

## ARUNACHAL FRONT SUNDAY 17 JANUARY, 2010

### Guv promotes 'clean Arunachal'



**ITANAGAR, Jan 16:** While interacting with the principals and teachers of various schools of Itanagar and Naharlagun at Raj Bhawan here today, Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh urged them to evolve various modalities for generating awareness on sanitation and beautification of the state capital by involving the students.

Highlighting on the health hazards caused by degradation to environment including open garbage disposal and pollution, Singh asked them to take a vow to work as 'Team Arunachal' in making a cleaner Arunachal, report his PRO.

"Because of negligence and lack of responsibility and civic sense of the citizen, our children would suffer from diseases", he emphatically said, while pointing at disposal of garbage, like plastic glasses and water bottles on picnic spots and nearby rivers.

In order to sensitize the masses, the governor further asked the teachers to conduct essay compe-

tion for higher classes and painting competition at primary level on the theme 'Clean Arunachal and green Arunachal' preferably before the Statehood Day and send the best 10 essays and paintings to Raj Bhawan for further selection by the first lady Anupama Singh for printing of best painting as 'greetings cards'.

He also called upon them to organize tree plantation to preserve and maintain the greenery of the state. 'Let every child plant a tree. This would add a lot to the greenery in future', he stated.

While interacting with local MLA Techhi Kaso and district administration officials at Raj Bhawan on Friday, the governor had asked Kaso for the involvement of panchayat leaders in spreading awareness among the local people and educating them the proper way of garbage disposal.

Advocating innovative measures on garbage management by establishing dustbins at *Contd. P.3*

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*From P.1...* all strategic locations and creation of dumping grounds on specific places for disposal of city garbage, the governor further asked the Capital DC Padmini Singla to intensify the movement to deal with garbage menace by involving NGOs and student bodies in solid waste management activities

Citing Gangtok as paradigm of planned city, he emphasized on proper policy on town planning to serve the dual purpose of avoiding casualties on occurrence of natural calamities besides beautifying the town.

He also stressed to focus on the development of rural areas like setting up of small scale industries, bee keeping, organic farming, handicraft

products etc to minimize migration to urban areas.

Advocating for proper tourism policy for the state, he urged the tourism department to play proactive role by involving the local communities to improve the rural economy.

Informing that plastic or polythene bags have been totally banned in the market, Kaso elaborated the pros and cons of implementing measures on town planning in the capital cities.

The interaction programme was also attended by UD commissioner Yeshe Tsering, tourism secretary Bandana Deori, West Kameng DC Swati Sharma, Papum Pare ADC Tai Kaye and secretary to governor Ankur Garg, the report added.