

Provide basic needs to workers, says Governor

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ITANAGAR, Apr 30: Governor of Arunachal Pradesh P B Acharya has said that basic needs, such as accommodation, safe drinking water, medical and education facilities and provisions under the Food Security Act must be made available to the labourers in the state.

He said this on the eve of International Labour Day, before going on to add that “We need to create facilities for their (Anganwadis) children and provide sports facilities in their camps as workers are the backbone of development of the state and the nation”.

The Governor called upon all the educated and empowered individuals to come out of their comfort zones and address the challenges of labourers. At least, assist them in opening accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Suraksha Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, etc.

“Let us take this opportunity to create awareness of the policies and programmes of the central and state governments for the welfare of our workers. Let us give their dues in letter and spirit for their safety and security,” he said, while recalling the upsetting condition of the labourers in West Kameng district.

“In today’s ever demanding environment, it is our responsibility to prepare our workers for the new challenges and at the same time, it is the responsibility of each and every member of the workforce to improve the quality of the goods they produce and services they provide”, he added.

Earlier in a high-level meeting at Raj Bhavan on Saturday, Governor Acharya also emphasized on strengthening welfare projects of labourers and contingency staffs. He asked Chief Minister Pema Khandu to initiate steps towards benefits like Earned Leave, pension, accommodation for the contingency staffs and labourers and also providing basic provisions under Food Security Act and other central projects.

Meanwhile, while greeting the workers on the eve of International Labour Day, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that they are the spine of the society which helps the societal body to stand strong. “No development is possible without their effort and support,” Pema said.

“Let us celebrate this event to strengthen, promote and encourage the working class, who are the soldiers of growth and development at the grass root” the CM added.

Pema called for rededicating their energy with renewed zeal and sense of responsibility towards work culture, sincerity, dedication and honesty for the progress and prosperity of the state and nation.