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Governor flags off mountaineers for Everest expedition

Itanagar, April 1: It is going to be landmark event in the history of adventure sports of Arunachal Pradesh, said Governor JJ Singh, while flagging off Team Arunachal members of the Mt Everest Expedition 2011, consisting of two young ladies, Anshu Jamsenpa from Bomdila and Tine Mena from Roing in a small but impressive function at Raj Bhavan on April 01 last. We will be happiest people when you scaled the highest mountain. You will not only bring good name to State and the country but also your home town and family, Governor added displaying confidence on them, who will be under the guidance of Dr. K. R. Meetei and two time Everest Karma Gyaltsen, consultant from Bhutan, **reports PRO to Governor.**

Arunachal Pradesh has the largest section of Himalayan range and it is appropriate that we take lead in adventure sports, white water rafting and water skiing. With inspirational figure like Tapi Mra, we definitely can do it, Governor pointed. He also informed that National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) at Dirang will be coming up very soon.

A mountaineer himself and trained under world renowned mountaineers, late Tenzing Norgay and Nawang Gombu, Gen Singh advising them said, once on the mountain, never take unnecessary risk and be absolutely careful particularly in following safety norms. Be fit and always prevent injuries.

Gen Singh, who flagged off the successful All Women Expedition to Everest of Indian Army, where four climbers scaled the highest peak and Maratha Regiment Expedition during his tenure as Chief of Indian Army expressed his hope that this expedition will also be a successful one.

On behalf of people of Arunachal Pradesh, Governor conveyed best wishes to the mountaineers. He also announced financial assistance to them and presented team Arunachal Badges.

We are looking forward for your success, said State First Lady Anupama Singh, while interacting with the climbers during the Flag Off ceremony. She also appreciated State Sports officials and said, it is very good initiative.

Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg, State Sports and Youth affairs Director D K Dinglow, First Arunachalee Everester Tapi Mra, Arunachal Mountaineering & Adventure Sports Association President Tsering Wange, Dr. K. R. Meetei and two times Everester Karma Gyaltzen, consultant from Bhutan along with State Sports officials were present on the occasion, **adds the PRO**

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