ITANAGAR, May 10: Today is the red-letter day for all of us. I congratulate the entire Ramakrishna Mission Sanstha for thirty years of dedicated and loving care service to Arunachalites, said Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen J J Singh while addressing the people on the occasion of commemoration of three decades of service by the Ramakrishna Mission to the people of Arunachal Pradesh at Vivekananda Hall, here today.

I am truly touched by the spiritual and philanthropic approach of Ramakrishna Mission order that stands before us today in the form of bricks and mortar in the service of the people. Gen Singh said, while thanking the organization, on behalf of people of the State for its yeoman public service.

The Governor, who had earlier inaugurated the new OPD building of Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, in a letter to the Mission, said that it is not modernity and excellence of this hospital that is impressive but the approach of people who are involved in it.

Singh further pointed out that the RKM has been able to respond to the felt needs of the tribal people, the unbridled commitment is indeed praiseworthy. I am elated to note that the Hospital has continued its good tradition of conducting groundbreaking surgical operations and other health care initiatives in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor further said Ramakrishna Mission Hospital, Itanagar is the recipient of the inaugural Verrier Elwin Award 2003 for excellence in the field of community work by District Administration of Papum Pare district, deserves due recognition from all.

For its philanthropic service, it has also been felicitated by the Indian Federation of Working Journalists, Itanagar Chapter.

Recording his appreciation for the Sastra, Gen Singh appreciated the Ramakrishna Mission to double the strength of its nursing school and requested them to start another nursing school in Eastern Arunachal Pradesh, where he feels their services is predominantly required.

Lauding the State and Central Governments, especially the Ministry of DoNER for their contributions for the Hospital, he said, with Jamail Singh, who is the recipient of the prestigious Prime Minister’s award for administration in the hospitals affairs of the DoNFR. I am confident, the whole region will immensely benefit from the acumen expertise and able administration.

Speaking on the occasion, Swami Sararananada Maharaj, Vice President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, who presided over the function said, people not only need Roh, Kapre aur Makaan but also education and good health and RK Mission is putting its service unit with the motto, service to man is service to God. He called for good team work to address the needs of the needy.

Swami Sararanananda, who had earlier inaugurated the 10 bedded Intensive Care Unit and cardiac care unit, which is first of its kind in the State urged upon the people to come forward and serve the people selflessly especially for the ailer girders.

In his address, Jamail Singh, Secretary DoNER, who was the Guest of Honour on the occasion placed his appreciation to the visionary policy makers of the State for inviting Ramakrishna Mission to work in Arunachal Pradesh.