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Develop bamboo based industries: Guv

NAMSAI, May 17: Calling Arunachal Pradesh a state with tremendous potential in the bamboo sector, Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh today assured his help to the government and public agencies in Lohit district in developing bamboo based industries, says an official release.

Singh, accompanied by his wife Anupama Singh, his father Lt Col (Retd) JS Marwah, and his secretary PS Lokhande visited the Patkai Bamboo Industries at Chowkham and the Arunachal Plywood Industries Limited (APIL) at Namsai, and gathered information about manufacturing bamboo plywood and pre-fabricated bamboo houses.

Observing that bamboo could be a viable substitute for timber, Singh directed the forest officials to intimate him of problems they face in promoting bamboo, so that he may take it up with the



APIL CMD Madan Jalan explaining the Governor (3rd from L) at his Namsai plywood industry

appropriate authority.

The governor later inspected Namsai forest division's bamboo nursery at Lathao, being run with the National Mission on Bamboo Application's financial assistance. There the governor directed the divisional forest officer to distribute more seedlings to the locals to encourage large-scale bamboo plantations.

The team also visited the drug de-addiction center run by the Arunachal Pali Vidyapith (APV) Society

and distributed fruits to the inmates. Singh inspected the APV Ashram School and interacted with the students. He also inspected the newly constructed Tai Khamti museum building.

APV secretary Rev Bhante Vimalananda thanked the district's past and present deputy commissioners and its political leaders for helping the school flourish.

The governor had lunch with the class-I tiny tots of the school.