



### NATURE CAMP

Environment Education Programme Concludes Successful Nature Camp Series in Sikkim  
The Environment Education Programme (EEP), operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, successfully concluded a series of structured one-day Nature Camps for Junior High Schools across Sikkim. A total of eight affiliated Eco-Clubs, including those from Birdang JHS and Lingding JHS, actively participated in this initiative.

The camps engaged over 400 students and accompanying teachers, focusing on experiential learning through organized nature exploration and guided walks. This engagement was designed to significantly enhance participants' environmental awareness and foster a deeper appreciation for regional biodiversity. A notable component of the programme was the integrated cleanliness drive, which served to reinforce practical understanding of environmental stewardship and responsibility among the participating schools.

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### From Waste to Wow: 60 Sikkim Eco-Clubs Lead the Way

Over 400 students and teachers from 60 School Eco-Clubs in Sikkim became agents of change during two dynamic @MoEFCC workshops in September 2025. They learned practical upcycling: transforming discarded textiles into reusable handbags (SUP Alternatives, Sep 8-9) and crafting semi-used paper into new, value-added notebooks (Clean Paper Initiative, Sep 11-12). These vibrant, message-driven creations demonstrate that small, creative actions by our young innovators are paving the way for a big, sustainable future! The enthusiasm and skill displayed by the participants were truly inspiring, signaling a strong commitment to environmental stewardship across the state. This initiative is a critical step in reducing waste and fostering a circular economy right from the grassroots level. We anticipate these Eco-Club members will now become mentors, spreading these valuable upcycling techniques to even more peers and communities.

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### World Ozone Day

Over 500 School Eco-Clubs in Sikkim celebrated World Ozone Day 2025 on September 16th with the theme "From Science to Global Action."

Students showed their environmental commitment through quizzes, speeches on the ozone layer's role, and a collective pledge. They also created impactful posters promoting eco-friendly practices.

To enhance learning, the Sikkim EEP cell organized an educational visit for Tadong SSS students to a Samsung Service Centre. This gave them a firsthand look at Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) used in air conditioning, refrigeration, and aerosols, successfully empowering them to become well-informed environmental stewards.

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### Swachhata Hi Seva

Sikkim's school Eco-Clubs enthusiastically observed the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' (Cleanliness is Service) initiative, turning the mission into a vibrant, student-led movement across the state. Every participating school organized a range of impactful activities designed to instill the value of cleanliness and environmental stewardship. Highlights included extensive cleanliness drives, engaging quiz and debate competitions to foster intellectual awareness, inspiring rallies to mobilize public support, and crucial community outreach programs to extend the message of sustainable sanitation beyond school walls. Through these collaborative efforts, these young environmentalists are actively contributing to Sikkim's legacy as a clean and green state, proving that true service starts with a clean environment.

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