Governor, CM offer peace, dev mantras

ITANAGAR, Dec 18: Under-scoring the need of a peaceful atmosphere in the state for all-round development, Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh today advocated his ‘iron fist and velvet gloves’ principle to the state’s law enforcing agencies to deal with antiso-cial elements and with the needy respectively.

“Follow the principle of iron fist and velvet gloves’ while dealing with law breakers and the common people,” he said after inaugurating the two-day conference of deputy commissioners (DCs) and superintendents of police (SP) at Banquet Hall here this morning.

The governor, who attended the meeting along with Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu, urged police officers to be committed to detecting and preventing crime, protecting life and property, preserving peace and maintaining law and order to safeguard the constitutional rights guaranteed to all citizens.

“Efforts should be there to improve every individual life by involving the stakehold-
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From P.I. ...made by the district heads to create avenues of employment by exploring new areas such as bamboo cultivation and processing, fruit plantation, aromatic and medicinal plants, beekeeping, organic farming, handloom and handicrafts and tourism.

"As a vital wing of governance, your approach should be people-friendly and you should reengineer your processes, keeping the common citizens at the centre," he said. Singh urged the officers to meticulously monitor every central scheme and project under the PM's package by involving panchayat leaders.

He also stressed the need for revenue generation through tax and royalty on various forest products to bail out the state from its resource crunch.

On a different note, referring to the editorial titled 'Breaking news, not views', carried in the December 18 issue of this daily, the governor called it a piece written in the true spirit of journalism.