

## **Forest Minister Shri S.B.Subedi**

**Dedicates rest of his life for Forest conservation under the leadership of the Nations Greenest Chief Minister**

**World environment Day** was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at an official function at Saramsa Garden is being celebrated throughout the world by planting saplings and organizing awareness campaigns to protect our environment. Sikkim state under the leadership of Nations Greenest Chief minister Dr. Pawan Kumar Chamling today is setting an example for all others to follow by implementing a program like State Green Mission which aims to cover all the road reserves and other vacant lands with quality green cover by involving the existing man power in the Government and Shram dhan from the local bodies and public under the supervision of their legislators.



Required saplings for this mission and technical know how is being provided by the State Forest Environment and Wildlife Management Department, while required fund for manure, transportation and awareness raising will be met from the State Plan budget. On this occasion, H/Minister Forests, Shri S.B. Subedi while addressing the public at Saramsa garden, Ranipul, East Sikkim, stated that this mission is the vision of our H/Chief Minister to make the state green and a garden state and this program was launched in 2006 by Dr. P. K. Chamling in which target was to cover 20% of the above lands which has been completed successfully with a recorded survival of 60-65%. This year, the target is fixed to 50% and the remaining will be covered in the next financial year. He also stated his confidence that the vision of our H/Chief Minister will materialize and our efforts will bear fruits, only when we have good public support and heartfelt participation. In this matter Panchayats, NGOs, JFMCs, EDCs and SHGs have a vital role to make people aware of this mission and their support.

He also reminded that price money/ perks announced by the H/ C M at the time of launching this mission to the constituencies which stands in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions in implementation of this mission which will be assessed after 3 years i.e., in 2009. Constituency which stands in the 1<sup>st</sup> position will get price money and the sitting legislature will be ensured his party ticket in the next elections. In the current financial year, he has also expressed his hope that this mission will be a great success and the state will become an example at international level for Environmental conservation. On this auspicious occasion of World Environment Day, Mr. Subedi took a solemn oath in presence of the CM and public that whether or not he is in the position of Forest Minister, he will dedicate the rest of his life for protection and conservation of the Environment as a responsible citizen.

In the CFY, this mission is under implementation with the same spirit and enthusiasm. All the groups, public and their legislatures are putting their sincere efforts to stand in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Even though they are working in war footing manner like in elections, success will depend on the simultaneous protection to the planted saplings from biotic interference and other natural calamities. We wish all the best to the public and their legislatures for a great success to make this tiny Himalayan biotic hub as Garden State.