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## PRESS RELEASE

## Governor visits Regional Mental Hospital, Midpu

Keep the inmates engaged through skill development programmes and hobbies pursuit: Governor to officers and staff managing the Mental Hospital

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) visited the Regional Mental Hospital, Midpu, 22 km from Itanagar on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and interacted with medical officers and inmates of the Hospital. Along with the officers, the Governor toured the wards and office complex of the health facility.

The Governor suggested for keeping the inmates engaged through skill development programmes and hobbies pursuit. He also advised the officials for involving Non-Government organizations working amongst the psychiatric patients.

The Governor emphasised that there should be concerted effort by all a concerned for the wellbeing, early treatment and rehabilitation of the inmates. The Governor, while mentioning to the local MLA Shri Tana Hali Tara and officials of the Papum Pare District Administration and Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (RIHMS), Naharlagun, who were present on the occasion to address the problems of the lone hospital in the State, said that administrative facility, manpower and management must be improved in the hospital.

The providence has, unfortunately, has been unfair to them, but we should be very fair to them, the Governor told the officers and staff managing the Mental Hospital.

Psychiatrists Dr. Hanya Payee and Dr. Arti Namchoom briefed the Governor about the Hospital.

The Mental hospital building was sanctioned in the year 1989 and was completed and handed over to the Health Department in the year 2014. At the initiative of the then Chief Minister Late Kalikho Pul, the facility started to function in the year 2016.

PRO to Governor Arunachal Pradesh ITANAGAR, November 12, 2019