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PRESS RELEASE

Governor calls for multipronged action against the drug menace

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) visited Tezu, the District Headquarters of Lohit District on 8th February 2018.

Addressing a public meeting, the Governor conveyed his deep concern about opium cultivation and drug additions. He said that drug abuse is destroying the whole society.

The Governor called for multipronged action against this social menace, including destroying opium plants, action against people involved drug trafficking, alternate livelihood. He emphasised that there must be social intensity and every member of the society must involve in the eradication of drug menace.

The Governor called upon the Gaon Burahs, Panchayat members and public leaders to cooperate with the district administration, police and Central Bureau of Narcotics to control and destruct opium cultivation.

The Governor said that the central Government under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, is giving top priority for development of North East States through Act East policy. Giving a acronym for the eight North Eastern States, 'ASTAM-NMM', the first five letters of the acronym represent the States of Arunachal, Sikkim, Tripura, Assam and Meghalaya on Northern cardinal point and Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram on the Eastern cardinal point, which phonetically be pronounced as 'astam namam', meaning 'Salute to the great eight', the Governor pointed that lots of projects and programmes with required funding is being implemented in the region. To ensure that these welfare schemes are implemented properly, people's participation is a must. They must see that there is transparency, accountability, continuity, audit and review and mid course correction in the process of implementation.

In his meeting with district Heads of Department, the Governor advised them to involve the common people in the implementation process so that there is absolute transparency and accountability. Stating that Government officials are the pillar of the Society, the Governor emphasised that they must work with probity and rectitude.

The Governor advised them to ensure that benefits of welfare schemes reach even to the last man in the last rung of the society.

Deputy Commissioner Shri Karma Leki briefed the Governor about centrally and State sponsored programmes and projects in the District.

Immediately upon reaching Tezu, the Governor visited the Indira Gandhi Government College, Tezu and interacted with faculty and students. In his address to the students and faculty, the Governor said that as students, academics must be

their priority and they must utilize the opportunities they have. He exhorted the girl students to prepare themselves so as to shoulder equal responsibilities as their male counterpart.

The Governor also advised the members of the faculty to recognize the merit of the students, impart latest knowledge in their subjects and treat their students as an extended family.

The Governor shared his deep concern about opium cultivation and drug addiction with the college fraternity.

The Governor accompanied by the First Lady of the State also visited the Zonal General Hospital, Tezu, interacted with indoor patients and distributed fruits to them. They also interacted with the inmates of the drug De-addiction Centre.

Earlier, on their arrival at Tezu, the Governor and the First Lady of the State were accorded traditional reception. Dr. Mohesh Chai, Minister Animal Husbandry, Veterinary, Dairy Development, Research and Art & Culture, Smti Dasanglu Pul, chairperson, Arunachal Pradesh Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Limited (APMDTCL), Lohit Deputy Commissioner Shri Karma Leki, Senior Superintendent of Police Shri Isaac Pertin, Gaon Burahs, PRI members, cultural troupes and school children were present on the occasion amongst other.

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