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FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Report on Celebration of  
**“A Day for Mother Earth”**

7<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

*Theme: “Celebrating Nature – Say **NO** to Single Use Plastics”*



*in line with*

**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**

**Hariyali Saptah (Van Mahotsav) - July 1-7, 2022**



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## Report Summary

Sikkim State Government's unique green initiative of dedicating "A Day for Mother Earth" on July 7th every year since 2019 was celebrated for the 4th consecutive year on July 7, 2022 with great zest and fervor across the State. This year's theme was "Celebrating Nature - Say NO to Single Use Plastics". The day was observed as a part of Hariyali Saptah celebrated across the country w.e.f 1st July to 9th July under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The state level event was organized by Forest and Environment Department at Golitar, Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary on July 7, 2022. The event witnessed a cleanup drive from Ganesh Tok to Tashi Viewpoint at Gangtok graced by the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim Shri Ganga Prasad as the Chief Guest and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang as the Guest of Honour. At the Plant Conservatory Bulbulay, the dignitaries also flagged off mobile seedling distribution vans carrying saplings and seedlings for free distribution to the public

The major and unique feature of this programme of stopping all vehicular movement except emergency and essential services for seven minutes from 11am to 11.07 am on July 7, 2022 and was dutifully participated by the nature loving people of the State.

The stage event was followed up at Golitar, FWLS. Several other political dignitaries, NGOs and local Associations, students and public at large participated in the programme. On the occasion, the dignitaries released a map representation of Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary, presented awards to top three winners of online short video competition, presented Rajya Van Samrakshan Evam Paryavaran Puraskar 2022 along with cash prizes and certificates and also presented School Nursery Yojana fund to schools for promoting green campuses.

Similarly, several other activities were observed across the state in events steered by Forest and Department's division, range and block offices with overwhelming and active participation of local dignitaries, schools, NGOs, local associations, urban and rural local bodies and general public at large.

Watch a short video montage of the event at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OshrpJtmHU>



## Key Event Highlights and Outcome

Forest and Environment Department anchored and steered a state-wide celebration of **Hariyali Saptah or Van Mahotsav during July 1-9**, wherein, a state-level flagship event of celebrating **"A Day for Mother Earth"** was observed on July 7 with the theme *"Celebrating Nature – Say NO to Single Use Plastic"* with full zest and fervor.

**Some of the key events conducted are as under:**

1. Publication of 3 short promotional videos on social media;
2. Broadcasting of Jingles in AIR, 93.5 Red FM and 95.0 Radio Misti.
3. Awareness campaign on ban on SUP items w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 through shop to shop poster, hoardings at town areas, standees at event, and through catalyzing school eco-clubs.
4. Stopping of all vehicles except emergency services for 7 minutes on July 7 from 11am onwards.
5. Clean up drive with led by VVIPs, dignitaries and participated by several NGOs, ULBs, local associations including Bikers' group, Taxi Drivers' associations, Hotel associations, TAAS, and schools and so on on July 7 along 5 km road stretch from Ganesh Tok to Tashi Viewpoint at Gangtok. Around 10,000 participants were witnessed on the occasion.
6. Stage event at Golitar, Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary on July 7 with awards and felicitations to foresters, release of grant-in-aid to schools for School Nursery Yojana, culture programmes, online event awards and addresses by the VVIPs, wherein, around 5000 people attended.
7. Free Distribution of saplings, plantation drive across the state.
8. State-wide sensitization drives, cleanup and plantation drives were conducted through schools, district/ range/ block forest offices involving local MLAs and dignitaries wherein general public actively participated in numbers.

### Activity Outcome:

1. The event garnered attention of the general public at large (2lakh plus) through involvement of VVIPs for propagation of the awareness campaign which focused on celebrating nature – Say No to Single Use Plastics.
2. As many as 2 lakh saplings were freely distributed amongst public, schools, NGOs etc for plantation.
3. The iconic event of stoppage of all vehicles except emergency and essential services was exercised for 7 minutes on July 7 from 11 am to 11.07 am with exemplary participation by the VVIPs which exhibited State's firm commitment of negating carbon emissions and asserted positive climate action amongst the mass. This event was observed across the state with positive participation by general public and with active coordination of police including traffic.
4. Cleanup drives were conducted across the state with sensitization on strict implementation of SUP ban w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Sikkim has already banned plastic package water bottles since 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022. Huge participation from all sections of the society was witnessed.
5. About 800 Eco-Club schools and colleges across the state catalyzed over 40k students to conduct outreach at community level on ill-effects of SUPs and propagated Green Good Deeds focusing on eco-friendly alternatives to SUPs. Cleanup drives by schools and colleges at their institutions and neighborhood gathered much needed awareness as well.



## Key Event Snippets



Watch the glimpses of the celebration (18min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OshrpJjtmHU>



Short promotional videos (2min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQt9uT0rbtc>

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## Hoardings and Media Publicity



## Free saplings distribution and cleanup drives



## Plantation drives and SUP items ban campaign





## State Level Celebration at Gangtok and Golitar, FWLS

The state level celebration of 'A Day for Mother Earth' with the theme "Celebrating Nature – Say No to Single Use Plastics" was held on the Thursday July 7, 2022 with daylong activities.

