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Governor appeals all to stop and prevent forest fires

Let us resolve to save our forests for our future generations: Governor

Itanagar, Mar. 12: Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd) JJ Singh is pained to see the pristine green asset of the state on which, like any other Arunachalee, he too is proud of, has been destroyed by fire.

In his appeal, the Governor said that it is an ecological disaster, which will have significant and unacceptable impact for years to come. He added that it is high time, the denizens shoulder responsibility and fight against this menace of forest fire. He feels, if people don't do it now, it will never get done.

The Governor added that it is appalling that the Dariya Hills, which is one of the few sources of water, is engulfed by fire for last few days. The huge ash clouds may pose some problems for aviation, but for the denizens and to prized flora and fauna, it is an environmental catastrophe. The area is now prone to landslides and other disasters including high level of carbon particles.

While appealing to every citizen and organization, including government departments, Non-governmental organizations, Doordarshan, All India Radio, media persons to lend a hand in order to stop and prevent forest fires in the State, the Governor has urged all to resolve to save forest for future generations.

He has appreciated the leading local newspapers for highlighting and focusing on these issues of paramount importance, the report added.

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