

“Clean and Green Arunachal” – Plantation

Bomdila—7th May’10 : Giving a further boost to the state government's initiative of “ Clean and Green Arunachal ” the District Administration this afternoon in collaboration with the Forest department of Bomdila arranged for three thousand numbers of *Illicium griffithi* (Lissi) and *Cupressus* (Dhupi) for distribution to the government departments and public for plantation in their office and residential premises.

Earlier, addressing the huge number of government Officers, public and staff gathered at Buddha Stadium where he and the Deputy Commissioner later distributed the saplings, the Parliamentary Secretary for Hydro Power Development R. T Khunjuju implored upon the people to give a big momentum to the state government's initiative by planting tress and getting rid of the district headquarter of the polythenes. The drainage system of the headquarter too needs to be improved, he said. On the DC's request, R. T Khunjuju assured of developing a mechanism which would monitor the proper upkeepment of the tress planted. Incentives to the departments and individuals would also be given for excelling in this mission, he added.

Dwelling on the importance of greening the area, Deputy Commissioner Rinchin Tashi said that it is high time to plant trees in the district headquarter as the place has been extremely deforested and has become highly prone to landslides. Equal measures should also be taken and efforts made by all to keep clean ones premises. Requesting the Parliamentary Secretary and the Divisional Forest Officer, DC Tashi said that a package could be sought in this line for the district; the headquarter in particular, by which the losses during natural calamities in the area could be mitigated to some extent. In the second phase, mass plantations would be carried out on the hills and in the catchment areas surrounding the district headquarter which is devoid of tress for maintaining the ecological balance. Requesting the Parliamentary Secretary and the department concerned for working out a mega package for greening the area under the ambitious second phase, DC Tashi said that, this way the water crisis and other problems related with the deforestation in district headquarter could be minimized to a great extent.

Later, a total of about three thousand saplings were distributed by the Parliamentary Secretary R. T Khunjuju and Deputy Commissioner Rinchin Tashi to the individuals and departments for plantation with the responsibility of its proper care and upkeepment.