



The fire-razed theatre hall at the Cultural Heritage Park.

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**NAMCHI, January 29 (IPR):** IPR minister Lok Nath Sharma today led a joint inspection of Eco Heritage Film Village, at Yangang wherein a theatre was set on fire by unknown miscreants on Friday.

The minister was accompanied by Rangang-Yangang MLA Raj Kumari Thapa, IPR advisor Birendra Tamling, Sikkim Film Promotion Board chairperson Pooja Sharma, IPR secretary Siporah G. Targain, director Benu Gurung, joint director Bishal Khawas, Yangang SDM Sujata Subba, IPR DIO (South) Deepti Pradhan, SDPO Sonam Y. Thakarpa, SHO Sawan Gurung, Tourism AE Bidhan Sharma, officials and others.

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Sharma and the team minutely inspected the indoor theatre which was gutted down to ashes and enquired about the loss of the damaged properties in detail.

Thereafter, the visiting team inspected the infrastructures of Eco Heritage Film Village which were found abandoned and broken down into fragments.

Speaking to the media, Sharma strongly condemned the fire incident that has caused huge damage to the government property.

He also mentioned that the IPR DIO (South) had lodged an FIR at Yangang police station immediately after the incident and police investigation has already started. He assured that the culprit will be arrested and strict action shall be initiated.



He added that the joint visit was carried out immediately after receiving directives from the Chief Minister to take stock of the situation.

Sikkim is a peace loving State and the present government always encourages maintenance of sustainable peace and tranquillity, said Sharma.

He also expressed displeasure over the abandoned properties of around more than rupees hundred crore after the completion of work in 2016.

He also elaborated detailed data of the construction work and questioned on leasing out of the assets for 25 years without completing the official formalities in 2018.