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Photo: Declaration of State Butterfly – Blue Duke (*Bassorana durga*)

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Report Summary:

The World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated every year on 5th June since 1974, engaging governments, businesses and citizens in an effort to address the pressing environmental issues. It is the United Nations Day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment. The UN designated WED theme for this year (2022) was ‘**Only One Earth**’ in line with the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030. This year also marked the 50 years of UNEP- Stockholm Conference on Human Environment held in 1972 wherein WED was established and two years later in 1974, the first WED was held with the same theme “Only One Earth”. At global level the celebration of World Environment Day, 2022, is taking place in Sweden.

In the state of Sikkim, the Forest and Environment Department steered the celebration of the WED by engaging all sections of the society for generation of true environmental consciousness. Whilst the programme was organised by all offices under the department including block offices, range offices, forest check post including local dignitaries, functionaries, stakeholders like JFMCs, EDCs, SHGs, schools and with participation of general public at large, **the state level function was held at Saramsa Garden on June 5 (Sunday) from 10 AM onwards.** The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) was the chief guest on the occasion.

Event Highlights: Plantation drive, Clean up drive, Awards and Felicitations to Green Riders, Green Runners, Green Champions, Presentation of Chief Minister's Green School Rolling Trophy and State Green Schools Award, Release/ Screening of Videos and Publications, Declaration of State Butterfly of Sikkim, Cultural Programme, Online Competitive Events and so on.

To engage students from schools and colleges and general public per se, the ENVIS cell (Sikkim ENVIS Hub) of the department organised online competitive events viz quiz, painting and drawing, slogan writing, open photography and short video contest with cash prizes up to Rs 20,000. The online event was hosted in Sikkim ENVIS website www.sikenviis.nic.in and the entries were accepted on 5th of June, 2022 till midnight. The prizes including certificate and cash reward were presented to the winners later on the occasion of ‘A Day for Mother Earth’ celebration on July 7 at Golitar, Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary.

To promote carbon neutrality and sustainable lifestyles in the Himalayan region covering Sikkim, Darjeeling, Leh-Ladakh, Bhutan and Nepal, a first of its kind initiative, **a Carbon Neutral Campaign for Himalayas** was launched in association with EPIC Himalayan, a Sikkim based organisation. The Hon'ble Minister Forest Shri Karma Loday Bhutia is the chief patron of the campaign. The campaign in Sikkim was held from 1st May 2022 to 5th June 2022 in which

over 200 cyclists and runners participated to promote low carbon lifestyles covering distance of over 2400 km. Participants covering maximum distance in this over a month-long campaign were felicitated on WED. A 10 km uphill RUN was also held on 5th of June 2022 wherein over 100 registered and participated. The campaign was then followed up in Leh-Ladhak from 5th June to 15 August 2022 and then at Darjeeling and Kalimpong from 15th August 2022 to 27th September 2022 (World Tourism Day). The campaign also aims to promote Sikkim's Ecotourism and its feat of being a carbon negative state.

Sikkim as a state, stand proud today with one among the **highest forest cover ratio in the country sustained over 47%** of the geographical area of the state. This is an incredible achievement in such a land which substantially remains covered under perpetual snow where plantation cannot be raised. Due to forest protection and conservation activities and thorough enforcement of relevant Forest Laws and Rules in the State, **water bodies have grown by around 2 Sq. Km., tree cover outside of recorded forest area (RFA) has increased by 3 Sq. Km.**

since 2019 as per Forest Survey of India's State of Forest Report, 2021. This is a result of concerted efforts of the department with active participation by common villagers, Panchayats, JFMCs, EDCs, Pokhari Samrakshan Samities, Himal Rakshaks and all the field level officials in several mass afforestation programmes such as "A Day for Mother Earth," Van Mohatsav and other state and central programmes. The Forest and Environment Department are putting up lot of efforts in tackling rising instances of **Human Wildlife Conflicts**. The Department has brought out the "**Human Animal Conflict Mitigation Plan**" to develop appropriate strategies and methods to mitigate the losses of the farmers and to reduce the conflict.



State level Celebration of World Environment Day at Saramsa:

The state level celebration of World Environment Day with the theme “Only One Earth” was observed under the banner of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at Saramsa Garden on Sunday June 5, 2022. The event was organised by the Forest and Environment Department. The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) was the chief guest on the occasion.



The event was participated by Deputy Speaker SLA, Shri Sangay Lepcha, Forest Minister Shri Karma Loday Bhutia, Cabinet Ministers, MP Lok Sabha, MLAs, Political Secretary to the CM, Advisors, Chairpersons, Adhyaksha Zilla Panchayat, Up-Adhyaksha, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, DGP, ACS-cum-PCCF, Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, officials, dignitaries, School Heads, teachers, Students, Volunteers, JFMCs, EDCs, SHGs, and local gentries. The event was decoratively staged in a pandal of over 20,000 sq ft accommodating about 3000 participants. The basic aim of this celebration was to commemorate the occasion while sensitizing general mass on the importance of the day revoking green thoughts and actions for the protection and conservation of the environment.



The stage was set up with multiple LED mount displays for live coverage of the programme along with screening of AVs of the Forest and Environment Department for the convenience of the large crowd.

Watch the short video montage of the event here: <https://youtu.be/wDvFCLuZzUc>

Programme Flow:

CELEBRATION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON JUNE 5, 2022 AT SARAMSA GARDEN, PAKYONG DISTRICT Theme: “Only One Earth”



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

09.30 AM	Arrival of Participants and General Public
10.00 AM	Arrival of the Hon'ble Chief Minister
10.05 AM	Ceremonial Plantation by VVIPs at Saramsa Garden premise
10.20 AM	Seating of VVIPs and Guest at the Stage
10.25 AM	Welcome Address by ACS-cum-PCCF Shri M L Srivastava IFS
10.30 AM	Screening of Short Video (10min) on Khangchendzonga National Park
10.40 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Declaration of State Butterfly of Sikkim through unveiling of State Symbol Poster - Release and Presentation of Illustrations on Natural and Cultural values of UNESCO's World Heritage Site Khangchendzonga National Park
10.45 AM	Culture programme #1 – Group Song (Hindi) by Tadong SSS
11.00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Felicitations of Mr Nosang M Limboo for outstanding contribution and active role in promoting environment conservation through sustainable practices - Presentation of Cash Award to Mr Sonam Wangchuk Lepcha for New Discovery of Butterfly species in 2021
11.10 AM	Culture programme #2 – Group Song (Nepali) by Deorali Girls' SSS
11.15 AM	Screening of Short Video (2min) on Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral Campaign
11.20 AM	Felicitations of Champions of Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral Campaign 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Rider (Cyclist)- Mr. Tshering Gyatso Bhutia - Green Runner- Miss Phurba Tamang
11.30 AM	Presentation of Chief Minister's Green School Rolling Trophy and State Green School Awards 2022 to eight schools
11.50 AM	Address of the Hon'ble Minister Forest, Shri Karma Loday Bhutia
	Address by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shir Prem Singh Tamang (Golay)
	Vote of thanks by APCCF Shri Pradeep Kumar IFS
	Lunch

#WorldEnvironmentDay #OnlyOneEarth #GenerationRestoration #EcosystemRestoration



Ceremonial Plantation: The World Environment Day celebration commenced with the ceremonial plantation by the Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers, and other dignitaries at Saramsa Garden Premises. At the outset, the Chief Minister planted a sapling of a White Palm tree near the venue.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang released for the first time and also planted along with Hon'ble cabinet Ministers 'RARE' pure white form of *Coelogyne cristata*. This orchid had originally been discovered from the Sikkim Nepal Border in the house of one poor farmer and one single plant was bought for Rs.5000/- about 20 years back. This was then bred in captivity and propagated.



Historic release and plantation of *Coelogyne cristata* 'pure white form' on 5th June 2022 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim – Step towards conservation

There are a total of 18 species of *Coelogyne* in Sikkim. These orchids are either epiphytic or lithophytic. *Coelogyne cristata* is one of the most important orchid species popular all over the world and is found between 3000ft to 6000ft. The climatic condition of Sikkim is well suited for *Coelogyne* and the richest habitat is in B2, Tashiding and Yuksom.

This present species is *Coelogyne cristata* pure white form. This pure white form is one of the best wild variations found in the world. In Sikkim we get high-end tourist groups that come only to see the orchids of Sikkim in the wild. They visit the B2 area to see *Coelogyne* and go to Andheri to see the State orchid of Sikkim, *Dendrobium nobile*. Conservation and propagation of this rare *Coelogyne cristata* white form orchid can be best done inside the Kabi Longstock sacred grove and steps will now be undertaken to carry forward this initiative.

Releases and Felicitations: The programme then began with the welcome address delivered by ACS-cum-PCCF, Forest Department, Shri M.L. Srivastava which was followed by the screening of short videos titled 'Khangchendzonga National Park' and 'Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral Campaign'. The department also presented the map illustration about natural and cultural values of UNESCO's World Heritage Site 'Khangchendzonga National Park' to the chief guest.



The Blue Duke Butterfly which is scientifically known as *Bassarona Durga* (Moore, 1859) was declared as the State Butterfly through the unveiling of a state symbol Poster. The Blue Duke Butterfly as the State Butterfly of Sikkim was chosen through a two way approach, one by consortium of experts and other by public voting in which the other contending butterfly was Krishna Peacock.



On the occasion, Shri Nosang M Limboo was felicitated for his outstanding contribution in promoting environmental conservation and sustainable practices. Likewise, Shri Sonam Wangchuk Lepcha was also felicitated for the New Discovery of Butterfly species in 2021.



Champions of Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral Campaign 2022:

Similarly, the Chief Minister also felicitated the Champions of Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral Campaign 2022, which included- Green Rider (Cyclist), Shri Tshering Gyatso Bhutia, and Green Runner, Miss Phurba Tamang.