### Cleanup Drive

The programme began with a cleanup drive along road stretch from Ganesh to Tashi viewpoint with final meeting point as Plant Conservatory at Bulbulay. For this, participants including VVIPs assembled at Ganesh Tok in the morning by 9am and other participants including police, army, ITBP and students were assembled at Tashi viewpoint. After a brief welcome address by CCF(HQ) Shri N W Tamang, the cleanup drive took off from Ganesh Tok and simultaneously from Tashi Viewpoint, wherein about 10,000 people participated (*List of participating organizations is at Annexure*).

The cleanup drive was led by the Hon'ble Governor Shri Ganga Prasad and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang in presence of Dy. Speaker, cabinet ministers, MLAs and other dignitaries. The event was actively participated by schools in and around Gangtok, NGOs, local associations including Biker's Association, Taxi Drivers' Association, TAAS, ULBs and general public at large. The cleanup along a 5 km road stretch from Ganesh Tok to Tashi Viewpoint was undertaken considering the fact that the area is one of the recreational and tourism hub and the location being secluded from the town required positive intervention for upkeep of its sanctity.





Government of Sikkim  
Forest and Environment Department



State-level Celebration of  
**"A DAY FOR MOTHER EARTH"**

On 7<sup>th</sup> of July, 2022 at Golitar, Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary

**Theme: Celebrating Nature – Say No to Single Use Plastics**

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

08.30 AM	All Participants, Guests to arrive and assemble at Ganesh Tok
08.50 AM	Arrival of the Guest of Honour, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang
09.00 AM	Arrival of the Chief Guest, the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim Shri Ganga Prasad
09.00 AM to 11.00 AM	Clean up drive along road stretch from Ganesh Tok to Tashi View Point and Assemble at Plant Conservatory, Bulbulay for Refreshment
11.00 AM to 11.07 AM	Stopping of all Vehicle ( <i>except Emergency and Essential services</i> ) for 7 minutes from 11.00 AM to 11.07 AM
11.10 AM	All Participants, Guests, VVIPs and Chief Guest proceed to Golitar, Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary (FWLS)
11.30 AM	Ceremonial Plantation by the Chief Guest and Dignitaries at Golitar premises, FWLS
12.10 PM	Seating of the Guests, VVIPs and Chief Guest at Open Air Biodiversity Theatre, Golitar, FWLS
12.15 PM	Welcome Address by the CCF(HQ) Shri N. W. Tamang, IFS
12.20 PM	Group Song in Nepali by Forest frontline staff
12.25 PM	Release of Map on Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary Presentation of Awards to top three winners of Online Events (Short Video Competition)
12.30 PM	Solo Song by Ms Rekha Chettri, BO (T) Namchi
12.35 PM	Presentation of Rajya Van Sanrakshan Evam Paryavaran Puraskar
12.45 PM	Group Song in Hindi by Primary Students of Tadong Govt SSS
12.50 PM	Presentation of School Nursery Yojana Funds to Schools
01.00 PM	Address by the Hon'ble Minister of Forest Shri Karma Loday Bhutia Address by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang Address by the Hon'ble Governor Shri Ganga Prasad Vote of Thanks by the Director (E&SC, Planning and ENVIS) Shri B. B. Gurung, IFS Lunch



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*Cleanliness drive led by Hon'ble Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Dy Speaker and Cabinet Ministers*



*Participants at the cleanup drive*



## Flag-off of Seedling Distribution Vans

After completing the cleanup drive by walking over an hour along road stretch from Ganesh Tok to the meeting point at Plant Conservatory, Bulbulay, the dignitaries flagged off four mobile seedling distribution vans. These mobile vans carried saplings for free distributions amongst the public. The seedling distribution booths were created at Tashi Viewpoint, Zero Point, M G Marg and near Tadong College at Gangtok, wherein, about 10,000 saplings were distributed and planted. The saplings included flowering species which were sourced from nearby forest nurseries and were freely distributed for a weeklong period. The forest department frontline officers and staff also assisted the public and organizations in taking up plantation drives.

Similarly, seedling distribution and plantation drives were also carried out across the state by respective district, range and block offices of the department.



## Stoppage of Vehicles

The iconic event of stoppage of all vehicles except emergency and essential services was exercised for 7 minutes on July 7 from 11 am to 11.07 am with exemplary participation by the VVIPs which exhibited State's firm commitment of negating carbon emissions and asserted positive climate action amongst the mass. This event was observed across the state with positive participation by general public and with active coordination of police including traffic.

As envisaged and conceptualized by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang in the year 2019 during the launching of a unique green initiative of dedicating "A Day for Mother Earth", this iconic event to exercise stopping all vehicles except emergency and essentials services for seven minutes from 11 am to 11:07 am on July 7 every year has garnered much attention and is well conceived by the people of the State. The event is meticulously coordinated with the support of state administration and authorities across the state and there has been obliging response from the public so far.

This years' event marked the fourth successive and successful endeavor of the State Government in contributing positive climate action in combating global climate change by negating carbon emissions. Sikkim is known as a clean and green State for its natural beauty and hosts of eco-friendly policies and initiatives. Sikkim has also been tagged as a carbon negative state as per reports of Sikkim Climate Inventory and Monitoring System published by IORA Ecological Solutions Pvt Ltd., New Delhi.



