

Governor asks Army to conduct Pre-recruitment training

ITANAGAR, June 23: Expressing appreciation for special consideration for local youth in Army recruitment procedure, Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, JP Rajkhowa has called on to extend the 'Pre-recruitment Training' to all the districts of the state. The Governor was interacting with Major General, Vikal Sahni, General Officer Commanding, 56 Infantry Division, Likabali, who had called on him at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Thursday. The GOC briefed the Governor on the follow up action taken after of the Army Commander's meeting with the Governor which was held on May 19 at Raj Bhavan.

The Governor commended the Indian Army for the prompt response and expressed hope that generous initiative from the Army will instill sense of security amongst the local people. With cordial relationship, the local villagers can act as force multipliers for the regular Army units, and significantly enhance their border guarding potential. The Governor advised the Army to coordinate with the district administration and with the Goan Burahs of border villages for conducting any multifaceted civic action works for the benefit of rural population at the village level.

The Governor said that for better coordination at the highest level, a high-level Security Review Meeting would be convened soon. The meeting would address the concerns of the safety and security the state, which has 1680 km of international border and disturbed by cases of spill over militancy, the Governor, on behalf of the people of the state conveyed sincere condolence to the GOC on the demise of Lt. Col. Pankaj Chauhan in a road accident. Lt Col. Chauhan of 218 Medium Regiment was stationed at Likabali, West Siang District under 56 Inf Div. Earlier, the GOC informed that orders have been issued to various Army formations in Arunachal Pradesh to conduct medical camps, providing study materials to the local children and ration items to people, where it is required in the border areas under Operation Samaritan. He said that focus is on interior and less developed areas of the border areas.

On the special height and chest considerations for indigenous communities during the Army recruitment, the GOC informed that the issue has been taken up. He added that the Army formations have conducted special recruitment rallies in Daporijo and Likabali and 75 boys have been recruited. Pre-recruitment trainings are provided where local boys are groomed so that they can join the Indian Army. The GOC also briefed on other issues taken up earlier on the May 19 meeting at Raj Bhavan. (PRO, Raj Bhavan)