## Raj Bhavan: Assam

## **Governor visits Parshuram Kund**

## Praises the sanctity and beauty of the pilgrimage site

**Guwahati, August 7:** Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria along with the First Lady Anita Kataria attended a programme of Vipra Foundation at Parshuram Kund in Lohit district, Arunachal Pradesh today.

Attending the function, the Governor said, "I am feeling immense joy by participating in the program organized on this holy place of pilgrimage. The land of India is the land of *rishis*, saints and mahatmas. On this holy land, great sages and saints have always kept the flag of holiness high by their penance. I bow down and offer my salutations to all the venerable Mahatmas."

The Governor also hailed the government at the Center, for taking keen interest in the renovation of the Parshuram Kund pilgrimage site on a large scale. He also thanked the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for extending support in developing Parshuram Kund to a great site of pilgrimage. The work is being done by the Union Ministry of Tourism under the scheme "National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive" (PRASAD) is really praiseworthy.

The Governor also said that the holy pilgrimage of Parshuram Kund holds special significance for the devotees, as the place is associated with the story of sage Parshuram. Lord Parshuram is always relevant in every age and time. He is depicted as a disciplined and self-controlled sage, able to direct his anger and aggression towards a just cause. He teaches the importance of self-control and the power to channelize emotions in a positive direction.

Kataria also said that, under the campaign to preserve heritage, civilization and culture, the places of historical faith are being renovated which has given rise to the possibilities of heritage tourism in the region. The Governor also commended the efforts of Vipra Foundation for installing a 51 feet huge statue of Lord Parshuram and also promoting and creating awareness on the holy pilgrimage across the country.

Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Chowna Mein, MLA from Udaipur Mowli constituency Dharam Narayan Joshi, MLA from Bhilwara constituency Gopal Khandelwal, MLA from Alwar constituency Sanjay Sharma Alwar along with a host of other dignitaries were present in the programme.

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