State’s first golf range inaugurated

CHIMPURI, Mar 16: In the first tangible step towards promoting golf in the state, Governor Gen (Retd) J.J. Singh today inaugurated the state’s first golf driving range at Sangey Lhaden Sports Academy here. He was accompanied by sports and youth affairs parliamentary secretary Wangki Lowang.

Wangki Lowang, in his address, Singh, who earlier had a nine-hole golf course developed at Raj Bhavan, expressed certainty that many Arunachalee youths have the potential to become national and international golf champions. He gifted two golf sets and a baby set to the range.

Lowang said this was a “take-off point” for developing more such ranges in different parts of the state. He appealed to the governor to take up with the union sports and youth affairs ministry for creating better sports infrastructure in the state.

State sports and youth affairs secretary DS Pandit informed that the department has already submitted a proposal under Panchayat Yuva Krishi aur Khel Abhiyan, seeking Rs 40 crore over five years from the union government for construction of playgrounds, their maintenance, infrastructure and such in every village panchayat.

Sports and youth affairs director PR Muzumdar also spoke.

Delhi-based golf coach Anand Kumar, agriculture PS Rajesh Tacho and MLA Bamang Felix were also present. (PRO to Governor)