I am very happy that along with rest of India, Arunachal Pradesh is celebrating the 57th Wildlife Week from 2nd to 8th October 2011.

Arunachal Pradesh is a gifted land with rich biodiversity. One of the global biodiversity hotspots, it is home to a fascinating array of wildlife. New species of flora and fauna are still being discovered every now and then in this pristine ecosystem, which offers a wide range of tangible as well as intangible benefits. We Arunachalees are guardians of this treasure and it is our responsibility to protect it for posterity. As we strive towards infrastructural development, we also need devise methods that meet the specific requirements of each species and its specific circumstances. It can be best achieved by harmonizing our development imperatives with conservation concerns.

On this occasion, let us reaffirm our commitment to protect and conserve our magnificent biodiversity for sustainable growth and development of all.

General JJ Singh,
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