

# Sikkim

# Eco-Club e-Newsletter

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**Sustainable Lifestyle Hands-on Workshop on SUP Alternatives held at Jorethang:** Forest and Environment Department under the Environment Education Programme funded by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India conducted a two-day hands-on skilling workshop on alternatives to Single Use Plastic for 150 students and teachers from 30 schools of Namchi, Gyalshing and Soreng Districts at Panchasheel Bhawan, Jorethang on September 13 and 14. The workshop with fun learning hands-on activity focused on zero waste initiatives to promote circular economy. Activities included skilling on upcycling of plastic and other forms of wastes into usable creatives, making of decorative and usable arts from locally available natural resources in line with objectives of Mission LiFE - Lifestyle for Environment. The students and teachers participated the event with great zeal and best school teams were also rewarded with hand-made bamboo crafts as prizes. An interactive quiz session was also held towards the end with prizes to winners. >> [Watch the Glimpses](#)



### World Ozone Day observed

About 100+ Eco-club school observed World Ozone Day with theme "Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Action". Green Teacher during the morning assembly explained the significance of the ozone layer and highlighted global efforts like the Montreal Protocol to restore it emphasis the role of students in safe guarding the environment through everyday action. The activities conducted pledge, Green teacher talk about the importance of ozone layer on the morning assembly, painting/ drawing competition, slogan competition, skits, quiz, short video on the importance of ozone layers etc.

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### International Red Panda Day observed

School Eco Clubs celebrated International Red Panda Day with the theme "Save the Red Panda and the Original Panda. Various activities to raise awareness about the adorable and endangered Red Panda were organized to promote awareness and action toward conserving the endangered species. The events included a drawing competition, a short film screening of "Pokchi", awareness programme through expert talks, a pledge to save pandas, an essay competition, and also a webinar with experts engaging student audience across the state.

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### Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

achieved its objective of raising awareness about cleanliness and hygiene, fostering community involvement, and contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment. The young students collected participated in garbage segregation, learning to separate biodegradable from non-biodegradable waste. A poster-making competition was also held, with students creating impactful posters on cleanliness and environmental protection. They also took a swachhta pledge. Other activities included cleaning up of drinking water source and adopted stream, Waste to Art contest etc.

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### Eco-club schools observed Swachhata Pakhwada

with cleanup drive, door-to-door SUP free campaign, poster making on the topic of water conservation and eliminating single use of plastic. During the event, students focused on segregating wastes. By separating biodegradable materials, which can decompose naturally, from non-biodegradable items, the school community took a significant step toward promoting environmental sustainability. The event culminated with a pledge ceremony, where all students and staff members vowed to maintain cleanliness and hygiene.

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