*The convey and the vehicle of the HCM stopping for 7 minutes on July 7, 2022 from 11am while enroute to Golitar at Pangthang*



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*Stoppage of vehicles for 7 minutes on July 7, 2022 from 11am to 11.07am*



## Stage Event at Golitar, FWLS

The second session of the daylong event was held at Golitar, Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary which is about 20kms distant from Gangtok. The event was staged at the open air biodiversity theater of the premises. Prior to reaching the stage, the VVIPs and the dignitaries took a short stroll in the scenic premises and also planted saplings of flowering species as a ceremonial plantation drive.





## Ceremonial Plantation

On the occasion, ceremonial plantation was done by the Hon'ble Governor and the Hon'ble Chief Minister along with other dignitaries at Golitar, Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary (FWLS) premises.



*Plantation by Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim Shri Ganga Prasad*



*Plantation by Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Shri Prem Singh Tamang*



*Plantation by Hon'ble Forest Minister  
Shri Karma Loday Bhutia*



## Releases and Cultural Programmes

The stage event set up at Open Air Biodiversity Theater of Golitar, FWLS began with the National Anthem. The welcome address was conveyed by the CCF(HQ) Shri N W Tamang. The programme was followed up a series of releases and cultural performances by forest frontline staff and the primary level Eco-Club students of Government Sr. Secondary School Tadong.



*VVIPs and other dignitaries at stage rise for National Anthem*



*Release of Map representing natural and cultural significance of Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary*



*Release of Status Report on Forest Nurseries*





*Eco-club primary students of Government Sr. Secondary School Tadong sang a beautiful Hindi song "Yeh Dharti Yeh Nadiya..." highlighting the importance of Mother Nature*



*A group of 20 forest frontline staff posted across the state performed a Nepali Song "Jaha Bagcha Teesta Rangit...."*



*Ms Rekha Chettri, BO(T) Namchi performed a self-composed Nepali song "Yo Akash Yo Dharti.." and released her debut album through the dignitaries*



## **Felicitation of Winners - Online Short Video Competition**

Sikkim ENVIS Hub of Forest and Environment Department conducted online competitive events such as quiz, painting and drawing, slogan writing, photography and short video contest during the World Environment Day on June 5, 2022. The event was conducted as an awareness drive to sensitize school and college students, and general public of the state about the need for climate action with the theme "Only One Earth". The department received over 1700 entries in this event, out of which 18 entries were selected as winners in various categories. On the occasion of celebrating 'A Day for Mother Earth' on 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, the first, second and third position winners of Online Short Video contest were invited and presented certificates and cash awards from the dignitaries.



The winner in 1<sup>st</sup> position of Online Short Video Contest -Mrs Srijana Chettri from Rhenock Bazaar, Pakyong District received certificate and cash prize of Rs 20,000/-.



The winner in 2<sup>nd</sup> position of Online Short Video Contest - Mr Susan Pradhan from Rhenock, Pakyong District (*He is a teacher from Govt Sec School, Mulukey*) received certificate and cash prize of Rs 15,000/-.



The winner in 3<sup>rd</sup> position of Online Short Video Contest - Mr Ishaq Shanker from Tharpu, Soreng District received certificate and cash prize of Rs 10,000/-.

The videos, photographs, paintings of winning participants along with results and downloadable e-Certificate for participants can be accessed from Sikkim ENVIS Hub website [www.sikenvis.nic.in](http://www.sikenvis.nic.in)

**Direct Link:** <http://sikenvis.nic.in/ViewMajorActivity.aspx?Id=9872&Year=2022>

## **Presentation of Rajya Van Samrakshan Evam Paryavaran Puraskar 2022**

Forest and Environment Department, Government of Sikkim has institutionalized Rajya Van Samrakshan Evam Paryavarn Puraskar which is presented annually since the year 2000 to acknowledge the efforts of individuals, associations and forest personnel for their outstanding contribution in protection, conservation and management of forest and natural resources. This year, the department selected 9 forest personnel for Rajya Van Samrakshan Evam Paryavaran Puraskar, 2022. The awardees were presented certificate and cash reward of Rs 5000/-.



**Shri Ashish Gurung, RO(T), Mangan**

*For commendable contributions in handling forest offences and establishing cordial relations with general public in management of forest.*



**Shri Sonam Dadul Tamang, RO(WL), FWLS**  
*For outstanding services and contributions towards resolving man animal conflicts*

**Shri Ongay Lepcha, BO(T), Lachung**  
*For demonstrating excellent work ethic and responsiveness in discharging his duties in challenging and vast high altitude landscape of Lachung(T) Range.*





**Ms Nim Diki Sherpa, BO(Sericulture)**  
*In recognition of services rendered with utmost dedication and sincerity with unrelenting motivation to the sericulture farmers of Soreng and Gyalshing Districts which has resulted in highest production of cocoon in the state from her jurisdiction.*



**Shri Dup Tshering Lepcha, HFG(T), Ranipool**  
*For being an inspirational body builder in veteran category and motivating foresters and youths on health, endurance and environment.*



**Shri Norden Tshering Lepcha, FG(KNP), Yuksum**  
*For his outstanding endurance in high altitude areas especially in rescue and patrolling operations in KNP. His works on plantation at Karje Mangnam and Dhupi Narkhola and clean up drives from Yuksum to Goechela on annual basis is commendable. He is also known as 'Bajaj Scooter', nicknamed by his colleague for his high energy level and endurance at high altitude areas.*



