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For tourism to flourish, in addition to good roads, the State must have good tourism related infrastructures: Governor

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The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa, who is on a three-day tour to Tawang, visited some of the tourism related infrastructures in Tawang on 26th October 2015.

During the visit, the Governor said that the State of Arunachal Pradesh has huge potential for tourism, particularly for eco and adventure tourism as the whole State is blessed with nature's bounty. He said that to harness these bounties and for tourism to flourish, in addition to good roads, the State must have good tourism infrastructures, such as guesthouses, restaurants and other wayside amenities. The tourism related facilities must be clean, hygienic and maintained properly.

While visiting the Presidential Suite of the tourist guesthouse, near the Circuit House, which is under repair for some electrical faults, the Governor advised the officials to ensure that regular checks are carried out of electrical appliances and maintenance done. He emphasised on annual maintenance, inspection, mega checking of all the facilities by the concerned departments and use of 'ISI' (Bureau of Indian Standards) marked appliances. He said that such precautions will not only ensure longevity of infrastructure but also provide safe and comfortable stay to the guests.

The Governor said that these facilities must also reflect indigenous aesthetic values bringing serenity of the place. Sharing his view, the First Lady Smt Rita Rajkhowa added that more flowers and other decorative locally available plants must be added in the tourism related facilities.

Before returning to the State Capital, the Governor also visited Tawang Ropeway and took a ride. He lauded the tourism department for the facility and said that it is a very good tourism initiative in the district.

Sharing his experiences in Switzerland, Scotland, USA and India, the Governor advised the District Tourism Officer, Tawang, to go for three to four more cable cars as there are large numbers of tourists queue for the ride. He also suggested that there must be some sales counters in the other end or terminal so that tourists can avail refreshments and snacks, including famed Butter Tea of the Buddhist Community, during their visit to Ani Gompa. Moreover such counters will provide avenues for employment for local youth. These small but significant steps by the Tourism Department will not only provide satisfaction to the tourists but also enhance the revenue collection.

The Governor also advised her to take necessary precautions for the safety of the tourists and also of the ropeway.

District Tourism Officer, Tawang, Smt Tsering Dekey informed that the Tawang Ropeway, funded by DoNER (NLCPR) at the cost of Rs.330.89 lakh, has a rope length of 1184 Metres running from Tawang Monastery to Gyangong Ani Gompa. It is one of the most popular tourism facilities in Tawang. She added that safe inspections are carried out every month.