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The Sikkim chapter of this month-long campaign which started from 1st of May 2022 concluded on 5th June 2022 with a 10 km uphill RUN organised from Pangthang ground to Tinjurey hill top, wherein 105 runners and athletes participated. Forest and Environment Department, Government of Sikkim in association with EPIC Himalayan then presented Green Rider and Green Cyclist Award to participants covering longest distance in this month-long campaign.

- **Green Cyclist- Mr. Tshering Gyatso Bhutia** for covering 744 kms, the longest distance covered by bicycle with the altitude gain of 15,408 meters
- **Green Runner- Miss Phurba Tamang** for covering 371 kms, the longest distance covered by running with the altitude gain of 12,247 meters.

Cultural Performances: The occasion also witnessed two beautiful group songs highlighting the importance of environment which were performed by the Eco-Club students of Government Senior Secondary School Tadong and Government Girls Senior Secondary School Deorali.



The primary Eco-Club students of Government Sr. Secondary School, Tadong performed a hindi song titled “Yeh Dharti Yeh Nadiya...” which was beautifully sung and much appreciated by the dignitaries and the audience. The students also presented the chief guest a beautifully handcrafted painting and a flower pot on the occasion.



The students of Government Girls Sr. Secondary School, Deorali performed a nepali group song based on environment.



A nepali short poem on environment was also performed by Shri T. P. Adhikari, Block Officer, Territorial, Gangtok Range on the occasion.

Presentation of Chief Minister's Green School Rolling Trophy and State Green School Awards 2022:

The Chief Minister's Green School Rolling Trophy & State Green Schools Award was instituted in the year 2011 for acknowledging the efforts of school's positive action for environment. This award is presented every year since then during the occasion of World Environment Day to schools under Sr. Secondary, Secondary, Jr High Category, Primary and private school category with cash prizes of Rs. 5.0 lakh to one best school and Rs. 1.0 lakh to 5 schools. Best schools from Primary School category and Private School category are awarded cash prize of Rs. 50,000 each. The schools are selected based on their meritorious performance of eco-club activity followed to improve the quality, usage and sustainability of air, water, land, waste, food and energy resources at the school and community level. The eco-club schools are assessed by screening committee comprising of district level officers and are selected by the selection committee duly considering the impact of schools initiatives and innovation in establishing an efficient environment management system at the school level. To facilitate this award scheme, the Forest and Environment Department has set up 856 eco-clubs at schools and colleges with provision of financial aid of Rs 5000/- each annually along with Green teachers training and other resource materials from time to time. This year the department of Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim selected 8 schools under these categories to be presented with trophies, certificates and cash prizes.

The awardee schools for 2022 are as under:

SN.	SCHOOL NAME	AWARDS
1.	Govt. Jr. High School Adampool, Gangtok District	Trophy, Certificate and Cash prize- Rs. 1.00 lakh
2.	Damber Singh Limboo Memorial Govt. Sr. Sec. School Darap, Gyalshing District	Trophy, Certificate and Cash prize- Rs. 1.00 lakh
3.	Govt. Sec. School Lingi Paiyong, Namchi District	Trophy, Certificate and Cash prize- Rs. 1.00 lakh
4.	Kalzang Gyatso Govt. Sr. Sec. School Kabi, Mangan District	Trophy, Certificate and Cash prize- Rs. 1.00 lakh
5.	Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Bikmat, Namchi District	Trophy, Certificate and Cash prize- Rs. 1.00 lakh

In the Private School Category

6.	Carol Academy, Yangsum, Gyalshing District	Trophy, Certificate and Cash prize- Rs. 50,000/-
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Primary School Category

7.	Govt. Primary School, Chawang, Mangan District	Trophy, Certificate and Cash prize- Rs. 50,000/-
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Winner: Chief Minister's Green School Rolling Trophy with cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh:

8.	Govt. Jr. High School, Lingthem, Upper Dzongu, Mangan District	CM Green School Rolling Trophy, Certificate, and Cash prize – Rs. 5.00 lakh
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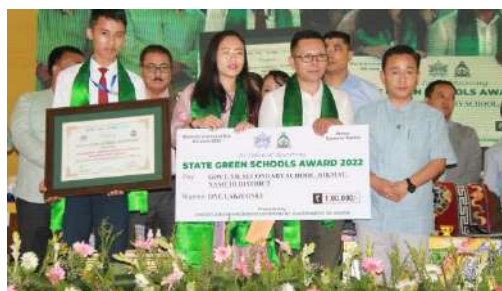
Govt. Jr. High School, Lingthem, Upper Dzongu, Mangan District with the Rolling Trophy



Chawang Primary School



Carol Academy, Yangsum



Bikmat SSS



Kalzang Gyatso Kabi SSS



Lingi Payong SSS



Damber Singh Limboo Memorial SSS, Darap



Adampool JHS



Highlights of Addresses by the Dignitaries:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Prem Singh Tamang in his speech expressed his gratitude to the winning schools and the students for coming forward to spread the message of environment conservation which is now a global concern. Environment conservation is a top priority of the state government and thus it is very important to protect, nurture and preserve our natural habitat and rich biodiversity, he added. The Chief Minister suggested that each and every individual and organization should cooperate with the Forest Department in conserving the environment and its natural habitat. The Chief Minister also encouraged all to work towards safe guarding nature in order to build social and ecological resilience and asked every individual to conduct plantation drives in uncultivated and vacant land so that it will enrich the ecosystem. He also directed the Forest and Environment department to manage and oversee the constituency-wise plantation drive till the forth coming Independence day.



The Forest Minister, Shri Karma Loday Bhutia in his speech mentioned the alertness of the department in regards to the Human-Animal conflict and efforts towards mitigation and also stressed the plantation of suitable trees in the forests. He summarized the accomplishments of the department towards giving justice to the environment and the people.



The welcome address by Shri M L Srivastava IFS, ACS-cum-PCCF highlighted the achievements of the department over the years. The programme ended with vote of thanks quoted by Shri Pradeep Kumar IFS, APCCF. The entire programme was anchored by the two master of ceremony Dr Merab Basnet, DFO and Mrs Angel Ongmu Chettri, DFO.

District level Celebration: The Forest and Environment Department at respective districts and blocks also organised similar events along with plantation and clean up drives with other dignitaries at local levels. The events were coordinated by DFOs of Environment & Soil Conservation, Territorial, Social Forestry and Wildlife divisions of respective districts. Seedling distribution booths were set up at various blocks to avail plantation stock for local public, NGOs, JFMCs, EDCs and other local bodies for taking up plantation at institutional premises, government office premises, barren lands, private holdings, forest areas and so on.

Gyalshing District - 5th June, 2022

The District Level World Environment Day for Gyalshing District was celebrated at the District Administration Centre premises. The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, AH & LF and IPR, Shri L. N Sharma graced the event as the Chief Guest and Minister PHE and Water Resources -cum- Area MLA, Shri Bhim Hang Subba was present as the guest of honour, Shri D. P Pradhan, Advisor AH & LF, Shri Janak Gurung, Chairman SIDICO, Additional Political Secretary to HCM(West), Shri. Madhusudan Sharma along with District Collector, Gyalshing, Smt. Yishey D. Yongda, SSP Gyalshing, Shri. Hari Chettri, ADC Gyalshing, Shri. Agawane Rohan Ramesh, Shri. Krishna Devan, ACF(T), Gyalshing, Heads of various departments, school students and others.



The highlight of the programme was the launch of the E-waste collection Centre taken up under the initiative of District Administration and DC, Gyalshing at the DAC Rabdentse premises, inaugurated by the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour.

Providing an overview of the project, DC Gyalshing informed the gathering on the hazards of electronic & electrical waste and that India ranked number 5 in the world's highest e-waste producing nations. The India generates about 3 million tons of e-waste annually, and less than 15% gets recycled, she added. She explained that landfills were not a long term solution and it should be the endeavor of every citizen, every stakeholder in the district to not send our waste to Shipchu landfill as it has now become overflowing with waste, and that the last of items to be sent to a landfill is e-waste since it is highly toxic and hazardous. The DC further reiterated that the district's priority shall be waste management in total but the first





she wanted to focus on low-hanging fruits on a very challenging topic such as SW mgt., such as e-waste collection and disposal through a tie up with a Pollution Control Board certified



recycler. For this an MoU would be drawn up within June. The waste collection unit has been strategically placed at the entrance to the DC's office as to create awareness and directly sensitize the public visiting the district office on a daily basis. All office complexes, GPKs, BACs and zilla bhawan, right down

to the school level have been asked to begin with e-waste collection in a segregated manner.

A circular would be issued in this regard. The DC appealed to everyone present that one must attach the importance of World Environment Day to every day since it has got to do with preservation of Mother Earth which is but a finite planet. A brief power point presentation on Permaculture and household waste management with composting techniques was presented by the founder of TIEEDI, Shri Utsow Pradhan who was invited to be a resource person at the event. He explained in simplest way for segregation of waste and compost it at home using an earthen pot called 'Khamba' which turns all household waste into Black Gold. DC Gyalshing informed those present that she has already been composting her household waste on the Kambha for several years successfully and the same could be adopted by all, however considerable sensitization requires to be done at various levels. Hon'ble Minister for IPR has appreciated the practices adopted by TIEEDI and has offered to arrange for a collaboration with the agriculture department for the farms. He urged schools to be involved in the same and gradually for the public. In another segment of the programme, a plantation drive was carried out in DAC premises by the chief guest, guest of honour and the dignitaries present.

