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Governor visits Sarada Mission, Khonsa

Khonsa, December 17: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh General (Retd) JJ Singh along with State First Lady Anupama Singh visited Ramakrishna Sarada Mission (RKSM), Khonsa on 11th December last. On their first visit to the premier girl's school in the State, the first was very impressed by the academic environment and the discipline. Visiting the hostels the first couple interacted with the children and Matajis, **reports PRO to Governor.**

The Governor said that Ramakrishna Sarada Mission (RKSM), Khonsa is not a school but an institution. It is a role model for all educational establishments all our country. Simplicity, cleanliness, and devotion to the deep rooted cultural values are evident everywhere. Terming the visit as inspirational, the Governor said the spirit of service and selflessness are abundantly visible amongst the reverend Matajis and teachers.

Addressing the children, the Governor advised them to be sincere, cheerful and work hard. Obey and respect your elders, think positive and aim high. The Governor added that successful lady will be only successful, if she is a good human being. Rise, shine, and be role models he advised.

The Governor assured to persuade the State Government for a good auditorium and a school bus. As token of love and care for the children, he announced a sum of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand) for purchase of books for RKSM library.

Speaker of State Assembly Wanglin Lowangdong, Parliamentary Secretary Yumsen Matey, Commissioner Home Ramesh Negi, Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg, Secretary Finance Swati Sharman, Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of Tirap and Longding accompanied the Governor and First lady during the visit.

Inspired by the visionary zeal of Sri K.A.A. Raja, Chief Commissioner and later Lt. Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, State administration of Arunachal Pradesh approached the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission authorities to open an educational centre to disseminate knowledge and culture, to raise the status of the tribal women of Arunachal Pradesh and to improve their standard of living in the year 1972. The School was formally inaugurated on the 17th February 1973.

In March 1975, the school was shifted to its present permanent building the construction of which was made possible by a capital grant from the Central Government. It was declared open by the then Prime Minister Smti. Indira Gandhi on the 19th November 1976.

With an initial enrolment of 58 students in 1973, in three classes Preparatory, Class I & II, the school has now blossomed into a full-fledged residential school mainly catering to the all-round development of the tribal girl students of Arunachal Pradesh. The school is affiliated to CBSE, New Delhi and follows a 10+2 pattern of education.

The institution stands today on a sprawling campus of 30.58 acres campus nestled in the Patkai ranges of the Himalayas at a height of about 3500 ft. above sea level, overlooking the lush green fields and forest and the Khonsa Town. The campus accommodates in perfect alignment the hostel block with 7 hostels, which accommodates nearly 300 boarders, dining hall, auditorium, staff quarters and towering above all and standing like a sentinel is the Prayer Hall and a little away the school block adjacent to the orchard.

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