

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor appeals to the people to fight against gun culture and poppy cultivation**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) visited Longding, in Longding District on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018. In his maiden tour of the district as the head of the State, the Governor interacted with government officers, Panchayat Raj Institute members, Gaon Burahs.

The Governor emphasised on security, health and education. He said that for development, there must be sense of security and peaceful environment. It is the responsibility of every citizen to ensure that there is conducive environment for implementation of welfare projects and programmes. Do not shy away for your responsibilities if you want your society, State and Nation to progress and develop, he pointed.

The Governor stated that gun culture has never benefited anyone. He urged upon the people to take steps to bring back the misguided youth to main stream society.

Strongly advocating against poppy cultivation, the Governor said that drug addiction is destroying the whole society. He urged upon the people to stop the poppy cultivation, while suggesting for alternative cash crop programmes.

The Governor also advised the people, particularly the Gaon burahs to ensure immunization in order to achieve elimination of measles and control Rubela by 2020.

Carrying the message of Swachh Bharat to eastern part of the State, the Governor instituted three cash awards of Rs. 5000/- each for Best Swachhata Abhiyan Organizer, Best house frontage and Best shop frontage. The competition will be conducted by the district administration.

The Governor visited the Community Health Centre, Longding and Government Higher Secondary School, Longding. Addressing the students, the Governor advised to excel in their academics, maintain discipline, and do good sports and extra co curriculum activities and prepare themselves for bright future. He also motivated them to take a solemn pledge to stand against opium and poppy cultivation and gun culture.

Earlier, on his arrival at Longding, the Governor and the First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra were received by Deputy Commissioner Shri Vikram Singh Malik and Superintendent of Police Shri Rohit Meena.

Later the Governor left for Khonsa, District Headquarters of Tirap District.

PRO to Governor  
Arunachal Pradesh  
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