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The Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Shri Om Prakash Mathur, inaugurated the 70ft Monumental National Flag at Sikkim Prerna Sthal, Bardang, today. This monumental national flag has been installed by the Indian Army, Tourism Department, Government of Sikkim, and Flag Foundation of India which dedicated to the nation.

With the installation of 70ft Monumental National Flag marked as the 184th Monumental National Flag, prominently positioned within the premises of Sikkim Prerna Sthal, stands as a symbol of unity, pride, and respect for the Nation.

This day also marks the first anniversary of Sikkim Prerna Sthal, an initiative of Raj Bhavan built in honour of the twenty-two martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the service of the Nation during the unfortunate incident that occurred in the State on the October, 2023 (GLOF).

Present at the inauguration ceremony were the Hon'ble Minister for Roads and Bridges, Shri N. B. Dahal; Hon'ble MLA, West Pendam constituency, Shri L. B. Das, GOC of Black Cat Division, Major General M. S. Rathore, SM, VSM, Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Smt. Hondala Gyaltsen, CEO of Flag Foundation of India, Major General Ashim Kohli, SM (Retd.) and other host of dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Governor, commended the Indian Army and others associated with the establishment of the National Flag. He mentioned that Prerna Sthal stands as a tribute to those brave martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice for the service of the nation.

He further stated that Prerna Sthal will serve as an enduring site of learning and inspiration for tourists as part of Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan before visiting the battlefield of Sikkim, enabling them to gain insight into the valour and contributions of the Indian soldiers who serve with commitment and dedication in these regions.

The Hon'ble Governor also directed that the names of all the martyrs be permanently inscribed at the site henceforth.

In addition to being a place of reverence and reflection, Prerna Sthal is envisioned to become a significant site for promoting tourism in the State. Stating this, the Hon'ble Governor instructed the concerned departments to enhance and beautify Prerna Sthal, as it stands as an enduring testimony to the discipline, selflessness, sacrifice, dedication, and unwavering commitment of these valiant soldiers towards the service of the Nation.

The Hon'ble Governor also participated in the solemn wreath-laying ceremony at Prerna Sthal, paying homage to the brave soldiers.

Hon'ble Minister, Roads and Bridges, Shri N.B Dahal, extended his congratulations to the Indian Army, Tourism Department, Flag Foundation of India for the successful installation of the national flag.

Major General Ashim Kohli, SM (Retd), CEO of the Flag Foundation of India, in his address, highlighted the significance of the National Flag and stated that it serves as a symbol that connects every citizen to the spirit of national pride and patriotism.

The event also featured a patriotic performance by the students of PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Singtam, and an impressive display of Kalaripayattu by the Indian Army.