

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
ITANAGAR**

**Press Communiqué**

**Founder Trustee of South Asia Women's Network calls on the Governor**

Ms Veena Sikri, IFS (Retd.), Founder Trustee of South Asia Women's Network (SWAN) and former High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), at Lok Bhavan on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026. They held a brief discussion on women's empowerment and other important issues related to the development and social progress of the State.

The Governor complimented Ms. Sikri for her distinguished career in public service and diplomacy, as well as her continued dedication to advancing the cause of women across South Asia. He also lauded the efforts of SWAN in fostering regional cooperation and building strong cross-border networks that support women's empowerment and sustainable development.

Highlighting the importance of inclusive growth, the Governor encouraged Ms. Sikri to continue promoting gender equality and strengthening women's participation in leadership and decision-making. He also emphasized the need to expand economic opportunities for women through initiatives such as rural tourism and micro-credit programmes, while advocating for a more gender-sensitive and responsible media landscape.

PRO to Governor  
Arunachal Pradesh  
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