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Thousands sapling planted as 'Go Green Arunachal' takes off in style

ITANAGAR, Aug 16: **Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen J J Singh's vision for a greener Arunachal received a big go as huge numbers of children, teachers, citizens and government officials participated in**



a plantation programme despite heavy down pour at Raj Bhavan here today. The plantation was organized by Muskan society in collaboration with department of Environment and

Forests, as a part of State wide programme. The Plantation programme, where more than thousands saplings were planted at Raj Bhavan is an endeavour of the Muskan Society to instill love for the nature amongst the children at tender age and also create awareness on climate changes, green house effects and other environment related issues. You have sown gold, said Gen Singh while appreciating the people for taking part in the plantation.

Exhorting all, he urged upon the people of Arunachal Pradesh to increase the forest cover of the State from 82% to 90%. It will be our contribution towards the betterment of the society, the world and for our future generations, the Governor said. He planted Hollock and Hollong saplings on the occasion.

Placing in record his appreciation for the effort of the Muskan Society for its endeavour towards maintaining the rich green bounty of the state, the Governor said that each and every Arunachalee has the responsibility for preservation of the exotic flora and fauna of the state.

Speaking on the occasion, State First Lady Anupama Singh who also the President, Muskan Society urged upon the people to plant a tree and join in the fight against global warming and pollution caused by carbon dioxide emissions.

Over the last 10 years, forest cover has diminished by 2.4 per cent worldwide. All plants release oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide in order to survive and in so doing help cleanse the atmosphere. A hectare of mature forest absorbs the equivalent of year's worth of carbon dioxide emissions from 250 cars, she justified.

Informing the participants, that they are joined by large numbers of Arunachalee in different parts of the state as the 'Go Green Arunachal' plantation programme is being simultaneously organized

throughout Arunachal Pradesh, the Muskan Society President said that with enthusiastic participations, we can counter the ever-depleting forest covers of Arunachal Pradesh.

Earlier Secretary to Governor Amit Singla said that effort of the Muskan Society and department of Environment and Forests under Raj Bhavan initiative will definitely go long way in preserving the God gifted bounty of the State.

Social Forestry Divisional Forest Officer Kenjum Rina, who also spoke on the occasion, expressed the department's gratitude to the Governor and Muskan Society for providing an the opportunity to participant in the programme which will give huge impetus in preservation of forests.

Rina further said the participation of school children and media persons has a paramount importance to carry forward the message of preservation of rich flora and fauna in the state.

Led by the Governor and State First Lady large numbers of students from different schools of capital complex, including children from Donyi Polo School for Hearing impaired, Chimpu and Collegians from Don Bosco College, Julli took part in the programme.

Lt Col JS Marwah (Retd), father of the Governor also joined in the plantation along with Capital Complex Deputy Commissioner Padmini Singla, SP Hibu Tamang, Chief Conservator of Forest T. Millang and other senior officers of Forest department. Members of Muskan society and Raj Bhavan officials also actively took part in it.

Large numbers of saplings, including Teeta Champa and Hollong which are found in the foothills to middle belt of the Arunachal Pradesh to Hollok trees of Tirap, Changlang and Lohit areas were planted on the day.

Rudrask, timber valued trees like Bogi Poma, Lali Poma and Jamun, medicinal trees like Arjun and Camper, multiple uses trees like Kanchan and flowering ones like Gulmohar in addition to much valued species like Azar were also planted by the participants in the Raj Bhavan Complex. Yachang Tacho adds from ZIRO: As a part of mass tree plantation programme with the slogan 'Go Green Arunachal' being organized throughout the state, a number of saplings have been planted in Govt. Secondary School, Hapoli today.

Organized by the Lower Subansiri division forest officer in collaboration with Lower Subansiri deputy commissioner, the programme saw the participation of DC Sadhana Deori, local MLA Nani Ribia, DFO Hibu Tadi, HoDs apart from the school children and staff.