

# Arunachal should be beneficiary of all development projects: Singh

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ITANAGAR, May 28: Governor J J Singh said that what ever we do, we should keep in mind that Arunachal should be the beneficiary of any developmental project. He was addressing the two days regional workshop on Prospects of non-timber forest products (NTFP) Certification and Sustainable NTFP Management as chief guest today at NERIST. The workshop is being organized by Department of Forest NERIST, International Centre for Community Forestry (ICCF) and Indian Instituté of Forest Management, Bhopal (IIFM).

While elaborately discussing on preservation of forest and the government forest regulations and its management, Singh urged the people to stop reckless cutting of forest and suggested to plant more trees. Repeating his desire to make Arunachal Pradesh a



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top most producer of Bamboo and its product in the state he urged the people to go for plantation of Bamboo in a massive scale to generate employment and to boost the economy of the people.

Informing the gathering about Raj Bhawan Honey production and elaborating the favorable physical features of the state, Singh suggested the people to adopt bee keeping in large scale in the state.

He also vehemently opposed using of plastic products and urged the people to generate more eco friendly low cost

handicraft to replace plastic in the state and urged the participants of the two days workshop to avail the benefits from the resource persons.

The two days workshop would discuss on scope for NTFP Certification with special reference to MAP species and its relation to sustainable Forest Management, role of forest department in conservation, development and management in medicinal and aromatic plants, role of community participation in conservation and monitoring of medicinal plants species and sustainable harvesting of medicinal

plants and linkages and networking of the North East Region for implementation of sustainable NTFP Management practices.

This workshop attempts to get a feedback on the national standards for Medicinal and aromatic Plants certification from the stakeholders. It would also open the access to international market where Indian certified products will have global competitiveness and issues on livelihood development, conservation and sustainable utilization of biodiversity and benefit sharing aspects will also be addressed during the two day workshop.