

Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi inaugurates implementation of Zero Waste Campus in Raj Bhavan

Guwahati, October 2: With an aim to achieving objectives of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and reduce the impact of waste on environment, Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi today launched the implementation of Zero Waste management for the in Raj Bhavan Campus at a programme held in Raj Bhavan here today. Titled ‘The Raj Bhavan Assam- a Zero waste Campus’ it is an approach for holistic assessment of solid and liquid wastes, their management, gap analysis, formulation and implementation of standard waste management procedure for achieving a zero waste campus at Raj Bhavan, Assam.

It may be noted that the project has been conceptualised by Raj Bhavan under the initiative of Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi and under the technical support of The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI) as an implementation agency and knowledge and technical partner.

Launching, the project the Governor said that adopting zero waste management in Raj Bhavan is a one step towards fulfilling the ideals of Gandhiji for a clean and a green nation. He said that implementing the zero waste management will minimize all harmful discharges to land, water or air which are threats to environment, human, animal or plant. He further said that a fundamental constructive change will happen only when each and every individual participates and contributes to the cleanliness of environment.

The Governor also said that a fitting tribute can be paid to Gandhiji only when every individual develops the sense of hygiene and shoulders the responsibility of keeping his surroundings clean.

The project is being implemented as a part of Raj Bhavan’s efforts to adopt a system for preventing pollution and avoid costs associated with landfill disposal. The initiative will also reduce carbon emissions by diverting the discarded materials from methane-generating landfills and avoiding carbon emissions associated with extracting, processing, and transporting raw materials and waste. The R principles- Reduce, Recycle, Recovery and Reuse are the tools to be used in the implementation of zero waste management being implemented in the Raj Bhavan.

It would be a first of its kind zero waste campus being implemented in Raj Bhavan, Assam to manage solid and liquid waste and demonstrate the responsibility of Raj Bhavan towards effective planning, execution and monitoring mechanism for cleaner and lively environment. This will be a model for other residential and institutional campus for replication and adoption of the technologies for cleaner and zero waste campuses.

Commissioner and Secretary to the Governor M.M.Meenakshi Sundaram, Director TERI North Eastern Regional Center, Guwahati Dr.Dipankar Saharia, officials of TERI and Raj Bhavan were present an the launching function.

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