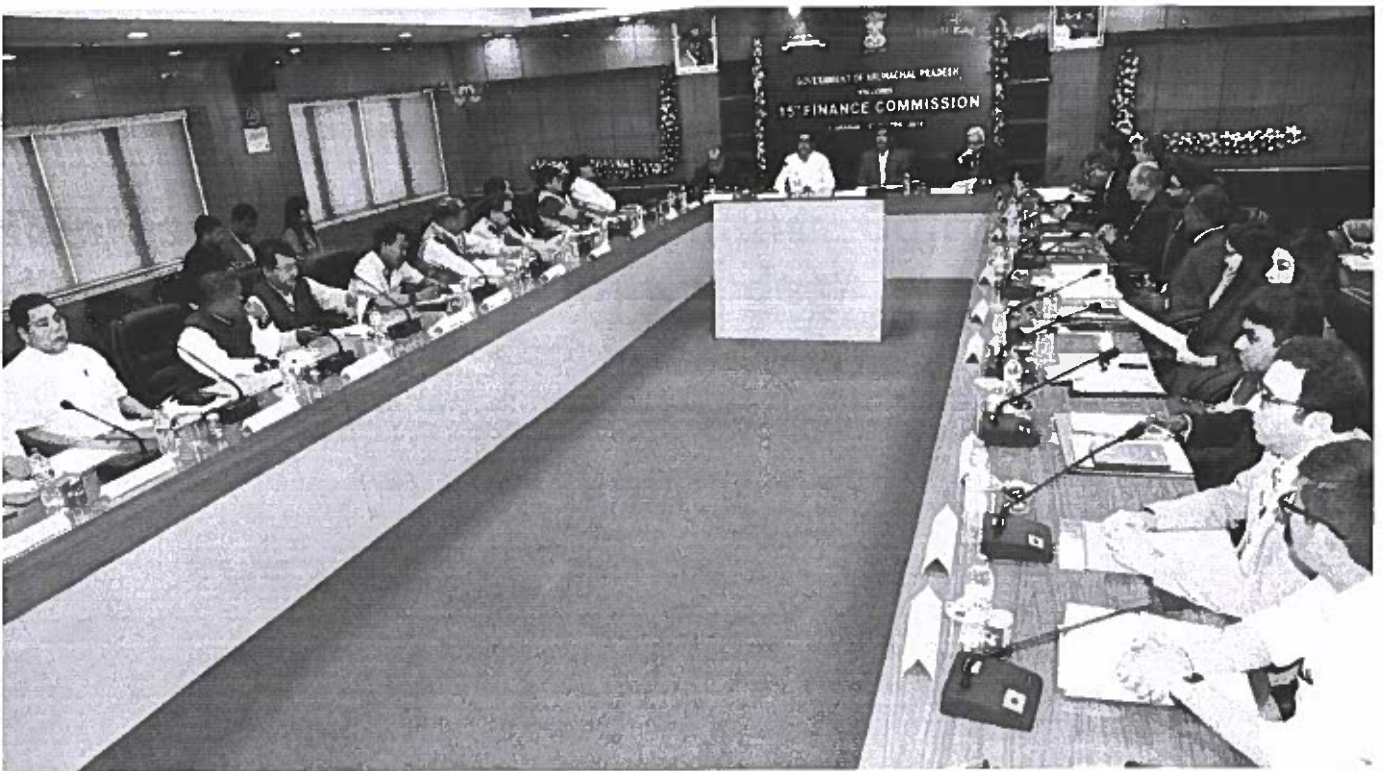


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Representatives of the 15th Finance Commission had wide-ranging discussions with Chief Minister, Council of Ministers, leaders of various political parties, Tribal Leaders, Local bodies and Business Leaders in Arunachal Pradesh.

Detailed presentations were made by Team Arunachal Pradesh led by Chief Minister Pema Khandu on state finances and efforts made by the state for development.

They urged the commission to consider innovative measures for vertical devolutions, specially for North Eastern States, looking at their special requirements.

The Commission appreciated the constructive and useful suggestions and stated that all issues raised would receive due attention.

The 15th Finance Commission will finalize its recommendations by October 2019 after deliberations with all State Governments.

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ITANAGAR, Apr 6: The state government has suggested that the 15th Finance Commission give weightage to the state's hydropower potential, its low population, and infrastructural and social backwardness when it ultimately submits its recommendations in October next year.

A 13-member team from the commission arrived at the state capital yesterday and has held meetings with the chief minister, cabinet members, leaders of political parties, and officials of several government departments, and will continue to do so for the next two days.

Speaking to reporters at the chief minister's conference hall at the state civil secretariat today, the fi-



nance commission's acting chairperson, Shaktikanta Das, said that there are several opportunities and challenges that the state faces.

He said that the topography of the state presents its own set of problems but

that the state can explore its potential in the tourism, hydropower, food processing, and agro-based sectors.

He also informed that the state government is putting its thrust on developing the state's hydropower potential, a contentious subject amongst sections of residents who fear the long-term impact of mega dams.

Das also said that the state government has asked the commission to keep in mind the state's low

Min seeks people's cooperation in execution of TAH project

BAIKETU, Apr 6: Union minister of state for Home Affairs Kalyan Rijha today appealed to the people to cooperate with the state government and the administration for smooth execution of the Patin-Pangin Trans Arunachal Highway (TAH).

Taking part in the Mopin festival celebrations in Baitolo and Miro in Upper Subansiri district today, Rijha urged the people to preserve their rich tradition and culture.

Speaking on the development, the minister said that people need to cooperate with the state government and district administration in smooth execution of development projects.

On the Patin-Pangin TAH road, he said even after the sanction of the project before 2010 and the award of work in 2012, it has not been executed due to lack of land clearance.