The program today also had a hands-on training on Eco Bricks, which was attended by 50 students and green teachers from five schools of the vicinity. The concept of Eco bricks, is an eco-friendly initiative in which, used pet bottles are stuffed with plastic wrappers and are used for construction. The Building Dreams Foundation from Dehradun conducted the demo that was well taken by the participants. The foundation will be conducting such trainings in all five blocks of the district at all selected venues, where students of all governments and private schools will take part. The main objective of the training is to create awareness throughout the district, with students spreading the message by their works. The role of hotels and association like PTDA is important here, as discarded bottles can be collected and provided to schools working on Eco bricks. Other districts can emulate this initiative, as students are able to take the learning to their home and village.



Legship PHED team planted sapling on occasion of World Environmental Day on 5th June, 2022 by





Celebration of World Environment Day 5th June 2022 observed at Pelling PHED team and sun division Geyzing staff of PHE department planting saplings of different trees at Sangcho PHE complex.



Namchi District – 5th June 2022

The offices of the ADC (Dev) Namchi and District Zilla Panchayat, Namchi jointly celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June. The main objective of this program was to create awareness on Health and Sanitation by keeping surrounding clean to protect Mother Earth.

The program had the presence of Zilla Adhyaksh Mrs. Tshering Dem Bhutia, Upa Adhyaksh Mr. Bhim Lakhey, Zilla Panchayat Members, ADC (Dev) Namchi Dr. C.P. Rai, DPO, Zilla Office Mr. Saran Kalikotey and staff members of ADC (Dev) office and Zilla Panchayat (Namchi). As a part of the program the office premises were cleaned and various fruits' saplings were planted.



Mangan District - 5th June, 2022

Cleanliness drive at the highest lakes of Sikkim.

On the occasion of World Environment Day 2022, under the theme “Only One Earth”, a cleanliness drive was organized at the Gurudongmar Lake by the Department of Forest & Environment in collaboration with District Administration Mangan. A cleanliness initiative was also taken at the Tso Lhamu Lake by the District Administration Mangan under the theme “Climate Change & Nature Worship”. The cleanliness drive was headed by DC Mangan, Dr. A.B Karki, also present were, ACF (T) Chungthang, Indian Army, ITBP, Northern Riders Motorcycle Club, NGOs and staffs from line departments.

District Collector, Mangan and ACF(T) Chungthang also interacted with the tourists visiting the Gurudongmar Lake and asked them to keep the area clean and litter free. Plantation of rhododendron saplings was also done at the Rabom Angora Farm, Chungthang on the occasion.



In the run up to World Environment Day 2022, Chungthang Territorial Sub-division organized 'Environment Week'. The following events were organized;

1. 'Little Forester's Initiative' - 20 students from classes 6 to 12 were taken on an educational trip to Munsithang Territorial Nursery and were made aware about various tree species, their properties and the activities inside a forest nursery. A demonstration was also given on how to plant a sapling. SDM Chungthang also participated in the event
2. Inter school essay competition was organized on the theme of WED-2022 "Only One Earth - Living sustainably in Harmony with Nature" for classes 9 and 10 in which 20+ students of Lachen, Lachung and Chungthang participated
3. Seedling booths to distribute saplings to citizens. Chungthang Territorial Range made an innovative Photo Booth to attract people and spread awareness
4. Cleanliness and plantation drives in all 3 ranges; Lachen, Lachung, Chungthang. Agencies like Army, ITBP, BRO are actively being involved as well

The celebrations will culminate tomorrow (5th June) with a cleanliness drive at Gurudongmar Lake and plantation drive at Angora Farms organized by Lachen (T) Range in collaboration with District Administration.



CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT GURUDONGMAR LAKE



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CLEANLINESS / PLANTATION DRIVES



PLANTATION DRIVE AT LACHUNG WITH PARTICIPATION FROM POLICE DEPT.



CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT CHUNGTHANG

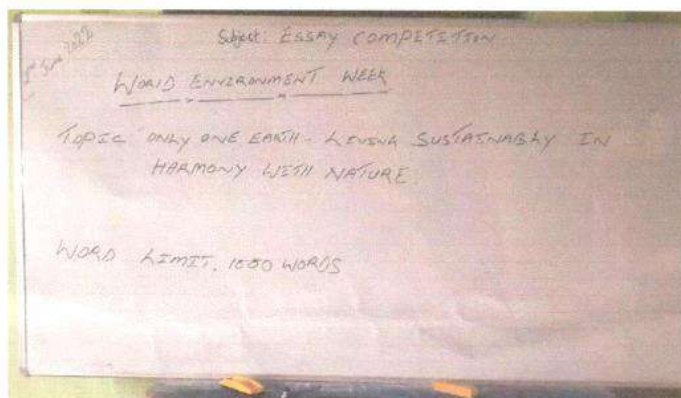


CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT LACHEN


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INTER-SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION



LACHUNG SEC. SCHOOL, THOMCHI



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LACHEN (T) RANGE

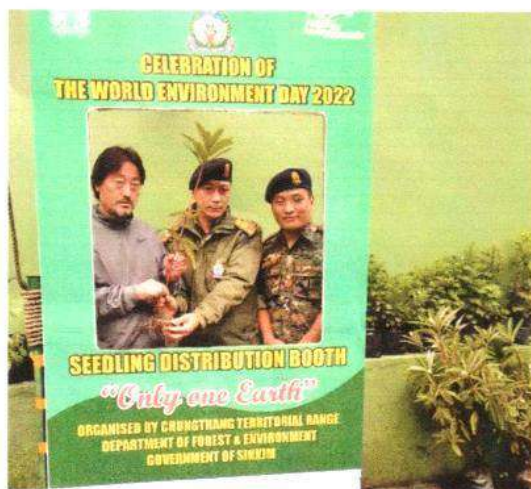


LACHUNG (T) RANGE

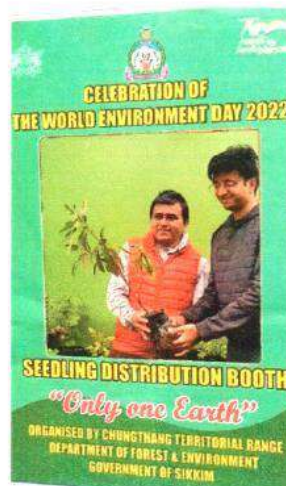

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SEEDLING BOOTH



HMF visiting the Photo Booth on 06/06/2022



DC Mangan at the booth on
05/06/2022

Comments of HMF and DC, Mangan in the visitor register of Chungthang C.P.

2.	C. C. Dasgupta (IFS)				
3.	Kshitij Saxena (IFS)	Act(T) Chungthang	20/5/22		Visited Chungthang C.P. and inspected the registers, condition of building.
4.	A. P. Dasgupta - DC/Mangan	DC/	9/6		Visited this C.P. and collected a specimen of seedlings from the seedling distribution booth.
5.	Manoj Kumar Loday Chakraborty	Minister Forest	6/6/2022		Visited Chungthang and on the way visited the forest on the 1st check post. The forest officer namely Mr. Sanjay and Mr. (T) Murali Rao were present in the check post.


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LITTLE FORESTER'S INITIATIVE



STUDENTS OF TASA TENGAY GOVT. Sr. SEC. SCHOOL AT MUNSITHANG FOREST TERRITORIAL NURSERY




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Soreng District – 5th June, 2022

On the occasion of the World Environment Day a cleanliness drive was conducted at the Chakung Senior Secondary School and Government Science College Chakung in association with GO Chakung.

The Go Chakung Tourism Development Association with NSS divisions of Science College Chakung, Chakung Senior Sec. School, CRWA Samaj, JKS Samaj and Ultimate Fitness Gym Chakung, took out a plastic waste sensitization program and community based cleanliness drive throughout Chakung.

The sensitization program was held at Chakung School auditorium hall and the cleanliness drive was taken out from Chakung School to Chakung Bazar and the whole view point belt from Aganey Dhunga through the Durpiney tower ending at Hinguatar park in Chakung.

Around 30 students from Chakung Senior Secondary School, 25 students from the Government Science College, Go Chakung members and members from both the Samaj's participated in the cleanliness drive.

A total of around 65 sack full of plastic and other waste have been collected today for proper disposal from the aforementioned areas.





The Celebration of World Environment Day on 5th June 2022 observe at Deorali Dara under Soreng Division in presence of Rinchenpong constituency incharge Shri Phurba Bhutia along with evergreen club Daythang, Panchayats of Daythang and Singling and staff of Forest (Wildlife Division, Env.& Soil conservation and Territorial Division and total planted sapling 300 nos (Bhadrasey 150nos, Pilpi 50nos and Rani chap 100nos)





Celebration of World Environment Day on 5th June, 2022 at Mangalbarey Jhusingthang SPWD road to Sribadam Road by forest officials and general public at Takuthang West Sikkim



Gangtok District - 5th June, 2022

On the occasion of " World Environment Day" Sikkim State Legal Services Authority organized a plantation drive at the office premises in Development Area, Gangtok. The plantation drive was carried out with the theme "Only One Earth" to celebrate protecting and helping restore our planet.

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, SLSA, Mr. Rodger Sandeep Rai, Former Managing Director, SIDICO, Gangtok, Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, Member Secretary, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Mr. Dipak Saha, Additional Registrar -cum- Principal Private Secretary, Mr. Jagat Bahadur Rai, District & Session Judge (Spl. Div-I) Gangtok & In -Charge of the Court of District & Session Judge (Special Division II) & Fast Track Court (East & North) at Gangtok, Ms. Subarna Rai, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum- Civil Judge (East) at Gangtok, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum- Civil Judge (North) at Mangan (Additional Charge), Ms. Jyoti Kharka, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim, Ms. Zamyang Choden Bhutia, Civil Judge cum Judicial Magistrate (East), participated in the plantation drive. Also present were Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Consultant, SLSA, officers, and staff of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority.

Every year World Environment Day is celebrated throughout the State to further preserve, promote the environment, and foster a responsible culture towards nature.





