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## Need to tap mineral resources of Northeastern Region

**GUWAHATI:** Assam Governor Bisma Narain Singh has said that the discovery as well as development of mineral resources could contribute substantially towards industrial and economic growth in the Northeastern Region.

Addressing the inaugural session of the silver jubilee celebration of the Directorate of Geology and Mining of Assam here on January 24, the Governor said that modern civilisation could not advance without proper utilisation of minerals found in nature.

He said that most mineral-based industries involved large capital investment. It was,

## Norkhil gets Gold : WTPC Award

**GANGTOK:** Norkhil, Sikkim's first and foremost star hotel known for its sophistication and service excellence has bagged the coveted "Tourism Promotion Award-85" of the New Delhi-based Worldwide Tourism Promotion Centre.

Informing this the WTPC Chairman has conveyed the Norkhil managing proprietor Mr Dimond Oberoi that the decision followed the recommendation of the survey team for Sikkim comprising eminent persons from different areas of tourism to select awardees from different states.

The award in the shape of

Gold Medal is given to Norkhil for distinguished service in hotel category and is held in high esteem not only in India but also abroad. "The award is not given just on the basis of the size of an establishment but on the basis of the quality of its service..."

A beaming Mr Oberoi said it was not only honour for Norkhil but also for Sikkim.

The Worldwide Tourism promotion Centre is a registered body dedicated to the promotion of tourism and serves as a clearing house of wideranging tourism information about different countries.