ITANAGAR, Sept 11: If all our 51,000 State government employees and few thousand members of NGOs work with the same dedication and spirit shown by our brothers and sisters of Vivekananda Kendra and Ramakrishna Mission order, we can build Arunachal Pradesh, one of the most developed State in the country, said Arunachal Pradesh Governor while participating in the Universal Brotherhood Day celebration at Vivekananda Hall, RK Mission Hospital, Itanagar today.

Exhorting one and all to be part of Team Arunachal, he called upon them to work united to eradicate illiteracy, poverty, inequality and corruption from Arunachal Pradesh and also for individual contribution for its progress and prosperity.

Acknowledging that Vivekananda Kendra has given top priority to Arunachal Pradesh in its plan of nation building through Arun Jyoti and Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas, the Governor urged upon the organization to instill the spirit of Pan Arunachal amongst its students. He said, the aim of education imparted should be to bring changes not only in the amount of knowledge gained but also in the abilities to do so, to think and to acquire habits, skills and attitude which characterize an individual who is socially accepted and well adjusted. (See P-3)
(From P-I) Education, I believe is ability to develop a sensible attitude towards society, gender and culture. Therefore, the alumni of the Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas and Ramakrishna Mission Schools are at least expected that they maintain the values and spirits they inculcated during the period spent by them in these institutions throughout their lives. These students should always remain attached to their local traditions and indigenous faith, and most importantly, their mother tongue, he added.

Paying his glowing tributes to Swami Vivekananda, Gen Singh said it is said, it is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is standing up and taking action. Today we are celebrating the fact that someone stood up and took that action. Urging the people to be inspired by Swami Vivekananda, the Governor called for fight against the divisive forces and elements of sectarian violence. Let us strengthen the spirit of unity and reinforce the splendid integrity in diversity of our society, he added.

Dwelling on his association with Vivekananda Kendra since his posting in Lohit in 1981-82, Gen Singh recalled the contributions of the pioneers of the State. It was visionary officers like late K.A.A. Raja, who later become the Lt. Governor of State, who initiated this highly valued relationship especially in the field of primary education. The pioneers really took pains and worked hard in creating and nurturing these institutions, he Governor said.

Indian Oil Corporation, North East region General Manager A. Pandian, speaking on the occasion reiterating IOC’s endeavour in the development of the region and also to continue its associations with Vivekananda Kendras. He expressed his hope that contribution made by IOC will be beneficial to the schools of Arunachal Pradesh and it’s neighbouring States.

Address on the importance of the Day, Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari Joint General Secretary Rekha Davey urged upon the people to enunciate the message of through their action for better society. She called upon the youths to follow the teachings by Swami Vivekananda, but warned that by imposing ones culture on others, we cannot advance.

Director Higher and Technical education, Dr. Joram Begi, who is the Arunachal Pradesh Vivekananda Kendra Head, informed that with opening of seven schools in 1977, the Vivekananda Kendra, through Vivekananda Kendriya Vidyalayas, Arun Jyoti and Vivekananda Institute of Culture has been contributing lots for the education, socio-economy development and cultural preservation of the State.

Arunachal Pradesh VK Sah Prant Pramukh, Dr. Tejum Padu, Joint Director, Higher Education also spoke. On the occasion, Yazali VKV Principal Karnam Pralhad Rao, recipient of the President’s Award for Best Teacher and Banderdewa VKV Principal, the recipient of CBSE best Teacher Award were felicitated by the Governor. He also felicitated toppers of VKV students in the AISSE (Class X) 2009, which includes Mausumi Bora of VKV Tafrogaon, who topped the list.

The Vivekananda Kendra, in-turn also felicitated the Governor and the First lady for their association with the organization, which is almost three decade long.

Earlier in the afternoon, State First Lady Anupama Singh inaugurated a mobile science laboratory. The lab has been donated by IOC on the initiation of former MP Tapir Gao.

It aims to improve the scientific accessibility to the village, inculcate scientific temper on the young ones, learning through participating and popularizing science.

Former Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao, Lt. Col JS Marwah, father of the Governor, Swami Vishwatmanananda, Secretary RK Mission Hospital, Itanagar, Director School Education T. Taloh and North East VK Joint Secretary Viswas Lapalkar, attended the function along with students, their parents and guardians, alumni, members of VK from different parts of the State and country. (PRO to Governor)

SEPPA: VKV, Wessang, the 23rd VKV in Arunachal Pradesh established celebrated Universal Brotherhood Day in their premises where the DDSE & DAEQ, Seppa attended as Chief Guest & Guest of Honour respectively amidst officers, Parents & school children, reports DIPRO.