

We have huge potential in horticulture: Governor

DIRANG, July 29: We have huge potential in horticultural activities and we should initiate steps to exploit it to the best, said Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh while interacting with progressive farmers here today, reports his PRO.

Singh, who is on a three-day maiden visit to West Kameng district, visited orchards and horticultural farms in and around Dirang, and the sheep breeding farm at Sangti, 70 km from Bomdila. Accompanied by first lady Anupama Singh, the governor also paid a visit to the National Research Center on Yak, and the kiwi farm and apple orchards in Namtung and Jimthung here.

Impressed by the hardworking people of the district, the governor exhorted them to use latest technologies and ideas to enhance their productivity. He gave away latest horticultural kits to fifty progressive farmers.

Emphasizing on cultivation of cash crops, floriculture, orchid cultivation, beekeeping etc, Singh urged the government officials, especially the heads of departments to be proactive in ensure financial empowerment of the people. He also advised them to motivate the indigenous population towards entrepreneurship. Stating that agro-horti activities are going to be the main pivot

of the state's economy, he said the state government is framing policies to ensure that people benefit from such activities.

On the area's huge tourism potential, he said Dirang provides the connectivity for the tourists to tour the land of the lamas and the world renowned Tawang Monastery. Exhorting the people to demonstrate the highly admired tribal hospitality, he said it should be everybody's endeavour to ensure the comfortable stay of tourists.

On his arrival Tuesday in W/Kameng district headquarters Bomdila, Singh visited the GRL monastery and interacted with the monks, the report adds.