

Gangtok, June 25: (IPR) The 10<sup>th</sup> phase of Ten Minutes to Earth programme was held today at Plant Conservatory, Bulbuley which was organized by the Department of Forests, Environment & Wildlife Management.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Pawan Chamling planted a sapling on the occasion and stressed on his endeavour to make Sikkim the most green and beautiful state in the nation. He said that plantation drive across the state should involve students and teachers alike. They should be made more aware about the environmental policies and responsibilities which each individual should abide by.

The Chief Minister also directed the Mayor to transform Gangtok into a green paradise. He instructed that all the vacant areas should be covered with plantations and said that we should appreciate and give back to nature as eventually they define the purity of our existentialism. He also said that the state has an unparalleled distinction of being a state with a very high degree of political stability, a well-established example of social harmony, peace, tranquility, thus we should thrive more to bring greater laurels to the state and pace forward more with extraordinary momentum.

The occasion also had the presence of Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, HODs and officials from the Department.

