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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor meets Union Home Secretary and National Security Advisor**

**Governor reviews the Border Development Programmes & Safety Management with Union Home Secretary and NSA**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra met the Union Home Secretary Shri Rajeev Gauba and National Security Advisor (NSA) Shri Ajit Doval in separate meetings at Delhi on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017. They discussed border development programmes and reviewed the Border safety management in detail.

The Governor apprised them regarding the security environment in the border State of Arunachal Pradesh. The issue of infrastructure development for the border villages was given comprehensive consideration and the officers concerned with the border development process were directed to prepare well thought-out plan for each village in a time bound manner. The border villages, which are collocated or closely located with army or ITBP posts will also be integrated in the plan and will be given their appropriate priority. These villages will receive due attention in all respects for their welfare projects as well.

The Governor emphasised on developing these villages in the next two years.

During the meeting with Home Secretary, it was decided that soil testing of border villages, recommended for development, should be done to assess the possibility of growing *Akhrot* (walnut) and *Chilgoza* (pine nut) in best suitable altitude locations. It also transpired that certain European countries have developed hybrid varieties of walnut, which start giving fruits within 4 years of plantation. It was decided that possibility should be explored of getting fast maturing variety of walnut plants depending on the soil suitability in the village development plan.

The security of border villages against the insurgents was also discussed. For proper maintenance of law and order in the area, necessary steps will be taken by the security forces for initiating appropriate action.

PRO to Governor  
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