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Onus of cultural preservation rests on the younger generations: Governor

Itanagar, Feb. 27: Wherever we go and whatever we may do, we must always maintain and protect our cultural heritage. To continue the spirit and to preserve the age-old customs and traditions, onus rests on the younger generations, stated Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen JJ Singh while participating in the Akhand Path, which was performed on the auspicious occasion of the shifting of Shri Guru Granth Saheb ji to the new sanctum-sanctorum hall of Naharlagun Gurdwara Saheb, at Naharlagun on Feb 27 last, **reports PRO to Governor.**

Greeting the Sikh community of the Capital Complex on the propitious occasion, he urged upon them to imbibe good values of the Sikhism and try their best to do good deeds. True Sikh is the one, who is a good human being and live by the path propounded by the Gurus. Whenever you encounter with difficulties, have faith on the Almighty and carry-on with your good work, he added.

Governor, who had earlier paid obeisance before the Shri Guru Granth Saheb ji, presented a sword and a Chauri (a fan made of the hair of yak's tail) towards the Gurdwara Saheb.

Led by Head priest Gyani Prem Singh, Gen Singh took part in the 'Kirtan'. He also took part in Ardaas or common prayer.

Ragi Jatha from Jalandhar led by Major Singh preformed kitans on the occasion.

As token of gratitude, Naharlagun Gurudwara Singh Sabha Prabhandak Committee (GSSPC) led by its President Sardar Sukvinder Singh Sandhu, Town Planning Director felicitated the Governor.

The committee also presented Saropas (Saffron scarf) to those who contributed towards the Gurdwara including senior architect Dawa Tsering, Sanjay Dawan, Jagdish Singh Joshi and Sikh ladies from Rangapara who preformed the Shri Akhand Path.

To mark the occasion, Naharlagun Gurudwara Singh Sabha Prabhandak Committee (GSSPC) 'Guru Ka Langar' or the community feast for participants, guests and invitees. Many people of the community were invited on the occasion, including some to Punjab and many from different parts of the Assam. Hundreds of invitees from different communities, religious organizations like Brahma Kumaris, Art of Living, Patanjali Yogpeeth (Baba Ramdev) and personnel and officers of Central Reserved Police Force and Border Road Organization attended the function.

In the sideline of the function, Senior member of the community Sardar Kanwarjit Singh, Water Resources Department Superintendent Engineer informed that constructed way back in 1973-74, the sanctum-sanctorum hall of Naharlagun Gurudwara Saheb, which is known for its philanthropic effort, was in a semi temporary building but with completion of the new sanctum-sanctorum hall, Shri Guru Granth Saheb ji was shifted. To celebrate the occasion, Shri Akhand Path was performed from 25th to 27th February. There are around fifty odd families of the community in the Capital complex, he addd.

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