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If we all follow the path of our religion, there will be peace in the world and also tremendous development- Governor on Guru Nanak's Birthday

Naharlagun, Nov. 10: Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd.) J.J. Singh participated in the 543rd birthday celebration of Shri Guru Nanak Dev at Gurudwara Saheb, Naharlagun on 10th November 2011. Accompanied by State First Lady Anupama Singh, the Governor paid obeisance at new sanctum-sanctorum hall of the Gurudwara and took part Shabad Kirtan. Led by Granthi Gyani Baldev, they also took part in Ardaas or common prayer. Sardar Jagjit Singh Rakhra read prayers from Guru Granth Saheb on the occasion, while Paramjit Kaur from Gurdaspur partook in the Shabad Kirtan, **reports PRO to Governor.**

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor urged upon the all to follow the noble paths propounded by the Sikh Gurus and promote universal brotherhood. He also called upon the people to help the downtrodden and make every effort to ensure justice for all. The Governor advised all to do well for other and always lead with good examples in life.

General Singh said that Sikhism and all other religions guide us to be a good human being. If we all follow the path of our religion, there will be peace in the world and also tremendous development.

Extending his greetings on the auspicious occasion, the Governor lauded the Naharlagun Gurudwara Singh Sabha Prabhandak Committee for working towards the welfare of the Sikh community in the State and exhorted them to maintain the spirit.

Later the first couple attended the 'Guru Ka Langar' or the community feast organized by the committee.

Earlier, Naharlagun Gurudwara Singh Sabha Prabhandak Committee (GSSPC), President Sardar Sukvinder Singh Sandhu presented a traditional sword and a Saropas (Saffron scarf) to the Governor. A Saropas was also presented to the First lady.

Continue its tradition to honour persons who made contributions toward the community in the State, the Prabhandak Committee presented a Saropas (Saffron scarf) to Deputy Inspector General of Police HS Dhaliwal, Town Planning Director Sukhvinder

Singh Sandhu, ITBP Second in Command Parminder Singh and Business man Sanjay Diwan.

Vice President of Nahalagun Gurudwara Singh Sabha Prabhandak Committee Sardar Balkar Singh informed that the day-long programme started with Nishan Saheb Chole Di Sewa or the flag rituals in the morning followed by Sadharan Path Bhog, the completion of reading of Guru Ganth Saheb and Aasa Di War, the religious prayer. 'Guru Ka Langar' or the community feast and Deepmala or lighting of the Gurudawara are the highlights of the auspicious occasion, Singh added.

Sikh community, which has around fifty families in the Capital Complex attended the celebration at Naharlagun Gurudwara Saheb, which was constructed in 1974. In its philanthropic effort, the community has eight rooms of the Gurudwara housed as Yatri Niwas, which host people from all walks of life, especially those coming to capital city but cannot afford to stay in hotels. Free meals are organized every Sunday by the Gurudwara, **adds the PRO.**

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