Guv inaugurates state’s first NIT

ITANAGAR, Aug 18: Governor JJ Singh inaugurated the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Arunachal Pradesh, at Yupia today amidst a large gathering of officials, public leaders, students and guardians.

Education Minister Bosiram Siram, parliamentary secretary Nabum Rebia, education commissioner Hage Khoda, governor’s secretary Ankur Garg, higher and technical education director Dr Joram Begi, Durgapur NIT director Prof S Bhattacharya, information and public relations director Leki Phuntsö and school education director Talo were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the historical occasion, Singh said with the establishment of the NIT, “we aim to develop highest quality of technical education. We aim to build human resource with sound footing on basic engineering principles.”

Earlier, Prof Bhattacharya said the NIT would change the entire region in a big way. The union MHRD is looking forward to the institution as a benchmark for future NTIs, he said, and informed that 11 lakh 20 thousand students appeared for the entrance test of NIT and 15000 were selected.

Prof Sarkar, who is also one of the visiting faculty members, informed that at present the NIT here will have three streams - Computer Science Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Electronics and Communication. He added that at present there are four faculty members and advertisement has been floated for eight faculty and ten non-faculty members.

Located at the erstwhile secondary school building, the NIT’s classes began today. (PRO to governor)