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GELLING, Feb 19: Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh inaugurated two micro hydel projects - at Singa and Silingiri - along the Sino-Indian border here in Upper Siang district today, reports his PRO.

After inaugurating (*in pic*) the projects funded under the PM's development package, the governor observed that even in the absence of roads, the dedicated engineers and administrators have ensured that electricity is provided in the most interior and far-flung villages of the state.

Accompanied by first lady Anupama Singh, local MLA Gegong Apang,



deputy commissioner Pawan Kumar Sain, Power CE Anong Perme and a host of officials and panchayat and public leaders, the gov-

ernor, in spite of inclement weather, undertook an hour-long foot march to the project sites.

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From P.1... who is closely monitoring the implementation of the projects under the PM's package, as usual went through the minute details of the projects.

Interacting with the villagers, he advised them to work hard and to be innovative.

"Don't just follow the directions of anyone, and don't carry out any work just because it is the usual way of doing it. Use your talent and new ideas," he stressed.

Mesmerized by the picturesque beauty of the Singa-Tuting area, Singh suggested that tourism-oriented projects be initiated there to exploit the area's natural beauty and its pristine and rich flora and fauna.

Replying to a memorandum, Singh assured the villagers that he would do all he can to mitigate their problems. Later he made some financial contribution towards the welfare of the villagers.

Singh also exhorted the BRO of-

officials to construct the best roads in the state through their usual commitment and dedication.

Giving details of the projects, hydropower SE Jummar Kamdak informed that the 30 KW Singa hydel project, constructed at the cost of Rs 124.45 lakh, would illuminate 64 households in Singa, including government establishments, schools and health centres.

Yingkiong hydropower EE Atek Mihu informed that the 50 KW Silingiri micro hydel project, constructed at the cost of Rs 101.68 lakh, is envisaged to illuminate 120 households in Gelling, Norbuling and Dhishing villages, along with the defence establishment in the border area.

Most of the equipments and materials were manually transported as head load, Kamdak said, pointing out that the work in Singa, which is a four-day foot march from the nearest road point, was the tougher of the two, the report adds.