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The spirit of Swachh Bharat must start from Health Centres: Governor

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa visited the Community Health Centre, Ruksin, which is also the First Referral Unit (FRU) of East Siang District on 3rd March 2016. The Governor visited the wards, OPDs, Operation Theatres and interacted with doctors and other staffs. The Unit caters to around 5000 to 10000 patients of the district and also from neighbouring districts of Assam.

The Governor expressed dismay at the condition of the hospital and its overall maintenance. He was surprised to find that there is no female ward, blood bank, radiologist or laparoscopy facility despite being a referral unit. Due to absence of Annual Maintenance Check up, some equipments were found non-functional. To name few, the mattresses were found worn out, electric fittings in the wards were either absent or shabby done, washroom and toilets were not maintained properly and basic cleanliness and hygiene not up to mark.

The Governor said that whatever may be the reason, it is the fundamental duty of the medical officers to ensure cleanliness and hygiene of any Hospital or similar establishment. He suggested for active involvement of NGOs and departments of Horticulture and Environment & Forests in maintaining cleanliness and aesthetic values in the hospital compound. The spirit of Swachh Bharat must start from Health Centres, he added.

The Governor also distributed insecticide impregnated bed nets for mosquito to beneficiaries during the visit. The District Medical Officer, East Siang District, Dr. Mandip Perme apprised the Governor, constraints of the FRU.

The Governor, who visited the Tea Garden at Oyan in the morning, asked the Garden management to encourage tea cultivation. He opined that such endeavour will contain the traditional practice of Jhum Cultivation, thereby providing a regular income to the farmers and source of livelihood and sustain the ecosystem.

The Governor also visited the Industrial Growth Centre (IGC), Niglok, which was started in the year 1998, where he saw the bottling plant in the Centre.

Going around the 582.15 acres centre and seeing the available facilities, the Governor said that more than 1000 units can come up in the centre giving boost to the State economy and addressing the unemployment problem. The centre must be utilised to its optimum and youth must be motivated to avail the facilities. The Industries department and the State Government needs to encourage the entrepreneurs by providing trainings and necessary support including the admissible investment subsidy and other reliefs in future to encourage new enterprises and industrial units. IGC Project Manager Shri Tarik Nyitan briefed the Governor on the ongoing activities of IGC and its constraints.

On the last leg of the district visit, the Governor visited Nari in East Siang District through the PMGSY road. On their maiden visit to the ADC Headquarters, the public of Nari, led by the local MLA, Shri Kento Rina accorded a traditional reception to First Couple.

In addition to the briefing on the existing local constraints in telecommunication and road communication, the Governor was briefed on the popular religious place, Vasudev Mandir. The Governor emphasised for adequate amenities for the pilgrims. He also directed the DC Ms Isha Khosla to ensure that the road is thorough throughout the year.

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