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ITANAGAR, Jan 10: With the picnic season at full swing, people are thronging the outskirts of the State capital that offers ideal picnic spots with icy cool rivers and serene nature. But the lighthearted outings are taking its toll over the environment with pollution from leftovers. That makes one ponder - New Year Party at what cost? This exactly was the reaction of Governor Gen (Rtd) J J Singh, who visited the Poma-Jote area, 30 km from Itanagar, today.

Gen Singh, who always has been advocating for a plastic-free Arunachal, was literally disappointed in finding plastic glasses, paper plates and other materials on the river banks. Worst still, the garbage such as disposal plates, potato chip wrappers, mineral water bottles and glasses were found floating in the serene streams.

In a statement this evening, Singh appealed to the people to keep rivers and its surrounding clean, asserting

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Water bottles and other leftovers floating in Poma river. (Sentinel)

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that clean and pristine environment is the identity of tribal people and it ought not to be lost. He also called upon the elites of the society, government departments, NGOs, media and the youths to be proactive in carrying the message against these non-biodegradable materials during outings. "If at all used, these should be carried back and disposed off in proper manner," he said.