**Shri Sher Bahadur Chettri, Driver (Sericulture)**  
*For sincere dedication towards delivering selfless services and being instrumental in successful implementation of Sericulture schemes. His utmost dedication and care in distributing sericulture worms and assisting about 1000 beneficiaries across the state is highly commendable.*



**Shri Krishna Pradhan,  
 Office Attendant (HQ), Gangtok**  
*In recognition of the services rendered with utmost sincerity with remarkable soft skills amongst officers and ensuring smooth functioning of office of HoFF.*



**Shri. Umesh Rai, LDC attached to CCF (HQ)**  
*In recognition of the services rendered with utmost sincerity and ensuring smooth functioning of office of Office of the CCF (HQ)*



## **Presentation of School Nursery Yojana Funds 2022**

In order to inculcate a habit of caring for the nature by creating a bonding between students and plants, the Forest and Environment Department through the Green India Mission and ENVIS Scheme is implementing "School Nursery Yojana". This year, 10 schools having open areas of minimum 100 sq metre have been provided grant-in-aid of Rs 50,000/- each to create nursery in their school premise to raise about 1000 saplings and further take up plantation in school and nearby areas. On the occasion, 6 schools were invited one each from district and were presented the grant-in-aid as token distribution from the hands of the dignitaries.

Pictures below show the Head of School from participating schools receiving the grant-in-aid.



Govt SSS Chujachen, Pakyong District



Govt SSS Makha, Gangtok District



Govt SS Kamrang, Namchi District



Govt SSS Soreng, Soreng District



Govt SSS Kaluk, Soreng District



Govt SSS Phodong, Mangan District



## Message of the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim



### **Message of the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim Shri Ganga Prasad on the occasion of 'A Day for Mother Earth' - 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

"A Day for Mother Earth" is a novel initiative of the State Government since 2019 wherein 7<sup>th</sup> July every year is celebrated across the state in grandeur. This programme was conceptualized and implemented by the Government for promoting environment friendly behavior among its citizens for protection and conservation of our environment.

I am happy to see the enthusiasm of citizens towards our innovative environmental campaign "A Day for Mother Earth". With this initiative we are contributing to the issue of environment conservation and lending support to ecosystem restoration at local, national and global levels.

The green initiative of stopping our vehicles from 11:00 am to 11:07 am on this day every year is aimed to inculcate environmental consciousness and factor in our environment as vehicular pollution is a major factor which contributes to global warming and climate change.

We need to proliferate our green good deeds and dedicate them to the Mother Earth. Each one of us can strengthen the hands of Forest and Environment Department and efforts of the Government for a clean and green Sikkim.

I request all to create low carbon footprints and resort to eco-friendly lifestyles. It is the duty and responsibility of every citizen to be well aware and be conscious about environmental issues and put green ideas into action. Let us adopt 3Rs i.e. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle principle in our day to day life to effectively manage the waste. We also need to use the available resources like electricity, water, food items etc. responsibly.

As we organized cleanliness drive today morning along Ganesh Tok- Tashi viewpoint stretch which is one of the littering hotspot in Gangtok, I appeal to my beloved citizens to replicate such cleanliness drives in and around each one's neighborhood.

Each one of us should plant at least one plant and indigenous species preferably and support in increasing the tree cover outside forest. Dear citizens please do make full use of seedling distribution booths installed by the Forest and Environment Department.

Everyone is aware that our country India is geared up for phasing out certain Single Use Plastic (SUP) items by this year, so let each one of us contribute by refusing to use these banned SUP items and resorting to use of SUP alternatives like cloth bags, items made up of paper, steel, glass and biodegradable raw materials.

Our State Government has always been a pioneer in taking green initiatives in the country like banning plastic carry bags in 1998, prohibiting use of packaged water bottles, Styrofoam and plastic cutleries and plates in government functions etc.. This year also to curb the menace of plastic pollution the Government has banned plastic packaged water bottles of 2 litres and below w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2022, the first of its kind in the country.

To sustain this ban and to encourage local entrepreneurs the Government has appealed local entrepreneurs to come up with SUP alternatives and agreed to fund start up schemes for SUP alternatives.

Lastly I appeal to all the citizens to actively participate in this celebration and make it a momentous event.

Swachh Sikkim Swasth Sikkim.

Jai Hind.

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## Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim



### **Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) on the occasion of 'A Day for Mother Earth' - 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

"A Day for Mother Earth" is a novel initiative of the State Government since 2019 wherein 7<sup>th</sup> July every year is celebrated with zest and fervor across the state. This programme was conceptualized and implemented by the Government for promoting environment friendly behavior among its citizens for protection and conservation of our environment. Our small initiative and actions also lend support to global cause of Climate Change Mitigation and United Nation's decadal action 2021-2030 for ecosystem restoration.

I am happy to see the enthusiasm of citizens towards our innovative environmental campaign "A Day for Mother Earth". Issue of environment conservation has become extremely important at local, national & global levels and this campaign is our contribution to nation and the world.

Vehicular pollution is a major factor which contributes to global warming and climate change. By stopping our vehicles from 11:00 am to 11:07 am on this day every year, we aim to inculcate environmental consciousness and factor in our environment.

