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The Governor visits Jawaharlal Nehru State Museum and Itafort

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Tathagata Roy visited the Jawaharlal Nehru State Museum, Itanagar to acquaint himself with the cultural richness of the State. Accompanied by the First Lady of the State Smt Anuradha Roy, the Governor had a closure look into the artifacts and other details on the evolution of the State since early 1900.

Impressed by the displays in the State Museum, the Governor remarked that he had travelled extensively in Arunachal Pradesh earlier covering Tawang, Bomdila, Nafra, Bichom Dam site, Kimi, Ranganadi Dam site, Narottatam Nagar and Namdapha and always marveled at the variety of everything in the State. Today's visit gave me an insight into that variety, explained in great detail and with enthusiasm by the people in-charge, the Governor said while appreciating the Director Research Shri Batem Pertin and his team of officers.

Later the Governor and the First Lady of the State visited the Itafort, the fort of bricks or Ita in Hindi, from which the State capital derives its name. The fort has an irregular shape, built mainly with bricks dating back to the 14th-15th Century believed to be of Mayapur of Ramachandra, a king of the Jitari Dynasty.

Earlier, on the day the first couple visited the Itanagar Buddhist Gompa. The Governor lighted a ceremonial lamp and offered prayers. Itanagar Buddhist Cultural Society led by IBCS functionaries Dr. Norden, Dr. P.N. Thongchi and Dr. D.W. Thungon along with Director Tourism Shri Karma Leki ushered them around sacred compound and briefed the Governor about the Gompa.

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