

PRESIDENT AJK CALLS FOR FOREST CONSERVATION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

MUZAFFARABAD:

Sardar Masood Khan President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) urged people to plant more trees to reduce negative impacts of climate change and protect the environment.



Talking to newsmen after inaugurating Tree Plantation Drive by planting a sapling in the lawn of

President House on Tuesday, he said that drastic climate changes taking place at the global level in general and Pakistan, in particular, are a matter of great concern for us.

“AJK once famous for its beautiful green forests are increasingly facing deforestation for different reasons. It is high time to plant more trees to keep the beauty of the area intact and to combat the climate changes, the president said.

Saying that depletion of forests not only causes devastating floods, droughts and famine but also creates serious environmental and health problems, Sardar Masood Khan said trees are crucial for the health and well-being of people, wildlife and our planet.

He said it is our national duty to plant more trees on one hand and

conserve the existing forests on the other to prevent impending disasters. The president further said people should turn to alternate sources of energy and must avoid cutting of trees to use them as fuelwood.

He said that government can assist people of remote areas like Neelum Valley to use liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in place of forest wood to save the precious forests of the area.

President also stressed upon media, social organizations and civil society to sensitize the people by creating awareness about the importance of forests