

Parasuram Kund can be developed as religious tourism site: Singh

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The state Governor, Gen J J Singh has said that Parasuram Kund can be developed into a religious tourism site.

The Governor, who was on a two-days tour to Lohit district recently said, "with proper publicity we can facilitate visit of the pilgrims throughout the year".

Paying obeisance at the Kund along with the first lady Anupama Singh, he further stressed for amenities at the site. Lakhs of pilgrims will come if proper arrangements are made for them, he pointed.

While going through the development works at the Kund, he urged for early completion of project related road, bridges and basic amenities.

The Governor commended the initiatives of the GREF, especially for the mini hydel project, which provides necessary power at the religious site. He urged the GREF to take care of the accommodation of the priest, who is taking care of the Kund. Urging them to preserve the natural environment, he also warned against use of plastic.

Parasuram Kund, a place of pilgrimage is situated in the lower reaches of the river Lohit about 24 km from Tezu. The other name of the Kund is 'Prabhu Kuthar', the origin of the Kund viz. Parasuram Kund is associated with Parasuram's mother.

Legend goes that one day Renuka, mother of Parasuram

went to Ganga for having bath and bringing water but some delay in bringing water made the Rishi Jamadagni, the husband of Renuka very angry as

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Governor, Gen J J Singh near the Parasuram Kund site in Lohit district. Pix-Dipr

it was already getting late for the midday worship.

He urged the sons to kill her. None of his six sons except Parasuram could oblige. Parasuram chopped off the head of his mother as per the wishes of his father, but as a result of the crime, the handle of his axe got stuck to his hand. Jamadagni was very pleased with him for carrying out his order and directed Parasuram

to ask for a boon. Parasuram prayed for bringing his mother back to life, then enquired as to how to get rid of the crime of matri-

cide. Jamadagni granted it and his mother got her life back and told Parasuram to visit Brahma Kund to wash off the sin.

Parasuram came to the Brahma Kund in Lohit district of Arunachal Pradesh for a holy dip in the kund. The religious people and saints come to this kund on Makar Sankranti which falls on January 14 every year and the government of Arunachal

Pradesh extends all possible arrangement for the pilgrimage. The government generates revenue from issuing inner line permit to the pilgrims and temporary license to the businessmen at a nominal charge, who set up shops on the occasion of Mela, and the revenue is spent for development of the Kund, an official source said.

A mela market is held at Tezu, about 20 km downstream from the Kund every year for the period of three weeks that changes the otherwise thinly populated district into a scene of hustle and bustle.