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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Governor greets the people on the occasion of World Environment Day**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri P.B. Acharya has conveyed his warm greetings to the people of the State on the special occasion of World Environment Day. He expressed his hope that the occasion will give thrust to the commitment of the people towards preservation and protection the pristine environment.

In his message, the Governor said that the World Environment Day is observed every year to raise global awareness for protection of Mother Nature and Planet Earth and also to take positive environmental actions. It has developed into a global platform for public outreach with participation from over 143 countries annually including India. First held in the year 1974, it has been a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging environment issues. This year's theme of the celebration is 'Connecting People to Nature'.

The Governor further said that the State of Arunachal Pradesh in the eastern Himalayas with 82% of the forest and tree cover is considered as one of the 35 biodiversity hotspots areas of the world in view of the richness of biological and habitat diversity. The people of the State have been living in harmony with the nature since time immemorial.

Expressing his concern towards the nature, the Governor pointed that the hasty and unrestrained industrialization, urbanisation and increased human intervention have resulted into degradation of environment which in turn affect the climate conditions and cause global warming. It is indeed heartening to note that the State and its people, over the years are showing concern for environmental protection and preservation, he added.

On this Day, I would appeal to all Government departments and agencies, educational institutions, nature lovers, industrialists, corporate leaders, traders, NGOs and especially those people living near our 'Green Gold' to come forward for protecting the environment for better tomorrow and for future generations, the Governor appealed.

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