LUMLA, July 31: It was like seeing true Arunachal Pradesh, said Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh, while driving from Tawang to Lumla in Tawang district today, reports his PRO.

The thrill and scenic beauty of the area is just wonderful. The governor, who is on a visit to western part of Arunachal Pradesh, has undertaken a tour by land route to experience the excitement along with infrastructure constraints faced by the tourists on the route.

During his hour-long stay here, before returning to Itanagar, the governor visited the under-construction Tara Devi statue. Interacting with the construction committee of the project, Singh expressed hope that the statue, when completed in the next two years, would definitely bring peace and prosperity to the region as it will attract pilgrims and other believers along with tourists to picturesque Lumla.

It will be like our famous Tawang Monastery, he added. Making cash contribution towards that statue, Singh expressed his desired to visit it once completed.

The members of the committee informed that statue of goddess Tara Devi, once completed can be seen even from Sela Pass on a clear day as also from neighbouring Bhutan.

Always concerned about the education of the children, the governor, accompanied by the first lady Anupama Singh, inspected the... Contd. P.3

From P.I... under-construction Eklaviya School. Going through the construction details, he urged the engineers to put in their best for the best construction in this farflung area. Your effort will definitely encourage in giving quality education to our rural children, he said.

Earlier in the morning, before leaving for Lumla, Singh, who is the honorary colonel of the Maratha Light Infantry, paid homage to the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Tawang, the report adds.