

Govt committed to 'People First': Guv

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NAHARLAGUN, Mar 02:
Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh reiterated that his government is committed to the 'People First' approach to make the state a role model of all-round development.

In his customary address on the first day of the three-day budget session which began here today, the governor said that to achieve the desired goal of making Arunachal self-reliant within a set time-frame, the administrative system is being fine-tuned to make it "People-oriented, people-friendly and people first."

Touching upon the entire gamut of the state's affairs, Singh said law and order remained by and large peaceful last year. He said a core group has been constituted to deal with insurgency problems, particularly in Tirap and Changlang districts.

"The budget session will be keenly watched by our brothers and sisters whose hopes and aspirations all of you represent," he said. "They especially want to see that the invaluable time of the assembly is best used for completing all scheduled businesses."

Congratulating Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu for successfully convincing the Centre of the need for rapid socio-economic development that yielded the historic PM's package lead-



Governor delivering his address

ing to a burst of development activities never witnessed earlier, the governor enumerated last year's achievements and future plans of the government:

Achievements: PM's package progressing in right direction, third-party monitoring instituted and website launched for transparency *RTI 2005 enacted to remove secrecy *22 MW hydropower generated in 20 months as opposed to only 35 MW in the preceding 35 years *State Rehabilitation and Re-settlement Policy 2008 with wide ranging benefits for the project affected people announced *Janani Suraksha Yojana under the NRHM benefited 6094 pregnant women *144 sub-centres and 25 PHCS made functional *3364 ASHAs trained *21 sub-centres upgraded to PHCs, 6 PHCs upgraded to CHCs, and Naharlagun General Hospital being developed

to a medical college *Rs 50 crore, Rs 40 crore, Rs 20 crore corpus funds built for RKM Hospital (Itanagar) and VKV and RKM School, Aalo respectively *100% children (6-14 years) covered under the SSA *mid-day meals reduced school dropout rate *Rs 29 crore and Rs 7 crore allotted for school infrastructure and textbooks *Rs 10 crore for infrastructure for higher education *1,23,371 rural households registered and 38,586 job cards issued under the NREG Act *water supply projects being executed in Basar, Tuting, Jengging, Likabali, Namsai, Jairampur, Seppa, Tawang, Bomdila, Lumla and Itanagar *record production of 2.44 lakh MT of food grains, including 1.54 lakh MT rice, which is 72.16% of the state's total requirement *1.44 lakh hectare irrigation potential created *two refrigerated vans procured for easy transportation of horticulture products *4761 locals of above 65 years benefited from the Annapurna scheme *38,000 families benefited under Antodaya Anna Yojana *FCI base depots opened at Tawang, Seppa, Ziro, Daporijo and Tezu *Festival of Arunachal organized *State Industrial Policy 2008 announced.

Plans: 57,000 MW hydropower generation targeted *colleges to be set up in Yachuli, Seppa, Nyapin, and a

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Flanked by the speaker, PWD Minister Nabam Tuki & the CM, governor (1st from R) launching the website

From P.I... Law College in Itanagar this fiscal; and initiative taken many young people, among others.
to raise Arunachal Scouts Battalions to create employment for The governor also launched the website of the state a