The Wildlife Division, (East) Forest and Environment Department and Army, SSB, EDCs Gnathang, , EDCs Phadamchen, Villager of Dzuluk and Toribari, jointly celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June, 2022 and total planted sapling 1700 nos species- 1. Gurans 2. Chimal 3. Agelia 4. Thuja dhupi 5. Neel kamal 6. Rani champ 7. Phunchey 8. Arupatey etc.



Activities by Eco-Clubs and Educational Institutions:

On the occasion of World Environment Day - 5th June, 2022, several activities were conducted by Eco-clubs at schools and colleges and other educational institutions of the State with the theme “Only One Earth”. The event witnessed the gracious presence of Local Panchaya, local bodies, SMC, Teaching and Non-Teaching Faculty. The students of schools eco-clubs and Sikkim Government colleges conducted various activities such as plantation drive, poster making competition, awareness speech, drawing and painting competition, inter house drama competition, cleanliness drive, maintenance of flowering garden and debate competition etc.





***Plantation done on the occasion “World Environment Day” 5th June 2022 by
Eco-Club students***



Plantation by the students & Green teacher on occasion of “WED “on 5th June 2022



Plantation drive on the occasion of “World Environment Day” on 5th June 2022



Drawing and painting competition on occasion of “World Environment Day” on 5th June 2022



Schools eco clubs celebration of WED on 5th June, 2022 . The day was flagged off with slogan writing and poster making.



Schools eco-clubs conducted different activities such as Plantation, Cleanliness drive preparation of Flowering pot etc



Plantation by Teachers and Students and Inter House Drama competition, Presentation competition, and dance competition on occasion of “World Environment Day” on 5th June 2022 Theme: “Only One Earth” at Government Secondary School Rabitar South Sikkim kindly see the link given below -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/328153977838861/permalink/1010394176281501/?sfnsn=wiwspwa&ref=share>



On dated 5th of June members of school eco-club celebrated “World Environment Day” Theme: “Only One Earth” in presence of S.M.C and Panchayat President, where everyone took an active participation by planting sapling of various trees and fruits bearing trees which was provided by the Forest Department Namchi. South Sikkim

Online Events and Results: To engage students from schools and colleges and general public per se, the Sikkim ENVIS Hub of the Forest and Environment Department conducted online competitive events such as quiz, painting and drawing, slogan writing, open photography and short video contest with cash prizes up to Rs 20,000 supported by the department. The online event was hosted in Sikkim ENVIS website www.sikenvis.nic.in and the entries were accepted on 5th of June, 2022 till midnight, while the online quiz was conducted live for 30 minutes on June 5, 2022 from 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm. Total 1759 number of participation was registered in the online events.



Government of Sikkim
Forest and Environment Department

ONLY ONE EARTH | WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2022 | UN environment programme | 50 1972-2022 | PARTNERSHIP FOR Ecosystem RESTORATION

Event Date: JUNE 5, 2022
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON THE THEME "ONLY ONE EARTH"
Participate and Win e-Certificates and attractive Cash Prizes

ONLINE QUIZ COMPETITION
Date & Time: June 5, 2022 [4pm to 4.30pm] Topic: "Only One Earth"
For School and College Students (Std 9 and above) Link is shared in website www.sikenvis.nic.in under Major Activity Section. Quiz will be active on June 5, 2022 from 4pm to 4.30pm
1st Prize: Rs. 8,000
2nd Prize: Rs. 6,000
3rd Prize: Rs. 4,000

PAINTING / DRAWING COMPETITION
Theme: Environment Related
Date of Submission: June 5, 2022
For Primary Students till Std 5 For JHS Students of Std 6 to 8
1st Prize: Rs. 5,000 1st Prize: Rs. 10,000
2nd Prize: Rs. 4,000 2nd Prize: Rs. 8,000
3rd Prize: Rs. 3,000 3rd Prize: Rs. 6,000
Link to submit the entry is available in website www.sikenvis.nic.in under Major Activity Section

SLOGAN WRITING COMPETITION
Topic: "Sustainable Lifestyle"
Date of Submission: June 5, 2022
Open For All Sikkim Residents
1st Prize: Rs. 10,000
2nd Prize: Rs. 8,000
3rd Prize: Rs. 5,000
Link to submit the entry is available in website www.sikenvis.nic.in under Major Activity Section

OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
Date of Submission: June 5, 2022
1st Prize: Rs. 15,000
2nd Prize: Rs. 10,000
3rd Prize: Rs. 8,000
Theme: Sustainable Lifestyle/ Himalayan Ecosystem
The photo must be in its original state.
Link to submit the entry is available in website www.sikenvis.nic.in under Major Activity Section

SHORT VIDEO MAKING CONTEST
Date of Submission: June 5, 2022
1st Prize: Rs. 20,000
2nd Prize: Rs. 15,000
3rd Prize: Rs. 10,000
Theme: Sustainable Lifestyle/ Himalayan Ecosystem
The video must NOT exceed 2 mins
Link to submit the entry is available in website www.sikenvis.nic.in under Major Activity Section

PLEASE NOTE:
• All the entries should be submitted on June 5, 2022 (till midnight) via online form which is available at our website www.sikenvis.nic.in under Major Activity Section. Email Submissions will be NOT be considered.
• This event is for students and general public of Sikkim State only. (Residential address should be within Sikkim)
• For queries, contact 9835878286 / 9002946415 / 7918718135 / 7797820353 / 9339666485 / 9734556701
Organized by: Sikkim ENVIS Hub, Forest and Environment Department, Gangtok, Sikkim

WED 2022 Online Competitive Events June 5, 2022							
As on 5 June, 2022 Midnight							
SN	Category	No of Entries Received	Shortlisted	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	
1	Painting Drawing - Primary Students till Class 5	143	10	5000	4000	3000	12000
2	Painting Drawing - Class 6 to 12	261	6	10000	8000	6000	24000
3	Slogan writing competition (open for all Sikkim residents)	372	23	10000	8000	5000	23000
5	Photography	372	11	15000	10000	8000	33000
6	Short Video	102	15	20000	15000	10000	45000
7	Quiz - Students of Std 9 and above/ College Students	509	3	8000	6000	4000	18000
Total		1759	68				155000
Online quiz held on June 5, 2022 from 4 pm to 4.30 pm							
Drive Space Taken: 32.57 GB of 100 GB Extended Space Procured from Google							

WINNERS OF WED 2022 - QUIZ COMPETITION:

The winners were selected based on automated timestamp as per first come first serve basis. Out of 509 participants, only 18 students (~ 4 %) answered all the questions correctly. The winners selected are:




Government of Sikkim
Forest and Environment Department










Winners of the Online Quiz Competition
held on June , 2022 [4pm to 4:30pm]
ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
THEME "ONLY ONE EARTH"

Students of class 9 to 12 and College (Total Participants: 509)		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Sujana Gurung, Class XII, Government Senior Secondary School Pelling, West Sikkim Mob: 9064990667 Cash Prize : Rs.8,000	Pratistha Sharma, Class X, Government Secondary School Pacheykhani, East Sikkim Mob: 9647553662 Cash Prize: Rs. 6,000	Yougal Sapkota, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree Government College, Tadong East Sikkim Mob: 8016714778 Cash Prize: Rs. 4,000

Note: Please download the e-Certificates by visiting our website www.sikenvvis.nic.in [then see links under Major Activity section]

WINNERS OF WED 2022 – PAINTING/ DRAWING (PRIMARY STUDENTS TILL STD 5)

Theme/Topic: *ENVIRONMENT RELATED*

Rank	Name of student	Class	School	District	Mobile	Prize (Rs.)
1 st	Sukhang Subba	III	Daffodil Home Sec. School	Gangtok	9609833059	5,000/-
2 nd	Lawmnakim Lepcha	V	Palzor Namgyal Girls School	Gangtok	8372931506	4,000/-
3 rd	Hishey Diki Bhutia	V	TNA, Gangtok	Gangtok	9749792068	3,000/-



1ST – SUKHANG SUBBA

CLASS III, DAFFODILS HOME SECONDARY SCHOOL, GANGTOK, EAST SIKKIM



2ND LAWMNAKIM LEPCHA

CLASS V, PALZOR NAMGAY GIRLS SCHOOL,
EAST SIKKIM



3RD HISHEY DIKI BHUTIA

CLASS V, TASHI NAMGYAL ACADEMY,
EAST SIKKIM



WINNERS OF WED 2022 – PAINTING/ DRAWING (STUDENTS OF STD 6 TO 8):

Theme/Topic: *ENVIRONMENT RELATED*

Rank	Name of student	Class	School	District	Mobile	Prize (Rs.)
1 st	Sristi Sakya	VII	Palzor Namgyal Girls School	Gangtok	9609868924	10,000/-
2 nd	Alok Kumar	VII	KV- NHPC Singtam	Gangtok	9002116525	8,000/-
3 rd	Shivesh Pradhan	VII	TNA, Gangtok	Gangtok	8918000651	6,000/-



1ST SRISTI SAKYA

CLASS VII, PALJOR NAMGYAL GIRLS SCHOOL, EAST SIKKIM



2ND ALOK KUMAR

CLASS VII, KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA
NHPC, SINGTAM, EAST SIKKIM



3RD SHIVESH PRADHAN

CLASS VII, TASHI NAMGYAL ACADEMY,
EAST SIKKIM



WINNERS OF WED 2022 – SLOGAN WRITING (OPEN FOR ALL)

Topic: *SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE*

Rank	Name of Student	Address	Select District	Mobile Number	Write your Slogan Here	Prize (Rs.)
1 st	Simran Rai	Sichey	East District	9907200903	Aja ko yogdan, Bholi ko samadhan.	10,000/-
2 nd	Rajani Adhikari	Kaw	South District	9083057850	Protect This Environment As Our Mother, So We Don't Need To Face Any Bother.	8,000/-
3 rd	Tapas Bhattarai	Samdong	East District	9832907742	Jyew zindagi hastai ra ramawdai.... Prayavaran r bhavishya sabai zogawdai..	5,000/-



WINNERS OF WED 2022 – OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Theme: *SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE /HIMALAYAN ECOSYSTEM*

Rank	Name of Awardee	Age	Address	District	Mobile	Prize (Rs.)
1 st	Dheraj Neopaney	28	Rhenock, Upper Khamdong	Pakyong	7585987482	15,000/-
2 nd	Dechen Choden Bhutia	25	Singyang	Gyalshing	7310668241	10,000/-
3 rd	Monish Chettri	24	Gangtok	Gangtok	8391904682	8,000/-



1ST – DHERAJ NEOPANEY (M, 28)

R/o- Rhenock Upper khamdong, Pakyong District

Caption: Himalayan life (Sustainable Life)



2ND DECHEN CHODEN BHUTIA (F, 25)

R/o- Singyang, West Sikkim

Caption: No gas, no harmful emissions. Just using our Legs and living on less. Sustainability comes from within, choose wisely and choose ecological friendly activities.

