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## Governor stresses on proper maintenance of archaeological sites

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**Guwahati:** North-eastern States have a total of 88 protected monuments. Of these 19 have been located after independence. As of now, out of these 88 monuments, 69 have been notified. On Saturday, Assam Governor PB Acharya release 6 brochures published by the Archeological Survey of India in Guwahati.

Addressing the media, PB Acharya said "Why have so few monuments been discovered in North-east after the independence? What are the problems faced by the archeology department? He further said, "We are there to help you; so why is the archeology department lagging behind?"

The Governor said that the people need to be updated about the new facts of archeology and all the monuments are the living example of the past and the people are very proud of the same. "As a Governor we will take special care of this department and we will always help the department whenever required. The Central Government said that unless North-east develops in all the aspects, India cannot progress," the Governor said.

On his part Dr Dilip Kr Chauley, Superintending Archeologist said, "Controlling North-east from Guwahati is very difficult due to shortage of staff," adding "We have released 6 brochures -- one on Sonitpur district, a guide book on Sivsagar and one on NC Hills".