

Bhutan Agriculture Minister Calls on Assam Governor

Guwahati, February 26: A high-level delegation from Bhutan, led by the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Younten Phuntsho, along with 11 members, called on Assam Governor Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, at Raj Bhavan here today.

During the meeting, Governor Shri Acharya spoke on the enduring bond shared by Assam and Bhutan, a relationship that has been nurtured over centuries through cultural, historical, and economic exchanges. He noted that both India and Bhutan share a deep admiration for each other's visionary leadership, which is exemplified by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi of India and Bhutan's Fifth and reigning King, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.

The Governor also called for joint efforts to promote eco-tourism and conservation in the areas of mutual benefits. He also proposed enhancing spiritual tourism circuits as a way to enrich the Assam-Bhutan partnership.

On education and skill development, Governor Shri Acharya pointed out the Assam Government's initiative, where Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma welcomed Bhutanese students with a provision of 5 reserved seats in government medical colleges. This move demonstrates a commitment to empowering Bhutanese youth by providing them access to world-class education and skills available in Assam.

Governor Shri Acharya also lauded Bhutan's efforts in promoting organic farming, recognizing the nation's leadership in sustainable agricultural practices.

The Bhutanese Minister briefed the Governor on the upcoming Gelephu Mindfulness City project, highlighting its potential benefits for both Bhutan and Assam. The Minister requested the Governor's support and coordination for the successful realization of this project, to which Governor Acharya expressed his full support.

The delegation extended their congratulations to the Assam Government for successfully conducting Advantage Assam 2.0, recognizing its role in promoting economic growth and collaboration.

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