher educational infrastructure in the State prior to his maiden address in the Conference of the Higher and Technical Education, the Governor accompanied by Commissioner Education Shri Marnya Ete and Director Higher and Technical Education Dr. Tejum Padu visited the classrooms, staffroom, science departments and other infrastructure in the college compound of Dera Natung Government College.

Starting from the National highway tri junction, the Governor was appalled by the approach road to the college, which needed maintenance.

The Governor was very disappointed at the condition of the college infrastructure. He was horrified to see the entire building in very bad and precarious shape, with classroom with broken window panes, collapsing roofs and ceilings, seepages and electrical and ceiling boards dangling loosely and broken and clogged drains in it. He desired for a monitoring body for supervision and control of all the works executed inside the campus so that timely and quality works are ensured. He called for public auditing to check any type of construction. The Governor pointed out the requirement of planned intra-departmental approach path inside.

Calling for immediate action to ensure basic facilities like washrooms for both ladies and gents, the Governor advised the Secretary Education to take action earnestly for renovation of all the entire building and the campus. He exhorted that maintenance is long overdue and should not wait till some students or members of faculty get hurt. He said that such an institution having more than 4000 students with 48% girl students, the State Government and Civil Society must join hands together and help in its development for which the college authority must take proactive steps.

While visiting the computer lab, the Governor suggested for introduction of new courses viz. BBA and courses approved by DOEACC.

Pointing at the lawn, which is not being maintained properly, the Governor suggested for utilizing the youthful energies of the student community through social work, NSS and NCC activities and to cultivate a culture for ensuring overall cleanliness. He also suggested for benches in the lawn and dustbins at appropriated places.

The Governor also suggested for an indoor stadium to promote indoor games and sports amongst the students and faculty and a new auditorium for literary and cultural activities. He asked the college fraternity to properly develop the outdoor

college sports facility also. He wished that the existing field be developed through filling, levelling and greening of the ground.

Interacting with members of the faculty, the Governor said that being the first college in the State Capital it must be one of the premier colleges in the entire northeast region.

Later, the Governor also visited the lone Women College of the State at Lekhi Village, near Naharlagun, which is temporarily functioning from an Urban Development Building. He pointed out that the approach road is not in good shape and needs to be redone.

Interacting with College fraternity, the Governor expressed his concern on the status that there is only one faculty for each department. He advised the Commissioner Education and Director Higher Education to immediately take action to address the issue. He emphasised that they must take proactive step for timely recruitment of new lecturers and other office staff,.

The Governor also expressed his unhappiness at overall polluted environment of the college, which lack basic hygiene due to sewage of nearby NIT accommodation. He advised the College Principal to put up its pedagogical requirements including library, projectors for classroom and other office expenses to the Education Directorate. He said that the Department of Urban Development must immediately complete the pending minor repair works.

While exhorting the faculty to put in extra dedicated hours in office, the Governor called upon the wealthy people of the Capital Complex to come forward and provide assistance in kind for the first women Government College of the State. As a token of encouragement and initiator, the Governor announced a set of desktop computer and a laptop for the college.

Later the Governor went around the sectors in Itanagar to see the condition of sector roads in the Capital city.

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