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**Adopt villages, schools and conduct medical camps in remote border areas:
Governor to Indian Army**

**Governor congratulates the Indian Army for successfully summiting Mount
Everest on 19th May 2016**

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Army Command, Kolkata, Lt. General Praveen Bakshi called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 19th May 2016. They discussed on strengthening the Army presence in Arunachal Pradesh and healthier Civil-Army liaison for better coordination and harmonised environment in the Frontier State.

The Governor called upon the Indian Army to adopt villages, schools and conduct medical camps in remote border areas. He suggested that the Army to provide ration items through their Canteen facilities and medicines and study materials to the health centres and schools respectively. With its men and machine, Army can help patient evacuations at the time of emergency and maintain all the roads clear at all the time. Such initiative by the Army will help in arresting the migration of the indigenous population from rural border areas to urban settlements leaving those frontier areas vacant. Citing example of Lady Everest Smt Anshu Jamsenpa, who has set two world records in mountaineering field, the Governor also asked them to groom sporting talents.

The Governor stressed that the Army Unit in the different parts of the State must motivate the local youth to join the Indian Army, particularly in the Arunachal Scouts. Considering the fact that indigenous population are from Hill Tribe, the Governor said that height relaxation must be there for them and Army must consider their case. The Governor, who has already taken up the issue with Defence Minister, asked the Army Officers to take up at their level also.

The Governor asked the Army Commander to take notes of some issues observed by him in border areas which he opined is threat to national security.

The Governor congratulated the Indian Army for successfully summiting Mount Everest (8848M) at dawn on 19 May, which was closed due to the devastation caused by the earthquake in Nepal last year. He also commended the Army Units in Arunachal Pradesh for strengthening their position in the border area.

The Army Commander briefed the Governor on the overall scenario of Army presence in the State and area of responsibilities. He requested the Governor for his personal intervention in the process of strengthening the Defence infrastructure in the State in order. He also proposed for regular 'Civil-Army liaison' meeting at various levels of Command.

Lt. General Bakshi also suggested some strategic projects which are required to augment defence preparedness that may be taken up by the State Government.

General Officer Commanding, 3 Corps, Dimapur Lt. General Abhay Krishna, Commander 56 Div, Lakabali Major General V. Sahni and Additional Secretary to Governor Shri BS Hada was also present in the meeting.