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**Let us continue to keep
Arunachal clean and
green: First Lady**

ITANAGAR, Jan 23: Arunachal Pradesh is a beautiful land. Let us continue to keep it clean and green, appealed State First Lady Anupama Singh, while leading a social service cum cleanliness drive at Naharlagun, today.

Stressing on cleanliness and quoting Mahatma Gandhi, she said, cleanliness is next to Godliness, we should therefore maintain it not just attribute on our body but also in our surroundings. Stating that Arunachal Pradesh is going to become a tourist hub, State First lady said, to attract more tourists and to ensure their repeated visits, we have to keep our home, surrounding and locality clean.

Expressing pain over the garbage leftover by the New Year picnickers in the pristine Poma area, near Itanagar, the First Lady said, being a part of a tribal society, it is in our age old culture and tradition to live in a clean environment. *(Contd. P-3)*

Let us continue to keep Arunachal clean...

(From P-1) Pleased by the huge turn up for the drive, Singh, who conducted a successful State-wide Breast Cancer campaign recently said, the enthusiasm you have shown, not only encourages us, the Muskan Welfare Society (MWS) to take such initiatives but also shows your concern for a clean Arunachal. It also reflects your civil sense towards the society, she pointed.

Reiterating the appeal of the State Governor for clean and green Arunachal and against use of plastics, the First lady urged upon the school children and teachers for their maximum contribution towards the objective.

Speaking on the occasion, Local MLA Techikaso, who personally volunteered to take part in the cleanliness campaign, appreciated the First lady and the Muskan Welfare Society for the initiative. We should continue the campaign initiated by the First Lady and I will ensure that this campaign continues successfully, assured Kaso.

Earlier, welcoming the volunteers, Capital Complex Deputy Commission Padmini Singla said, the MWS or the Government alone cannot take care of the cleanliness of the State Capital, but it is the duty of every denizen to keep it clean.



Individual contribution is required for it, she stressed.

MWS Member Secretary Mamta Riba expressed gratitude to all the volunteers for their participations and urged upon them to continue with the campaign at the personal and community level.

Later, not just symbolic, but displaying her down to earth attitude, the First Lady lead the volunteers, including local MLA Kaso, Deputy Commissioner Singla and others with broom and cleared the garbage in the Nahalagun Bazaar. Taking breaks in between, she went on to inter-

act with the shopkeepers and personally appeal them to keep their area clean. She also gave patient hearing to their problems, such as toilets and shortage of garbage bins etc. Touched by the enthusiastically participating small school children, Singh distributed sweets and also gave motherly advices to them.

Large numbers of volunteers, including members of Bazaar committees, NSS Volunteers, NCC, Scouts and Guides and senior citizens participated in the day long drive organized by Muskan Welfare Society.

Led by Social Welfare and Child development Director, Smti R.T. Riba, CDPOs, anganwadi workers and gram sevikas actively took part in it. Displaying youthful energy and concern for the society, All Nyishi Youth Association also participated in the drive along with senior citizens of Jai Ram Seva Sangha, Naharlagun. Muskan Welfare Society members and Raj Bhavan officials, led by Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg also took part.

In the sideline of the drive, Urban Development Deputy Director Talo Potom,

who provided the logistical support for the campaign and who also received huge applauses from the participants for his contributions towards cleaner Capital Complex informed that the capital city generate about 60 metric tons daily. With only six trucks, the urban department could only clear about 25 MT. Rest we are doing with 'Tela gadi' and other means. With adequate manpower and vehicles, we will be able to go for door to door collections and give a better result, a cleaner Capital City, Potom added. PRO to Governor