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**State Government should come up with a concrete and comprehensive anti-
Opium policy for the State: Governor**

Two-member delegation from Upper Siang District Chapter of Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) represented by its President Smt Mekem Nopi and accompanied by Member Dr. Gepeng Litin called on the Governor Shri JP Rajkhowa at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 13th May 2016. They placed the perils of social evils of Opium addiction and rampage Opium cultivation in Upper Siang District before the Governor.

Taking note of the issue raised by the NGO, the Governor expressed deep concern on drug related challenges in the State. He suggested that the State Government should come up with a concrete and comprehensive anti-Opium policy for the State. He advised the Commissioner Tax & Excise, Dr. B.M. Mishra, who had done a commendable job in Opium eradication as the Deputy Commissioner of Lohit District earlier, to bring out a comprehensive proposal.

Appreciating the efforts of the NGOs in different parts of the State, particularly the laudable work carried out by the Upper Siang Chapter of APWWS, the Governor suggested that drug awareness should be introduced in school curriculum. Taking cognizance of the points raising by the Women group, the Governor exhorted them to continue their crusade. He wished that other NGOs of the State will also emulate their good works towards drug abuse free society.

Earlier, the women representatives appraised the activities of the NGO in destroying the Opium fields and organising awareness campaigns in various villages of the district. They further stated that they have been doing all these interventions on their own without the financial assistance or otherwise from the state Government and requested the Governor for monetary help.

Secretary to Governor, Dr. Joram Beda, Additional Secretary Shri B.S. Hada and Deputy Commissioner (Tax& Excise) Shri Pebom Bagra were also present in the meeting.

The two-member delegation from Upper Siang District Chapter of Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society (APWWS) also called on the First Lady of the State Smt Rita Rajkhowa, who is also the Chairperson of the a philanthropic NGO, 'Muskan Welfare Society' and apprised her about their activities and campaign.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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