

# **ARUNACHAL PRADESH ITANAGAR**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Governor visits Statue of Unity, takes up tourism issues with MoS Tourism**

At the invitation of Government of Gujarat, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) along with First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra visited the memorial to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Statue of Unity, located near Kevadia town of Narmada district on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Carrying the goodwill of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor paid respect to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Rashtra Rachaita, who is the epitome of India's unity at the monumental world's tallest statue.

While complimenting the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and people of Gujarat for the conceptualization, planning and construction of the world tallest monument, the Governor mentioned about the keenness of the people of the eastern most part of India Arunachal Pradesh to visit the symbol of Unity in the western most State of India. He said that along with promotion of spirit of unity in the country, it has huge tourism potential as large number of tourists are visiting the statue. Besides the statue itself, there are several other tourist attractions around including the valley of flowers, natural beauty of the Satpura and Vindhyachal hill ranges besides the Sardar Sarobar dam on the mighty Narmada River.

Impressed by tourism aspects, the Governor met the Union Minister of State Tourism Shri KJ Alphones on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and took up issues related to the development of tourism in Arunachal Pradesh. He emphasized that harnessing the tourism potential of the State will change the course of development in Arunachal Pradesh. By promoting the eco, adventure, cultural, rural and religious tourism in the State, it will ensure quantum jump in the revenue for the State and Nation and also have positive impact on 'Act East' policy.

The Governor had in-depth discussion of 'Pay Back to Society' initiative and Kendriya Vidhyalayas in selected border villages of Arunachal Pradesh. Continuing his endeavour in the core sectors of education and employment opportunities, the Governor met the Chief of Army Staff, General Vipin Rawat and also Commissioner, Kendriya Vidhyalaya Shri Santosh Kumar Mall on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The Commissioner Kendriya Vidhyalaya Shri Mall is visiting Itanagar on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November to discuss and finalise the opening of six Kendriya Vidhyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh.

PRO to Governor  
Arunachal Pradesh  
ITANAGAR, November 14, 2018