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Left: Impulse NGO Network Team Leader, Rosanna Lyngdoh speaking to students at St George Higher Secondary School, Nongmynsong; Middle: Chairman, Institution of Engineers (India), Meghalaya State Centre, JB Poon, planting a sapling at Raid Lyngkhoi; Right: Members of the Institution of Engineers (India), Meghalaya State Centre along with the students.

ENVIRONMENT DAY-2012

Engineers take lead to protect environment with students help

Staff Reporter

SHILLONG, June 05: The Institution of Engineers (India), Meghalaya State Centre Tuesday observed the 'World Environment Day' (WED) by planting close to 1000 saplings at Raid Lyngkhoi village, Nongpung.

The members of the Institution of Engineers were assisted by 300 students from Raid Lyngkhoi Secondary School to plant the saplings.

Students, with spade in one hand and a sapling in other hand, were all over the hillock to plant the saplings given to them. Each student was seen trying to find his own spot to put the sapling. The lush green village only

got a boost in its endeavor to protect its habitat by the institution.

Speaking at the plantation drive, Chairman of Institution of Engineers (India), Meghalaya State Centre, JB Poon, apprised the students of the WED 2012's UN theme, which is 'Green Economy: does it include you?'

Elaborating on which, he said, "There are two parts to this theme, the first tackles the subject of green economy and the other about your involvement. On the contrary, the Green economy is really something that is applicable all around you and it is easy to imagine how you fit in".

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Further elucidating on the concept of green economy, he said, "A Green Economy is the one whose growth in income and employment is driven by public and private investments that reduce carbon emissions and pollution, enhance energy and resource efficiency, and prevent loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services."

He stressed that the importance of WED in current times has increased because of the mass urbanization that has destroyed the environment.

But the greenery in and around the Raid Lyngkhoi village amazed the Chairman.

Hoping that the village surrounding would not meet the same fate as that in urban areas, he urged the students to protect their habitat at all costs.

"I feel happy to be here and see the greenery around. You are all blessed to have this greenery", he said adding "please preserve this".

He also appealed to the teachers to teach and motivate their students on about the importance of environment and the need to preserve it.

In this vote of thanks, Lyngdoh of Raid Lyngkhoi village, Orestor Lyngdoh expressed gratitude to the institution for coming to the village and planting more

trees, he also hosted the whole program.

Other members of the institution present include Director of Transmission, MEPTCL, K Marbaniang; Executive Director, Communication and Capacity Development Unit (CCDU),

Meghalaya Water and Sanitation Organization (MWSO), PHE, ABiswa; and Additional Chief Engineer, Transmission, MEPTCL, W Mawroh, besides other members from state and central government department.

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If this illegal process continues and lasts for long, it will encourage underground outfits and even terrorists groups in getting shelter and protection in the locality, said SRPH in its FIR copy adding "which would be easier for them to conduct illegal activities which would create problem by way of life and death to the bonafide and peace loving people of the state".

SRPH also added that harboring such people in the locality would also pose a threat to national security.