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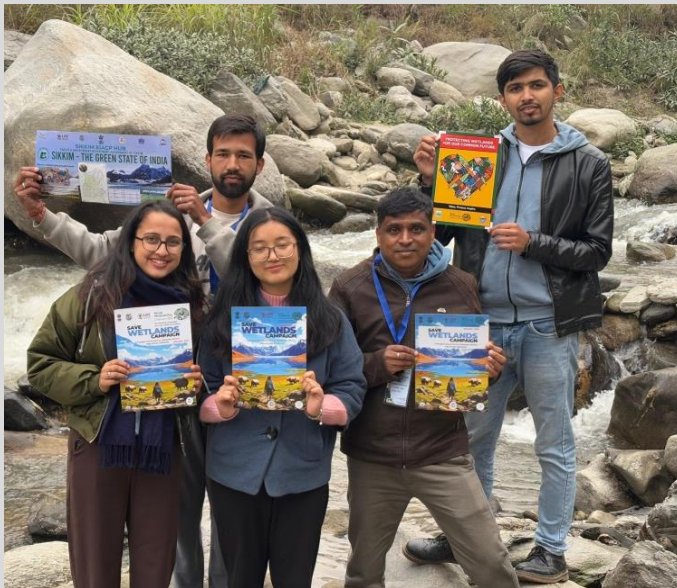
# Eco-Club e-Newsletter

## ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME (EEP)

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### Save Wetland Campaign 2.0

Save Wetland Campaign 2.0 under the Environmental Education Programme (EEP) was observed during January 14 to February 2, 2025. Over 2000 youths and green volunteers participated in the pre-event and run-up events such as poster campaign, clean up drives and public awareness campaigns, birdwatching, nature walks, and so on. The campaign reached places like Marchak, Assangthang, Chemchey, Jorethang, Dzongu, Tsomgo and Khecheopalri Lake premises of the State. The main goal was to safeguard wetlands, which support biodiversity, improve water quality, and prevent floods. Participants worked to clean wetland areas, remove waste, and restore their natural beauty. Through these efforts, the campaign emphasized the importance of protecting fragile wetlands and encouraged collective responsibility for their preservation, ensuring a healthier and more sustainable environment for future generations to enjoy and benefit from.

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### Solar Ambassador Workshop

On 22 January 2025, 40 green youth volunteers participated in hands-on EEP workshop focused on solar lamp assembly and installation. The session provided practical training on assembling solar lamps installing panes, and fixing related components. Participants actively engaged in learning the technical aspects of solar energy solutions, gaining valuable skills in renewable energy applications. This workshop aimed to promote sustainable energy practices and equip volunteers with the knowledge needed for solar panel installation and maintenance.

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### NATIONAL BIRD DAY

Online Photography & Short Video Competition on "Beauty and Diversity of Avian" to celebrate National Bird Day on January 5, 2025 was held. This competition aimed to raise awareness about the vital role of birds in the ecosystem. Students, nature enthusiasts, photographers, and storytellers were encouraged to participate and capture the magnificence and diversity of birds through compelling visuals. Activities like bird count, bird watching and admiring the beautiful creature was also encourages amongst the students

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### NATURE CAMP FOR ECO-CLUB

The Eco-club of Government Senior Secondary School Kitam participated in a Nature Camp under the Environment Education Programme to Barsey, Soreng District with 55 participants. The trip aimed to explore nature and learn about the region's rich biodiversity. A local guide provided valuable insights into the area's flora and fauna, and students learned about plant species, medicinal plants, and wildlife's role in maintaining ecological balance. The group also visited Sombaria, a culturally significant location, adding a cultural dimension to the nature expedition. The trip fostered environment responsibility, teamwork, and appreciation for nature.

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