He said the government will re-structure the various different packages for 4017 km stretch and the tender process would start soon.

Till the tender work is over, the district administrations will have to maintain the road by way of regular cleaning and maintenance.

He disclosed that an amount of Rs 50 crore out of the approved Rs 60 crore has been sanctioned.

Though tender for regular work was floated but few firms participated in submitting in conclusion of the tender.

Rijha said that the district administration have been directed to immediately start the tender work within a month.

He appealed to the locals not to create hindrance in the smooth execution of the ambitious road project.

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The Arunachal Pradesh government's presentation contained the state finances, besides the requirements for urban local bodies, vulnerability to natural disasters and suggestions for sharing Central taxes, Shaktikanta Das, Acting Chairman of the Finance Commission, said.

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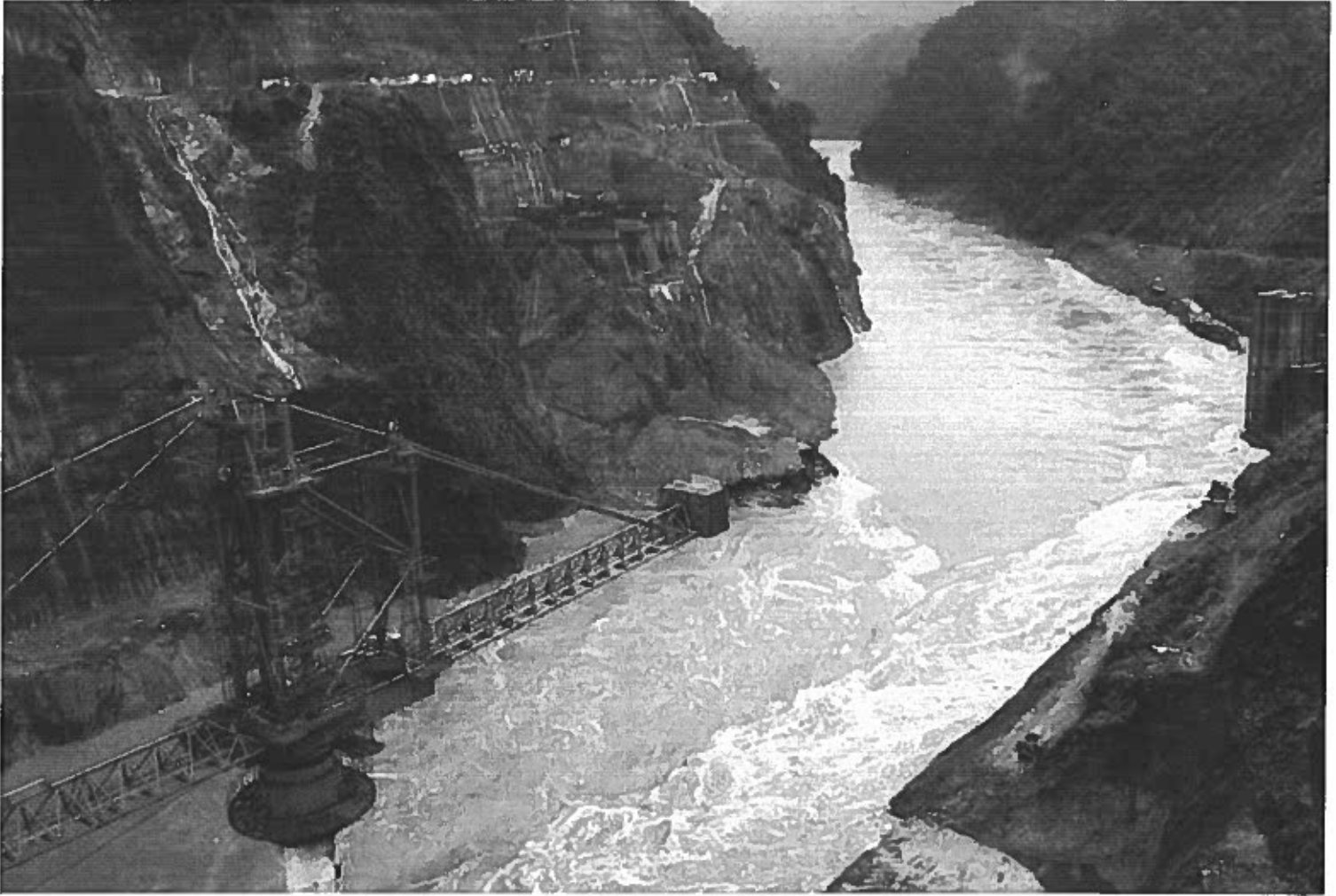
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Finance Commission team kicks off national consultation from NE State

Arunachal Pradesh has asked the 15th Finance Commission to factor in infrastructure deficit and development of areas bordering China and Myanmar for arriving at a ratio of allotment of central tax share to the States.

Apart from roads, the focus of the frontier State's infrastructure is on several major hydropower projects that have either not taken off or are stuck at various stages of construction.

According to the Central Electricity Authority's on January 31 last year, Arunachal Pradesh has 50,328 MW of the country's total 148,701 MW identified hydropower potential through projects with generating capacity of 25 MW or more. The State has some 140 hydroelectric projects, large and small, awaiting clearance or stuck at various stages of implementation since allotment after the government came out with a hydropower policy in 2007-2008.

These projects include the 2,000 MW Lower Subansiri Project that NHPC started constructing in December 2007. Work on the project stopped in 2011 due to protests by anti-dam activists and NGOs in Assam.

In a memorandum to the Commission, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu sought weightage for infrastructure deficit and backward border areas.

"Our State faces challenges and offers opportunities in hydro power, infrastructure and tourism" besides education and health, he said.

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He noted that poor access to remote mountainous areas was leading to rise in prices of commodities.

