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Governor pays homage to the martyrs of the 1962 Indo- China War

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa is on a three-day maiden visit to frontier district of Tawang from 24th October 2015. In his first familiarization visit of the border districts, the Governor will be visiting the frontier areas of the District and interact with local people and officials.

The Governor began his tour by paying homage to the martyrs of the 1962 Indo- China War, by laying wreath at the Tawang War Memorial. The day coincided with the historic day, when decision to vacate Tawang was taken due to the advancement of the Chinese in huge strength. Brig. DS Kashwa Commander 190 MTN BDE briefed the Governor on the War Memorial.

The wreath laying ceremony was followed by inspection of the under construction Tawang Advance Landing Ground (upgrading of the Tawang Helipad). The Governor advised the Deputy Commissioner to provide him the necessary inputs for expediting construction of the ALG at Thrilam, so that the issues pending at the Centre can be taken up with Prime Minister and Defence Minister for early resolution.

Later in the afternoon, the Governor along with First Lady of the State Smt Rita Rajkhowa paid obeisance at the Tawang Monastery.

The Governor and First Lady visited Manjushree Vidhyapith, Tawang, an orphanage run by Lama Lobsang Phuntsok, Padma Shree awardee. A colourful cultural programme was presented by the young inmates of the School.

Interacting with the children and School teachers and staff of the school, the Governor said that it is one of the rarest happy moments to be with the children of the Vidhyapith, who have shown their talents for songs, music and exhibited highest standards of discipline. He said that in spite of certain physical and social challenges, many of the children have excelled in their early life and have bright prospects in days ahead. The children of the school have made all Arunachalis very proud.

The Governor also visited the Mahabodhi Centre (Old Age Home) and orphanage. He wished the inmates a comfortable stay. He lauded the caretakers and officials of the Centre.

On his arrival at Tawang, the Governor and First Lady of the State were accorded warm reception including by the famed Lion Dance. They were received by the Deputy Commissioner Shri Duli Kamduk, SP Shri Anto Alphonse, Brig. DS Hashwa, Commander 190 MTN BDE and senior District officers. The people from all walks of life, shouting 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Vande Mataram' queued in the different parts of town with 'Khada' –traditional scarf received the Governor and the First lady as they passed through town on their maiden visit.

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