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62nd Republic Day celebrated with joyful enthusiasm in State Capital
Governor outlines the achievements and vision of the state government

Naharlagun, January 26-The 62nd Republic Day was celebrated in the State Capital with the enthusiastic participation of students and the general public and officers and officials of State Government and Central Government, military and para-military forces in large numbers.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, General JJ Singh unfurled the National Flag. He also inspected the Parade escorted by DGP, Kanwaljit Deol. Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu also attended the Republic Day celebrations.

Greeting the people on the occasion, the Governor expressed his pride on the patriotic spirit of the people and their zeal and tireless efforts in working for peace and harmony and the development of the state.

In his address, Gen. Singh highlighted the achievements and vision of the state Government for the all round and speedy growth and development of the young state, and dwelt on the initiatives on the priority sectors like health, education, security, infrastructure, agriculture and horticulture, tourism and hydro-power sectors, including the implementation of the projects under the PM Package. He also emphasized on the occasion that the govt. is committed to bring the remote and unconnected habitations to the mainstream by providing road connectivity, drinking water and other facilities.

For effective delivery of PDS commodities to unconnected areas, the state Govt. has taken up with the Central Govt. for heli-lifting of PDS commodities; he said and expressed hope for early approval.

In the social welfare sector, he said that through the 6028 Anganwadi Centres, 2 lacs 16 thousand children and 40 thousand mothers are beneficiaries of the Supplementary Nutrition programme, besides efforts have been made in setting up Juvenile Justice Boards and Child Welfare Committees and a Juvenile Home in Pasighat. Projects amounting to Rs. 74.19 crores have been formulated under Multi-Sector Development Plan for 7 minority concentrated districts of the State, he added.

Gen. Singh further lauded the successful implementation of the SSA in the state, which has resulted in improving the literacy rate and educational scenario of the state

with encouraging 47% increase in enrollment in Primary Schools and by 88% in Upper Primary School. Earmarking of Rs. 13.00 crores for construction of teachers quarters or barracks in remote unconnected locations of the State, effective implementation of Mid-day meal scheme benefiting 2,00,00 children, State Government's adoption of Right to Education(RTE) Act and keen readiness to implement „increasing the salaries of SSA teachers, and the framing of New Education Policy 2010 to check teacher absenteeism and streamlining their recruitment including were laudable efforts of the State Govt., the Governor asserted in his address. Terming the functioning of NIT from this academic session as major achievement he said establishment of a medical and Law College is under active persuasion.

Dwelling on health care, as a top priority sector of the Govt. he said that under NRHM, 464 sub-centres, 117 primary health centres and 49 community health centres have been set up. More than 10,000 women have availed benefit under JSY and 81 basic ambulances and 4 critical care ambulances have been provided at different locations.

He also dwelt on the Hydro-power sector and the tapping of the rich potential for the economic growth and to meet the power needs of the state. Besides allotting various Public sector undertakings and Independent Power Producers for development, 95 languishing mini and micro-hydels are to be revived by the end of next year under the PM's package.

For promoting electrification particularly in the remote areas of the state, under RGGVY, so far 909 villages have been covered, while 1300 Border Villages have benefited under the Border Village Illumination Programme.

On the tourism front, Gen Singh asserting that the state has the potential to be the next tourism capital of the country informed that State –of –the –Art tourism information counters are being set up at Guwahati and Kolkata airports and the Govt. will be promoting Public-Private partnership projects to boost the sector.

Under the Panchayati Raj , it is proposed to construct 1905 Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendras in the State at a total cost of Rs. 190.50 crores over next four years. With special focus on rural areas, Government has constructed 19,561 new houses and upgraded 7,879 houses under Indira Awas Yojana, while 320 self-help groups and 5009 individuals have been provided assistance under SGSY.

The Governor further said that the UD department has launched Municipal Solid Waste Management Projects at Itanagar and three more districts HQs. funds have also been sanctioned for Basic Urban Infrastructure Development Projects in 18 towns of the State.

Under Total Sanitation Campaign, the PHE department has constructed 52,723 individual toilets and 3759 school toilets adding that Government committed and working towards to provide safe drinking water to all habitations by 2011-12.

Terming Agriculture and Horticulture as the mainstay of the State's economy, he said that Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana has been launched, while 8 Krishi Vikas Vigyan Kendras have been approved at various locations in the State.

Pace of implementation of work on several important PM package projects has increased during the year" Gen Singh said adding that progress of works on railway line to Naharlagun, 4-lane highway to State Capital, 1600 km long trans-Arunachal highway , 2-lane highways to District Headquarters and upgradation of Advanced Landing Grounds at eight locations are progressing well.

On addressing the Assam-Arunachal border issues, he said separate Directorate for Border Management has been created, while proposal for raising Forest Protection Force for deployment along Assam-Arunachal Border will also help a lot. He also dwelt on efforts in the implementation of Panchayat Yuva Krida Abhiyan(PYKKA) to promote the sports sector and efforts for development of micro-and small industries.

The Chief Secretary Tabom Bam on the occasion announced the recipients of the 'State Awards' and President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service.

Other highlights of the celebration were March Past by various uniformed contingents like CRPF, ITBP, Police, NCC cadets, Scouts and Guides and School children, Cultural show by folk dance troupes and school children and display of tableau by departments, distribution of Prizes. The prize for the best Police March Past Contingent was received by the AP Police Ladies Contingent, while the best Students Contingent went to VKV PTC, Banderdewa.

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