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General Singh awarded the 'Soul of India' award

Itanagar, July1: Arunachal Pradesh Governor General JJ Singh has been awarded with the 'Soul of India' Award for his services to Mother India at The Waldorf Hilton, Aldwych, London on Monday 25th June 2012. The award was presented to General Singh by The Rt. Hon. Dominic Grieve QC MP, Attorney General for England and Wales, on behalf of the Shaheed Nanak Singh Foundation.

The Attorney General expressed great pleasure in welcoming the General and marked the occasion as an opportunity to reinforce the special links between the United Kingdom and India.

The special occasion also saw the Shaheed Nanak Singh Foundation and Mr Paul Uppal MP hosting the launch of 'A Soldier's General' an autobiography of H.E. General J.J. Singh. The launch was attended by over 300 prominent members of the Indian diaspora in the United Kingdom. Mr Paul Uppal MP, Member of Parliament for Wolverhampton South introduced General J.J. Singh and read his fascinating brief. He described the General's accomplishments as a matter of pride for India and described India as a young country which had a troubled birth but had grown to become a beautiful and vibrant country, where people from many faiths and races lived and worked together and respected each other's values. Colonel Alope Dutt then gave a small brief on 'A Soldier's General' and the audience was shown an audio-visual presentation showing images of the General's life in the Army and now as the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh.

Dr Jaimini Bhagwati, Indian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom released the book. He spoke about the book and said that he was particularly moved by the General's references to his father and grandfather, whom he would cherish as it told a story of strong feelings about family. Dr Bhagwati commended the dedication of Gen JJ Singh for India and thanked him for his exemplary services. H.E. went on to say that he was delighted to see NRIs making their Mother India proud with their achievements and loyalty for their adopted countries, **reports PRO to Governor**

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