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**Press Communiqué**

**Arunachal Pradesh Governor meets Sikkim Governor**

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), met the Governor of Sikkim, Shri Om Prakash Mathur, at Lok Bhavan, Gangtok, on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The Governors exchanged New Year greetings and conveyed their warm wishes for peace, progress, and prosperity for the people of the two Himalayan States.

The Governor, who is on a two-day official visit to the State of Sikkim shared the rich cultural heritage, ethnic diversity, and immense tourism potential of Arunachal Pradesh, ranging from eco-tourism and adventure tourism to spiritual and cultural circuits with his counterpart. He proposed structured exchange programmes for students, young entrepreneurs, and government officials, particularly in the horticulture and allied sectors. Such exchanges, he said, would enable sharing of best practices in organic farming, high-value crops, post-harvest management, value addition, and market linkages. He also suggested cooperation in capacity-building, exposure visits, and joint training programmes to strengthen human resources in both States.

Emphasizing the shared strengths and common aspirations of the two States, the Governor observed that as India's first fully organic State and a rapidly developing tourism destination, Sikkim offers valuable lessons, while Arunachal Pradesh holds vast untapped potential.

The Governor said that deeper cooperation between the two States could yield mutual benefits in areas such as sustainable tourism, eco-friendly infrastructure, environmental conservation, skill development, and promotion of local products. Collaborative efforts in these sectors, he said, would enhance livelihoods and at the same time strengthen people-to-people bonds and reinforce the spirit of cooperative federalism among the Himalayan States.

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