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Reliable communication infrastructure has become an essential requirement for development and governance: Governor to BSNL Officials

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BSNL CGM calls on the Governor

The Chief General Manager, BSNL East-II Telecom Circle, Shri Ramashray Prasad, called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar, on 22nd September 2026. They discussed the expansion and strengthening of BSNL's telecommunications network across the State, with special emphasis on improving connectivity in remote, rural and border areas.

The Governor underscored that reliable communication infrastructure has become an essential requirement for development and governance. He said that modern education, including smart classrooms and digital learning platforms, depends on uninterrupted internet connectivity. Similarly, the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system, online scholarship disbursement, telemedicine services, digital banking, and the financial transactions of Self-Help Groups require dependable telecom networks to function effectively.

Drawing from his extensive interactions with people during his tours across the State, the Governor shared that poor or inconsistent network connectivity remains one of the most frequently raised concerns by villagers, students, government officials and entrepreneurs. He noted that in several remote locations, weak network signals and slow internet speeds continue to hamper access to essential services, delay communication and limit economic opportunities. He emphasized that connectivity today is not merely a convenience but a critical enabler of education, healthcare, governance, financial inclusion and livelihood generation.

The CGM briefed the Governor on the progress of installation of communication networks and challenges being faced by them. He also acknowledged the difficulties being faced by the users and agreed to attend to them on priority.

Emphasizing BSNL's role as a public sector enterprise, the Governor stated that the organization carries a significant responsibility in ensuring equitable access to communication services, particularly in underserved and remote regions where private operators may have limited presence.

To accelerate network expansion, the Governor advised BSNL officials to maintain close coordination with district administrations, and concerned departments while laying optical fibre networks and establishing telecom infrastructure. He expressed confidence that strengthened connectivity would bridge distances, improve service delivery, empower citizens and contribute significantly to the vision of a developed and digitally connected Arunachal Pradesh.

It was decided to have a coordination conference with the State Government and Armed Forces, with the BSNL team, to iron out the problems and find ways to meet communication requirements of the State and the Armed Forces.

Principal General Manager, BSNL, NE-II Circle, Dimapur Shri Dilip Siram, Principal General Manager Shri Paritosh Kr. Shah PGM, and Deputy General Manager, BSNL, Itanagar, Shri SLP Vaiphei were also present in the meeting.

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