Amidst our daily busy schedule, let each one of us spare some time at our homes and neighborhood to dedicate our green good deeds to the Mother Earth by contributing in whatever small way possible and strengthen the hands of Forest and Environment Department and efforts of the Government for a clean and green Sikkim. Clean and healthy environment starts from our homes. During the Van Mahotsav, let us clean and beautify our neighborhood, plant native

saplings, resort to eco-friendly lifestyles and create low carbon footprints. Let us reduce and stop using single use plastics and resort to environment conscious lifestyle. It is the duty and responsibility of every citizen to be well aware and be conscious about environmental issues and put green ideas into action.

Tourism has emerged as the most important civil industry in Sikkim and with it the economic prosperity. However, this has also led to pressure on ecologically fragile ecosystem of the state. The increased footfalls, increased plying of tourist vehicles, waste generation are contributing to air and water pollution and hence more efforts and definitive actions are to be taken up to balance socio-economic development vis-a-vis environmental conservation.

Sikkim has been a flag bearer in terms of pro-environment actions. With the vision to curb the plastic pollution, the state government has banned the manufacture, stocking, sale and use of plastic packaged drinking water bottles of 2 liters and below capacity in the state w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022. On 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, the government also launched "Plastic Waste Awareness Week - 6<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2022" to sensitize public regarding ill effects of plastic waste pollution through publication, social media platforms, educative interactions with school students. The main thrust of the said campaign was banning certain single use plastic. The state government has also been encouraging local entrepreneurs for sustainable Single Use Plastic alternatives with startup support.

The state government through Forest and Environment Department has taken up various measures and included activities in its various schemes and annual plan of operations for sensitization, generating awareness among masses and restoring the ecosystem through plantations, other engineering measures concomitantly generating livelihood opportunities. Forest & Environment Department has been constantly engaging students from schools and colleges and general public through online/offline competitive events such as quiz, painting and drawing, slogan writing, open photography and short video contest with cash prize to inculcate pro-environment behavior and actions among youth of Sikkim.

I invite all of you to participate in this noble mission whole heartedly for the collective goal of keeping Sikkim in its natural state.

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## Message of the Hon'ble Minister Forest



### **Message of the Hon'ble Minister, Forest and Environment Department Shri Karma Loday Bhutia on the occasion of 'A Day for Mother Earth' - 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

As desired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri. P.S Tamang (Golay) "A Day for Mother Earth" is scheduled to be celebrated as usual on 7th July 2022 in a grand manner. This program is an initiative of the Hon'ble Chief Minister himself and was first celebrated in the year 2019, at Kichu Dumra, South Sikkim. The main objective of the celebration is bringing together the people of Sikkim to join hands towards generating awareness on protection and conservation of environment.

In addition, as a symbolic pledge towards the State's commitment to mitigate the effects of climate change and to reduce the carbon footprint, on this day, all vehicular movement (excluding emergency and essential services) in Sikkim is stopped for 7 minutes at 11:00 AM. This will also contribute towards the Nationally Determined Contribution and Sustainable Development Goals for positive climate action.

The districts forest offices have been instructed to celebrate the program by involving the respective area MLAs, Advisors, Chairman's, Panchayats', officers of the districts, NGOs, Industries, Army, Para-military, press and media. Each district must generate mass awareness of the program and seek the voluntary participation of every household in their district. All districts have been directed to submit a plan of celebration with tentative target for plantation and cleanliness drive. After the function is over then latest by 5:00PM on the same day, the concerned officers are required to submit the details of the trees/shrubs planted and any such other activities undertaken in their jurisdiction for onward submission to the office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Similarly, all the municipal bodies are also undertaking activities in their own municipalities.

Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, the Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, during his recent visit to Sikkim for the celebration of the International Yoga Day on June 21st was much appreciative of this idea and the objective behind the celebration of "A Day for Mother Earth". During his interaction with the officers of the Department, he was delighted to learn about the stopping of vehicle all over Sikkim for 7 minutes. He categorically congratulated the State Government on this noble initiative and remarked that this program should be replicated all over India.

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The state level celebration of 'A Day for Mother Earth' 2022 edition on July 7 which began early morning from Ganesh Tok with cleanup drive culminated at a stage event held at Golitar on latter half of the day. The programme was welcomed by CCF(HQ) Shri N W Tamang IFS who highlighted achievements of the department over a period of three years. The programme ended with vote of thanks by the Director (Environment & Soil Conservation, Planning and ENVIS) Shri B B Gurung IFS who categorically expressed gratitude to the chief guest, guest of honour and all dignitaries and participants for making the event a grand success.



*Welcome address by CCF (HQ)  
Shri N.W. Tamang, IFS*



*Vote of Thanks by Director (E&SC/Plng/ENVIS)  
Shri B.B. Gurung, IFS*



## District-wise Celebration of 'A Day for Mother Earth'

Similar activities were observed across the state in events steered by Forest and Department's division, range and block offices with overwhelming and active participation of local dignitaries, schools, NGOs, local associations, urban and rural local bodies and general public at large. State-wide sensitization drives, cleanup and plantation drives were conducted through schools, district/ range/ block forest offices involving local MLAs and dignitaries wherein general public actively participated in numbers.

While the State level event was held at Gangtok District, the reports on celebrations by other five districts of the State viz Mangan, Namchi, Pakyong, Gyalshing and Soreng districts are briefly presented as under.

