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Governor emphasises on preservation of treasured flora and fauna of the State

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) inaugurated the two-day National Symposium on ferns at Itanagar on 22nd February 2018. The symposium with the theme, 'Pteridological studies in India: Perspectives and Modern approaches in relation to Environment & Climate Change' is organised by Botanical Survey of India, Arunachal Pradesh Regional Centre, Itanagar, in collaboration with Indian Fern Society, Chandigarh.

In his inaugural address, the Governor called upon the scientists and researchers to explore innovative ways to preserve the nature's bounty for the present generation as also for the posterity. He stressed that the scientific fraternity must ensure to create an environment for continued development of plants and shrubs of all living things in their natural habitat.

The Governor expressed hope that the Botanical Survey of India will continue to undertake intensive floristic surveys and collect accurate and detailed information on the occurrence, distribution, ecology and economic utility of plants in the country.

Highlighting the traditional and age-old association of the people with the natural environment and its economic importance, the Governor emphasised on preservation of treasured flora and fauna of the State.

The Governor released a book titled 'Flora of Kurung Kumey District' published by Botanical Survey of India, Arunachal Pradesh. He also released the abstracts of the symposium papers.

Speaker of Arunachal Pradesh State Legislative Assembly, Er. T.N. Thongdok, Additional Director, Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata Dr. P.M. Padhye, Chairman, Indian Fern Society, Chandigarh Prof. S.P.Khullar, Former Deputy Director, Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow Dr. Pradeep K. Srivastava, and Head of Office, Botanical Survey of India, Arunachal Pradesh Regional Centre, Itanagar, Dr. V.K. Rawat shared their views on flora particularly fern in the State.

First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra, scientists, researchers and students from different parts of attended the symposium. Students from Hornbill English Medium School, Itanagar presented a cultural item on the occasion.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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