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GOVERNOR EXHORTS ITBP PERSONNEL

ITANAGAR, July 28: Be proud of your uniform, said Arunachal Pradesh Governor General JJ Singh, while interacting with officers and Jawans of 31st Indo Tibetan Border Police at Raj Bhavan Complex on July 28 last. Former Chief of the Indian Army exhorted them to be ready for any sacrifice for peace and security of the country. Always be alert against terrorist and anti national elements. While on duty in the border, maintain strict vigil and at the same time promote sense of security amongst the indigenous population. Governor commended the force for their untiring effort towards the welfare of the indigenous population in rising the quality and standard of life in interior border areas. Reposing his faith in the force, Gen Singh assured to provide best possible facilities for the personnel in term of accommodation to effective and efficient output, reports PRO to Governor.

He also expressed his gratitude to the personnel for the high standard of security maintained at Raj Bhavan and in capital complex. As token of appreciation, Governor presented a colour television for the recreation of the personnel.

Welcoming the Governor to the Company headquarters, ITBP DIG RK Saini highlighted on the activities of the force under civic action programme. DIG also informed that six more new battalions are in the pipeline in next two years to be stationed in North East region. While admiring the Governor for personally monitoring the huge development programme in the State, head of the force in Arunachal Pradesh, Saini said, the process will also help the force for effective maintenance of the border. As token of love, DIG presented a memento to the Governor on the occasion. 31st ITBP Bn Commandant Mahesh Kalawat, who also spoke on the occasion profusely thanked the governor for the kind gesture and said, it reflects the love and care of the Governor towards the ITBP personnel. Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg and ITBP officer, Deputy Commandant Dushyant Raj, Deputy Commandant B.C. Sarkar, Deputy Commandant Devnath Rai, Assistant Commandant Rajinder Kanojia and Assistant Commandant Vinod Kumar were present on the occasion. ITBP was conceived on 24 Oct, 1962. Presently ITBP is deployed on Border Guarding Duties from Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh covering 3488 KM of India-China Border and manning Border Outposts on altitudes ranging from 9000 to 18500 in the Western, Middle & Eastern Sector of the India-China Border. ITBP is basically a mountain trained Force and most of the officers & men are professionally trained Mountaineers and Skiers. Being the first responder for natural Disaster in the Himalayas, ITBP has been carrying out numerous rescue and relief operations, adds the PRO