Appreciate what's around before it's too late.



3RD MONISH CHETTRI (M, 24)

R/o- Gangtok, East Sikkim

Caption: The only mirror near Sikkim that reflects such a majestic reflection of mt kanchenjunga. It is located at Fusrey, West Bengal named Lake Mullharka. This was captured during winter season with canon 1500D.

WINNERS OF WED 2022 – OPEN SHORT VIDEO CONTEST

Topic: *SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE /HIMALAYAN ECOSYSTEM*

Rank	Name of Awardee	Age	Address	District	Mobile	Prize (Rs.)
1 st	Srijana Chettri	36	Rhenock Bazar	Pakyong	8250605443	20,000/-
2 nd	Susan Pradhan	34	Rhenock	Pakyong	7407183863	15,000/-
3 rd	Ishaq Shanker	22	Tharpu Shanker Colony	Soreng	7679641998	10,000/-



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1ST – SRIJANA CHETTRI (F, 36)

Rhenock Bazar, Pakyong District

Description: Title: Jal, Duration: 1:57:sec, Language: Hindi, Directed by: Srijana Chettri
Camera, Edited and Narrated by: Ashish Kumar Pradhan



[Click here to view](#)

2ND SUSAN PRADHAN (M, 34)

R/o- Rhenock, Pakyong District

Description: Throw the junk but in the dustbin.



[Click here to View](#)

3RD ISHAQ SHANKER (M, 22)

R/o- Tharpu Shanker Colony,
Soreng District

Description: In this short film entitled "Sustainable Lifestyle". I have showed how our tiny little initiative and following certain habits like carrying own bags while going to market, avoiding use of plastic bags, turning lights off when in no use, switching off taps unless one really needs it, etc., can contribute in 'Sustainable Lifestyle.'

Media Publicity: Sikkim ENVIS Hub actively coordinated in pre-event awareness activities such as:

- Message (English and Hindi) of the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim Shri Ganga Prasad was published in social media, print and e-media. (*Copy in Annexure –I*)
- Message (English) of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang was published in social media, print and e-media. (*Copy in Annexure –II*)
- AV Message (English and Nepali) of the Hon'ble Minister Forest Shri Karma Loday Bhutia was published in social media (Youtube, Facebook, ENVIS website).
- Prepared hoarding both print and digital which was circulated and reached more than 20000 viewers.
- Week-long broadcast of AV jingles in social media, FM radio jingles (AIR Gangtok, 93.5 Red FM, 95.0 Radio Misty) and publication of Wed advertisement in local weekly newspapers.

World Environment Day 2022 Message of Shri Karma Loday Bhutia, the Hon'ble Minister Forest (Sikkim)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEG-EWpAyT4>

Pre-Event Event Publicity AV



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCGFgo1tahA>

Banners and Hoardings



Watch the Short Video Montage of WED Celebrations – Sarasma, Sikkim



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



Newspaper Clippings:

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

We all share responsibility to protect environment: CM
Staff Reporter

GANGTOK, June 5: Chief Minister P.S. Golyal on Sunday stressed that the protection of environment and responding to environmental conflicts is a responsibility to be shared by all citizens and not only by the Forest department.

"The onus for protecting environment or responding to environment issues like forest fires does not lie with the Forest department alone. It is the responsibility of all of us as environment is crucial for everyone. All citizens must give due importance to World Environment Day. Our participation does not end with merely planting a sapling, it is our collective duty to ensure that the sapling is taken care of and nurtured," said the Chief Minister.

He was addressing the State-level World Environment Day celebration organised by the Forest & Environment department at Saramsa Garden near Ranipool with the theme "Only One Earth" under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The Chief Minister encouraged all to work towards safeguarding nature in order to build social and ecological resilience and asked every individual to conduct plantation drives in uncultivated and vacant land so that it will enrich the ecosystem. He directed the Forest & Environment department to manage and oversee the constituency-wise plantation drive till the forthcoming Independence Day.

Golyal, in his address, applauded the capability and good work done by the Forest officials. "Our Forest officials are hardworking and much wanted by other departments and as you can see, eight of our Foresters are heading other departments and State undertakings. One more Forester is going to head another department which will be announced tomorrow. Why we took them? Because they do excellent work and increase the graph of the departments. This shows that the Forest department is a capable department," he said.

In his address, Forest minister Karma Lodgy Bhutia spoke about the alertness of the department in regards to the human-animal conflict and efforts towards mitigation and also stressed the plantation of suitable trees in the forests.

He summarized the accomplishments of the department towards giving justice to the environment and the people.

During the programme, Lingtham junior high school, Dzongu was awarded the Chief Minister's Green School Rolling Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh. Seven schools also received the State Green School Awards 2022 on the occasion.

Similarly, the Chief Minister also felicitated the Champions of Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral

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Butterfly conservationists Nosang M. Limboo (extreme left) and Sonam Wangchuk Lepcha (extreme right) presenting a framed picture of State butterfly Blue Duke, photographed in Dzongu, to Chief Minister in the presence of Forest minister during Environment Day programme, at Saramsa, Ranipool.

BLUE DUKE DECLARED AS STATE BUTTERFLY OF SIKKIM
BHOY GURUNG

GANGTOK, June 5: Chief Minister P.S. Golyal, during the World Environment Day celebrations, declared Blue Duke as the State Butterfly of Sikkim on Sunday. The announcement was made at Saramsa Garden near Ranipool during the event organized by the Forest department.

Blue Duke, a native butterfly species of Sikkim, edged past another contender Krishna Peacock to be announced as the State Butterfly of Sikkim. The two butterflies, among the 720-odd butterfly species, had been shortlisted for the State Butterfly nominations.

According to the Forest department, an online voting was conducted between April and September to select the State Butterfly. Among the 4036 votes, 57% of the votes went in favour of Blue Duke while 43% voted for Krishna Peacock.

Similarly, opinions were also sought from the 11-member expert committee constituted by the Forest department for the selection process of the State Butterfly. It was informed that six experts supported Blue Duke while the remaining five experts were in favour of Krishna Peacock.

Nosang M. Limboo, an authority on birds and butterflies of Sikkim, had pressed for State butterfly status to Blue Duke owing to its relevance with the Himalayan State.

"The Blue Duke represents Sikkim with its two unique colours blue representing the sky and white depicting the snow clad mountains of the Himalayas, it is befitting to Sikkim and its unique identity. There can be no other butterfly that can represent Sikkim than the Blue Duke," said Nosang, who hails from Darap, West Sikkim.

Blue Duke is found at an altitude below 1500 metres in the Himalayas and is commonly found in places like Pakyong, Pasangdong and Heo-Gyathang in Dzongu, Lingee in South Sikkim and Yangsum in West Sikkim and closer to the State capital in places like Tadong and Ranka.

Nosang found the species in 2012, around the area of Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College at Tadong, Gangtok. Since then he has approached both the previous and the current State government to recognise the butterfly species as the State butterfly.

Blue Duke which is also called *Bassarona durga durga* is unique to Sikkim and Eastern Himalayas, first discovered in the State in 1858. Blue Duke falls in the Schedule 2 of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and is a highly protected species of butterfly in the Himalayas.

Nosang was also felicitated by the Forest department during the World Environment Day programme for his "outstanding contribution and active role" in promoting environment conservation through sustainable practices.

The Chief Minister handed away the citation to Nosang in presence of Forest minister Karma Lodgy Bhutia, ministers, MLAs and Lok Sabha MP Indra Hang Subba.

During the programme, the Chief Minister also presented a cash award to Dzongu youth Sonam Wangchuk Lepcha for discovering a new butterfly species in 2021. The new butterfly species is called *Zographetus dzonguensis* and has been named after the place in which it was discovered, Dzongu. It is also known as Chocolate-bordered Flitter.

Pure white form of *Coelogyne cristata* orchid planted
SE Report

GANGTOK, June 5: Chief Minister P.S. Golyal released for the first time and planted the rare 'pure white form' of *Coelogyne cristata* orchid at Saramsa Garden during the World Environment Day programme on Sunday.

This orchid had originally been discovered from the Sikkim-Nepal border in the house of one poor farmer and one single plant was bought for Rs 5000 about 20 years back. This was then bred in captivity and propagated, a press release informs.

There are a total of 18 species of *Coelogyne* in Sikkim. These orchids are either epiphytic or lithophytic. *Coelogyne cristata* is one of the most important orchid species popular all over the world and is found between 3000ft to 6000ft. The climatic condition of Sikkim is well suited for *Coelogyne* and the richest habitat is in B2, Tashiding and Yuksum.

This present species is *Coelogyne cristata* pure white form. This pure white form is one of the best wild variations found in the world.

