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Governor inaugurates renovated Ganga Lake

Itanagar, Aug 13: Committed to his vision to take Arunachal Pradesh in the World tourism map, the state Governor Gen J.J Singh accompanied by first lady Mrs Anupama Singh and the visiting Vice Admiral of Eastern Naval Command Anup Singh and his wife inaugurated the renovated Ganga lake complex here today.

Gekar Sinyi, popularly known as the Ganga Lake near Itanagar has been given a facelift through various measures like cleanliness drive, lighting, water supply and security. The Command clearance diving team from Eastern Naval Command is carrying out all the hydrographic survey and safety measures of the lake.

Inaugurating the renovated Lake, the Governor, as always, a strong campaigner of clean environment dwelt in length on the cleanliness and basic etiquettes to be followed at the places of tourist interest. He called upon the children from Kendriya Vidyalaya No 2 present on the occasion to be partner in promotion of tourism in the state and asked the teacher guides to motivate the school children and bring them to Ganga Lake on holidays to infuse the sense of adventure in them.

While appreciating the proficiency of the naval expert team, Gen Singh suggested for training on water craftsmanship for special force of police. With so many water bodies in the state and with respect to safety and security of the local people, he pressed for a team of expert personnel in diving and rescue operations and asked the Indian Navy to lend their expertise for capacity building of the people.

The Governor, while calling upon the department of Tourism to uphold the momentum of making the lake a visitors delight, directed to update all the equipments including best quality paddle boats and providing proper uniform and equipments to the lone Life Guard cum Swimmer of the Ganga Lake to facilitate his duty. Need of one more Life Guard for Jote-Poma river, besides strengthening of security in the lake complex was also called for.

Advising Lake Caretaker Sama Dodum to put in a dedicated effort for upkeep of the lake complex, Gen Singh suggested him to procure paddle boats and other latest technology equipments and at the same time taking care of the lake staffs. Vice Admiral Anup Singh also put forth his technical suggestions to ensure the safety aspects in the lake.

Plantation of sapling by the Governor and Vice Admiral Anup Gupta in the Lake premises, release of fish seedlings by the dignitaries, besides demonstration by the Navy Divers were other highlights of the programme.

Caretaker, Dodum who is looking after the lake under PPP mode stressed on following the Dos and Dont as mentioned on the signboard by the visitors strictly, besides taking care of the cleanliness in the lake complex, awareness on the importance of life jacket while on boat ride, adding that negligence on safety measures should be

avoided. Informing that the lake timing is 8 am to 6 pm in summer, while 9 am to 4 pm in winter, Dodum appealed the people to have a sense of ownership toward public property and avoid creating disturbances and nuisances within the premises.

Later, the Governor and his team visited the Bamboo Processing Centre at Poma and had a look at the works demonstration. There, Gen Singh stressed on use of bamboo waste through appropriate technology.

In yet another move to boost up adventure tourism, the team of dignitaries visited the View Point, named after him as Gen J.J Singh Point by the locals at Jote-Balijan NEC road top, the middle point of Jote and Balijan. Assuring the public leaders of all possible help from his side, the Governor donated Rs 50,000/- from his salary to the local panchayat for construction of structures at the View Point and called upon them to materialize the work at the earliest.

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