### Pictorial Snippets





## Mangan District

A Day for Mother Earth was celebrated at Mangan District in a grand manner. The programme was organized by various division under Forest & Environment Department, Mangan district and was graced by Shri Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, Hon'ble Area MLA cum Advisor Power Department as Chief Guest, accompanied by Shir Tshering Wangyal Bhutia, APS to HCM as Guest of Honour, Respected Councilors of Mangan Nagar Panchayat Shri A.B. Karki, District Magistrate Mangan Shir Tshering Namgyal Bhutia, Superintendent of Police, DFO Env. & Soil Conservation, ACF (T) Mangam, ACF Social Forestry, ACF Wildlife Mangan, MEO Mangan Nagar Panchayat, Sub inspector, Mangan Nagar Panchayat, RO Wildlife Mangan, BO Social Forestry, BOs under Mangan (T) range along with uniform and non-uniform staffs. During the ceremonial plantation various number of ornamental plants were planted surroundings of District Hospital Mangan. Also, conducted cleanliness drive in and around DAC complex.



*Plantation drive*



*Cleanliness drive*



A Day for Mother Earth celebrated by Social Forestry Mangan at three constituency i.e. Kabi Lungchok constituency, Lachen Mangan constituency and Dzongu constituency w.e.f. 28/06/2022 to 01/07/2022. On the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 programme was conducted at Kabi Health & Wellness Centre in presence of Shri Karma Loday Bhutia, Hon'ble Area MLA-cum-Forest Minister, Lungchok Constituency along with CLC (Vice), Panchayat, local Public, officers and staffs of Forest & Environment Department, Mangan. On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 the programme was conducted at Gram Prasasan Kendra, Singhik in presence of Shri Samdup Lepcha, Hon'ble Minister of Road & Bridge Panchayat, local Public, officers and staffs of Forest & Environment Department, Mangan. On 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 the programme was conducted at Sonam Choda Lepcha Memorial Lingdong SS in presence of Panchyat, teachers, students, officers and staffs of Forest & Environment Department Mangan. Total 650 nos of sapling including flowering plants like Rhododendron, Azalea, Hydrangea and Taxus Baccata.



*Plantation drive conducted Kabi Health & Wellness Centre*





*Plantation drive conducted at Gram Prasasan Kendra, Singhik*





*Plantation drive at Sonam Choda Lepcha Memorial Lingdong SS*



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A Day for Mother Earth was observed jointly with Chungthang (T) Range under the theme Celebrating Nature - Say No to Single-Use Plastics in collaboration with ITBP, Chungthang SDM office, Government Senior Secondary School Chungthang and Local stakeholders. The day started with eco-friendly environmental activities such as cleaning up surrounding cum avenue plantation of native saplings at ITBP premises, Rangma range Chungthang in the presence of Commanding Officer (ITBP), SDM Chungthang, SDPO Chungthang and principal and staffs. In the programme, Chief Guest highlighted the importance of celebration of Mother Earth and Climate changes.





## Namchi District

A Day for Mother Earth was celebrated at Majhitar Block (T) Melli Range with the support of Jagaran Samaj Majhitar, South Sikkim. The programme was conducted by planting sapling at road side and nearby places and also conducted stoppage of vehicles for seven minutes from 11am to 11:07 am. Cleanliness drive was conducted at Kitam Bird Sanctuary.



*Plantation drive*





*Cleanliness drive at Kitam Bird Sanctuary*



## Soreng District

A Day for Mother Earth was observed at Soreng District in presence of District Magistrate Shri Bhim Thatal, SP Shri J. Jayapandiyam IPS, ADC Shri Dhiraj Subedi, SDM Shri Ranjan Rai and Shri D.R. Bista, DPO Shri Roshan Subba and representative of various Department, ACF (T) Soreng, ACF (E&SC), RO (T) Soreng, RO (WL), BOs, HFGs, FGs and Environment Assistant (T), WL and Env. &SC plantation was done at Ogeng- Singling road and cleanliness drive in and around DAC complex. Sapling planted: Rhododendron – 150 nos. and Azelia – 150 nos.



*Plantation drive*



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*Plantation drive*



## Gyalshing District

A Day for Mother Earth was celebrated under KNP/ KBR Yuksam Range. The programme was participated by various department, officials present under Yuksam- Tashiding Sub-Division as well as participants from EDC's under KNP/KBR Yuksam Range as well as local public and monks. The programme included stoppage of all vehicles for 7 minutes from 11 am to 11:07 am and plantation drive around Kathok lake in which 100 nos. of sapling was planted.





## Pakyong District

A Day for Mother Earth was celebrated at Pakyong by Pakyong Range Office by planting ornamental and fruiting trees. The program was graced by MLA Rhenock constituency Shri Bishnu Kumar Khatiwara as the Chief Guest, accompanied by Advisor Food and Civil Supplies Department Inchung Bhutia, ADC Dev Pakyong Tenzing Denzongpa, ACF Satish Vasistha, RO (T) Nagendra Rizal, Pakyong BDO Nilkantha Bhandari, Members of JFMC, and local AI dignitaries. During the programme, the staffs of Pakyong Territorial Forest Department were felicitated by offering appreciation letter from the forest department as they had contributed services throughout the first pandemic.



