

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
ITANAGAR**

**Press Communiqué**

**Governor chairs security review meeting**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) chaired a high level security meeting with Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu and General Officer Commanding in Chief (GOC-in-C), Eastern Command Lt. General Anil Chauhan, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. They reviewed the defence and security apparatuses, coordination amongst the forces and the defence related infrastructure and communication necessities.

The Governor said that national interest and security down to the last person in the remotest part of the State have always and will always be the top priority of the State. He advised for more interactions and meetings between defence and civil administration to further strengthen these priorities. He emphasised on removal of any bottlenecks in building better coordination, particularly in sharing of information on the matters of the Defence of our Borders.

The Governor said that Indian Armed Forces are second to none in their fighting calibre, both in terms of men and machine. With better relationships with the local populace, which is the 'second line of defence', we will surely defend our borders, the Governor remarked. Appreciating the contribution of the Indian Armed Forces in our people's socio economic activities, he thanked the Indian Army for developing enormous goodwill amongst the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor suggested to the Army Commander to help the local economy by procuring perishable goods, such as vegetables and fruits from local farmers. Such gestures will not only support the villagers in their economic activities but also arrest the migration from border areas to towns. It will give a thrust to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call of 'Vocal for Local'.

The Chief Minister, while participating in the discussion appreciated the goodwill of the troops of the Indian Defence Forces, who are safeguarding the Frontiers and at the same time generating bonhomie with local communities. He shared with the Eastern Army Commander, his interactions during his district tours with defence personnel posted in the remote high altitude posts.

Earlier, Eastern Command GOC-in-C briefed the Governor and the Chief Minister about the ground situation and preparedness of the defence forces for any eventuality in the North East Region. He acknowledged the goodwill of the people of Arunachal Pradesh for the Indian Army and the Security forces.

General Officer Commanding 3 Corps Lt. Gen. R.P, Kalita, AVSM, SM, VSM, Security Advisor to Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Maj. General S.C. Mohanty, AVSM, Inspector General of Police (Law & Order), Govt. of AP Shri Chukhu Apa, IPS, DIG, NE FTR, ITBP, Shri Swan Kartik Sharma and Superintendent of Police (Special Branch) Shri John Pada, APPS were also part of the meeting amongst others. Commissioner to Governor, Dr. Sagar Preet Hooda, IPS also attended the meeting.

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