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ITANAGAR (ARUNACHAL PRADESH): The acting chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, [Shaktikanta Das](#), on Friday sought to steer clear of the controversy over its terms of reference that some states have questioned, saying that the commission had nothing to do with fixing the parameters.

"The parameters are decided by the government," he told the media here.

Some southern states including poll-bound Karnataka have opposed the terms of reference, primarily over devolution of funds. A proposal to use 2011 census data as the basis for distributing tax proceeds to states would hurt their interests if it is implemented, they claim.

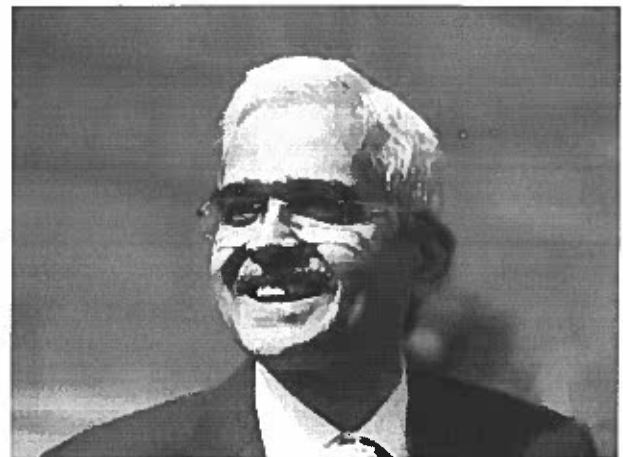
Already, chief minister Siddaramaiah has made it an election issue in Karnataka. "The progressive states, largely from the South but also some like Gujarat, which did their nationalistic duty and controlled population, are now being penalised due to the terms of reference (for devolution of funds) by the 15th Finance Commission," Karnataka agriculture minister Krishna Byre Gowda said.

"The terms of reference of the commission include tax devolution to the states besides grants to local bodies and other grants to the states," Das said. "We are expected to submit our report by October 31, 2019 which means every month we will be visiting at least two to three states of the country."

The commission has this time kick-started the state consultation process from India's frontier state of Arunachal Pradesh. It is also likely to visit Tawang, the town bordering China. After wrapping up the Arunachal round, the commission will visit [Jammu and Kashmir](#). It is scheduled to meet the southern states in Thiruvananthapuram on April 10.

The government has asked the commission to also see and analyse implementation of goods and services tax as well, Das said.

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In the first round, the Arunachal Pradesh government made a detailed presentation.

Das said: "The state has several challenges and opportunities. There is scope for investing more and spending more. The state has huge potential in tourism, hydropower and the horticulture sector."

The state has sought funds as it is positioned in difficult topographical area. Arunachal wants money for border area development, roads and, as the state is disaster-prone, a higher allocation for disaster relief.

Amid stand-off with China, 15th Finance Commission begins national-level consultations with Arunachal Pradesh

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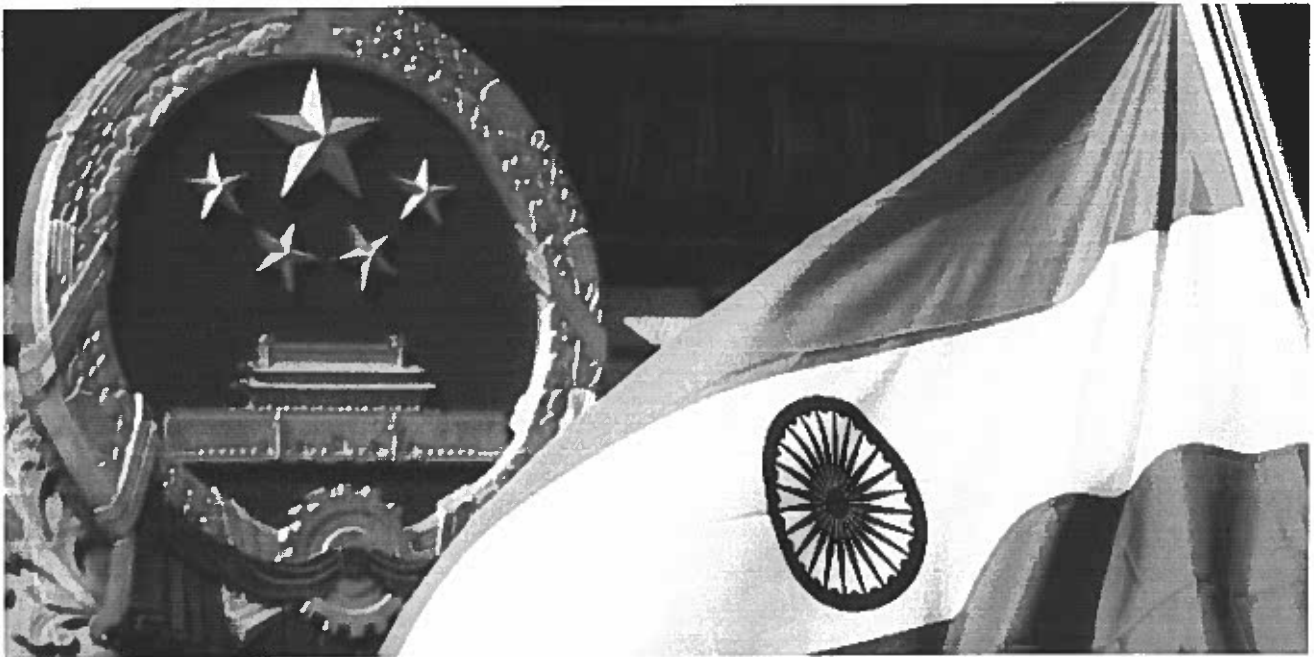


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GUWAHATI: The 15th Finance Commission has launched its national-level consultations with Arunachal Pradesh amidst the perception that the exercise will ruffle China's feathers given the neighbouring country's claim over the frontier state.

