

Echo of Arunachal

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Governor inaugurates refurbished Ganga Lake

ITANAGAR, Aug 13: Committed to his vision to bring Arunachal Pradesh on the world tourism map, Governor Gen J J Singh inaugurated the renovated Ganga Lake complex here today.

Gekar Sinyi, popularly known as Ganga Lake near Itanagar has been given a facelift through various 'expansion' steps like cleanliness drive, lighting, water supply and security. The clearance diving team from Eastern Naval Command is carrying out all the hy-

drographic 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 KV 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.

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 regarding safety and security of the local people, he pressed for a team of experts in diving and rescue operations and asked the Indian Navy to lend their expertise for capacity building of the people.

Calling upon the department of Tourism to continue the



momentum of making the lake a visitor's delight, he pitched for updating 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 stressed.

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 equipments and at the same time taking care of the lake staff.

Vice Admiral of Eastern Naval Command, 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. *(Contd. on P-3)*

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Caretaker Dodum, who is looking after the lake under PPP mode, stressed on following the Dos and Don'ts as mentioned on the signboard by the visitors strictly besides taking care of the cleanliness in the lake complex and creating awareness on the importance of life jacket while on boat ride.

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

Later, the Governor, who was also accompanied by his wife Anupama Singh among others, 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 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 end, 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. *(PRO)*