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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma visited Bamboo Processing Centre, a Raj Bhawan Initiative at Poma Village near Itanagar on 23rd April 2014. Accompanied by the First Lady of the State, Smt Jyotsna Sharma, Governor visited different sections of the centre, including exhibition stall and charcoal kiln installed at processing unit.

Interacting with the officials, artisans and Gaon Burahs, Governor emphasised on revamping the centre by improving the existing asset. He advised them to take it up as proper commercial venture, while expressing his hope that the centre will go a long way in augmentation of socio-economy of the rural community.

Governor said that production of any produce including horticulture products, handloom and handicrafts are available in Arunachal Pradesh but marketing is a challenge. He asked the officials to explore marketing options and avenues.

Governor said that focus must be to ensure that whatever the people, especially rural communities produced must be marketed. It can be done, only if the people stress on creating what ever can be marketed for economical viability.

Referring to railway connection, Governor encouraged the people for bulk production as the transportation cost will be reduced to large extend.

Shri Millo Tago, Managing Director, Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation Ltd. briefed the Governor on the present status of Centre, which was inaugurated by the then Governor, Gen (Retd) JJ Singh on 18th August 2009. The centre was created by the State Government and handed over to the Village Development Society to run it. The Chairperson of Poma Village Development Society Smt Techina Ana, who is also the Poma Anchal Samiti Member also apprised the Governor on the centre. She suggested for transforming the centre into a full-fledged training centre.

Earlier, on their arrival to the village, the Governor and First Lady of the State were accorded a traditional reception led by Smt Techina Ana and Gaon burahs.

Divisional Managers of Arunachal Pradesh Forest Corporation Ltd. Shri Gumtum Rime and T. Riba, officials from Industries and Textiles & Handicraft, and Upper Balijan Zila Parishad Member Shri Golo Takam were present along with villagers of Poma Jotte areas during the visit.

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