Beijing has invariably protested the visits of Indian President, Prime Minister, Union ministers and high-ranking officials to the state which it calls as southern Tibet.

Through the consultations, the Commission will essentially try to analyse the challenges and requirements of the states in the country and evolve a formula for reasonable distribution of funds.

The Commission, constituted last year, has been asked to submit its recommendations by October 31 next year for five years beginning on April 1, 2020. It will next hold the consultations in Jammu & Kashmir followed by Kerala.

Given the move to distribute Central taxes to the states based on the 2011 census data, there is a perceived fear that it will adversely affect the south Indian states for their better management of population. Among

state, its forest cover, income distance (difference of income between the highest-earning state and a particular state) etc.

From the Seventh Finance Commission to 13th Finance Commission, population was determined based on the 1971 census data. During the term of the 13th Finance Commission, it was partially shifted to the 2011 census. Now, there is a move to entirely shift it to the 2011 census as the 1971 data has been removed from the terms of reference for the 15th Finance Commission. The move will benefit the states in north India as the growth of their population between 1971 and 2011 has been very high.

"The consultation was started by the 14th Finance Commission. In order to cover a wider spectrum of the society, we have widened it by including civic bodies and social organisations," the Commission's acting chairman, Shaktikanta Das, told reporters in Arunachal capital Itanagar on Friday.

"We started the process with Arunachal as it is here where the sun rises first in the country," he said.

Arunachal shares its border with Bhutan, Myanmar besides China. There are over 130 habitations along the international borders and the Commission said the state government had sought development of border areas to be factored into the ratio of allotment of central taxes share.

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Govt presents State's requirements before 15th Finance Commission

ITANAGAR, Apr 6: The Arunachal Govt today presented a detailed report on the status of finances of the State to the 15th Finance Commission, a 13-member team of which is now on a four-day visit, highlighting the challenges and opportunities of the State in different sectors like tourism, infrastructure, health and education.



areas where there are border related challenges and also certain emergency activities, what kind of infrastructure facilities are required. The State Govt also projected the requirements of local bodies - urban local bodies and panchayats. On vulnerability of disasters, the Govt also sought for a stepped up State Disaster Response Fund.

The 15th Finance Commission, which has embarked on States' visit starting with Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday, today held a four-hour-long meeting with the State Govt headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu. The State Govt has requested the 15th Finance Commission to give weightage on population, infrastructure deficit, social backwardness, and border region requirements and so on and so forth, said the Commission's Chairman Shaktanta Das, who is leading the team, during a press meet at the conference hall of Chief Minister's Secretariat here this afternoon.

He said the State Govt will spend more or to take initiatives for the development. I think there is lot of potential in tourism, hydropower generation sector, agri-horti sector, food processing, etc." The State Govt has projected various requirements in road, power and healthcare sectors, particularly border areas.

The Acting Chairman informed that the Finance Commission will mainly recommend on the tax devolution to the states, on the grants in aid to the urban local bodies and other grants, if any, adding that it would be having much wider consultations with the stakeholders. Before wrapping up, the

Army deployed on Arunachal border well prepared to take on any challenges: CoAS



ITANAGAR, Apr 6: borders in Arunachal Pradesh to take on any challenges to our national security. He also assured that the Indian Army will always continue to provide all kind of humanitarian help to the civil population residing in the border areas. Terming the people of border villages as "national watch assets", the CoAS suggested that Govt must provide all amenities to the people living in the border areas so that they do not abandon their villages and move away from the border.

The Governor, who has visited the border posts recently, shared his observations with the CoAS. The Army chief assured the Governor of the top operational readiness of the Indian Army deployed on the

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GoAP detailed presentation useful to understanding critical financial issues: 15th Fin Commission

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The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has made a detailed presentation to the 15th Finance Commission of the state finances, including several challenges and also the 'requirements' said Shaktikanta Das, the Acting Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission.

Turning the April 5 meeting with GoAP as 'useful to understanding the critical financial issues in detail', the Acting Chairman informed that the GoAP presentation contained the state finances, along with the requirements for urban local bodies, the vulnerability to natural disasters, and suggestions for sharing Central taxes.



Shaktikanta Das, Acting Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, during a meeting with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Also, some of the key presentations on opportunities and challenges highlighted by the GoAP were 'peculiar' geographical aspects: high capital expenditure incurred as percentage of GDP; lack of investment from private sector and low resource base making government the major provider of employment and also funding to create infrastructure; Physical and digital connectivity bottleneck; very poor banking sector and financial inclusion; disaster prone; a case for special compensation under

CARPA owing to high forest coverage; and the need for Compensatory Development Plan for development of Tirap, Changlang & Longleng Districts.

Meanwhile, following yesterday's meeting and the Commission also held wide ranging inter-views with the leaders of various political parties Tribal Leaders, Local Bodies and Leaders of Businesses and further met Governor B D Mishra and received detailed insights into the opportunities and challenges lying ahead for the state.

The 15-member Commission is likely to travel to Tawang next to meet with the locals there. Also, after wrapping up their tour in Arunachal, the Commission will visit the states of Jammu and Kashmir in the second leg of their state visit.

Capital DA orders to Highway executioners to sprinkle water at regular intervals

TANAGAR, 6 APR

The in-charge Capital Complex District Magistrate-cum-District Commissioner, Tulom Dupak today issued an administrative order directing the concessionaire, T. L. Engineering & Construction Pvt. Ltd., engaged in construction activities along the NH 415 from Papan Nallah to Vivak, Vivahar, to sprinkle water at regular intervals every day.