"In Sikkim we get high-end tourist groups that come only to see the orchids of Sikkim in the wild. They visit the B2 area to see *Coelogyne* and go to Andheri to see the State orchid of Sikkim, *Dendrobium nobile*. Conservation and propagation of this rare *Coelogyne cristata* white form orchid can be best done inside the Kahi Longstock sacred grove and steps will now be undertaken to carry forward this initiative," said the Forest department.

We all share...

Campaign 2022, which included-Green Rider (Cyclist) Tshering Gyatso Bhutia and Green Runner Phurba Tamang.

ACS-cum-PCCF M.L. Srivastava presented the welcome address while additional PCCF Pradeep Kumar proposed the vote of thanks.

The plantation of a new variety of orchid 'Coelogyne Cristata variety Alba' was one of the significant events of the day.

Environment Day news capsule

GANGTOK: A plantation drive was conducted in the premises of EVM warehouse at district administrative centre to



commemorate the World Environment Day. The drive was organised by the office of the CEO, Election department with the theme 'Only one Earth'.

Chief electoral officer D. Anandan along with Gangtok DC Ragul K., ADC Tushar Nikhare, joint CEO, Pema Laden Lama, SDM Robin Sewa and staff of the Election Cell participated in the plantation drive.

On the occasion, a short video carrying the message 'Environment and Elections together' was also released by the State Election Commission.

RANGPO: Tiny Tots School, Rangpo observed World Environment Day with a cleanliness drive in and around the school



premises. All the students and staff took part in the cleanliness drive. Likewise, Grace Academy of Kumrek organised quiz competition and plantation drive on the occasion. The students also held placards with messages on environment and its conservation.

At Rangpo Chanatar, about 600 saplings of different species of plants were planted. Local people also enthusiastically participated in the campaign organized by Soil & Conservation division under the Forest department.

Before the plantation drive, a public awareness programme on environmental protection was organised with local senior citizen Indra Bahadur Basnet as the chairman of the programme.

Sharing information about the environment, local resident Prabhakar Dhakal said that most of the projects in the region have contributed to the deforestation of the local forest.

Soil & Conservation BO shared information about various types of trees.

KHANDONG: A plantation and cleanliness drive was organised by Yawachi United Club at Bhirkuna Junior High School at Beng Khandong under Gangtok district. The drive was held to mark the World Environment Day.

NAMTHANG: Bal Krishna Kasaju Senior Secondary School, Namthang celebrated World Environment Day on Saturday with the mass cleanliness drive and plantation of saplings. One of the students gave a speech on the importance of World Environment Day. The plantation drive was participated by guests, teachers and students. The saplings were provided by Forest department.

GANGTOK: Bhavishya Bharat, a developmental organisation, celebrated World Environment Day with the theme 'Only one Earth' in three districts.

At Mangan, the programme was organised in collaboration with Mangan Senior Secondary School where more than 200 students, teachers and staff participated.

The Environment Day programme was marked by quiz competition among senior and junior students, cleanliness drive, plantation drive and awareness session.

Likewise, in Dentam Block of Gyalshing district, plantation drives were carried out in collaboration with State Forest department and Sashastra Sema Bal where more than 50



participated.

In Namchi district, the Bhavishya Bharat celebrated at the day at Boomtar blind school where more than 30 visually-impaired students, teachers and locals participated in a plantation drive. An awareness programme was also held.

KAPUTHANG: The 'Runners Back 2 Basics' family conducted a plantation of flowering plants and cleanliness drive from Kaputhang to Mamring today on the occasion of World Environment Day. The activity was done in coordination with eight SHGs of Kaputhang, the NCC and NSS unit of Mamring Senior Secondary School, Karma Future Forum, Mamring, SSB, unit Tarethang and NYKS Pakyong.



SORENG: On the occasion of World Environment Day, a cleanliness drive was carried out at Chakung Senior Secondary School and Government Science College, Chakung in association with GO Chakung.

Around 30 students from Chakung Senior Secondary School, 25 students from Government Science College, Go Chakung members and members from CRWA Samaj and JKS Samaj participated in the cleanliness drive.

Around 65 sacks of plastic and other waste were collected.

The Go Chakung Tourism Development Association along with the NSS units of Government Science College, Chakung Senior Secondary School, CRWA Samaj, JKS Samaj and Ultimate Fitness Gym Chakung, organised a plastic waste sensitisation programme and community-based cleanliness drive throughout Chakung.

The sensitisation program was held at Chakung school auditorium and the cleanliness drive was taken out from Chakung school to Chakung Bazar and the whole view point belt from Aganey Dhunga through the Durpinay tower ending at Hinguatar park in Chakung.



Plantation drive at SSLSA

GANGTOK, June 5 (IPR): On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority organised a plantation drive at the office premises in Development Area, Gangtok.

The plantation drive was carried out with the theme "Only One Earth" to celebrate protecting and helping restore our planet.

Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & executive chairperson, SLSA, Rodger Sandeep Rai, former managing director, SIDICO, Gangtok, Sonam Palden Bhutia, member secretary, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority,



Dipak Saha, additional registrar-cum-principal private secretary, Jagat Bahadur Rai, District & Session Judge (Spl. Div-I) Gangtok & in-charge of the Court of District & Session Judge (Special Division II) & Fast Track Court (East & North) at Gangtok, Subarna Rai, Chief Judicial

Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (East) at Gangtok, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (North) at Mangan (additional charge), Jyoti Kharka, registrar, High Court of Sikkim, Zamyang Choden Bhutia, Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (East), participated in the plantation drive. Also present

were Matilda Isaacs, consultant, SLSA, officers, and staff of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority.

Every year World Environment Day is celebrated throughout the State to further preserve, promote the environment, and foster a responsible culture towards nature.

DAV Public School observes World Environment Day



SE Report

GANGTOK, June 6: The DAV Public School, NHPC, Rangit Nagar celebrated World Environment Day with theme 'Only One Earth'.

With an aim to build a greener planet, the school celebrated World Environment

Day with planting of saplings in and around the school campus, informs a press release.

The plantation drive had active participation of students, teachers and NSS and NCC volunteers of the school. The school principal and NHPC Rangit Power Station

nodal officer were also present.

The students were sensitised about the need and importance of conserving environment. The students were encouraged to create their own small herbal park/garden in the school campus to build a close connection with nature, the release mentions.

Sant Nirankari Mandal celebrates World Environment Day in MG Marg

KUNAL RAI

GANGTOK, June 5: Sant Nirankari Mandal, Gangtok branch today celebrated 'World Environment Day' at MG Marg here with Urban Development minister Arun Upreti as the chief guest and Sant Nirankari Mission advisory board chairman R.K. Kapoor as the guest of honour.

On the occasion, the Mandal conducted an awareness campaign on environment along a skit play.

In his address, the Urban Development minister expressed that all must come together to safeguarding environment. We need to plant more and more trees, conduct cleanliness drive and avoid use of single-use plastics in particular as it is hazardous to the environment, he said.

Upreti appreciated the environment awareness programme of Sant Nirankari Mandal, Gangtok branch. Protection of environment is not to be done by the government only, it is the responsibility of all organisations and institutions, he said.

Mission advisory board chairman R.K. Kapoor, also a senior advocate, spoke on collective efforts for environment protection as it is the source for life in earth. He called for reduction in the use of plastics in our day to day activities.

Sant Nirankari Mandal Gangtok branch general secretary Lok Nath Adhikari read out the message of the mission. He informed that the mission is carrying out similar environment-related activities in 14 hill stations of the country.



Geyzing administration inaugurates electronic waste management unit on Environment Day

KUSH HANG LEEWANG

GEYZING, June 5: Geyzing district administration observed World Environment Day Sunday in the district administrative centre premises. The event was attended by Agriculture minister Loknath Sharma as the chief guest and PHE minister Bhim Hang Subba as the special guest along with DC Yeshi D. Yongda, officials from Forest department, heads of all other governmental departments, officials and students.

At the outset, on the occasion of the World Environment Day and as part of

Geyzing district administration's initiative to sort out the issue of electronic waste, an electronic waste management unit was inaugurated in the DAC premises. Minister Loknath Sharma inaugurated the e-waste unit.

As informed, any individual can deposit or collect their e-waste such as out-dated, damaged, spoiled and beyond the repair electronic waste at the unit for free.

DC Yeshi D. Yongda informed that the e-waste collected will be sent for recycling with a competent entity. She also spoke about glaring issue of waste



management and called for the comprehensive participation of social organizations, NGOs and individuals to redress the issues pertaining

on the subject pertaining to environmental.

As part of the event, plantation drive was also conducted in and around the



DAC premises. PHE minister and area MLA Bhim Hang Subba and minister Loknath Sharma also took part in the plantation drive.



MUSS Rangpo celebrates World Environment Day SE Report

GANGTOK, June 6: The Rangpo unit of Manav Uttan Seva Samiti (MUSS) celebrated World Environment Day on June 5 by planting saplings of fruit trees and medicinal plants at the premises

of MUSS environment awareness and social centre, Rangpo.

Mahatma Akhilesh Baiji, the MUSS in-charge for Sikkim-Darjeeling region, was present on the occasion. He highlighted the importance of nurturing and taking care of the newly planted saplings.

The programme was attended by MUSS Rangpo workers and others, a press release informs.



69 Bn. SSB organises plantation drive on WED

SE Report

GANGTOK, June 6: On the occasion of World Environment Day, 69 Bn. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) launched a plantation drive campaign at its new location at Amba-Tareythang, under Pakyong district on Sunday.

The campaign was organized under the supervision of Lokesh Kumar

Singh, second-in-command, Offg. commandant of 69 Bn SSB in the presence of Diwash Dhakal, coordinator- runners Back to Basic (NGO), N. D. Lepcha, NSS programme Officer, Bikash Bhattra and Pradeep Pradhan (Teachers), informs a press release.

