

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2009-10 THEME: “CLIMATE CHANGE”



21st May 2010

A Report on Workshop

Abstract:

A one day sensitization workshop on National Environment Awareness Campaign 2010 was organized by the Environmental Information System (ENVIS Centre), Land Use & Environment Division at the Forest Conference Hall with the participation of various NGOs, Educational Institutes and officials from the department. The main aim of this campaign is to sensitize and raise the awareness level of the local community at large by implementing awareness and concrete action oriented drives like plantation, cleanliness drive, wetland conservation, environment rallies, Skit shows, banner campaign, seminars and so on.

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MAY 21, 2010 FOREST CONFERENCE HALL, GANGTOK

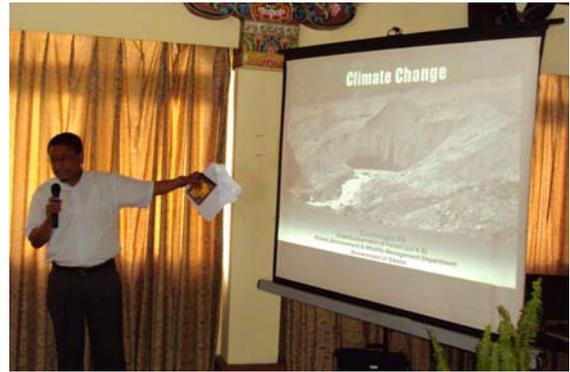
Workshop to sensitize and inculcate the local community towards environment friendly action was organized by the State Government ENVIS (Environmental Information System) Centre on 21st of May 2010 at the Forest Conference Hall, Gangtok. ENVIS Centre established under the Land Use & Environment Division, Department of Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim is the key collaborating partner to implement National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) which is being funded by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India.

Ever since 1996, Forest Environment & Wildlife Management Department (FEWMD) has been playing a key role in raising the awareness level of local and global environment to the mass through the National Environment Awareness Campaign. Designated as the Regional Resource Agency (RRA) to implement the NEAC programme in Sikkim State, FEWMD launched the Campaign by organizing a one day workshop with the participation of 39 organizations (32 NGOs and 7 Educational/Govt. Institutes). The workshop was graced by the presence of Hon’ble Forest Minister – Sikkim State, Shri. Bhim Prasad Dhungel as a chief guest. The programme was also chaired by the Addl. PCCF, Shri. Manjit Singh IFS, Chief Conservator of Forest (Land Use & Env.), Shri. C. Lachungpa IFS and Director (Research), Shri. T. D. Rai. Besides, the programme was attended by other senior officers, DFOs, ACFs and other technical officers of the department.



The chief guest on the occasion, Hon’ble Forest Minister – Sikkim State, Shri. Bhim Prasad Dhungel encouraged the participating organizations to play a part consciously and actively in not only preserving but also extending the rich biodiversity and greenery of Sikkim. In his address, he expressed his views and his own personal experiences to revamp and rejuvenate the role of human life towards our fragile environment. Relating to the present status quo of the environment, he addressed that we humans are the only species on the planet who are responsible for global environmental hazards. Speaking on the occasion, the minister mentioned that the protection of the environment is a matter of great concern worldwide irrespective of size and level of development. The interaction of society with nature is so extensive and human activity in some form or other is the main cause of environment degradation. He highlighted the fact that Sikkim is one of the leading states in the country when conservation and protection of the environment is concerned. He mentioned the efforts of the state government to strike the balance between development, protection and conservation of the environment. The minister further urged the participants to play a pro-active role in creating awareness in the villages and also appealed them to create mass awareness to preserve the fragile ecology. He also lauded the role played by the press and media in disseminating the environmental awareness among the masses.

The Chief Conservator of Forest Shri C.Lachungpa gave a presentation on “Climate Change” and its effects on the glaciers in Sikkim. The rivers, lakes all over Sikkim are fed by the glaciers in North Sikkim; therefore the glacier in Sikkim is one of the most important water sources in the state. The impacts of climate changes have been witnessed as against the receding glaciers from the past to the present by the study conducted by many researchers from time to time. He emphasized on the responsibility of the NGOs to spread the awareness on the effects of climate change that is taking place around us. Therefore in order to mitigate the effects of climate change, awareness is prime weapon to combat this measure whereby people become aware and more conscious and act responsibly towards the environment they live in. The NGOs is the important mediator in percolating this message to the people at the grass root level.



The Programme also saw the screening of the Hindi version of the documentary on climate change “An Inconvenient Truth”.



The workshop then proceeded towards the interactive session with the NGOs. The NGOs expressed their grievances regarding the meager fund assisted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests which was not sufficient to conduct programme at a large rate. However the CCF emphasized that the fund given by the ministry is a form of support to the organization towards working in the field of environment conservation. He further encouraged the participating organizations to work as building blocks in the era of climate change where we need to rethink the way we interact with nature. The participating organizations were encouraged to carry out mass awareness activities along with the action activities as emphasized in the NEAC guidelines. A healthy interaction was witnessed between the participants and the resource persons.