As per the order, the concessionaire is to engage sprinkling vehicles simultaneously in between 10 AM to 12 Noon, between 2 PM to 4 PM, and during night (7 PM to

environment has been polluted with increased presence of dusts & other dry particles which is causing inconvenience to the drivers.

It is apprehended that increased presence of dusts & other dry particles may affect public health and may cause ecological to the human life, the order further stated.

The in-charge DC has further directed the SP, Capital Complex, ZAC Manager and Nakhargah, staff OC PS Manager and Nakhargah to personally monitor the same and submit a report in this regard to his Office by the SAC, Manager, and Nakhargah, (DIPRO).

The order further stated that any violation of this order shall be viewed seriously and the Project Manager, T. L. Engineering & Construction Pvt. Ltd. shall be held responsible personally and actions will be taken as per various provisions of law.

The order was issued after it was observed that earth cutting is being carried out at many locations within the Capital Complex by the Concessionaire, T. L. Engineering & Construction Pvt. Ltd. and due to earth cutting and other construction activities, the

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Arunachal presents report to 15th Finance Commission

ITANAGAR, APR 6: The Arunachal Pradesh Government on Friday presented a detailed report on the state of finances of the state to the 15th Finance Commission wherein it also highlighted the challenges and opportunities in different sectors like tourism, infrastructure, health and education.

The 15th Finance Commission team headed by Acting Chairman Shri. Shanta Das is on a four day visit to the state for the consultation process. The team who arrived here on Thursday had meetings with Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Chompa Mele, Council of Ministers and other officials of the state. Wide ranging interactions were also held with the leaders of various political parties, tribal leaders, women representatives, progressive farmers, local bodies and leaders of business and



received detailed insights into the opportunities and challenges lying ahead for the state.

The state government in its presentation requested the Commission to give weightage on population, infrastructure deficit, social backwardness, forest areas and special grant for border areas. It also submitted a memorandum to the commission giving detailed report on the State transport and the fund required.

The State Government further requested to reconsider introduction of Special Category status to North Eastern States with 10 percent devolution of the divisible pool earmarked for the Northeast region. "In North Eastern Region, Arunachal Pradesh stands second after Tripura in respect of total capital expenditure incurred as percentage of GDP. The state needs more funds for infrastructure develop-

ment", an official release from CMO stated. Acting Chairman Shri. Shanta Das addressing a press conference at CMO's Conference Hall later on the day said that the Arunachal Pradesh government's presentation contained state finances, besides the requirements for urban local bodies, vulnerability to natural disasters and suggestions for sharing Central taxes. "The state has sev-

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Das informed that the Finance Commission will evenly recommend on the tax devolution to the states, on the grants in aid to the urban local bodies and other grants, if any. He said the visit to the state was fruitful as it gave them an opportunity to understand the issues in detail.

The 15th Finance Commission will submit its recommendations by (Contd on Page 2)

DC issues order to sprinkle water along 'dusty' NH-415

ITANAGAR, APR 6: In-charge District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Itanagar Capital Complex Talim Dapit vide an order on Friday directed the concessionaire, T K Engineering & Consortium Pvt Ltd to sprinkle water at regular intervals every day, along the NH-415 from Papi Nallah to Vihai Vihar, Itanagar where construction activities are being taken up, by engaging sprinkling vehicle arm-busily in between 10 AM to 12 Noon, between 2 PM to 4 PM and during night (7 PM to 9 PM).

The order further stated that any violation of

the order shall be viewed seriously and the Project Manager, T K Engineering & Consortium Pvt Ltd shall be held responsible personally and action will be taken as per various provisions of law.

The order was issued after it was observed that earth cutting 46 being carried out at many locations within the Capital Complex for 4-Laning of NH-415 by the Concessionaire, T K Engineering & Consortium Pvt. Ltd and due to earth cutting and other construction activities, the environment has been polluted with increased presence of dust

and other air particles which is causing inconvenience to the citizens.

The release by the DC further stated that it is apprehended that increased presence of dusts and other air particles may affect public health and may cause damage to the human life.

The DC has further directed the SP, Capital Complex, EAO Itanagar and Itanagar and DD PS Itanagar and Nuh-Nipen to personally monitor the same and a report in this regard to be submitted in his office by the EAO, Itanagar and Nuh-Nipen.

Series of media workshops to be held on climate change

ITANAGAR, APR 6: The impact of climate change in the Himalayan region is more pronounced than in other regions, particularly on agriculture, livelihoods and biodiversity. These impacts can be

minimized if people adopt to climate changes through awareness and sensitization. In this process, people can play a critical role. To address these issues, a media workshop on climate change reporting will

be organized in Itanagar at Datta Khandu State Convention Centre from April 10-12, 2018 to engage media persons in the dialogue on climate change adaptation. (Contd on Page 2)

BJP celebrates its 38th Foundation Day

ITANAGAR, APR 6:

The journey of BJP has been a long one, he said while speaking to the party

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Rijiju urges people to cooperate with Govt for development

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FFC consultation fruitful in understanding ground realities: Das

* Recommendation sought to bring Arunachal Pradesh under 6th Schedule

By Pradeep Kumar
TIRUNAGAR: The nation-wide consultation of Fifteenth Finance Commission (FFC), which began from here on Thursday being the 'Land of Rising Sun', has been very fruitful, as acting chairman Shambhuk Das told media persons here today.

The Finance Commission is formed by the President of India under Article 280 every five-yearly to recommend devolution of central taxes, grants to urban local bodies & PRTI and other grants on the basis of given terms of reference, he said, adding the FFC would visit all 29 states and submit its recommendations to the President by October 31 next year.

