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PRESS NOTE

Mr. Richard Rahul Verma, the Hon'ble US Ambassador to India, New Delhi and Mr. Craig L. Hall, Consul General of USA, Kolkata visited Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor of Assam & Nagaland at Raj Bhavan Guwahati on 1st September 2015.

Shri Richard Verma was the first Indian origin American to become the Ambassador of US to India and for the first time in the history of North East India the Ambassador himself visited Assam. He called upon the Governor and had a long discussion for about 50 minutes about the socio-economic situation and how both can be partners in the development of the area. The Governor Shri P.B. Acharya, who is also the Governor of Nagaland welcomed the Hon'ble US Ambassador and other dignitaries with traditional 'gamcha', Naga stole and Indian Sweets. The Governor invited Mr. Richard Verma to visit Nagaland also.

During their meeting, Hon'ble Governor emphasized on three important sectors – Education, Electricity and Organic Agricultural products. He also said that Industries should be based on solar energy, hydro, coal and other natural resources which are in plenty in North East as well as IT industries, cooperation, healthcare sectors can be a purposeful participation and partnership. India is one of the biggest democratic country in the world and America and India have the best relations as democratic countries.

Insurgency, terrorism also came up in the discussion. Hon'ble Governor said that the present Government at the Centre under the leadership of Shri Modiji has the political will to solve the very difficult problem of insurgency without

any trust deficiency. The recent peace agreement with NSCN/IM the oldest insurgent group in the North East has signed peace agreement is a honest beginning for permanent peace by the Central Government. The Government as well as the people of Nagaland is fully confident that all the other Naga groups will understand the need of the hour and will join and strengthen the peace efforts.

The Hon'ble Ambassador Shri Verma had also meetings with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and his colleagues, media, chamber of commerce etc. during his visit to Assam. He assured that he will come back again to North East to experience the richness of its vibrant cultural life.

Being an Indian origin, Shri Verma tasted Indian sweet dishes particularly – Rasgula, kalakand & namkin 'Samosa' with old grandmother's nostalgic life, in the village of Punjab.


