

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
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**Press Communiqué**

**Governor chairs a review meeting on Child Protection**

**Governor expresses concern over the incidence of crimes against women and children, particularly POCSO**

**Governor advises strengthening the Directorate of Prosecution**

**Governor calls for 'Whole of State' approach for responsibility of protecting women and children**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), chaired a high-level review meeting at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar, on 27 June 2026 to assess the measures being undertaken by the State Police for the safety and protection of women and children in the State.

Expressing deep concern over the incidence of crimes against women and children, particularly cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the Governor reviewed the prevailing situation and the progress of investigations and prosecutions. He noted with anguish that while the number of POCSO cases remains a matter of serious concern, the rate of successful prosecution is very low.

The Governor advised for strengthening the Directorate of Prosecution, while stating that POCSO crimes not only inflict lifelong trauma on innocent children and families but also shake the conscience of society. He emphasized that every case represents a child whose trust, safety, and future have been compromised, making it imperative for all stakeholders to act with urgency and commitment.

Calling for a 'Whole of State' approach, the Governor underscored that the responsibility of protecting women and children cannot rest solely with law enforcement agencies. He urged active participation from all sections of society, including Gaon Buras, community leaders, educational institutions, parents, and civil society organizations. He said that Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police must take up the issue in mission mode and ensure coordinated efforts at the district level. Even a small sense of responsibility and vigilance within communities can bring about a significant positive change, he observed.

Principal Secretary (Home), Shri Kaling Tayeng; Director General of Police, Dr. S.D. Singh Jamwal; Commissioner, Women and Child Development, Shri Nyali Ete; Secretary-cum-Ex-Officio Director of Prosecution, Shri Nani Grayu; and Assistant Inspector General of Police, Shri S. Singpho, participated in the deliberations and discussed measures to strengthen prevention, investigation, prosecution, and victim support mechanisms.

Deputy Inspector General of Police (Crime), Dr. Joy Tirkey, presented a detailed overview of crimes against women and children in the State. He also briefed the Governor on 'Project Abhaya – A Strategic Police-Public Trust, Awareness and Community Safety Initiative', a community-oriented programme of the Arunachal Pradesh Police aimed at strengthening public awareness, building trust between citizens and law enforcement agencies, and enhancing community participation in ensuring the safety and well-being of women and children.