The 13 member FFC, including Dr Anupam Singh, Arunachal deputy secretary Mukhesh Bhatia, deputy director (media & communications) and other officials, had a very fruitful and interactive discussions much

wider than 14th FC with the state Govt, Governor Bing (Retd) B. D. Mishra, tribal leaders, leaders of political parties, local bodies and Arunachal Chamber of Commerce & Industries, NGOs, and various stakeholders representing the civil society to receive detailed insights into the opportunities and challenges facing the state.

The GoAP led by Chief Minister Perma Khandu, Deputy Chief Minister Chompa Meen, council of ministers, secretary of PRTI headed by chief secretary Sanyu Copal interacted for four hours on Thursday and today, and in a memorandum, highlighted numerous problems confronting the state due to hilly terrain, relating to infrastructure, education, health, among others, particularly along border areas, he disclosed, adding the state has ample opportunities, including tourism and



cool processing industries but the challenges require greater investment.

However, Khandu on behalf of Arunachal sought innovative measures required for vertical devolution

of central taxes to NE states to meet their special requirements. CS Copal outlined broad contours of their demands including lack of investment from private sector and low resource base, for which the Govt is major fund provider for infrastructures and employment generation.

Appreciating the constructive and useful suggestions to empower the state to speed up development, Das assured to due attention of all issues raised.

However, responding to a volley of questions, he said that the FFC intended to listen to understand the ground realities which would help in giving recommendations. All FFCs do not have the same terms of reference for devolution, like the 14th FC gave to backwardness, population and 7.5% to forest coverage. However, the suggestions of GoAP on infrastructure deficit, social back-

wardness, border difficulties would be considered, he said.

On participation of public, he said that any citizen is free to suggest through FFC website while on GST he clarified that it was beyond FFC terms of reference despite being a source of revenue.

When editor of this daily sought recommendation to the President of India for a constitutional amendment to bring Arunachal Pradesh under 5th Schedule of the Constitution for the state to reach its huge mineral resources and hydroelectricity to turn owners instead of only land protectors (*ghana rakshak*), he said Meghalaya, Nagaland and Mizoram, which are under 5th Schedule to earn total royalty to enrich their states' coffers, Das sought a memorandum which was submitted to him later.

Progressive farmer Liliba Mal, instrumental in launching agriculture revolution in the state, said that the state government should play a vital role to push national GDP. If farmer oriented policy, backward/forward market linkages are established besides setting up of food processing units, cold storage, ware houses and product sorting units for grading, supply of high quality seeds & hybrid saplings can be made to the farmers as needs of the farmers. Suggesting striking communication network, he said that the government should extend the power lines to remote areas, which are not getting any electricity.

Termining the state most backward, Nyishi Elise Society president Benjia Tolun sought special fund to protect rich cultural heritage of indigenous people, remove communication hurdle of the land-locked state by developing railway network and special attention to infrastructure development up to circle level for administration to perennate.

Raising concern over rising crimes against women, All Arunachal Women Welfare Society secretary Sanyu Copal said that the state government should take steps to protect women from sexual harassment in every district with adequate manpower, initiation of CCTV in PS, make Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013 effective to check atrocities against women and set up a special Justice Board as per available Justice (Care & Protection) Act, 1992. Chief

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Planning out the Manager Municipal Council had sought 22 components with Rs 10.53 crore from the GoAP deputy chief minister Tuh Nakhong said that the GoAP had sanctioned only Rs 23.42 crore in 2015-16 and an amount of Rs 258 crore granted by J&P FC and an amount allocated during 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Moreover, as per the revenue budget of the state, 13 have been given so far while issue of trading license, permission of poultry and fish certificate, on-line services for which the revenue earning was poor. Thus, the IAC has moved the GoAP for right to collect property tax, and also for electricity charges to boost its confidence.

Though Prachaya covers 73% population of the state and 77% in far-flung rural areas, but the GoAP does not grant the mandated funds, resigned Arunachal Pradesh Parastatal chairman Sushil Naha, who was flanked by secretary general Sangha Tughl. He sought direction to the GoAP to ensure implementation of 2nd State Finance Commission recommendations, Article 243 (2) directed by the Govt and J&P FC grants in form and place in separate PRTI head.

Equally grant to the GoAP to supply of TV sets to all PRTIs for effective communication and overcome the challenges of rough terrain, besides seeking communication network of the state.

The NES represents Nyishi, the biggest community in the state, including in its of total 23 districts of the state.

Community festival celebration ensures traditional value: Rijju

Women in Kerala

SAI nods to DLSS project, adopt SLA: Tago

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On arrival, he invoked the blessings of Goddess Mopia.

They discussed about national security issues related to Arunachal Pradesh. The Governor,

areas so that they do not abandon their villages and move away from the border. He further termed the people of border villages

as a goodwill gesture, the Governor presented a traditional Mishimi hat and a jacket to the Chief of the Army Staff.

Electrocuted

plan, the student body urged the government to provide sufficient fund to the centre.

The duo also urged the government to grant autonomy to the mental hospital for which officials files were already placed for concurrence.

The centre is presently functioning under the Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Science.



The 15th Finance Commission, headed by acting Chairman, Shaktikanta Das, which arrived in Itanagar on Thursday, met with the Chief Minister, Pema Khandu, and then had an interaction with the Council of Ministers. The team was earlier welcomed by Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein, Development Commissioner, Ashish Kundra and other officers on their arrival at the Raj Bhavan helipad.

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charitable ventures through his foundation, Being Human, which was founded in 2007.

Interestingly, Salman's star has not dimmed despite his many brushes with the law.

