

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**RAJ BHAVAN VISIT**

The Raj Bhawan will be open for the public to visit from coming Sunday, i.e. 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Unique to the State, unlike other Raj Bhavans, it would be kept open to the public every Sunday, reflecting the peace and tranquility exist in the Arunachal Pradesh. The people, especially school children would have the opportunity to tour the compound. The tour, which started on the festive occasion of the Statehood Day 2009, is organized in the line of Mughal Garden of Rashtrapati Bhavan, Delhi. It was discontinued from Month of April, but as desired by Shri JP Rajkhowa, Governor, Arunachal Pradesh it will be again open to the public every Sunday from 12.00 noon to 3 pm from coming Sunday.

The visitors may report at Helipad Gate at least 15 minutes before 12.00, 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. The visitors will be ushered-in, in batches, guided by student volunteers of Department of Tourism, Rajiv Gandhi Polytechnic, Itanagar.

The majestic Raj Bhawan, its eye catching greens with numerous trees, bamboos, flowers, plants etc. covered with Twiff Dwarf Bermuda grass imported from Florida, USA, the Nine-Hole Golf course, the Orchid center, Hornbill Cottage, the Fish pond, Billiard hall, Badminton Court, Darbar Hall, Bee keeping Centre, the country (Local) chicken farm, mini Dairy and herbal garden have been the popular sites among the visitors. The lawn grass, now, it serves as place for high tea during 'At Home' and other important functions.

The Raj Bhavan, the official residence of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is located on a hillock close to a historical monument known as 'Ita-Fort' (Eastern Gate). The area of the compound is approximately 27 acres consisting of lawn and garden as well as kitchen garden and fruit trees. The foundation of this Bhawan was laid by Late Shri K.A.A.Raja the then Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh on 17th April, 1977. Right from Shri Bhisma Narain Singh, the first Governor of Arunachal Pradesh to the present Governor, the Bhavan has hosted nineteen governors.

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Arunachal Pradesh  
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