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Itanagar, Nov. 28: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh General (Retd) J.J. Singh attended the 544th birth anniversary celebration of Guru Nanak at Gurudwara Saheb, Naharlagun on 28th November 2012. Joined by large number of people from the Sikh community and other communities, the Governor participated in the Shabad Kirtan and Anand Saheb Path organized on the occasion and performed by the Ragi Jatha from North Lakhimpur. Led by Gyani Surindra Pal Singh, he also took part in Ardaas (Common prayer).

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor called upon the Sikh community to imbibe righteous values of the Sikhism and stay rooted to their cultural heritage and traditions. He exhorted them to maintain the spirit of sacrifice and community service and help the other people.

Extending the Guru Nanak jayanti greetings, the Governor emphasized that true Sikh is the one, who is a good human being and live by the path propounded by the Gurus. Do good deeds and remember the God, he advised.

General Singh, who have visited many countries in the recent past said that because of the strong traditions, hard work and cohesive living of Sikh community, they are respected and well regarded throughout the world.

The Governor appreciated the Gurudwara Singh Sabha Prabhandak Committee (GSSPC), Naharlagun for organizing the jayanti and properly maintaining the Gurudwara.

Earlier, President of GSSPC, Naharlagun Sardar Sukhvinder Singh Sandhu welcoming the Governor, expressed gratitude for latter's participation and for his immense contributions towards the Gurudwara. As token of love and appreciation, on behalf of GSSPC, Naharlagun Sardar Kanwarjit Singh presented a Saropa (Saffron scarf) and a tradition Sikh sword to the Governor. The Gurudwara committee also felicitated members of the community who had contributed towards the Gurudwara, which was constructed in 1974.

Later, the Governor joined the invitees and guests and members of Sikh community in the 'Guru Ka Langar' or the community feast organized by Naharlagun Gurudwara Singh Sabha Prabhandak Committee (GSSPC), adds the RajBhawan release.

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