

**72<sup>nd</sup> plenary session of North Eastern Council in Agartala**

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought north east at the focal point of the world. Addressing at the 72nd plenary of North Eastern Council in Agartala, the Home Minister said that last 10 years have been very important for north east. He said, the Union Government is inspiring the investors to make investment in north east. Mr. Shah said, earlier only lip service was made on north east; but Prime Minister Modi made sincere efforts to give importance to the development of the region. He said the Prime Minister has reduced the heart connection of people from north east to Delhi. He said establishment of peace is the most important thing that has happened in the region. He informed that about 10,500 rebels have shun violence and surrendered themselves. India suffers from the blot of narcotic substances being brought into the country through north east. Even though lot of actions have been taken, still more needs to be done. He noted that the Ashtalaxmi concept is being embraced by the country and world.

The Union Home Minister said all the states of north east should become prosperous in days to come. He underlined that it is the objective of Prime Minister Modi and BJP led government to bring north east at par with rest of the country. When Atal Bihari Vajpayee govt came to power DoNER ministry was set up, he said adding that the Union government gives special focus to north east. Mr. Shah said, act east, act fast and act first mantra are being implemented by North East Council in letter and spirit, he remarked. Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia credited the drastic drop in extremism and violence in the north east region to the stupendous role played by Home Minister Amit Shah in ushering peace and tranquility. He noted that there has been 71 per cent drop in extremist activities and 60 per cent drop to the loss of human life in the region.

In the session DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia also said that the fast paced development witnessed in north east is because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Act East policy. He said north east region will provide shed to the south east region. The Minister for DoNER said that the region has witnessed 80 visits of central ministers. He said the Prime Minister himself has visited north east for a record 64 times.