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Press Communiqué

Governor attends NEC Plenary

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen K.T. Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), participated in the 73rd Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) held at Shillong on 4th June 2026. The Governor placed his speech on the table, which highlighted a comprehensive overview of Arunachal Pradesh's developmental journey, to include the transformative impact of various initiatives supported by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the North Eastern Council. He also drew attention to key challenges confronting the State and sought continued assistance from the Council in addressing critical developmental needs.

The Governor also outlined the significant strides made by Arunachal Pradesh across diverse sectors, including governance reforms, art, culture and heritage preservation, hydropower and energy generation, agriculture and rural livelihoods, sports, skill development, entrepreneurship, education, healthcare, infrastructure, and connectivity. He noted that these achievements reflect the collective efforts of the Government of India, the State Government, development agencies, and local communities working together towards inclusive progress.

Expressing heartfelt gratitude to the Central Government, particularly the Ministries of Home Affairs and DoNER, as well as the North Eastern Council, the Governor lauded their unwavering commitment to the development of the North East. He remarked that the NEC Plenary has emerged as an important platform where the aspirations, concerns, and developmental priorities of the region are discussed in a collaborative spirit. The meeting, he said, provides an invaluable opportunity to address long-pending issues such as connectivity gaps, border infrastructure, security concerns, and avenues for greater inter-state cooperation and economic integration.

The Governor conveyed special appreciation to the Government of India and the Ministry of DoNER for launching the ₹167-crore 'Mission on Arunachal Kiwi', a landmark initiative aimed at creating a globally recognized organic kiwi brand. He emphasized that Arunachal Pradesh contributes more than half of India's kiwi production and was the first State in the country to receive organic certification for kiwi cultivation. The mission, he observed, will not only strengthen market access and value addition but also encourage organic farming practices, generate employment opportunities, and inspire young entrepreneurs to explore agriculture as a viable and rewarding profession.

The Governor also acknowledged the transformative impact of the Vibrant Villages Programme in Arunachal Pradesh. Describing it as a visionary initiative, the Governor noted that the programme has accelerated development in border villages by improving infrastructure, enhancing connectivity, and creating livelihood opportunities. The initiative has empowered local communities, Self-Help Groups, and rural youth to undertake innovative ventures and entrepreneurial activities. He highlighted the emergence of homestays, cafés, eco-tourism projects, handicraft enterprises, and other

community-based businesses, which are helping to strengthen the local economy while showcasing the unique cultural heritage of border regions.

Reflecting on the State's developmental trajectory, the Governor stated that Arunachal Pradesh today stands more connected, economically vibrant, and institutionally robust than ever before. Improved road networks, enhanced digital connectivity, expanding educational opportunities, better healthcare services, and growing economic activity have collectively contributed to improving the quality of life of the people. These achievements, he said, embody the vision of 'Viksit Arunachal', a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient State making meaningful contributions to the nation's growth.

The Governor emphasized that the North Eastern Council must continue to evolve as a dynamic and strategic institution that promotes regional planning, policy innovation, knowledge exchange, and coordinated implementation of development programmes. Such collaboration, he noted, is essential for ensuring that the developmental aspirations of individual States are aligned with a broader regional vision.

The Governor expressed confidence that with sustained support from the Government of India, proactive leadership from the North Eastern Council, and the collective commitment of all Northeastern States, the vision of a prosperous, connected, secure, and sustainable North East is steadily becoming a reality. He reaffirmed Arunachal Pradesh's unwavering commitment to the shared goals of 'Viksit Arunachal' and 'Viksit Bharat,' ensuring that the State's development initiatives remain aligned with India's long-term vision of inclusive, sustainable, and people-centric growth by 2047.

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