*Plantation by MLA Rhenock constituency*



*Felicitations to field staff*



## **Plantation and Cleanliness drive by Sikkim Blossom**

On the occasion of Hariyali Saptah/ Van Mahotsav, an organization named Sikkim Blossom (NGO) carried out avenue plantation and cleanliness drive along the highway in the capital. The organization's mission is to promote floral beauty, greenery and cleanliness in Sikkim. This was the first initiative of Sikkim Blossom. People from in-and-around Burtuk Swastik including women, senior citizens, youths and students participated in the initiative of planting saplings and cleanliness drive from Burtuk Eagle Dwar to Bakthang Falls. Sikkim Blossom carry out avenue plantation in all districts in a phase-wise manner and then to encourage local people to participate and adopt avenue plantation in their respective areas for social fencing and to nurture saplings.







*Cleanliness drive*



*Plantation drive*

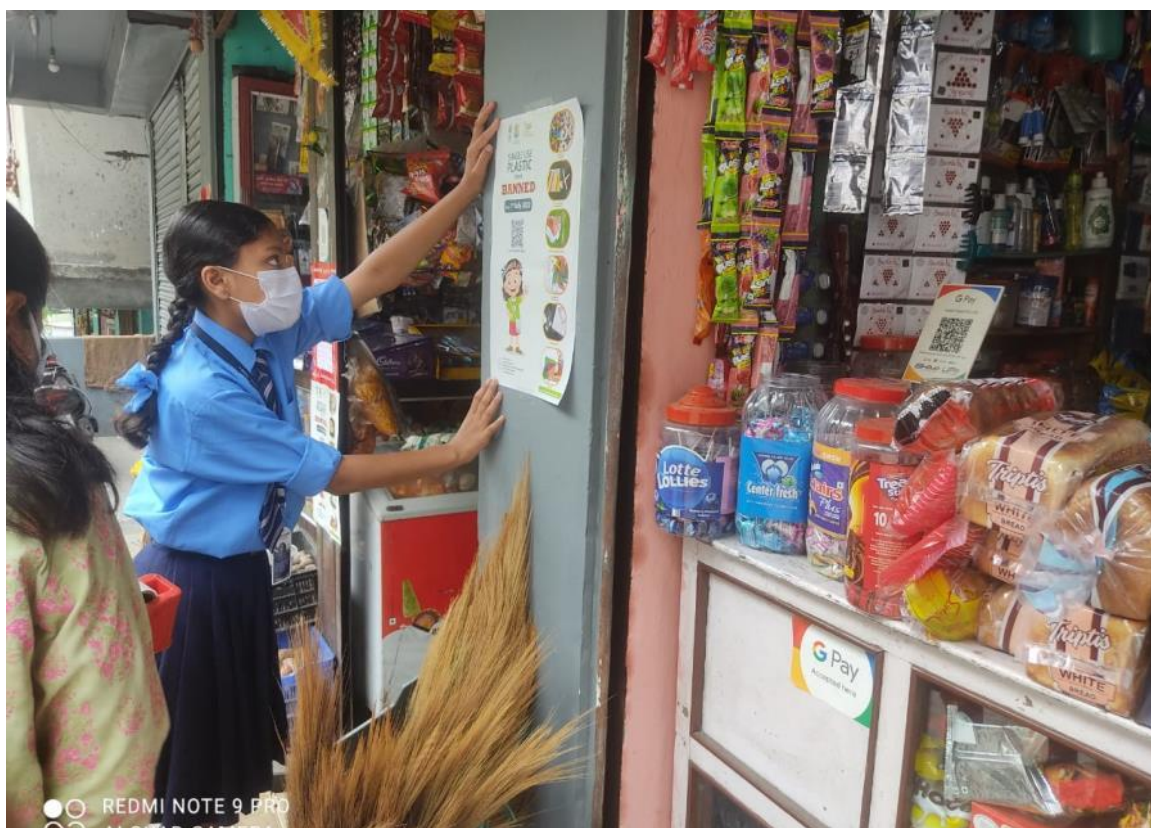


*Posters on Say No to Single Use Plastics*



## Participation by Eco-Clubs

Eco-Club schools and colleges of Sikkim State conducted various environmentally friendly activities focusing on the theme “Celebrating Nature- Say No to Single Use Plastics”. Activities conducted were shop to shop awareness campaign on ban on Single Use Plastics items from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 with pasting of SUP ban posters, awareness rally, cleanliness drive, plantation drive, plastic litter pickup drive, assembly speeches on ban of single use plastic drawing competition, segregation of waste, reuse of old cloth and prepare bags, sensitization of taxi drivers and stoppage of vehicles for seven minutes on July 7 from 11am to 11:07 am.



*Shop to shop campaign on ban of single use plastic items*





*Awareness rally regarding ban on single use plastic*





*Morning assembly*



*Reuse of old cloths and prepare bags*



*Painting Competition*



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*Plantation drive*



*Cleanliness drive*



*Poster and banner campaign*



## Annexure I - Summary of Participants

Summary list of participating agencies in the cleanup drive from Ganesh Tok to Tashi Viewpoint on the occasion of “A Day for Mother Earth” on 7<sup>th</sup> of July, 2022. *Detailed list is at Annexure II.*

Sl.No	Agency	No. of Agencies
1.	Taxi Driver Association	20
2.	NGOs	10
3.	Bikers	5
4.	Samaj	17
5.	Schools	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>64nos</b>

