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President Pratibha Patil in a Reva car being driven by Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen (retd) J J Singh in Itanagar on Tuesday.

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President tours Arunachal Raj Bhavan on a Reva

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SHE has a limousine at her disposal but it was the small battery operated Reva car that had the privilege to take President Partibha Patil around the Raj Bhavan when she visited here.

As the presidential entourage was getting ready to leave for forward post Kibithu, near the Sino-India border on Friday, they were surprised to see a white and red Reva car with the Ashoka emblem parked right before all the cars. The mystery unfurled when Arunachal Governor General (retd) J J Singh said he would be taking the President on a tour of the Raj Bhavan in the car to show the new golf course besides the organic farm-

ing done in the premises.

"The car is environment friendly and can be easily driven by me inside the Raj Bhavan," said the Governor about

the cars which incidentally has clocked more than 20,000 km each.

As the President came, the governor escorted her to the white car and later took over the wheels. Patil's spouse Devi Singh Shekhawat was driven around the Raj Bhavan in the red car for nearly half an hour with a security official running along the cars.

The Governor also informed the Rashtrapati Bhavan officials about the new luxurious wooden house fitted with all

accessories and modular kitchen he got made in "just 10 days" for the President's visit to the state.