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PRESS RELEASE

Vice President plants sapling

The Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, on his maiden visit after entering his high office to Arunachal Pradesh planted a sapling of Red Sandalwood at the front lawns of the main building of Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 16th June 2018. Continuing the tradition of planting saplings by the visiting dignitaries, the Vice President planted 'Rakta Chandana'. The Hon'ble Vice President was briefed by the Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) regarding the plants, species, properties and usage, who informed that it is found in Southern Eastern Ghats mountain range of South India and grown on shale sub-soil at altitude of 750 metres. It is listed as Endangered Species by IUCN due to over exploitation. Its uses includes antipyretic, anti inflammatory, anti-helmintic, tonic, hemorrhage, aphrodisiac, etc.. All officers and staff of the Raj Bhavan were present on the occasion.

The Vice President was very gracious and offered a photo opportunity for the Raj Bhavan family. He appreciated the green environment and peaceful environment of Raj Bhavan. He advised the Raj Bhavan officials to keep up the Sylvan surrounding of the Raj Bhavan.

The Vice President was also appreciative of the rare weather beauty of the location, with eye soothing mist filled ambience.

The Vice President profusely thanked the staff of the Raj Bhavan for the hospitality.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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