The Hon'ble Forest Minister Shri Bhim Dhungel then disbursed the NEAC grants funds to the participating organizations. He congratulated the NGOs for their tireless efforts towards the field of environment.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by the by Sr. Programme Officer (ENVIS).

**Workshop on
National Environment Awareness Campaign 2010**

Theme “Climate Change”

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Venue : Forest Conference Hall

Date : 21st May, 2010

Time:	Particulars
10.30 AM	Registration of Participants
11.00 AM	Arrival of Chief Guest
11.10 AM	Welcome Address by Sr. PO (ENVIS)
11.15 AM	Address by CCF (LU & E)
11.25 AM	Screening of a documentary on Climate Change <i>“An Inconvenient Truth” – Hindi version</i>
12.00 AM	Interactive Session with NGOs
12.20 PM	Fund Distribution by HMF
12.30 PM	Blessings by Hon’ble Forest Minister
12.40 PM	Vote of Thanks by Sr. PO (ENVIS)
12.50 PM	Lunch

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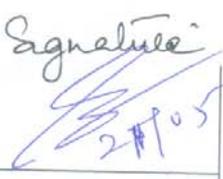
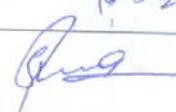
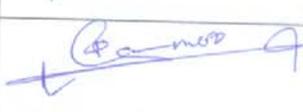
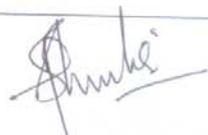
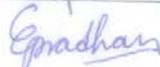
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**Attendance Sheet: Participating Organization (POs) in NEAC 2010 Workshop
on 21st May 2010 at Forest Conference Hall**

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✓ 3	Lossing Nava Jyoti Yuva Sangathan, Lossing Machong, East Sikkim	Ramesh Sharma Gen. Secretary	9832483944.
✓ 4	Matri Kalyan Samity Rhenock, Upeer Tarpin, East Sikkim	Beena Sharma President	 9832390092
✓ 5	Social Welfare Youth Association (SWYA) Rakdong-Tumin, East Sikkim	Hari Nepal Joint Secretary (SWYA)	 9434446931
✓ 6	Friends Association, Gangtok, East Sikkim	SANJAY CHAKRABARTI SANJAY DOMA BHUTIA	 9434102133
✓ 7	Shiva Gram Sewa Samiti Gangtok, East Sikkim	Lalit Moktan Treasurer. S.G.S.S.	
✓ 8	Ishwarambha Samity Sangh Ranjipul, East Sikkim	Laxmi Devi Phurpa Prasanna Bhattacharya President Secretary	
✓ 9	Himali Sangh Dalapchand, Rongli, East Sikkim	Narpati Damari (Sharma) Gen. Secretary 9932433578	
✓ 10	Youth Development Society of Sikkim Dalapchand, East Sikkim	Board member 9679129411	
✓ 11	Navajyoti Sangh Namrang Tumin, East Sikkim	Bhim Nath Baphota President	 97733133609
✓ 12	Lower Tadong Ekta Sangh, East Sikkim	m. m. k. Rai	 9832037810.
✓ 13	Ram Gauri Sangrailaya Sangh Rhenock, East Sikkim	Ganesh Kumar Poda	
✓ 14	The Green point Lower Tumin, East Sikkim	Rama Devi Sharma	 9832413477
✓ 15	Helping Hand Organization Daragaon, Tadong, East Sikkim		
✓ 16	Sikkim Himalayan Green group Pakyong, East Sikkim	Uttam Chhem. Secy Kaxmi Rai. Member	 9434174499

	Name of the Representative / Designation	Signature
✓ 17	Sikkim University, Tadong, East Sikkim Dr. Santosh K. Rai	 27/10/09 (49)
✓ 18	Jan Kalyan Nehru Yuva Samity Phadamchen, East Sikkim Palden Phuntsok C. Secretary	
✓ 19	Ranka Progressive society Perbing, East Sikkim Bishnu Lal Chatter	
✓ 20	Starlight Academy, PRIVATE INSITUTION Rankha, Perbing, East Sikkim Leela maya Kharel Principle	 9471583577
✓ 21	Palzor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School, Gangtok, East Sikkim Kendup Lepel	
✓ 22	Martam Secondary School Martam, East Sikkim S.T. Shrestha, HM	 23/5/10
✓ 23	Himali Vikash Sansthan (HVS) Middle Bermiok, West Sikkim Kumari Nishu Programme officer	
✓ 24	Rosemary Club Rinchenpong Bazar, West Sikkim Pema C. Lepha C. Secretary	
✓ 25	Sinadrabong Khanchendzonga Eco-Friendly Society (SKES), Sangkhola, P.O. Nambu, West Sikkim Nima Tashi Bhutia General Secretary 9933091853	
✓ 26	Vidya Bharati Moonew Sombaria, West Sikkim President 9474524947 Bishyant Sharma. K.N. Sarda.	 P.N. Sharma 
✗ 28	Health & Environment Conservation society Berthang, West Sikkim	
✓ 29	Reshi Govt. Secondary School Reshi, West Sikkim Bansana hudeh Teacher	
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Note: 7 NGOs from South District will be given funds during the World Environment Day on 5th June 2010 at Damthang, South Sikkim by HCM