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Governor inaugurates upgraded Vijoynagar airfield

Vijoynagar, Nov. 18: Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd.) J.J. Singh inaugurated the newly upgraded subsidiary airfield at Vijoynagar in Changlang district on November 18 last. The occasion also marked the first landing of the AN-32 aircraft of Indian Air Force on the newly resurfaced airfield heralding a new beginning which would ultimately pave the way for landing of civilian aircrafts thereby putting Vijoynagar on the aviation map of India.

This air field is one of the first PM Package projects to be implemented since the MoU for the upgradation of ALGs was signed between the State Government and Ministry of Defence in June 2008. The Vijoynagar ALG is the first to be upgraded amongst the 6 airfields in the MoU. The governor while dedicating this new airfield to the people of the state rechristened it as a subsidiary airfield.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor commended Indian Air Force and State PWD for completing the work in a record time. He said that with up-gradation of the airfield, now people of the area have the fastest mode of transportation at their disposal. At the time of emergency and for evacuation of patients, the newly upgraded infrastructure will be beneficial for all. The Governor further said that it will instill sense of security amongst the people of the area. He expressed his hope that with the start of AN-32 sorties, delivery of essential PDS commodities will improve.

The Governor further in his concluding remarks exhorted the local people to conserve the prized flora and fauna.

He was accompanied by State First Lady Anupama Singh, Principal Secretary H.K. Paliwal and Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg. The Governor unveiled the Plaque to commemorate the occasion in the presence Air Marshal S. Varthiman, Air Officer Commanding in Chief Eastern Air Command. Eastern Air Command Senior Officer Administration Air Vice Marshal K.S. Gill and Assam Rifles Director General Lt Gen Rameshwar Roy **according to a release by PRO to Governor.**

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