

President visits Tawang monastery, State Museum



Yak and lion dance greeting President during her arrival at Tawang.

TAWANG, April 02 (DIPR)

The President of India Pratibha Devisingh Patil along with the state Governor, Gen (rtd) J J Singh and Finance minister Kalikho Pul, who arrived here today on a brief visit visited Tawang monastery and its museum where she was accorded a warm reception by the Abbot and monks.

At monastery, she offered her prayers for peace and harmony. The lamas of the monastery presented a colourful mask dance.

She laid wreath at Tawang War Memorial in honor of the war heroes of 1962 Indo-China War who laid down their lives defending the motherland and also interacted with the personnel.

She was earlier received by the local MLAs Rev T G Rimpoche and Tsewang Dhondup, Tawang deputy commissioner Gamli Padu, besides Lt. Gen V K Singh, Army com-

mander, Eastern Command, Lt. Gen K T Parnaik, GOC 4 Corps, Maj Gen Manvendra



President offering prayer during her visit at Tawang Monastery.

Singh, GOC 5 Mountain Division at Changprong helipad. **ITANAGAR (DIPR)**

The President of India,

Pratibha Devisingh Patil visited the Jawaharlal Nehru State Museum here this evening.

Accompanied by the state Governor, General J J Singh and her entourage, the President had a glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of various tribes of Arunachal Pradesh displayed in the Museum.

Patil took a round of the Museum and had a close look on the wide-ranging collections of arts and crafts of all tribes of the state.

Earlier, the commissioner, Cultural Affairs, Y D Thongehi and Dr Tage Tada, director, Re-

search with his team of officers accorded a warm welcome to the President at the Museum premises.