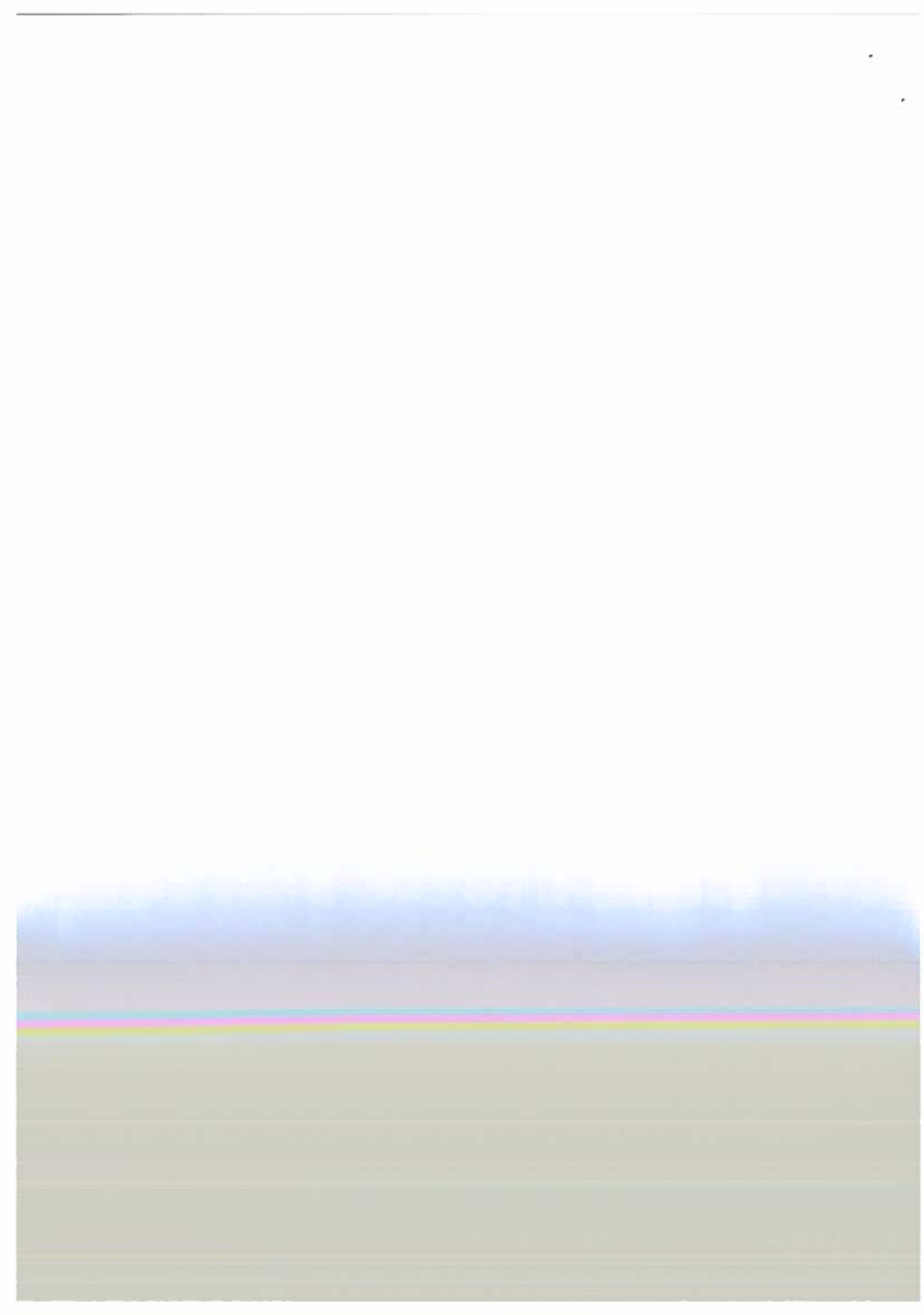
He has been one of the industry's highest earning stars for almost three decades since his debut film "Biwi ho to Aisi" in 1988.

In the last eight years, only two of his films have not done well. Most of his other

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Common is the medium between knowledge and ignorance.

Arunachal makes presentation to Finance Commission, lists out challenges

BJP observes Sthapana Divas

Women entrepreneurship needs to be developed:

Rajath Singh

DELHI, Apr 6: Minister Rajath Singh said that women entrepreneurship needs to be developed and government is trying to remove the impediments affecting it. Addressing after conferring with young women entrepreneurs at the award ceremony in New Delhi today, Singh said women's role is steadily growing in the country as the population of the country grows.



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ITANAGAR, Apr 6: The Arunachal Pradesh government has made a detailed presentation of state finances, including "several challenges" and requirements before the 15th Finance Commission, officials said on Friday.

A team of the Finance Commission arrived here on Thursday and had a meeting with state government officials, they said.

The Arunachal Pradesh government's presentation contained the state finances, besides the requirements for urban local bodies, vulner-

ability to natural disasters and suggestions for sharing Central taxes, Shaktikanta Das, Acting Chairman of the Finance Commission, said.

"The state has several challenges besides opportunities to invest in hydro-power, tourism, food processing and agri-horti sectors. There are

border-related challenges and insurgency problem in most of the border areas of the state.

"We have open mind on all issues projected by the state at this point of time. We will examine all the suggestions and projections and accordingly recommend to the president," Das said.

He said the Arunachal Pradesh government had suggested giving weightage on population, infrastructure gap and border area development as criteria for devolution of Central taxes.

Das said the Commission, after holding consultations with the 29 states, would submit its recommendations to President Ram Nath Kovind by October 31, 2019. The recommendations will come into effect for five years starting from April 1, 2020. After Arunachal Pradesh, the Commission is scheduled to visit Jammu & Kashmir and then Kerala, Das added.



ITANAGAR, Apr 6: Along with the rest of the country, the Bharatiya Janata Party state unit celebrated its 38th Foundation day 'Sthapna Divas' here today at its party headquarters under the chairmanship of its Vice President Tame Phassang.

hundreds of party workers, incumbents Ministers, MLAs, former MLAs and others joined the celebration.

