

# State's education scenario likely to get facelift after Sibal 'assurance'

**ITANAGAR, Jan 30:** The overall education scene in Arunachal Pradesh is set to get a 'major' facelift with the Union Human Resources Development Minister Kapil Sibal assuring to send a high level official team to the state soon.

The team is likely to study the prevailing education scenario in the state and submit the report to the Union minister to assist him take appropriate steps towards uplifting the entire education system.

Sibal's assurance to this effect came when state Governor Gen (Retd) J J Singh, currently on an official tour to the national capital, today met the Union HRD Minister and sought his personal intervention in upgrading and enhancing primary, secondary and higher education in this frontier state.

While apprising Sibal of the state's education scenario, Gen Singh, who during his tours to New Delhi used to convey concerns for development of the state and its people to the central leaders, pleaded the HRD Minister for sending 'good quality' teachers to conduct educa-



**WARM SHAKE FOR A CAUSE:** The state Governor with the Union HRD Minister at New Delhi on January 30.

tional camps and to impart training to the state's teachers.

Apart from inviting him to pay visit to the state, the Governor told Sibal, "For the benefit of every Arunachalee, we have to augment the complete education system in the state in order to improve the human resources capability to meet the challenges posed by the major developmental projects coming up in the state. Moreover, it will

also improve the employability of the denizens for jobs created by the projects," he added.

The Governor, who is likely to chair the annual conference of state Higher and Technical Education Department here very soon, is making all out efforts to ensure that his participation in the proposed conference is meaningful and to give impetus in improving the education system. (PRO)

## Scrapping of class X board exam justified

**A New Delhi report adds:** The HRD Minister today justified the scrapping of the class X board examination, saying the govt was trying to evolve a system where a child's performance is tested in a wholesome manner and not just from books.

"To ascertain the performance of the child, he or she must go through a continuous process, spread the breadth of the horizon of knowledge and move beyond text books," he said here after inaugurating the 19th World Book Fair at the Pragati Maidan here.

The minister was replying to a question posed by his former teacher and historian Irfan Habib that he could not understand why the class X board exam was done away with. Sibal said, "As a boy, I was brought up on the knowledge found not in text books but far beyond it - to allow continuous discourse to take place in my mind." "Knowledge is a form of communication and a child must absorb it and challenge it. And books are a form of understanding that plethora of knowledge," he added. (Agencies)