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Press Communiqué

Governor attends in Governors' Conference on COVID-19 and vaccination

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) attended the video conference of the Governors on the COVID-19 situation and vaccination with Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi from Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 14th April 2021. Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah conducted the video conference. At the very outset of the conference Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare gave a presentation on COVID-19 situation and the responses from the respective States and Union Territories to the Pandemic situation.

The Vice President asked the Governors to collaborate actively with Chief Ministers in the fight against COVID-19. He added that the Governors should provide guidance to the state governments on crafting a more effective strategy to fight the Corona Pandemic.

In his address to the Governors in the VC, the Prime Minister said that the Central Government is committed to ensuring adequate availability of COVID vaccines to all the States in the country. He said that the Governors must spread awareness about AYUSH-related remedies and also spread the message about vaccination and treatment.

The Governors of most COVID affected States, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari of Maharashtra, Shri Acharya Devvrat of Gujarat, Shri V.P. Singh Badnore of Punjab, Smt. Anandiben Patel of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, Ms. Anusuiya Uikey of Chhattisgarh, Shri Vajubhai Vala of Karnataka and Shri Banwarilal Purohit of Tamil Nadu briefed about COVID situation in their respective States.

In pursuance of Hon'ble Prime Minister suggestion of 8th April 2021 during his virtual meet with Chief Ministers, the Governor had series of meetings and video conferences with people from all walks of life, including the government officials, political parties, community based organizations, religious leaders, prominent persons and sportspersons and shared his concern about the increasing COVID-19 positive cases in the State. He invited suggestions from them and also advised them to follow, propagate and appropriately ensure COVID Protocols in their area and effectively fight against COVID-19 Pandemic.

Continuing his endeavour in reaching out to the people the Governor will be interacting with elected representatives, members of the urban bodies and Panchayati Raj institution on 17th April 2021 through virtual meet on ways and means to contain the pandemic. Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein will also attend the virtual meet.