

## **Press Release No 1170**

### **Raj Bhavan green car**

**Itanagar, Nov.23:** Continuing its effort to promote use of solar and renewable energy, Arunachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency handed over a battery operated car to Raj Bhavan on November 23<sup>rd</sup> last. Along with many things to see, the solar driven car will be one of the new attractions for the visitors to Raj Bhavan.

The Governor General (Retd.) J.J. Singh along with the State First Lady Anupama Singh, Secretary to Governor Ankur Garg and APEDA Director Marki Loya took a ride in the four seated car around the Raj Bhavan compound.

The Governor, who has always been advocating, on use of renewable energy and rain water harvesting methods, urged upon people to commit themselves towards environmentally friendly practices, moving towards more energy efficient practices at home and office, recycling, better management of natural resources, supporting organic products and farming and use of solar energy.

APEDA Director expressed his hope that Raj Bhavan, which has turn into source of ideas and is visited by large numbers of people including children, the battery operated car will definitely spread the message of use of renewable energy.

Providing details of the car, APEDA Director informed that the battery operated cart has been procured under the Special Area Demonstration Programme (SADP) of ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India. It runs on 8 nos. of 6V batteries with the help of a 3.7 kw AC motor, thus requiring no petrol or diesel for its running. It is a completely a green vehicle. There is no air or noise pollution. Once it is fully charged it runs for 8 hours or 40 km at a maximum speed of 20 kms.

Highlighting on the works of APEDA, Loya informed that the agency has been putting lots of effort to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency in the State. It has illuminated 523 remote un-electrified villages through solar. 67 nos. of hydels in the range of 10 kw to 200 kw are also implemented under Prime Ministers package to electrify remote un-electrified villages. It has been doing a great job for the villages in remote place, where electricity was a distant dream. It also maintains the Energy Park which continues to impart scientific knowledge.

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