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**Leader should command respect of his sub-ordinates and should have elements of surprise to succeed: Governor**

**Itanagar, August 1:** A Leader should command respect of his sub-ordinates and should have elements of surprise to succeed, said Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd.) JJ Singh, while delivering the H.L. Gupta Memorial Lecture for the year 2012 at Model Institute of Education and Research (MIER), Jammu on 31st July 2012, on 'Leadership for Modern India' as the topic of the lecture for the year.

Gen. Singh said that for a nation to progress, right kind of leaders is required at different levels, who understand the requirements of a growing country like India. The leaders should have the capability to take decisions for the benefit of their countrymen. He also exemplified the various traits a leader should possess in order to lead from the front. Gen. Singh exhorted the youth, whom he called the 'Future of the Nation' to build up their personal capacities and shoulder responsibilities.

While delivering the lecture, Gen. Singh, who was the chief guest of the occasion and alumni of Institution remembered Late Professor H.L Gupta (1912-1983) whom he described as a great son of the soil, a teacher par excellence, a great educationist and above all a great human being who has been responsible for shaping the destinies of his students including his own when he was a student of Model Academy, Jammu.

Always an Ambassador of the people of Arunachal Pradesh, he dwelled in length on the Frontier State of the country. He enlightened the audience of the developmental process and progress of the State and its potentials. He extended invitations to people to visit and experience the pollution free pristine environment of Arunachal Pradesh.

Earlier, Director MIER Dr. Arun Gupta welcomed the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. He introduced Gen. Singh as a third generation soldier who rose to become the 22nd Chief of the Indian Army. Being the first Sikh Army Chief and the first from the elite Maratha Light Infantry Regiment, he commanded two infantry battalions and was closely associated with the planning and execution of the Kargil war during his forty-seven-year stint in the army. Soon after retiring as the Army Chief, Gen. Singh became the Governor of the sensitive State of Arunachal Pradesh where he has been able to promote peace and brotherhood amongst the diverse culture of the State.

General Officer Commanding in Chief, HQ Northern Command, Lt. Gen. K.T Parnaik and Vice Chancellor University of Jammu, Prof. M.P.S Ishar were the Guests of Honour for the memorial lecture.

Later, Lt Gen Parnaik and Hony Capt Joginder Singh, father of late Lt. Navdeep Singh, Ashok Chakra, Maratha Light Infantry released General Singh's autobiography 'A Soldier's General'. Sqn Ldr Rakesh Punia, ADC to the Governor gave an introduction to the book. Two students of Model Academy, Sheena Bhat and Ajmal Farooq read some interesting excerpts from the book.

Host of eminent personalities including the first lady of Arunachal Pradesh, Anupama Singh, members of serving and former army officers, members of the academia and civil society, management, faculty and students of MIER were present on the occasion.

A small documentary highlighting the life and achievements of Gen Singh was also shown to the audience.

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