

World Day to Combat Desertification observes

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Imphal, June 17 2012: As observed in other parts of the globe as per the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Conference in 1994, World Day to Combat Desertification was observed along with a function at Kangla Hall here today. Special Secretary, Forest and Environment AK Joshi presided over the function, which was also attended by Director of College Development Council, Manipur University RK Ranjan and Professor N Dev of Geography Department as resource persons. Speaking on the occasion, Special Secretary AK Joshi pointed out that one fourth of the total land area of the world has been facing threats of desertification today. Natural deserts have their own habitat and it has many living beings in its environment. However, manmade desert has no such natural habitat but threaten the sustainability of the natural habitat of the areas. Manipur today needs to be aware of such facts and save our soil from manmade desertification, Joshi observed. He called upon the people of the state to join hands to stop deforestation and other activities, which have direct impact on the natural habitat of the state, to prevent desertification, he added.