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Governor lays foundation stone of Adventure Tourism Camping site at Jote

Itanagar, Aug 6: The state Governor Gen J.J Singh today laid the foundation stone of the Adventure Tourism Camping Destination site at Jote, around 40 Kms from here, thus making it a red letter day in the field of Adventure Tourism in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Tourist Resort, first of its kind in the state is being undertaken by the Engineering wing of the State Tourism Department with a sanctioned amount of Rs 387.05 lakh. The project, designed with a Cafeteria, picnic huts, eco-tourism cottages, children parks, besides parking place for vehicles is a step for promoting adventure tourism in the state.

The Governor, while sharing his vision on the project with the people, called upon them to be the role model for the state in terms of achieving financial security to their future generation through holistic development of the area. Asking them to be partner in the development of the project leading to their economic prosperity, he sought people's cooperation with full participation to make it a real economic model of rural development.

Arunachal Pradesh, a veritable treasure house of nature with its immense potentiality should ideally be the tourist capital of the country and a preferred international tourist destination, the Governor said and impressed upon the people to come forward and joined hands in promotion of tourism project so that the area becomes self sufficient in all aspects. Giving details on the project, Gen Singh dwelt on the employment generation in the tourism sector as a service industry, besides promoting sale of the local products, adding that once the project is completed, this would bring about socio-economic development in the area and raise the economic standard of the local populace. On the occasion, he exhorted the Tourist Operators to work towards highlighting the Adventure Tourism site in the world tourism map.

While informing about the initiatives for making Ganga Lake, a tourist destination, the Governor, who visited the Ganga lake and inspected the buoys installation there before arriving the Adventure Tourism site, said that Indian Navy is taking up hydrographic survey of the lake for earmarking the unsafe portions of the lake by installing buoys. He further asked the Tourism department to make the project a showcase for the entire state by using eco friendly materials in local designs and at par with international standard.

Taking note of the occasion which is filled with the villagers from Jote, Poma and other adjoining villages, Gen Singh stressed on capacity building of the people and advocated for organic farming, bee keeping, tea and medicinal plantation, besides multiple cropping instead of jhum cultivation. While calling upon them to protect the forestation, he suggested the people to name a trekking point in his name in the nearby hill.

Earlier, Tourism Minister Jarbom Gamlin said that the Adventure Tourism Camping spot would open up the gate to the tourists, especially from abroad. While stating that the hydro power and tourism have evolved as the major industries in the state, Gamlin said that for the last 5 years the flow of tourists has increased manifold. He called upon the local people to be hospitable with tourist friendly attitude towards the tourists to bring about economic prosperity to the area, besides asking the local panchayat bodies to introduce certain systems like charging nominal charge for the picnic spots and use of dustbins in the area. The Tourism Minister further called upon the people to lend their support and cooperation to the project for development of the entire area.

Local MLA and Parliamentary Secretary Industries Nabam Rebia spoke in details about the significance of the Adventure Tourism project in uplifting the economy of the local people. While informing the people on the initiatives taken up by the Governor towards making them economically self reliant in Nyishi dialect, he mentioned about the development of IT Park in the state and the benefits associated with it. Terming the Governor as the 'People's Governor', Rebia requested him for his patronization to make the project successful and sought cooperation and participation from the people.

Tourism Secretary Bandana Deori while welcoming one and all to the programme said that the Adventure Tourism Camping Destination site at Jote is the first major project in the Papum Pare district in particular and state in general. She attributed the successful launch of the project to the Governor for his initiatives in the development of tourism in the state through various flagship programmes involving the local people and the department.

Parliamentary Secretary Tourism Gojen Gadi, Chief Secretary Tabom Bam, senior government officers, Tour Operators, Panchayat leaders, besides villagers from Jote, Poma and adjoining villages attended the programme.

Sd/- Purabi Taikam, i/c PRO to Governor