A total of 25 students of Government Senior Secondary School, Mamring and more than 25 villagers of surrounding

areas actively participated in the plantation drive. On the occasion, 500 saplings of eminence class and having long life span of plants have been planted, it was informed.

The objective of the campaign was to create a general awareness among the border population about the circumstances arise due to deforestation and global warming, the release mentions.

GBPNHIE holds workshop on natural hazards, climate marking WED

SE Report

GANGTOK, June 6: G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBPNHIE), Sikkim regional centre organized a brainstorming workshop on theme 'Natural Hazards and Climate: Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature' celebrating World Environment Day (WED) on Sunday.

The workshop was organised in collaboration with Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of Sikkim as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava' celebration, informs a press release.

The workshop started with a welcome address and thematic presentation by GBPNHIE Sikkim regional centre head Dr. Rajesh Joshi. He presented a detailed overview of the types of hazards in Sikkim and highlighted the need for holistic and scientific assessment of the state-of-art knowledge, gap areas and prioritization of the actions to address challenges posed by natural hazards in Himalaya.

He further mentioned that considering the high tourist influx in Sikkim and the fragile ecosystem in the State, natural hazards might affect the tourism. Therefore, regulated tourism is very much



necessity in Sikkim to protect its pristine environment, mitigating the impacts of hazards, and living sustainably in harmony with nature, Joshi added.

Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) vice chairman Prof. V.K. Sharma in his keynote lecture painted a detailed picture of impacts of climate change and resulting natural hazards in Sikkim Himalaya. He emphasized on the importance of research to address issues of natural hazards and for the formulation of State Action Plans for Disaster Risk Reduction.

He further emphasized on the need to integrate State Action Plans for Disaster Risk Reduction with the State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) for effective planning and implementation of developmental plans.

Prof. Sharma highlighted need for raising the mass awareness among all the stakeholders, multi-institutional and interdisciplinary studies and creation of platform for regular exchange of scientific ideas related to the subject in Sikkim. During the panel discussion, experts from various organization including, DST, SSDMA, GSI, Sikkim University, Assam University, NESAC, Vidyasagar University shared their views on the subject gaps on disaster risk reduction, mitigating the impacts and towards living sustainably in harmony with nature.

Science & Technology secretary Bhuwan P. Pradhan highlighted about the present hazard scenario in the wake of Climate Change in Sikkim Himalaya. He stressed on need to assess the impacts of hazards on tourism, health and social sector for

sustainable development of the Sikkim Himalayan region. He further advocated about the importance of Natural Farming as a possible tool for climate resilient agriculture and mitigation of natural hazards in Sikkim.

Prof. A.K. Mishra, HoD, department of Geology, Sikkim University emphasized on the significance of hazard zonation and mapping and application of advance tools and techniques for effective decision making towards better planning and disaster risk reduction.

Dr. Diganta Barman, senior scientist from North Eastern Space Application Centre stressed on long term monitoring to address hazards related issues and sustainability of monitoring stations in high altitude ecosystems in Himalaya.

D.G. Shrestha highlighted the initiatives of the department towards climate change and disaster management.

SSDMA former director G.C. Khanal mentioned that there is need for development of early warning systems in fragile and rugged terrain in Sikkim Himalaya.

SSDMA director Prabhakar Rai advocated for coordinated efforts, knowledge networking, and prioritization of sectors to address natural hazards.

Sikkim University Prof. Sohail Firdos highlighted need for mapping of urban growth and sprawl, demand and supply analysis, and developing guidelines for urban development to mitigate the impacts of Hazards.

SI Prof. Komol Singha spoke on the need for socio-economic assessment of hazard prone areas.

Vidyasagar University Kausik Ghosh presented a case study on and sedimentation damming in Teesta river basin and stressed on need for assessment of developmental projects in wake of potential disasters and hazards.

Further, the panel members appreciated GBPNHIE and DST, Sikkim efforts for organizing such an important thematic workshop that facilitated the knowledge sharing among research institutions, academicians, government organization, policy planners and other stakeholders.

The workshop was organized under the N M H S - H i m a l a y a n Knowledge Network.

Programme implemented by GBPNHIE that aims to enhance collaboration and networking among all the relevant institutions engaged with Himalaya specific R&D activities leading to environmental conservation and sustainable development practices to cater the needs of planners and policy makers.

More than 40 participants attended the workshop from various organizations, departments, institutions, universities.

Anita Sharma from GBPNHIE conducted the program and presented the vote of thanks, the release mentions.



विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस: विभिन्न प्रजातिका ४ सयवटा विरूवा रोपण

गेजिड, ५ जून। सन् १९७७ मा स्थापना भएको लोवर खाण्डु देउराली समाजले आज विश्व वातावरण यानी पर्यावरण दिवस मनाएको छ। पश्चिम सिक्किमको गेजिड जिल्ला अन्तर्गत पर्ने मानेबुङ-देन्ताम क्षेत्रको लोवर खाण्डु देउराली समाजले आफ्नो स्थापना कालदेखि स्वास्थ्य, शिक्षालगायत अन्य विभिन्न क्षेत्रमा काम गर्दै आएको छ। आजको कार्यक्रम शुरु हुनु अघि ८६ घरबाट भेला भएका मानिसहरूले विभिन्न प्रजातिका रुखका विरूवा रोपेका छन्। समाजको वार्षिक सभा संग-संगै खाण्डु स्कुल परिसरमा वृक्ष



लगाएका छन्। यस कार्यक्रममा समाजका सभापति एच के चौहान, प्रमुख सल्लाहकार शिक्षा विभाग अवकाशप्राप्त निर्देशक जेके बस्नेत, पञ्चायत सभापति टीबी चौहान, सचिव केके

प्रधान, डा. विनोद आचार्यलगायत समाजका सम्पूर्ण सदस्यहरूको उपस्थिति रहेको थियो।

समाजले आज पर्यावरण दिवसमा यहाँको खाण्डु माध्यमिक

विद्यालय, स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र, आइसीडीएस, लगायत सडक किनारा सरकारी जमीन, आदि जस्ता ठाउँमा विभिन्न बोट विरूवाहरू लगाउँदै पुरानो विरूवाहरूलाई गोडमेल, बारबेर र

अन्य नयाँ पौदाहरू लगाउने कार्य गरेको छ। यस कार्यक्रममा आजको दिनलाई महत्त्व दिँदै बोट विरूवा रोपेका छन्।

समाजका सभापति एचके चौहानको अगुवाईमा रहेको कार्यक्रममा गाउँका नानीहरूलाई बोट-विरूवा सम्बन्धी जानकारी पनि गराइयो। ८६ घरको समुहले तयार गरेको कार्यक्रममा वृक्षरोपण गर्दै विभिन्न प्रजातिका ४ सय भन्दा बढी वृक्षरोपण गरिएको छ। कार्यक्रममा पञ्चायत सभापति टीबी चौहान, जेके बस्नेतलगायत अन्यले पनि सम्बोधन गरेको जानकारी प्राप्त भएको छ।

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CM announces 'Blue Duke' as State Butterfly of Sikkim on World Environment Day

PAKYONG, 05 JUN [IPR]: The Department of Forest and Environment hosted the state-level World Environment Day celebrations today at Sarama Garden with Chief Minister-Prem Singh Tamang as Chief Guest.

The CM was accompanied by MP Lok Sabha Indra Hang Subba, Minister of Forest and Environment, Minister of Transport / Building and Housing Department, Minister of Power, Minister of Tourism, Deputy Speaker, MLA's, Political Secretary to CM, Political Advisor, Chairperson, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, HoDs, SP Paikyang, officials from Forest Department, concerned government officials from various departments, police personnel, teachers, students and general public.

The theme of this year's celebration of the World Environment was "Only One Earth." The theme underscores the fact that out of all the solar system, only Earth



Sustains life. Since human actions are causing irreversible damages to our environment, there is an urgent need to minimise or prevent future damages to our Earth.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial plantation by the Chief Minister followed by Forest Min-

ister Karma Loday and other delegates.

The ACS cum PCCF, Mr. Shrivastava, delivered the welcome note with the importance of World Environment Day 2022.

He highlighted the degradation of our environment through pollution and the

need to co-operate with each other towards a safe environment and sustainable development. The programme

followed by a screening of a short video on Khangchendzonga National Park and Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral Park. Khangchendzonga National Park is also inscribed

by UNESCO as India's first World Heritage Site. It is first of its kind and a matter of honour for Sikkim and India.

The celebration included group songs by Tadong Senior Secondary School and Deorali Goyt. Girls' Sr. Sec School.

During the programme, the Chief Minister declared

"The Blue Duke" as the State Butterfly of Sikkim. The butterfly was unanimously voted by both the public and experts to represent the state butterfly of Sikkim.

Various awards were handed through the Chief Guest:

- Felicitation of Nosang M. Limboo for outstanding contribution and active role in promoting environment conservation through sustainable practices.

- Cash Prize awarded to Sonam Wangchuk Lepcha for new discovery of butterfly species "Chocolate-Bordered Flitter" (*Zographetus dzonguensis*) in 2021

- Felicitation of Green Rider (Cyclist) Tshering Gyatso Bhutia and Green Runner Phurba Tamang for champions of Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral Campaign 2022.