**Detail List of Agencies that participated in at Annexure II**





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<b>Taxi Driver Association</b>			
1.	North Sikkim Taxi Owner's –cum-Driver Association Vazra Stand, Gangtok		<b>Taxi Driver Association</b>
2.	Chorten Deorali Local Taxi	9434448262	“
3.	Sikkim Rajdhani Local Taxi Local Taxi Owners cum-Driver Welfare Association, Tadong,	9547718942	“
4.	Driver Association South –West Taxi Driver Association	9609852545	“
5.	Joint Action Committee	700179807	“
6.	Gangtok Mainline taxi association, Deorali		“
7.	Rhenock Driver Association, Deorali	9932464895	“
8.	Rongli Driver Association, Deorali	9800525648	“
9.	Pakyong Driver Association, Deorali	9679900119	“
10.	Singtam Driver Association, Deorali	9733122885	“
11.	Driver-cum-Owner Association Gangtok to Rangpo		“
12.	Children Park, Local Taxi stand, Penlong-Bojoghari, Navay Sotak	9800785453	“
13.	Children Park Local Taxi Stand, Gangtok (Rongay Chongay)	7063680054	“
14.	Vajra Local Taxi (Mangan Stand) (Jangmu Lepcha)	850902764	“
15.	JN Road Local Taxi Driver Association	7432023276	“
16.	JN Road 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile, Local Taxi Association	9933021496	“
17.	Rakdong Tintek Jeep Association		“
18.	ASLVA, Luxury Stand, Vajra		“
19.	State Level Chalak Morcha (Kamal Tamang)	8016249250	“
20.	Children Park, Phengla, Tashi viewpoint, Low Taxi Stand (Roshan Lama)	8850649218	“
<b>NGOs/Local Associations</b>			
21.	Sikkim Hotel and Restaurant Associations Gangtok Roshan Pradhan	9593782964	<b>NGOs</b>
22.	World Wide Fund for Nature Sikkim Office, Deorali, Gangtok	9434153401	“
23.	Rotary Club, New Market, Gangtok.	9434022313	“
24.	Green Circle NGO, Gangtok.	9434025273	“
25.	EPIC Himalayan NGO, Gangtok.	9434203848	“
26.	BAMOS Nature Conservation Society Geyzing, West District.	8768251642	“
27.	Sikkim Film Co-operative Society, Gangtok	9733373332	“
28.	Grow Tree (NGOs)		“
29.	United Bojoghari Sporty Club(Pintso Bhutia)	8918397027	“
30.	Bojoghari Youth (Abishek Chettri)	7076654368	“
<b>Bikers</b>			
31.	Dirty Angels Motorcycle Club, East Sikkim	8250876026	<b>Bikers</b>
32.	Open Road Wanderers, Dikchu	8617044011	“
33.	Eastern Infielders in Builders, Gangtok	7798761662	“
34.	Cruseders MC, East District	8370839349	“
35.	Brotherhood Bulletes, Namchi (Vivek subba)	7797163176	“



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<b>Local Samaj</b>			
36.	Sinokhu Samaj, 2 <sup>nd</sup> mile Upper Chandmari (Nambi Bhutia)		<b>Samaj</b>
37.	Bojoghari JFMC, (Yawan Kumar Rai)	9382782540	“
38.	Ekta Samaj Bojoghari, (Dhan Maya Basnett)	8637021038	“
39.	Shanti Gram Samaj Bojoghari (D.B Tamling)	7908946484	“
40.	Hamro Samaj Samiti Bojoghari (Kashang Sherpa)	9434862959	“
41.	Ekta Samaj, Bojoghari (Hiralal Regmi Member)	9647889787	“
42.	Gram Vikash Sameti Bojoghari (Kindup Lepcha)	9474358995	“
43.	Pulyong welfare Society Bojoghari (Karma Samtan Bhutia)	9593605456	“
44.	Tashi Phumba Chokpa Bojoghari (Sangay Sherpa)	9593389151	“
45.	Lhomen Chokpa Bojoghari (Karma Tempo Bhutia)	9832034285	“
46.	Penlong Bojoghari, Navey Sotak Taxi Driver's Association (Karma Chultim Bhutia)	9800785453	“
47.	Phenegla Taxi Stand Children Park (Bidhan Gurung)	943404499	“
48.	Triveni Samaj Bojoghari (Shekhar Suvedi)	8250618487	“
49.	Triveni Samaj, Lower Bojoghari, Luing Raod	9734125755	“
50.	Gram Vikash Samaj, Bojoghari ( Sonam Tshering Sherpa)	9647873448	“
51.	Jyoti Samaj, Bojoghari		“
52.	Hamro Samaj, Selep Ranki (Phurba Tshering Lepcha)	7001992165	“
<b>Nearby Schools</b>			
53.	Government Sr. Secondary School Bojoghari		<b>Schools</b>
54.	Government Sr. Secondary School Westpoint		“
55.	Government Secondary School Penlong		“
56.	Government Jr. High School Pangthang		“
57.	Government Sr. Secondary School Enchey		“
58.	Government Sr. Secondary School Chujachen (School Nursery Yojana)		“
59.	Government Sr. Secondary School Makha (School Nursery Yojana)		“
60.	Government Secondary School Kamrang (School Nursery Yojana)		“
61.	Government Sr. Secondary School Soreng ( School Nursery Yojana)		“
62.	Government Sr. Secondary School Kaluk ( School Nursery Yojana)		“
63.	Government Sr. Secondary School Phodong ( School Nursery Yojana)		“
64.	Government Sr. Secondary School Tadong ( For cultural Programme)		“



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