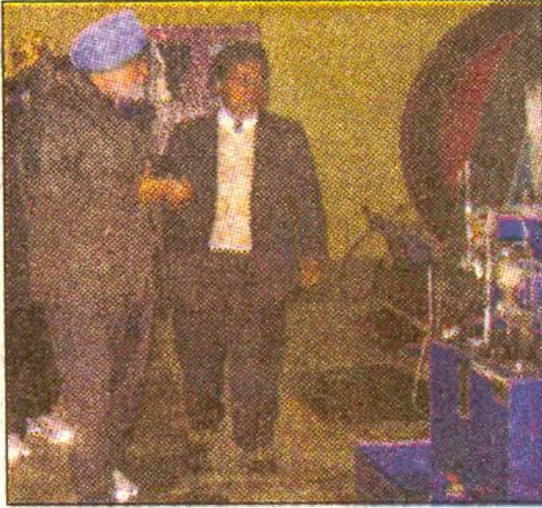


'Mission Arunachal'

# Ahluwalia dedicates hydel to Tawang



*Ahluwalia inspecting the Kitpi power house with Lokhande*

**TAWANG, Feb 26:** Turning another chapter of 'Mission Arunachal', Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia dedicated the Kitpi Phase-II hydel to the people of Tawang district Wednesday, reports DIPRO.

The inauguration, which coincided with the first day of Losar celebration in Kitpi village, 27 km from here, was witnessed by the locals who thronged the site braving inclement weather and heavy snow-fall.

With the commissioning of the 2x1.5 MW hydel, the problem of power shortage will be solved to some extent in this district on Butan-Sino-India border, which experiences massive power demand in the winter season. The project was supervised by the department of hy-

dropower development (DHPD) under EE TT Dirkipa.

This project was part of the massive PM's package for completion of incomplete projects under DHPD. Out of its target of 42 projects with 80 MW capacity, the state government has already completed 19 projects of 23 MW capacity transplanting the PM's dream of illuminating the border areas of the state.

Ahluwalia, who was accompanied by his wife Isha Ahluwalia, later visited the Kalawangpo convention hall and the Manjushree Vidyapeeth orphanage in Tawang, where he interacted with the orphanage's teachers and students.

Today he visited Tawang Monastery and the war memorial and paid homage to the heroes of the 1962 Sino-India war before leaving for Itanagar.

Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu, local MLA Tsewang Dhondup, planning secretary PS Lokhande, DC Gamli Padu and SP SN Mosobi were present during Ahluwalia's visit, the report adds.

**AFND adds:** Dr Ahluwalia, who had accompanied the PM on January 31 last year, visited Ziro today along with Lokhande and returned here for the night halt when he would meet other ministers led by the CM and senior officers before leaving for New Delhi tomorrow at the end of his three-day whirlwind trip to Arunachal.