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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor reiterates for 'Helpline numbers and emails' and 'Highway Police  
Patrolling'**

**Governor felicitates Shri Jitumoni Nath**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa has called for setting up of 'Help-lines' especially for people travelling in the highways. Series of incidents of harassment and stopping of vehicles, which came to light in the aftermath of recent case involving the First Lady of the State, the Governor emphasised that the Director General of Police of Arunachal Pradesh in coordination with his counterpart in Assam must set up a mechanism to provide at least three nos. of 24 hours active Mobile Helpline numbers in addition to one or more Landline numbers and email addresses, so that common public travelling in Assam and at the same time those travelling in Arunachal Pradesh can avail timely assistance whenever they require.

The Governor appealed to the people, particularly those victims of harassments, humiliations, forced extortions and other illegal activities on the Highways to come forward and file formal complaint or FIR with details of the incidences to respected Superintendent of Police in the Districts and Director General of Police in State Capital, so that the authorities can take up the matters with their counterparts in other States.

The Governor also advised those affected persons to send a copy to Raj Bhavan, Itanagar so as to enable him to take up the issues with his counterparts. Such actions on the part of the common public will help in taking necessary measures by the State Governments to bring an end to these anti-social activities, he added.

Reiterating on having regular 'Highway Police Patrolling' in the highways in Assam, particularly, Itanagar-Guwahati, Jonai-Tezpur, Nowgaon-Jagun, the Governor also suggested for such mechanism in Itanagar-Hollongi, Itanagar-Ziro and other roads also. He also stressed on surprise checking by the State Police to instil sense of security amongst the commuters.

The Governor also advised the people, particularly the drivers to be cautious in the highway against unscrupulous and anti-social elements.

It may be recalled that Raj Bhavan vehicle in which First Lady Smt Rita Rajkhowa was travelling on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 on the way from Guwahati to Itanagar was chased by some miscreants, overtaking it three times, but due to his extraordinary efficient, courageous and intelligent driving, the Raj Bhavan Driver Shri Jitumoni Nath managed to wriggle out of the situation thereby manoeuvring safely the life of the First Lady, PSO of Assam Police Shri S. Saikia and his own.

Applauding Shri Jitumoni Nath and in recognition of his dedication, commitment and exemplary driving skill, the Governor felicitated Shri Jitumoni Nath with a 'Letter of Commendation' and a cash award of Rs. 21,000.00 (Rupees Twenty-one thousand) only from the Governor's Discretionary Grant Fund at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016. He expressed hope and confidence that the Commendation and Award will be a source of inspiration for other drivers also.