

Raj Bhavan all set for swearing-in ceremony

ITANAGAR, Oct 23: As the results of recently held election were declared yesterday, Raj Bhavan is all set for the swearing-in of the new ministry. Efforts are on to give a befitting adornment to its Darbar Hall, the venue for the all-important-function.

Striding forward for the proposed ceremony, Governor Gen J J Singh today dedicated the newly renovated and redesigned Darbar Hall, which has a terrace garden, to the people of the state here today. The re-elected members and newly elected ones will have a welcome sight of the grand hall.

It is worth noting here that under the patronage of the Governor and his wife Anupama Singh, the Hall has been redesigned and renovated giving it traditional touches through handicrafts, artifacts and pictorial displays. Cane and bamboo materials have also been thoroughly used. Right after joining as the Governor of the state, Gen Singh transformed the Darbar Hall inside out. The old concrete roof has been transformed into a green lawn, which serves as a sit out with pleasant view overlooking the Raj Bhavan's golf course and the capital



city. Arrangement has been made so as to have the high tea on the lawn on the top of Hall.

Interacting with the people during the function today, the Governor pointed that Darbar Hall is a sacred place and efforts will continue to make it a befitting to the occasions. Commenting on the use of cane and bamboo materials in the refurbishment, Gen Singh said Arunachal Pradesh is proud of its green gold and it is my endeavour to use these eco-friendly natural resources in every constructions and works. I hope people will be inspired and

work in the spirit of eco-friendly initiatives, he added.

To further beautify the structure, he said we are carpeting the concrete roof with twiff dwarf Bermuda grass imported from Florida, USA. Now, it serves as a terrace lawn for high tea and other important functions.

The better half of the Governor said we live in Arunachal and have been proud of its tribal culture. Therefore, attempt has been made to give a tribal look to the Darbar Hall which carries lots to all Arunachalees. We will adore the main hall with handi-

crafts, handlooms and artifacts of each tribe of the state in the future, she added.

A dress rehearsal for the proposed swearing-in ceremony was also conducted today at Darbar Hall under the watchful eyes of the Secretary to Governor, P S Lokhande.

The Darbar Hall, which saw the swearing-in of nine Governors, four Chief Ministers and numerous councils of minister was inaugurated on May 6, 1999 by the then Governor Mata Prasad, who earlier laid its foundation stone on February 20, 1997. (PRO)