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PRESS RELEASE

**Governor appeals to the people of the State to plant more and more trees to
preserve the Nature-gifted pristine green environment**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa and First Lady of the State Smt Rita Rajkhowa have conveyed warm greetings to the people of the State and all Nature lovers on the special occasion of World Environment Day. He expressed hope that the occasion will create more awareness on the importance of green environment, its flora, fauna and wildlife.

In his message to the people, the Governor said that the State of Arunachal Pradesh is blessed with 82% Forest cover of its total geographical area. It has large number of treasured flora and fauna and new species are also discovered regularly and it is considered as one of the 35 Biodiversity 'Hotspots' in the world. The indigenous communities, which have healthily co-existence with Nature since time immemorial, need to continue the excellent traditions of their respected forefathers with balanced developmental process, always enriching the gifts of Nature. To address the global warming and for a healthy climate, the people have to preserve the greeneries, the rivers, springs, the hills and the valleys, the flora, fauna and wildlife. He wished that the State Department of Environment and Forest to strive it's best to create more awareness to preserve, protect and promote the bio-diversity and serene environment in everyone's interests and to showcase our State as one of the best places on earth to live.

The Governor suggested that one simple step to preserve the treasured forest coverage is by demonstrating practically by planting saplings of different varieties of trees by each member of the great Arunachal family. The State Department of Environment and Forests must promote planting of trees along with other Environment Preservation awareness programmes.

On this momentous occasion of World Environment Day, I appeal to my beloved people of Arunachal Pradesh to plant more and more trees to preserve the Nature-gifted pristine green environment. Let the Government and people of our beautiful State join hands together to promote and use renewable energy resources like solar energy, biogas, LPG, wind power, hydropower on selective basis instead of firewood which directly affects our forest wealth.

I hope that this year's celebration of the World Environment Day will make a positive difference than past year, the Governor said in his message.

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