

# Arunachal Front

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## Guv calls for 'clean and green' environ on WED

**ITANAGAR, Jun 05:** Joining the crusade against global warming, Arunachal Pradesh today observed World Environment Day (WED) along with the rest of the world to save the biodiversity.

The day that stimulates awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and public action is being observed this year on the theme 'Many Species. One Planet. One Future.'

Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh, along with Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Navin B Chawla joined the celebration at Senki View CRPF HQ here this morning and planted saplings to mark the occasion.

Going with the global effort to save the biodiversity loss, the state is taking up a series of plantation programmes through the main line up at the state capital with the planting of 2000 saplings of 11 species.

Gen Singh, who has been advocating a cleaner, greener and plastic-free Arunachal, exhorted the people to create an environment-friendly future for the coming generations.

"My dream is to see a cleaner and greener Arunachal than European countries," the governor said, while stressing



on expanding the forest cover in the state.

Interacting with the green campaigners on the day, Gen Singh suggested ways and means to protect earth from deforestation and pollution. He urged upon the people, especially the children to inculcate good environmental friendly habits. Pointing at the sweet wrappers, he said, you have to develop habit not to throw it

anywhere but dispose it properly. Creating a new, environment-friendly future is a daunting task, but in reality, small steps by many people will change the world and protect our treasured natural vegetation. It is the best gift of the nature, Gen Singh added.

Appreciating the district administration for banning random use of plastics, Gen Singh said, the problem of plastic

wastes was acute here two years ago but it has been reduced to a great extent after ban on use of plastic bags was imposed and shopkeepers were fined.

He said solid waste management has been launched here and organized rag pickers with proper identity cards will come regularly at every doorstep to collect segregated non-biodegradable solid wastes and recyclable wastes.

The CEC called for making Arunachal a model state in the country by making it more clean and green. He urged the district administration to replicate the practice in plastic waste disposal adopted in Madurai district of Tamil Nadu.

The CEC and the governor also visited the Bamboo Processing Centre at Poma later in the day.

It is pertinent to mention here that with the initiative of the governor, the Muskan Welfare Society led by its president first lady Anupama Singh, organized a plantation programme on August 16 last year in which large number of native tree species were planted in the Raj Bhavan complex, making the area a manifestation zone featuring all economically viable and important trees of Arunachal Pradesh. (UNI, PRO to governor)



Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh alongwith CEC Navin B Chawla inspecting demonstration at Poma Bamboo processing centre - DIPR