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PRESS NOTE**

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The Governor of Uttarakhand Smt. Margaret Alva has said that the annual flower show at Raj Bhawan is now being presented in the form of Spring Festival or Basantotsav which includes not only an exhibition of flowers but also of art, crafts, culture and food of Uttarakhand.

Addressing flower lovers and visitors at the prize distribution ceremony organised on the third and last day of Basantotsav 2011 held on the lawns of Raj Bhawan, the Governor said, "For the first time, the Spring Festival includes a polyhouse designed by GB Pant Agricultural University in Raj Bhawan to cater to floriculture and horticulture development here. Work on water harvesting is also underway. Besides, there are other environment-friendly models such as the Green Building Concept, displays by Uttarakhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (UREDA) and exhibition of bamboo and fibre handicrafts developed under the aegis of the State Bamboo and Fibre Development Board."

The Governor told the said, "You will be glad to know that more than 200 quintals of compost has been prepared by Raj Bhawan for its lawns and gardens this year. This year some of the herbs and medicinal plants grown in Raj Bhawan are also being displayed."

The Governor said that all efforts have been made to make Basantotsav or the Spring Festival event more attractive, entertaining, memorable and meaningful. On the occasion, she said that all citizens needed to think and act in the spirit of the Basantotsav-2011 slogan of 'Clean Doon Green Doon'.

Speaking on the occasion, State Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat threw light on the various steps that were being taken to encourage floriculture and horticulture development in the State.

Earlier, the Governor, accompanied by Member of Parliament Shri Satpal Maharaj and State Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, gave away prizes and trophies to winners in

different categories. The Basantotsav-2011 running trophy was won by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). In addition, prizes were given away in cut flowers, potted plants arrangement, nurseries, fresh and dry flowers arrangement, bouquet and garlands, and plants in the cacti, bonsai and orchids categories, gardens of different land areas, photography, fresh petal rangoli and hanging pots categories.

On the occasion, the Governor also gave away prizes to winners in the school children painting category. In this category, Kumari Swati, Kumari Manasi and Kumari Rashmi, all from Sharp Memorial School (visually challenged) won the first, second and the third prize respectively. Also in the school children painting competition (mentally challenged), Kumari Priya and Master Anubhav Ghildiyal from Gokul Society for Handicapped won the first and the second prize respectively while Master Shivam of Raphael Home secured the third prize. In the Hearing and Speech impaired category, Master Anam, Kumari Jyotsana and Kumari Pema, all from Bajaj Institute of Learning, Dehradun, won first, second and third prizes respectively.

In Class 1-5 category, Kumari Prabhleen Kaur and Kumari Tanya Mukherji of Convent School won first and second prize respectively while Master Kundan of Sharp Memorial School secured the third prize. In Class 6-8 category, Master Samson of Gorkha Military College won the first prize while Kumari Kritika Thapa and Kumari Somany Gupta of Scholar's Home secured the second and third prize respectively.

Those who were present on the occasion include MLA Smt. Amrita Rawat, Secretary Horticulture Shri Vinod Fonia, Secretary to the Governor Shri Ashok Pai, Additional Secretary Shri Arun K. Dhaundiyal, Additional Secretary Horticulture Shri JS Pandey and ADC to the Governor Shri VK Krishna Kumar, members of the panel of judges, and a large number of visitors to the exhibition, among others.