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Governor, Chief Minister participate in CII presentation

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), and Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu attended a presentation by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on 'Leveraging Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Potential in Arunachal Pradesh' at the Chief Minister's Conference Hall in Itanagar on 15th July 2025.

Reaffirming his commitment to preparing the youth of the State for the national vision of Viksit Bharat, the Governor said that empowering our youth through training, entrepreneurship, and industry-linked skill development is laying the foundation for Viksit Arunachal. He said that a strong and skilled generation is essential for long-term, self-reliant growth.

The Governor emphasized the importance of creating opportunities, extending financial support, and providing handholding to the youth so they can fully benefit from both Central and State Government initiatives. He expressed confidence that partnerships with reputed institutions like CII would not only equip young Arunachalis with relevant skills but also ensure their active participation in the State's developmental journey.

Calling for a dedicated skilling and entrepreneurship institute in the State, the Governor said that the youth of the State have the talent and the will to succeed. They only need the right exposure. With CII's experience and network, we can open doors for them to dream big and contribute meaningfully to Arunachal's future, he said.

The Governor suggested to the Chief Minister that they explore bold initiatives, which, while requiring investment, would yield strong and lasting returns for the state's progress. He also stressed the critical role of technology, skill development, and entrepreneurship in shaping a developed Arunachal.

Highlighting Arunachal's vast untapped potential in hydropower, agro-based industries, rare earth minerals, floriculture, and tourism, the Governor called for industry-specific skilling programmes that would enable the youth to manage and lead future projects in these sectors.

Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, in his remarks, echoed the Governor's vision and shared that the State Government is focused on green investments that protect Arunachal's rich natural environment while enabling economic growth. He said that the State Government is moving forward with sustainable development at the core and exploring opportunities in areas where Arunachal can lead while preserving its ecological heritage.

The Chief Minister noted that due to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's initiatives, Arunachal Pradesh has witnessed significant growth in infrastructure, connectivity, and socio-economic development. He asserted that today's youth must be job creators, not just job seekers.

Earlier, Brig. Ashish Bhattacharyya, Principal Advisor of the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) under CII, along with his team, presented key insights and proposals to the Governor and Chief Minister.

Commissioners and secretaries from the departments of Planning, Investment, Health, Skill Development, Labour and Employment, Information Technology, and Science and Technology participated in the meeting.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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