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**Governor emphasises on preservation and proper maintenances of
Archaeological sites in the State**

A delegation of the Indian Archaeological Society (IAS), New Delhi led by its Chairman Dr. K.N. Dixit called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 8th June 2016. Former Director Generals of National Museum, Prof R.D. Choudhary, Chairman, India Art & History Congress and Dr. S.S. Biswas, Academic Director, Center for Research & Training in History, Archaeology, Art, Museology & Palaeo and Dr. Asha Joshi, Hindi Consultant, IAS accompanied the Chairman. The delegation informed that Indian Archaeology Society, New Delhi, Indian History and Culture Society, New Delhi and Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies, Pune in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Doimukh are going to conduct the annual conference of Indian Archaeological Society from 9th to 11th February 2017 in Arunachal Pradesh. The three-day conference will be attended by large number of experts and researchers from all over India.

The Governor, who has been emphasising for conducting important National level Seminar or Conference of IAS in Arunachal Pradesh so that archaeological and exotic cultural richness of the State can be highlighted, appreciated the Society for its proposal to conduct the ensuing annual conference of IAS in the State.

The Governor said that the State has large number of very significant, fascinating and exclusive archaeological sites, which have rich history and also referred in Indian epics and mythologies. These sites are located in different parts of the State from east to west, i.e. Parasuram Kund near Tezu, Vasudev Mandir near Nari, Malinithan near Likabali, Itafort in Itanagar, Shivling at Ziro and Dirang Dzong in Dirang. With more research, discoveries and archaeological activities in the State, these sites can throw lights on the rich history of these places, its people and their cultural heritages. Such activities will add to the cultural richness of the State and also attract lots of people interested in the archaeology. The Governor pointed that at the same time, it will bring in tourists, through cultural and heritage tourism, which in turn will enhance the economy of the State. He called for preservation and proper maintenances of Archaeological sites in the State. The indigenous people have to shoulder this responsibility in order to preserve the culture, history and folklores as these sites are connected and correlated in many aspects, the Governor emphasised.

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Arunachal Pradesh
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