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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor meets External Affairs Minister**

**Governor takes up Lumla-Bhutan-Guwahati road issue with External Affairs  
Minister**

**Governor requests the External Affairs minister to accord special priority for  
border trade at Nampong, near Pangsau Pass**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), who is on a 5-day official tour to the National Capital New Delhi met the Union External Affairs Minister Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019. They discussed about the Lumla-Bhutan-Guwahati road and management of Border Haat at Pangsau Pass, in Changlang District.

The Governor highlighted that importance of the Lumla-Bhutan-Guwahati Road. He said that during medical emergencies, when Sela Pass is closed due to snowfall, the alternate road will be a life-saving route for the people of Tawang, who otherwise get cut off from the rest of the world. Moreover, it shortens the distance by 131 km between Lumla and Guwahati which is an important factor for travel and movement.

The Governor said that the road alignment is already in existence except for small portion of approximately 12 km road, which needs to be paved.

The Governor requested the External Affairs minister to accord special priority for border trade at Nampong, near Pangsau Pass. He recalled the Minister that Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Myanmar and India in 2012, which needs to be taken forward with the change of time and international situation.

PRO to Governor  
Arunachal Pradesh  
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