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PRESS RELEASE

Governor meets Union Minister (Drinking Water & Sanitation)

**Governor sought for assistance in maintaining and sustaining the already
constructed toilets in rural areas**

More toilets in public places to realize the goal of Swachh Bharat: Governor

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) met the Union Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation Sushri Uma Bharati in New Delhi on 31st July 2018. They discussed regarding potable drinking water and toilet facilities in urban and rural areas of the State.

The Governor impressed upon the Union Minister for assistance in maintaining and sustaining the already constructed toilets in rural areas. He said that although every household has toilet facility in Arunachal Pradesh today but due to lack of water connection to it, it has raised a new challenge for the rural community. He suggested for provision for running water connection to the toilets to make it sustainable.

The Governor, who has been actively carrying out cleanliness drives in the State Capital, sharing his experiences, informed the Union minister that there must be adequate number of toilet facilities for male and female in public places, such as markets, bus stops and parks etc. to realize the goal of Swachh Bharat. He also suggested for drinking water facilities in such amenities.

The Governor also requested the Minister for toilet facilities in schools, colleges and Universities, especially for girl students. He pointed that with proper toilet facilities in schools, particularly in rural areas, the school dropping out can be checked and students can in addition to inculcate good personal hygiene habits amongst the students.

While commending the Union Cabinet for removing Goods and Service Tax from Sanitary napkins, the Governor informed that due to lack of basic amenities and opportunities in health, drinking water, Rural Roads etc., there is a huge migration from the border areas to the plains for better livelihood. The Governor sought the minister's help in this regard as this will enhance safety and security of the nation.

PRO to Governor
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