

Governor discusses Arunachal Scouts with 4 Corps GOC



A warm send off to state governor by 4 Corps GOC

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TEZPUR, Aug 05: Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd) JJ Singh today discussed with Indian Army's 4 Corps General Officer Commanding (GOC) Lt General BS Jaswal regarding the raising of Arunachal Scouts.

During an hour-long meeting with Lt Gen Jaswal here, the former Army Chief told him that he had a discussion with Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh recently regarding raising the Arunachal Scouts, a long pending demand of the state.

Considering the sensitivity of the state, the governor also sought the help of the Army in providing commando training to the state police besides training support to promote adventure sports for which the hilly state offers ample scope.

Lt Gen Jaswal, who headed a group of senior Army officers during the meeting, assured whole hearted cooperation to the state.

Disclosing that that his initiative had increased the 4 Corps' layout to Rs 10 crore for taking up various activities under Operation

Sadbhawana in civilian areas, the governor requested the GOC to adopt a village to develop it as a model one and also a school each as a goodwill gesture in Tirap district and another district in the north of Brahmaputra, to which the latter consented.

Reiterating his 'iron fist for the insurgents and velvet glove for the innocent civilians' principle, the former Army Chief disclosed that the Army would have a vital role to play when the state level core group initiated by the state government under his guid-

ance comes into force under the chairmanship of state Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu.

The governor further said that New Delhi has taken up many major developmental projects, including the Trans Arunachal Highway, the Itanagar Greenfield Airport, the Harmuti-Itanagar railway connectivity, the Bandedewa-Holongi four-laning and providing connectivity to 500 border villages to develop this border and hilly state. Therefore, the development of Arunachal Pradesh will enhance the capability of the armed forces to defend the nation and will have other strategic and socio-economic benefits, he said.

Arunachal has entered a transitional phase and with the Centre's priority attention it will become one of the most developed states in the country in the near future, the governor added.

Lt Gen Jaswal was himself present to receive the governor at the Air force airfield here and gave him a befitting send off later.

Responding to a question from media persons on the inter-state boundary dispute, the governor said that all such problems in the country will be solved with the respective state governments finding amicable ways to resolve them.