

'ARUNACHAL AN INTEGRAL AND INALIENABLE PART OF INDIA'

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Indian leaders visit Arunachal Pradesh in the way they visit any other part of India, said the External Affairs Ministry in response to China's objection to Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to the Himalayan State.

"Our position on Arunachal Pradesh is clear and consistent. It is an integral and inalienable part of India. Objecting to the visit of Indian leaders to a State of India does not stand to reason and understanding of the Indian people," said the official spokesperson of the Ministry, Raveesh Kumar.

The Home Minister visited the State on Thursday to attend the 34th statehood day but China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang said Beijing "never recognised the so-called Arunachal Pradesh".

"China is firmly opposed to the Indian politician's visit to the southern part of China's Tibet region as it violated China's territorial sovereignty, undermined stability of the border area, sabotaged political mutual trust and violated relevant bilateral agreement," Mr. Geng said.

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