

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
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The Hon'ble Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla is deeply concerned to learn from the local dailies about the burning of forest on Kheba hill under Thoubal District. The Hon'ble Governor has expressed that forests are our national wealth and they belong to all of us. Manipur is blessed with rich bio-diversity and it is our responsibility to protect them. The Hon'ble Governor has felt very unhappy at the unfortunate incident and expressed also that it is worrisome whether the forest got fire on its own or somebody did it, but whatever the reason, it is ultimately the loss of the people. The Hon'ble Governor has, therefore, made an appeal to each and everyone to not only protect our national wealth, the forest which is ours but also to plant more trees. There is a great danger of climate change looming large all over us and if we all put our efforts together, we will be able to achieve the objective of saving our State, our country, our planet.

Further, the Hon'ble Governor has expressed that the need of the hour is to live in harmony with nature and has desired to use our traditional practices and indigenous wisdom for the protection of our precious bio-diversity wealth.

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