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Earthian Educators Workshop held

Green Teachers' Orientation on the Earthian Schools Programme - 2024 session was held at PM Shri Government Sr. Secondary School, Jorethang on August 7, 2024. About 50 Eco- Club incharges/ green teachers from Soreng, Gyalshing and Namchi districts participated in an event organised by the EEP Cell of Forest and Environment Department in collaboration with WIPRO Earthian. The Earthian Schools Programme focuses on integrating sustainable lifestyle education through structured based action-oriented activities focusing on sustainability of water, biodiversity and waste. Participating teachers were provided kits and resource materials for the program which engages students to reflect on their current environmental practices. The event also fosters networking and collaboration among environment educators across the nation.

Plastic Freedom Challenge:

A week long challenge (August 8-15) to take a break from plastic use to commemorate the Independence Day gained much appreciation owing to huge participation by the school eco-clubs. Events such as Organic Haats, promoting traditional and local food contemplated the vision of Aatma Nirbhar India. Also Eco-friendly plates were prepared to serve the traditional dishes to promote awareness about the plastic free environment. Through these activities, the students were self-skilled for the coming days and learned about one's own responsibility towards protecting the environment. More than 20,000 students across the state took part in the PFC 2024.

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PLASTIC FREEDOM CHALLENGE 8-15 AUGUST 2024

What is it?

- IT IS A FIGHT AGAINST PLASTIC POLLUTION AND TAKING A STAND AGAINST TOP POLLUTING COMPANIES.
- IT IS SENDING A MESSAGE THAT WE WILL NO LONGER PAY FOR ILL HEALTH AND FOR POLLUTING OUR OWN MOUNTAINS.
- IT IS A CAMPAIGN TO REMIND US OF HOW SUSTAINABLY WE LIVED IN THE PAST AND THAT WE ARE ALL COMMITTED TO BEAT THE USE AND THROW CULTURE THAT WE HAVE BEEN MADE A PART OF.
- GOING PLASTIC FREE IS A MOVE TOWARDS MINDFUL CONSUMPTION.
- IT IS A CONTINUATION OF THE HIMALAYAN CLEANUP WITH THE BRAND AND WASTE AUDIT.
- THE #PFC ALSO COMPLEMENTS ACTIONS OF THE LOCAL SELF GOVERNANCE INSTITUTIONS AND STRENGTHENS DEMANDS FOR CORPORATIONS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR PLASTIC WASTE.

Taking a break from plastics

IDEAS 4 LIFE: Under the umbrella of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), LiFE cell of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched a new initiative "Ideas4LiFE" to generate practical and impactful solutions that support the Mission LiFE's vision of promoting citizen centric environment-friendly lifestyle and combating climate change. Plastic Freedom Challenge is one such initiative in the Himalayan region to contemplate the vision. >> [Read More](#)

