



SPEECH

OF

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**ON THE OCCASION OF
PLANTATION PROGRAMME**

NEAR RAJ BHAVAN DISPENSARY,

ITANAGAR

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The President Muskan Society, Smti Anupama Singh, officers and officials from department of Environment and Forests, members of Muskan society, media persons and my dear beloved children.

Welcome to the Raj Bhavan Complex. First of all, let me extend my heartiest gratitude to each one of you for coming over here and participating in the plantation programme organized by Muskan Society in collaboration with department of Environment and Forests. It is our pleasure to have you all this Sunday morning here at Raj Bhavan Complex.

Friends, you will be happy to know, you are joined by every Arunachalee through out the State today. In every corner of the State, we are carrying out this plantation programme, which aims to preserve our own identity as Arunachalees. Without the greenery of our land, our identity will be lost. The earth is one only beautiful home, and one doesn't destroy one's house and be happy. If we love nature, we must protect its beauty and harmony by not defacing it. It is important that we

keep resources like water, air, soil, ozone layers clean without polluting them and allow the flora and fauna to grow and live. Polluted water, plastics, noise and fumes from the vehicles and factories pollute environment. Therefore, we must be very careful.

Since last March, when we were facing huge ecological tragedy due to forest fire, I always carry in my heart to organize a plantation which will be simultaneously organized through out the State. I must thank the President Muskan Society, her team and department of Environment and Forests for helping me realizing my objective.

Our people all around the State are not arsonists, but they are using fire as the most efficient and cheap tool to manage the natural vegetation for their negligible productive purposes. Unfortunately, some of these fires become uncontrolled and have negative impacts on the forest ecosystems. Main losers because of these negative impacts are the people, its flora and fauna, and the country in particular and world as a whole. Ancient history, ranging from the Egyptians to the Romans to the

Mayans, indicates that poorly managed agriculture can lead to the eminent decline of entire civilizations. By the mid part of the twentieth century, symptoms began to appear, documented by scientists, that some aspects of modern agriculture were unsustainable, leading in many cases to a decline in environmental quality and human quality of life. The undesirable side effects of modern agriculture, some believed, were threatening the lands and the very livelihood that farmers were trying to sustain. In contrast, from a historical perspective, scientists knew that civilizations that did follow sustainable practices were indeed able to thrive for centuries. Thus, I would like to our hardworking farming community to incorporate the use of production techniques developed by the latest agricultural research, along with some of the farming practices that proved effective established in individual production regions. For this of course, our officials of Agriculture, Horticulture and Environment and Forests have to take lead role and proactive.

In our endeavour, another community, which can create huge positive impact is our teachers and students.

Any effort by our learned teaching community and brilliant students will give the right result. I would like to appeal all of you, teachers and students, to carry forward the message of protecting the natural environment, including our prized flora and fauna from destruction or pollution. I would also request every Principal and Head of Education Institutions of the State to let each student plant a sapling on joining the institution and take care of it till he or she passed out. This way we will have green campus and also a correct environment for learning.

Taking this opportunity, I would like urged upon the Director General of Police to organize Plantation programmes and other environment activities at regular basis at Police Station level. I am sure as a discipline force, it will have huge impact and will be done exceptionally well. I was very impressed by the way the Muskan Society Hiking Expedition was facilitated by the Principal Chuku Apa and his personnel of Police Training Centre Banderdewa.

Before, I conclude, another important thing I want to tell you is that it is the environment rather than heredity

is the primary influence on intellectual growth and cultural development. For better tomorrow for yourself, your children, preserve the Green, So join me and Muskan Society with the slogan, lets Go Green Arunachal.

Thank you.