ITANAGAR, Feb 11: Rotary International, New Delhi, has ‘gifted life’ to as many as seven poor Arunachalees diagnosed with congenital heart diseases courtesy the initiative of the State Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh.

The congenital heart problems like Valvular Septal Defect (VSD), Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) and RHD were diagnosed in seven BPL patients from the state, including five boys, one girl and one lady. They are Thomas Sinkum (10), Marcus Biku (9) and Takar Ekke (5) (all from Daporijo), Hage Yami (11) and Tage Lapung (4½) (both from Ziro), Gejom Bagra (2) (Aalo) and Buti Kigar (46) (Mechuka).

The patients were successfully operated upon in renowned hospitals like National Heart Institute, Escorts, MAX and AIIMS, New Delhi free of cost, which usually costs between 5 to 10 lakh rupees.

The entire process was made possible with the prompt initiation of the State Governor who even visited the Hospital at Delhi along with his wife, Anupama Singh and interacted with the hospital authority, patients’ attendants on 4th December, 2008, the Rotary International, New Delhi and all doctors, and other paramedical staff involved in carrying out open heart surgery of the poor children of Arunachal Pradesh successfully. (Contd. on P-3)

Earlier, the Director of Rotary International, Sushil Gupta addressed a letter to the State Governor Gen Singh making an enquiry about the number of Arunachalee children be