

# Arunachal Front

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### A matter of the heart

## Guv's gesture for children

ITANAGAR, Dec 05: Fourteen-year-old Thomas Singkom, who is suffering from congenital heart disease and ventricular heart defect, will undergo surgery in a few days from now.

Two-year-old Gejom Bagra, who has a hole in the heart and arterial problems, will also benefit under the Rotary Club's 'Gift of Life' programme.

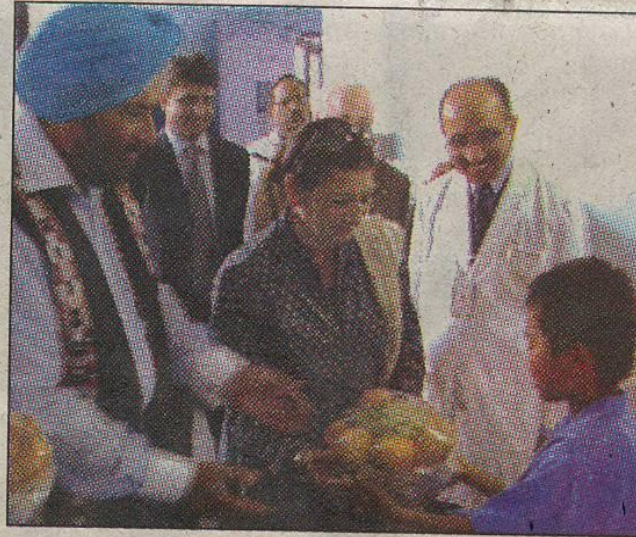
This follows the initiative of Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh, with the active support of Rotary India and New Delhi-based National Heart Institute's (NHI) cardiac surgeon Dr OP Yadava, reports PRO to Governor.

The Rotary 'Gift of Life' (India) project serves to arrange free heart surgery for economically weak persons up to the age of 20 years suffering from congenital heart diseases. Three hundred children have already received free treatment and a new lease of life under this programme. Of these, 100 alone have been treated at the NHI.

The NHI is a premier specialist institute with a longstanding tradition of excellence and service in the field of medicine for more than 25 years.

The Governor, accompanied by first lady Anupama Singh, today visited the two children at the hospital, and later held discussions with the hospital's management and Rotary Club

International's Finance Committee member, Padmashree Sushil Gupta, on the possibility of getting medical camps organized by a team of doctors from the NHI in Arunachal Pradesh to detect, prevent and cure heart problems.



The Governor also showed keen interest in a cardiac care programme for Arunachal Pradesh on similar lines as the one developed by the Uttarakhand government with the NHI. Under this programme the NHI will support cardiac care in the state for three years in order to develop core competence in cardiology for resident doctors of the state who will be trained at the institute in Delhi.

Singh expressed deep gratitude to the Rotarians and the hospital for their humanitarian gesture and said we must develop and prosper and also use our individual circles of influence to make the lives of the people better, the report adds.