



Government of Sikkim



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## **APPEAL**

### **ON THE OCCASION OF “A DAY FOR MOTHER EARTH” - 7<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, 2021**

My beloved citizens, as you may be aware that the Government of Sikkim has dedicated **7<sup>th</sup> of July every year** since 2019 as “**A Day for Mother Earth**”, a novel green initiative for the protection and conservation of our fragile ecosystem. This year being an important year with the onset of United Nation's decadal action 2021-2030 for ecosystem restoration, we will be celebrating the day with great zest and fervour taking up environment friendly activities across the State. The day is also coinciding with the closing day of Van Mahotsav Week i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> July.

On 7<sup>th</sup> of July, let us show solidarity in our concerted climate action by stopping all vehicles for seven (7) minutes from 11am to 11.07am. I request all the environment friendly citizens of Sikkim, Government Departments/ Agencies, Taxi Drivers Association and so on NOT to ply any vehicles (*except emergency vehicles like Ambulance, Police, Fire services etc*) for seven (7) dedicated minutes on this day. This action has been continuous since 2019 as our affirmative action towards ameliorating the deteriorating environmental effects.

As we are still fighting the deadly Covid-19 pandemic, let us make sure compliance of social distancing and Covid-19 SoPs. With this, let each one of us spare some time at our homes and neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood, 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.

I appeal to one and all to resort to reduce, re-use and re-cycle practices and manage our natural resources efficiently and make this a habit and way of life in this beautiful Mountain State.

Swachh Sikkim Swasth Sikkim. Jai Hind.