Earlier, the celebration started with flag hoisting

followed by floral tribute to founder leaders like Sitayam Prasad Mukherjee and Deen Dayal Upadhyay.

Addressing the gathering, Minister for Power, Tame Tega lauded the history of 'foundation' of BJP in the country. He also recalled the contribution of their founder leaders who shaped the right wing with an aim and ideology of Nation first. The Minister further appealed the party workers to continue their

selfless services for development of the nation state.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson 'Sthapna Divas' and Vice President Tame Tega also elaborated on struggles and success of BJP since its inception, though in its initial stage party won only two seats in the 1984 general election. However, with many ups and downs, it grew in strength and now BJP has its government in more than 25 states and ruling in the Centre.

The journey of BJP itself is an inspiration. Phassang while...

Makes note of Itanagar 'dust'

Apr 6: In increasing dust pollution in Itanagar, the government has issued an order...

being taken up, by engaging sprinkling vehicles simultaneously in between 10 AM to 12 Noon, between 2 PM to 4 PM and during night (7 PM to 9 PM). The order further stated that any violation of this order...

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Rijju exhorts people's cooperation for timely completion of projects





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15th Finance Commission arriving to start consultation process

ITANAGAR, 4 APR

The 15th Finance Commission headed by acting Chairperson, Shaktikanta Das will be here in the state Capital Itanagar on April 5 as part of the consultation process with the state government.

The Commission will stay at Itanagar for two days i.e. on April 5 and 6, before heading to Tawang on April 7 next, to interact with the Parliamentary leaders there.

While in Itanagar, the Commission will

meet with the Governor, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, Ministers, Chief Secretary, Secretaries, Commissioners, and other officials of the state. The status of Finances in the state will be presented by the state government.

In order to further understand the opportunities and challenges in the state, the commission will also meet leaders of various political parties, Urban Local Bodies and Panchayat Raj Institutions, Presidents of Tribal Associations,

Women Representatives, Chambers of Commerce, and Progressive Farmers among others.

The Finance Commission, set up in 1951, basically decides how revenue has to be distributed between the Centre and the States along with deciding the principle on which grants-in-aid will be given to the states.

The 15th Finance Commission will submit its recommendations latest by 31st October 2019. Thereafter, it will come into effect on 1st April 2020 and, subsequently,

observed for a period of five years.

The 15th Finance Commission headed by former Revenue Secretary and also a former Rajya Sabha MP, N K Singh, includes Shaktikanta Das, former Economic Affairs Secretary and Lt. Anoop Singh, Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University as members. Dr. Ashok Lahiri, Chairman, Bandhan Bank and Dr. Ramesh Chaud, Member, NITI Aayog serve as part time members in the Commission. (IIPR)

AAPSU extends solidarity with 487 TRSH employees

ITANAGAR, 4 APR

Expressing solidarity with the 487 employees in Tono Riba State Hospital (TRSH), whose fate along with that of the Koro State referral Hospital, hangs in balance, in the wake of the likely amalgamation of TRSH to the Tono Riba Institute of Health and Medical (TRIHMS), the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) said that sacrifices and

hardship of many should not be forgotten in the euphoria of getting a new institute.

In a press communication, the state's apex body wrote that in the euphoria of getting a new institute of "Health and Medical Science" in the state we must not forget the many sacrifices and hardships the 487 Arunachal Government staff, which includes among others 100 Dep-

ended and non-technical staff, have put in maintaining the Koro State referral Hospital and the services they have provided to needy public.

Accordingly, AAPSU urged the state government to find a middle path whereby the coming up of TRIHMS does not hamper the condition of the 487 employees and also the status of the Tono State Referral Hospital.

Defence ministry has identified 4 strategic rail lines along India-China border

NEW DELHI, 4 APR

The defence ministry has identified four strategic rail lines along the India-China border, but the final location surveys are still pending, the government informed Parliament on Wednesday.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, minister of state for railways Rajen Gohain said that the four strategic lines are

Tawang (376 km), Bilaspur-Mamit-Loh (406 km), Puzhich-Tono-Rupul (227 km) and North Lakhimpur-Dama-Gilapathar (248 km).

"Ministry of Defence has provided funds to ministry of railways for carrying out final location surveys (FLS) of these four identified strategic lines and Ministry of Railways has taken up these FLS.

conditions are affecting the pace of survey under taken," Gohain said.

He also said that all government agencies working in the area and having specialisation in survey in those difficult geographical areas are meeting regularly for early completion of these surveys.

Decision regarding sanction and completion

600 MW KEHP affected-people suspends protest

SHILONG, 4 APR

The deadlock in 600 MW Kameng Electric Hydro-power between the local protesters and the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO Ltd), which is underlining the project has broken down as

local people begin commissioning of the KEHP project.

Those included maintenance and renovation of lifeline 135 Km Road from Pipili to Bichuan NER colony under East Kameng that is currently said to be lying in pathetic condition, reservation of

AYA & Hapoli market committee resolves to work together



MEMBER, 4 APR

ing of committee

Seppa MLA inspect road construction

SEPPA, Parliamentary Secretary (Tn & Ex) Mr. Tapsh Taka along with SE PWD Nish Taka, AE PWD Kongo Dyal and Prasad Baddy Lal inspected the ongoing black topping works on a Km road from Minto to Type II colony on April 5. It was observed that the second level of black topping of the road has not done the 2nd phase work has to be completed in few days.

Meanwhile, during the absence of the company for not in compliance of the road work, I am concerned on the quality of the road. Therefore, the work was allocated to the contractor rather than the contractor.

Meeting held

A meeting of the committee was held in the office of the Secretary, Itanagar on April 4. The meeting was presided over by the Secretary, Itanagar.

