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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor inaugurates Health Mela cum Awareness Camp**

**Governor felicitates Arunachal Pradesh Building and other construction workers' welfare board**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa inaugurated the Health Mela cum Awareness Camp, organised by Arunachal Pradesh Building and other construction workers' welfare board (APB&OCWWB), at Raj Bhavan Dispensary, Itanagar on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor expressed hope that the Camp will be a step towards Healthy Arunachal and then Healthy India. He said that for any programme for the benefit of the people of the State, Raj Bhavan will always be with the APB&CWVB.

The Governor advised the Arunachal Pradesh Building and other construction workers' welfare board to conduct such camps in the districts and inaccessible border areas. He said that as the State is sparsely populated, setting up of numerous Primary Health Centres in different and remote places is not viable. Therefore, as a supplementary measure, Health Camps needs to be organised as much as possible at different locations. He also advised that health related assistance may be availed from Army and Para Military forces stationed in remote border areas and they also may avail, where State Government has such established facilities.

The Governor felicitated the Chairman, APB&OCWWB Shri Nyamar Karbak for his initiative in conducting the Camp. He said that timely screening and regular health check is very important and can save many lives and huge financial expenses.

While lauding the Arunachal Pradesh Building and other construction workers' welfare board for its notable service to the workers in the last eight years, the Governor advised the Board to increase the age bracket from 18 to 65 years, which was appreciated by all present on the occasion. He said that with increase in longevity of people, such step will be immensely benefiting the senior and aged workers.

Taking the opportunity to address the workers' community, the Governor appealed to them towards 'Clean and Green Arunachal' Campaign. He said that Arunachal Pradesh is blessed with enormous nature's bounty which is being adversely impacted due to diverse types of pollution. In order to preserve the pristine environment, the members of APB&OCWWB must contribute their lot for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Governor also called for maintaining purity of water bodies. He appealed to the people of twin City of Itanagar and Naharlagun to keep the rivers clean by stopping dumping of wastes. Citing the recent Cleanliness Drive of Kley River in Ziro, the Governor said the people of Ziro have demonstrated the 'Youth Power' and sent a strong message to all on importance of cleaning and preserving the nature.

The Governor emphasised that State Government and Municipal Council will carry out their part but it is a bounden duty of every citizen of the State especially twin City to ensure that pollutant of any kind does not reach the water bodies.

In his address, the Minister for Transport, Cooperation and Civil Aviation Shri Jomde Kena, who was the Guest of Honour highlighted on Chief Minister Universal Health Insurance Scheme and urged upon the people to avail benefit from the scheme. He also lauded the APB&OCWWB for the initiatives.

Participating in the Health Camp, Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Family Welfare Smt Karya Bagang assured all kind of assistances from Health Department to the Workers' Welfare Board for organising Health Camps in future. She also appealed to the workers to attend such Camps without fail and avail maximum benefits out of it. The Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Family Welfare asked the APB&OCWWB to organise such camps in the Districts.

In his address, Parliamentary Secretary, Labour & Employment, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Shri Nyamar Karbak, Chairman, APB&OCWWB said that the Board is organising the day-long free screening programme of the labour force for timely detection of any health related issues. He informed that in case any Hepatitis B positive person is detected, the Board will bear the further confirmatory test, which is bit costly.

Conveying the gratitude of the board to the Governor for his participation in the noble cause, the Chairman informed that it is for the first time in the history of APB&OCWWB that Raj Bhavan has been involved.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Secretary, APB&OCWWB, Shri Ojing Darung, Labour Commissioner informed that the camp is being organised for the benefit of all the registered workers of the State which stands at 18,200, their families and others. The Commissioner also highlighted the other benefits provided by the Board to the registered workers. Dr. Jennifer Tayeng, Senior Medical Officer, Raj Bhavan Dispensary, Itanagar also spoke on the occasion.

A large number of workers, their family members and people from Raj Bhavan and its nearby areas attended the inaugural function. Screening for Hepatitis 'B' & 'C', Blood Sugar test, test for Malaria and other normal medical check up are being organised. There is a special counter for counselling of Hepatitis 'B' cases in the camp. Team led by Deputy Medical Superintend, Arunachal State Hospital, Dr. Keni Ete, Dr. Radhe Natung, Dr. Tomar Kamsi along with Laboratory Technicians are conducting the Camp. Medical officers and nursing staff of Raj Bhavan Dispensary, Itanagar are also actively participating in the Camp.

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