



**SIKKIM ENVIS HUB  
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**

**Report on  
Celebration of Van Mahotsav (July 1-7) and state function “A Day for Mother Earth” on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.**



The State Government observed the Van Mahotsav (July 1-7), 2021 and state function of ‘A Day for Mother Earth’ on July 7, 2021 across the State. On the occasion, the Hon’ble Chief Minister, other political dignitaries along with the senior officers planted saplings at Government Sr. Secondary School, West Sikkim School, premise. Whilst the programme was observed with official functions organized by the Forest and Environment Department at all four districts with participation by political dignitaries, urban and local bodies, panchayats and local public. The state level programme organised at Dentam Govt. Sr. Secondary School in West Sikkim was attended by the Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) as the chief guest along with other political dignitaries, HODs, panchayats, officers, teachers, students and general public. The major and unique feature is this programme of stopping all vehicular movement except emergency and essential services for seven minutes from 11am to 11.07 am on July 7, 2021 and was dutifully participated by the nature loving people of the State. On the occasion, Online Competitive Events winners of virtual, Quiz, painting, slogan writing, photography and videography competition and Rajya Van Samrakshan Evam Paryavaran Puraskar 2021 were handed over cash prizes and souvenir. The field officers under Forest and Environment Department involved in official duty for management of COVID19 pandemic in coordination with Police department were also awarded with certificate of Appreciation.





Hon'ble Chief Minister planted sapling during celebration of Van Mahotsav and A Day for Mother Earth at Government Sr. Secondary School, West Sikkim School, premise.



Stopping all vehicles except emergency and essentials service seven minutes from 11am to 11.07 am on July 7, 2021 during celebration of State Level Function "A Day for Mother Earth.





Hon'ble Chief Minister hand over certificate, cash prizes and souvenir for Online Competitive Events winners of virtual, Quiz, painting, slogan writing, photography and videography competition during celebration of Van Mahotsav and State function "A day for Mother Earth".



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Eco-club schools and colleges of Sikkim State conducted various environmental friendly activities with great zest and fervour while celebrating week-long Van Mahotsav from July 1 to July 7 with a culminating day (July 7) being celebrated as State function with a government's flagship eco-friendly initiative of celebrating nature "A Day for Mother Earth". On July 7, special event for climate action by stopping all vehicles except emergency and essential services for 7 minutes from 11am to 11.07 was witnessed across the State. During the week long environmental festival, events as such as plantation drive, cleanliness drive, maintenance of school's herbal garden and cleaning of school and surrounding area were witnessed. Students were also engaged in online poem recitation, quiz competition, essay writing at the district level. Eco-clubs propagated Green Good Deeds amongst society through social media campaigns. Resorting to practices of 3'R', students prepared T-Shirt, pillow/cushion covers as a part of wastes to resource initiatives. Others activities observed were poster making and painting, switching to cloth bag against plastics bag, switching off lights for seven minutes, awareness on banning Single Use Plastics, reusing plastic bottle to make flower pots, pen stand etc. Some teachers, students and non-teaching staffs voluntarily participated in this programme at the school while others stayed home and conducted activities at homes and surrounding areas. The students delivered speech on the occasion of a day for mother earth. The main objective of programme was to propagate sensitization drive to conserve and protect our rich natural environment.



