Knowledge of parliamentary affairs procedure is necessary for MLAs: CM

ITANAGAR, Sep 5: Chief minister Pema Khandu said that proper knowledge and procedures of parliamentary affairs is necessary for the elected members of the legislative assembly.

Inaugurating a two-day orientation programme here today for members of the 7th Arunachal Pradesh legislative assembly on ways, means and procedures of legislative assembly as well as on the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), Khandu urged all elected representatives to take advantage of the technical sessions and equip themselves to serve the people better.

He said the 7th legislative assembly of the state is one of the best in terms of elected members irrespective of party affiliations.

“I appreciate the people for sending educated, honest and energetic representatives to the assembly. As members of this august house, we have great responsibilities of fulfilling the aspirations of our electorates,” he pointed.

Reiterating his call to participate in meaningful and positive proceedings of the legislative assembly, “As every profession needs proper training to succeed, elected leaders too need proper training to deliver. Hence this orientation programme,” he said while expressing optimism that next session of the state legislative assembly would witness a vast change in participation of its members.

Khandu also underscored the importance of digitalization of the state legislative assembly, for which the government of India has launched the National e-Vidhan Application.

“Once the state legislative assembly is digitalized and assembly sessions go paperless, think of the ton of papers that would be saved directly contributing to the state’s exchequer and to the environment,” he said.

He added that the state government through its Information Technology department has taken upon itself to make all its offices paperless by 2021, which he said, would bring in transparency, immediate disposal of files, save public money as well as contribute to the environment by checking pollution through office-waste.

In his opening remarks, Arunachal Pradesh legislative assembly speaker, P D Sona appreciated the attendance of almost all the members and assured that the programme is not another run-of-the-mill training. At the end of the day, he said, members would acquire the know-how and master the technology required in today’s era to evolve as real representatives of the people.

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people’s representatives cannot remain illiterate….but become e-literate,” he added while acknowledging the importance of the technical sessions on NeVA in the two-day.

NeVA Project or Paperless Assembly or e-Assembly is a concept to enable automation of entire law making process, tracking of decisions and documents, sharing of information and bring all legislatures of the country together on one platform.

Through NeVA, members would be able to handle diverse house business smartly by putting entire information regarding member contact details, rules of procedure, list of business, notices, bulletins, bills, starred/unstarred questions and answers, papers laid, committee reports etc. in their hand-held devices / tablets and equip all Legislatures/ Departments to handle it efficiently. Citizens would also gain access to this information at their fingertips.

The two-day programme is being jointly organized by the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies & Training, Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Secretariat.

A team of six resources persons headed by Union ministry of Parliamentary Affairs joint secretary Dr Satya Prakash would be taking the technical sessions.