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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor conveys the gratitude to Prime Minister for inaugurating the Dhola-Sadiya Bridge**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland Shri P.B. Acharya has conveyed the gratitude of people of Strategic Border Area State of Arunachal Pradesh to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for inaugurating the Dhola-Sadiya Bridge.

In his letter, the Governor said that the bridge will not only instil sense of security and give thrust to the economical development of the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam but also go a long way in further strengthening spirit of amity amongst the people of both States by connecting hearts.

The Governor further said that by naming the 'Dolong' after our legendary cultural icon of North East, Respected Bhupen Hazarika, the Prime Minister has touched the hearts and mind. Late Hazarika is the cohesion force amongst the people of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam as he was born in Bolung village, Lower Dibang Valley District, which is now in Arunachal Pradesh after the bifurcation of NEFA, he added.

The Governor also thanked the Prime Minister on behalf of all Arunachalis for the new railway tracks initiatives, including Bhalukpong-Tawang line, Murkongselek-Pasighat broad gauge line, Lekhapani-Kharsang, Itakhola-Seijosa, Doomdooma-Namsai-Wakro, Dangri-Roing, Deomali-Naharkatia, Lekhapani-Miao-Deban and Tinsukia-Pasighat via Simaluguri and Kanubari, while stating that the people of the State firmly believe that it will boost the economy, tourism, religious pilgrimage of the State and the region and also definitely reinforce sense of security amongst the Border Area people.

Extending the warm greetings and heartfelt gratitude to the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet for all the far-sighted programmes and actions for the people of the Frontier State of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor apprised him of the connectivity bottleneck. He said that connectivity in this region is a challenge. While stating that Air connectivity can give huge thrust in mitigating it, he made a sincere request to the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet to expedite the process of activating Tezu Airport, Greenfield Airport at Itanagar and dual utilization of Advance Landing Grounds (ALG) for defence and civilian purposes.

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