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Governor to participate in World Environment Day programme

Itanagar, June 4: Along with rest of the world, Itanagar Raj Bhavan also participated in the observation of the World Environment Day on 5th June. A plantation programme was organized by Environment and Forest, Government of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with Muskan Welfare Society (MSW) Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. Pradesh Governor Gen JJ Singh along with school children, members of Muskan Welfare Society, officials of Environment and Forest Raj Bhavan took part in the plantation programme, **reports PRO to Governor.**

In his effort to maintain the vast green cover and also to make Arunachal Pradesh, a plastic Free State, Governor has been participating in numbers of eco friendly programmes in the past. In 2010, Gen Singh along with Chief Election Commissioner Navin B Chawla, who was on a two-day visit to the State, Arunachal Pradesh Governor Gen JJ Singh took part in the World Environment Day celebration at CRPF Hq, Senki View.

In 2009, Governor took part in the plantation at Raj Bhavan complex organized by Muskan society in collaboration with department of and Forests, as a part of State wide programme. In spite of heavy shower, led by the Governor and State First Lady large numbers of students from different schools of capital complex, including children from Donyi Polo School for Hearing impaired, Chimpu and Collegians from Don Bosco College, Julli, took part in the programme. The then Capital Complex Deputy Commissioner Padmini Singla, SP Hibu Tamang, Chief Conservator of Forest T. Millang and other senior officers of Forest department. Members of Muskan society and Raj Bhavan officials also actively took part in it. The Plantation programme, where more than thousands saplings were planted at Raj Bhavan complex is an endeavour of the Muskan Society members led by State First Lady Anupama Singh to instill love for the nature amongst the children at tender age and also to create awareness on climate changes, green house effects and other environment related issues.

Large numbers of saplings, including Teeta Champa and Hollong which are found in the foothills to middle belt of the Arunachal Pradesh to Hollok trees of Tirap, Changlang and Lohit areas were planted on the day. Rudrask, timber valued trees like Bogi Poma, Lali Poma and Jamun, medicinal trees like Arjun and Camper, multiple uses trees like Kanchan and flowering ones like Gulmohar in addition to much valued species like Azar were also planted by the participants in the Raj Bhavan Complex which is well maintained by the concerned department. Today, it has become a demonstration area featuring all economical viable and important trees of Arunachal Pradesh, **adds the PRO.**

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