

Governor pays maiden visit to Mechuka

ITANAGAR, Sept 26: Governor General (Rtd) J J Singh, who toured Aalo and Mechuka in West Siang district today, interacted with villagers and troops deployed in the area.

Giving patient hearing to their problems, the Governor assured to take up their grievances with concerned authorities. He urged the people to im-

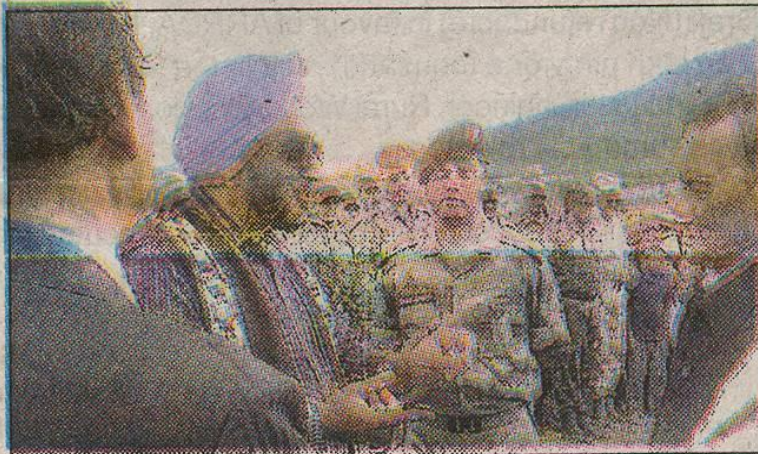
prove their economy through indigenous textile and handicrafts, horticulture, floriculture and tourism, as the land and people are gifted with the art and pristine scenic beauty. He assured that the future of this Frontier State is extremely bright. He also shared his mission to make Arunachal as the largest producer of honey. *Contd. on P-6*

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Gen Singh, who wanted to personally inspect the Mechuka air strip, which is a part of Prime Minister's package, before taking it up with Union Defence Minister said, "We should try for helicopter service to Mechuka, which will give huge impetus to the tourism sector."

He observed that the airstrips at Aalo and Mechuka could be extended.

Earlier, a warm traditional reception was accorded to the Governor on his maiden visit by officials, Goan



Burahs and cultural troupes. A two-point memorandum was also submitted to the Governor at Mechuka, which included extension, repair and maintenance of the road from Mechukha Township to New Gonpa and proper drainage system in and around the Mechuka airstrip. (PRO)