Governor calls for self introspection

HAYULIANG, Jan 18: Self introspection is the need of the hour for the people to improve their economic quality of life, as well as for the economy, said Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh in his address to a mammoth gathering at the community hall here on Saturday.

After formally inaugurating the three-day mega health camp, the governor said lots of development has come up in the district in two decades but time is ripe for self introspection. Honey cultivation could boost the local economy in this hilly district rich in orchids and forest cover, he advocated, reports DIPRO.

Arunachal is one of the most beautiful states in the country whose tourism sector will boom soon on completion of the ambitious Trans-Arunachal Highway and help create massive employment avenues for the unemployed youth of the state. Moreover, the hydropower sector in 5 to 10 years would enrich the state coffer, the former Army chief said.

Appreciating the doctors for organizing such camps from time to time, he said the health delivery system is of paramount importance in this backward district.

The governor made special mention of Finance Minister Kalikho Pul for the all-round development in the district, sorting out the impasse among servicemen to implement the pay package and camping personally at Anini to recover huge embezzled money.

Responding to grievances put forth by Pul and zilla parishad chairperson B Tega, the governor assured to do whatever he can.

Praising the governor for his deep concern for the development of the state and the welfare of the people, Pul in his address said, ‘I’ve never come across such a governor in my 14 years’ political career. His personal intervention and persuasion with the Centre has given a new thrust to development. The Parshuram-Tidding road project whose DPR is under consideration could be possible with the help of governor, so also the Swami camp under the Indian Army where the district hospital would be established, he said to drive home his point. He also recalled the immense contributions of the governor’s secretary PS Lokhande in creating Anjaw district and serving as its deputy commissioner.

Wakro and the risky foot suspension bridge and single wire rope suspension bridge are inherent problems confronting the people of the district.

General Hospital chief medical officer Dr. Moji Jini informed that a team comprising 20 specialists and 15 supporting staff is conducting the camp round the clock, while a psychiatrist is taking care of the opium addicts. He appreciated Pul and the district administration for the arrangements.

Anjaw DC CS Jeinow in his address earlier said the maiden health camp would go a long way in fulfilling the health needs of the people. Thousands of patients from Hayuliang, Khuppa, Chaglagum, Wallong, Manchal, Golliang and Hawai turned-up for testament, making the camp a success, said SMO Dr Sogin Tayang.

The governor visited the Teepani hydel project, laid the foundation stone at Swami Camp where the district hospital will be set up, inaugurated the Anpami lodge (circuit house), Hul-sang (guest house) and independent ADC HQ at Hayuliang. First lady Anupama Singh distributed fruits to the indoor patients of the hospital.
A nostalgic moment hung in the air for a while when three ladies with tears in their eyes came up with a photograph shot in 1981 by Colonel JJ Singh (present governor), then commandant of the 9 Maratha Regiment (in pic) deployed in the area. "The memory lingers sweetly in my mind. The photograph, which I too have preserved, reflects my emotional integration with the Mishmi society then and now," Singh told the trio who called on him at Hayuliang on Saturday.