Presentation of Chief Minister's Green Rolling Trophy and State Green School awards to the following eight

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पर्यावरणको संरक्षण राज्य सरकारको उच्च प्राथमिकता: मुख्यमन्त्री
'ब्लू ड्युक' पुतली सिक्किमको राज्य पुतली घोषित



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रोलड इन्फि र स्टेर प्रीन स्कूल
अवाहर् २०२२ प्रदान गरे।

आईटीबीपीको १३औं वाहिनीद्वारा
विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस पालन



गान्तोक, ०५ जून पदाधिकारीहरू, महिलाहरू (हि.स.)। भारत तिब्बत सीमा नानीहरू पनि पोधारोपणमा सहभागी पलिस (आईटीबीपी) बलको बने।

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गेजिड प्रशासन केन्द्र परिसरमा विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस पालन

विगत वर्षको १५ जून (के.एन. गौरी) अन्तर्गत गेजिड प्रशासन केन्द्र परिसरमा आज विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस मनाइएको छ। कार्यक्रममा उपस्थित मान्यवरहरूले वातावरणको सुरक्षा र संरक्षणको लागि आवश्यक कदम चाल्नुपर्नेमा जोड दिए।

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'Environment Conservation top priority of our government': CM

Gangtok, June 05(IPR): "Environment Conservation is a top priority of the state government and thus it is very important to protect, nurture and preserve our natural habitat and rich biodiversity," Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang said addressing the State Level World Environment Day observance here at Saramsa Garden today. The Chief Minister in his speech expressed his gratitude to the winning schools and the students for coming forward to spread the message of environment conservation which is now a global concern.

The Chief Minister suggested that each and every individual and organisation should cooperate with the Forest Department in conserving the environment and its natural habitat. The Chief Minister also encouraged all to work towards safeguarding nature in order to build social and ecological resilience and asked every individual to conduct plantation drives in uncultivated and vacant land so that it will enrich the ecosystem.

He also directed the Forest and Environment department to manage and oversee the constituency-wise plantation drive till the forthcoming Independence Day.

The Forest Minister, Karma Loday Bhutia in his speech mentioned the alertness of the department in regards to the Human-Animal conflict and efforts towards mitigation and also stressed the plantation of suitable trees in the forests. He summarized the accomplishments of the department towards giving justice to the environment and the people.

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Annexure – I



Shri Ganga Prasad
Governor

Raj Bhawan
Gangtok

Message of Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim on the occasion of World Environment Day, 5th June 2022

Sikkim is leading the way in environmental sector: Governor

SE Report

GANGTOK, May 4: Governor Ganga Prasad has highlighted the initiatives and achievements of Sikkim towards environment protection that is setting the standard for others to follow.

"It is heartening to learn that Sikkim is leading the way in the environmental sector and setting the standard for others to follow. In November 2021, Sikkim was awarded the India Today State of the States Award for Most Improved Small State in Environment and Law & Order. It is encouraging to learn that, despite the fact that much of Sikkim is covered in snow, the State has continued to maintain over 47 % of its land under forest cover, which is among the highest in the country. With numerous efforts such as mass afforestation and the watershed development programmes, we are able to increase our water reservoir in the State," said the Governor in his World Environment Day message.

Prasad shared that the Sikkim government has implemented a number of environmentally friendly policies, including bans on firecrackers, Styrofoam products, garbage burning, tyre burning, the usage of polythene

carry bags, and the sale of medicinal herbs. "People in Sikkim are working together with the government hand in hand to support environmental causes. This is the rationale for the state's growing forest cover outside the Recorded Forest Area (RFA)," he said.

The Governor also spoke on Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) that was launched on May 15, 2018 which aims at training over 5.5 lakh workers in environment and forest sectors pan India. "It is overwhelming to know that about 500 un-employed youths and farmers of Sikkim have been already provided Green Skill training by the Forest and Environment department and ENVIS Hub, for livelihood support through beekeeping, bamboo crafts, forest fire management and solar energy systems with an aim to promote sustainable development in the State," he said.

The Governor said sericulture is being tried to support the marginal farmers of Sikkim with an alternate source of income. "Around 1000 women farmers are supported under sericulture schemes in the State in the manufacturing and marketing of cocoons. Cocoon output in the State has surged thrice in the last three years even though

Sikkim is a non-traditional state in sericulture. This programme may pave the path for the future launch of Sikkim Silk or an Organic Silk and, in turn, would help to achieve long-term objectives of sustainable development goals," he said.

Prasad added that the government is also trying for resource augmentation of high-altitude areas with selective medicinal herbs in the available forest land, duly involving the local communities. "Our high altitudes can be a huge reservoir of medicinal plants and non-timber forest products. For the first time Saffron (kesar) herb cultivation is being tried in the State of Sikkim. This can become a boon for the high-altitude communities of Sikkim," he said.

Prasad informed that the formation of Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) as per the Biological Diversity Act 2002 has been completed in all 185 GPUs, seven urban local bodies and four zilla panchayats.

"The Forest and Environment department has been creating and maintaining parks and gardens from long. Recently an Amrut Mahotsav Green Park has been created at Chisopani under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrut. This kind of



parks and gardens has to be created to achieve the objective of making the State beautiful and a garden State. Nagar Van Scheme launched on the occasion of World Environment Day 2020, aims at developing 200 urban forests pan-India in the coming five years. State also should make use of it."

The Governor also called upon people to participate in the 'A Day for Mother Earth' programme of the State government.

"We have been celebrating Paryavaran Mahotsav starting with the commemorating of the World Environment Day and culminating with the 'A Day for Mother Earth' programme. Hence, I appeal to my people

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Sikkim is leading the way. . .

of Sikkim to make full use of it and contribute to the maximum. Make efforts to clean your surroundings, dharas, jhoras and nalas, plant fruit trees and medicinal plants in your surrounding and also in vacant government lands and forest lands in coordination with the agencies and authorities," said the Governor in his message.

The Governor added that India is now emerging as a leader in climate justice and a major force in the face of formidable issues. "India is

pursuing a grandiose global vision, such as the creation of the International Solar Alliance to realize the vision of One Sun, One World, One Grid, and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. India's efforts are visible; be it in providing LED bulbs to crores of people, LPG gas connection under Ujjwala scheme or electricity connection under Saubhagya scheme. Expressways with green cover, solar powered metros, promotion of electric vehicles etc. are other such schemes," he said.

Annexure - II



Shri Prem Singh Tamang
Chief Minister of Sikkim

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Message of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim on the occasion of World Environment Day, 5th June 2022

CM records Sikkim's achievements towards environmental conservation

SE Report

GANGTOK, May 4: Chief Minister P.S. Golay has extended his warm greetings to the people of Sikkim on the occasion of World Environment Day. Our Himalayan State of Sikkim has made its own achievements with sincere devotion to environmental protection and conservation, he said in his message.

"We, as a State, stand proud today at one of the highest forest cover ratios in the country sustaining over 47% of the geographical area of the State. This is an incredible achievement in such land which substantially remains covered under perpetual snow where plantations cannot be raised," said the Chief Minister.

Golay highlighted the biodiversity richness of Sikkim with new species being reported every now and then indicating the improving health

of the forests in the State.

"Due to forest protection and conservation activities and thorough enforcement of relevant Forest laws and rules in the State, water bodies have grown by around 2 sq. km. We have been able to extend our tree cover outside of the recorded forest area (RFA) by 3 sq. km. (Forest Survey of India's State of Forest Report, 2021) thanks to mass afforestation programmes such as 'A Day for Mother Earth', Van Mohatsav, and other State and Central programmes."

The Chief Minister, on the occasion, thanked the villagers, panchayats, JFMCs, EDCs, Pokhari Samrakshan Samities and all the field level officials. I also thank Himal Rakshaks who are always guarding high altitude protected areas and the NGOs, and volunteers for their active role in environmental conservation and protection, he said.

The Forest and

Environment department are putting on a lot of effort into tackling rising instances of human-wildlife conflict, said the Chief Minister. I thank them for bringing the "Human-Animal Conflict Mitigation Plan" and hope that the implementation of this plan shall certainly bring down the conflict cases, he added.

"Furthermore, our State is endowed with nature-loving citizens whose admiration for this magnificent State's natural resources has become a powerful tool for its preservation. We worship Mount Khangchendzonga as a Guardian Deity, we revere our lakes, rivers, and caves and we honour trees and forests in commemoration of our forebears or as sacred groves. Sikkim's environment has shielded us from heat waves, storms, cloud bursts or Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) and other natural disasters and we are blessed to have a moderate climate."



"Nonetheless, as we commemorate World Environment Day, we retrospect on how this year's theme "Only One Earth" resonates throughout the world and we hope that in the coming days, we further adopt sustainable practices to preserve our natural heritage and our environment," said the Chief Minister in his message.

Pre-event Message of Hon'ble Minister Forest of Sikkim on the occasion of World Environment Day, 5th June 2022

State-level World Environment Day celebration at Saramsa Garden

KUNALRAI

GANGTOK, June 4: Forest department is all set to celebrate the World Environment Day with the theme 'Only One Earth' on June 5 in a grand manner at Saramsa Garden near Ranipool.

Speaking to media here on Saturday, Forest minister Karma Loday Bhutia informed that the World Environment Day celebration will be graced by Chief Minister P.S. Golay as the chief guest along with the cabinet ministers. Due to the Covid pandemic, the department was not able to celebrate this important day in a grand manner for past two years but this year as the pandemic has reduced, we are celebrating World Environment Day in a befitting manner, he said.

The minister added that the World Environment Day is being celebrated at Saramsa Garden which falls under the new Pakyong district besides being a heritage place for Sikkim.

On the theme, Bhutia said that earth is the only planet which sustains life. It is important for all individuals to be responsible in extending support in protecting our Earth and its environment, he said.



**Forest minister
Karma Loday Bhutia**

The minister mentioned that under the Chief Minister's leadership, several initiatives have been carried out by the State government to protect the environment and forests of Sikkim. "Our recent initiative was to ban plastic water bottles below 2 litres in Sikkim considering its harmful effects to the land and environment. During the initial stage of the ban, there were numerous challenges but over the passage of time, the ban is under good progress," he said.

Bhutia appealed to the people to carry out cleanliness drives and other environment-related activities to mark the day.



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