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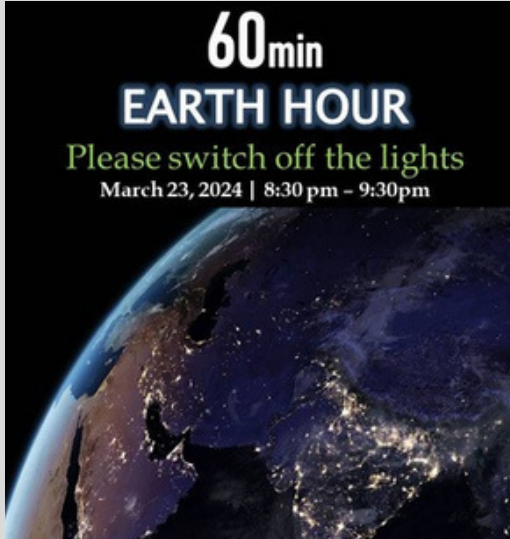
# Eco-Club e-Newsletter

## ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME (EEP)

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### Sikkim joined Biggest Hour for Earth

Sikkim IA for EEP joined the Earth Hour 2024 on Saturday, 23rd of March 2024 at IST 8:30 pm - 9:30pm by switching off non-essential lights and spending 60 minutes doing something positive for our planet.

This global movement was joined by a network of 900 Eco-Club schools and colleges of Sikkim State under Environment Education Programme funded by MoEF&CC with over 30,000 students, teachers and their families participating.. Earth Hour provided an opportunity to unite with trest of the world and inspire our eco-warriors to act and advocate for urgent climate action. The campaign helped bring conservation and sustainable practices into focus, creating a better world for future generations.

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### Earth Day Celebrated - Plant Vs Plastics

April 22: Earth Day theme, Planet vs. Plastics, called on to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics, with rapid phase out of all SUPs. With over 200 Eco-Club schools in the State self-declared as SUP free campus as a part of EEP, on this day, over 10,000 students were engaged in cleanups of local community followed by DIY projects to create handicrafts and other useful products from the salvage. This exercise intended to sensitize the students about ill-effects of plastic litter in the environment with mindful consumption to build a plastic-free planet for generations to come!

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### Hands-on LIFE Workshop on SUP Alternatives and Waste Reduced held under Environment Education Programme

120 students participated in a two-day EEP workshop focused on providing hands-on skilling on preparing decorative from natural resources such as leaves, flowers, bamboo, plant twigs, and also through plastic waste upcycling. The event aimed to promote eco-friendly lifestyle by eliminating the use of Single-Use Plastics as decorative which are most common during functions such as birthdays, marriages, and school functions etc. The participants showed great enthusiasm.

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### Organic Haats in Schools

Promoting Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) under Environment Education Programme funded by MoEF&CC amongst young minds have been in focus in most of the schools in the state through propagation of organic farming. To instill this habit, schools host organic haat in their premises once a week wherein volunteering students display their local organic products for sale. Teachers, parents, SMC members and local public are encouraged to participate in these organic haats also cultivating students in sustainable farming practices and promoting circular economy.

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