Eco-clubs School during celebration of VAN Mahotsav and A day for Mother Earth



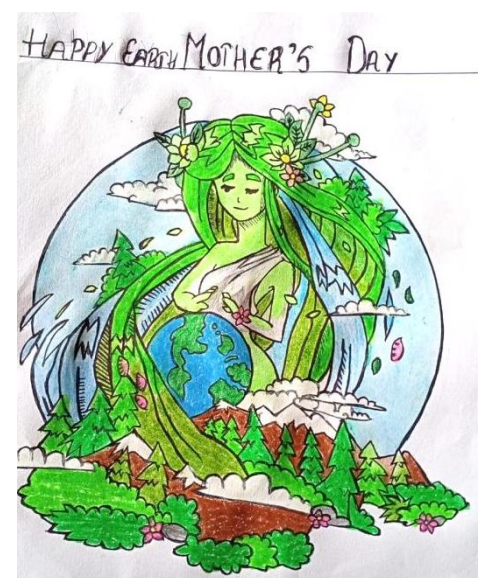
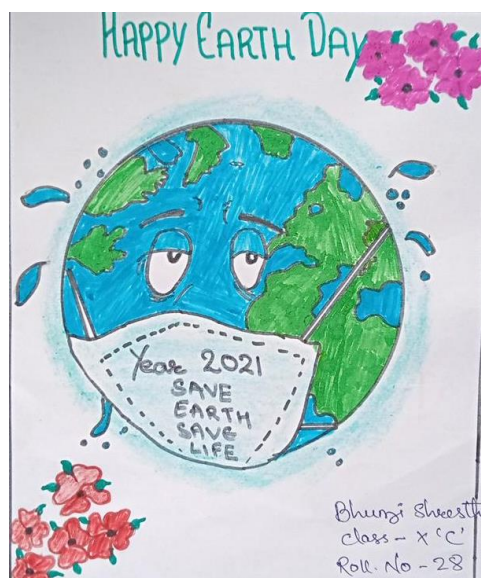
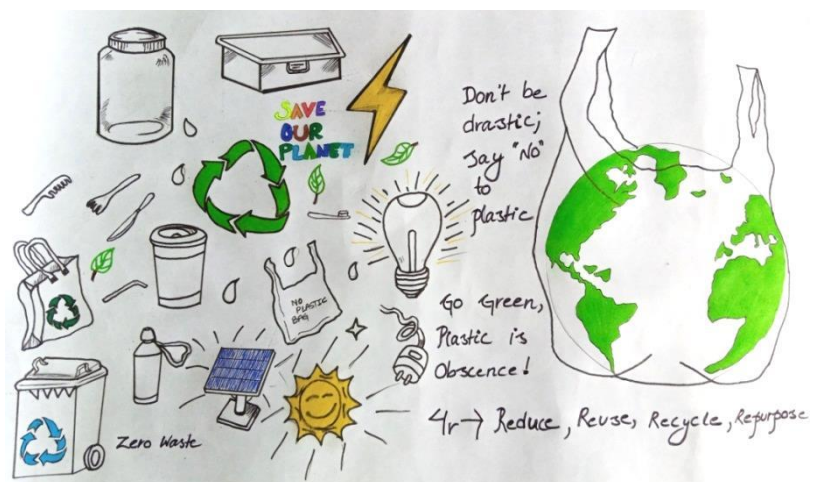
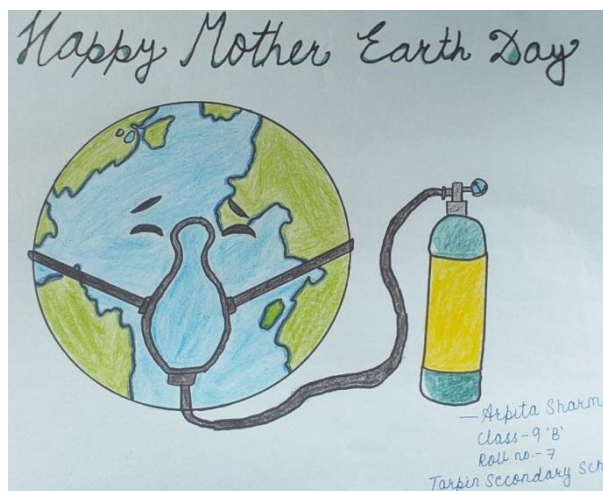
*Plantation done on the occasion “Van Mahotsav” by Eco-club Students and*











Drawing/ Painting done by Eco-club students on the Occasion of A Day for Mother Earth



Making a trash bin out of used plastics bottle , DIY T-shirt Pillow/Cushion cover and Bird feeder by Eco-club Students.








**A DAY FOR**  
*Mother Earth*  
7<sup>th</sup> of July, 2021

*Celebrating Nature*

Let us Conserve and Protect  
Our Rich Natural Environment  
in our individual capacity at our surrounding areas

THIS DAY FOR  
*Mother Earth* Let us

- ✔ Stop all vehicles (except emergency & essential services) for 7 (Seven) Minutes from 11:00 am to 11:07 am on Wednesday, 7th of July 2021.
- ✔ Plant at least one sapling each in our home or neighbourhood.
- ✔ Clean our homes and neighbourhood.
- ✔ Clean Jhoras and Nallahs.
- ✔ Stop or reduce the use of Single Use Plastic.
- ✔ Resort to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle practices.



