

ENVIS ACTIVITIES DURING SECAS VISIT AT NEW JALPAIGURI (NJP) RAILWAY STATION ON 30-31 DECEMBER, 2015

ENVIS SIKKIM REPORT






Picture: Sikkim State ENVIS team with Ms Megha Thapa (first from left) from CEE Gangtok

Sikkim State ENVIS Centre *On Status of Environment and its Related Issues* hosted by Forests, Environment & Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok actively conducted various pre-event and platform based awareness build up activities on environment related issues during the visit to Science Express – Climate Action Special (SECAS) at New Jalpaiguri (NJP) railway station on 30-31 December 2015.

In order to spread awareness amongst the local people and educate the school children on issues of climate change, ENVIS Sikkim conducted the following pre-event activities;

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1.		<p>Prepared and distributed pamphlet on climate change with the title 'Stop Climate Change, Play your Part'</p> <p>No. of copies printed: 500 nos</p> <p>Target: Local people, students</p>

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2.		Prepared and distributed pamphlet 'Solid Waste Management at Source' No. of copies printed: 500 nos Target: Local people, students
3.		Prepared and distributed DVD 'Understanding our Environment' No. of copies: 100 nos Target: Local people, students
4.		Conducted awareness programme at Chujachen Sr. Secondary School on 'Low Carbon Lifestyle'

Sikkim State ENVIS team travelled down 120 kms from Gangtok to reach the nearest railway station New Jalpaiguri (NJP) to take the opportunity to highlight ENVIS activities during SECAS visit on 30-31 Dec, 2015.

Platform activities included;

1. Awareness on Low Carbon Lifestyle
2. Signature Campaign on environment pledge. Around 1200 signatures obtained.
3. Exhibition and distribution of ENVIS information products: Quarterly newsletters, PANDA newsletter, Pamphlets on Climate Change (Stop Climate Change, Play Your Part), Pamphlet on Solid Waste Management practices, Booklet on Environmental Initiatives of Sikkim, DVDs (Understanding our Environment) containing five award winning documentary films.
4. In-person quiz and return gift on correct answer for Kids/ students
5. Interactions/ talking to people/ taking their views/ suggestions
6. Facilitating visitors specially Sikkim School Students and Teachers

From about 15000 visitors in two days, approximately 80% visited our exhibition stall as we were positioned at the entrance. Despite being out of printed materials on the second day, visitors were keen to take note of our website to learn more about Sikkim's environmental initiatives and its status.

On interacting with the visitors about 95% agreed that our environment is at great concern and we should act on it. They even signed on the environment pledge. Rest 5% believed that our mother nature can revive by itself and we human can hardly do anything but face the consequences.

PHOTOGRAPHS ON PLATFORM BASED ACTIVITIES



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4. Tulsha Gurung, Data Entry Operator


SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

I hereby sign and pledge to


Fix dripping Taps
 Use water judiciously
 Reduce waste

Save running tap
 Protect & Conserve Nature
 Reuse
 Recycle wherever possible

Keep my surroundings Clean & Green
 Plant a sapling
 Use energy efficiently
 Save as much rain water
 Buy local organic vegetables & food products


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1. Gagan (Mr. Bandana Pradhan) Sadang Senior Sec. School, GtK.
2. Mr. Lek Piv Dama Govt. Junior High School, Kabilar
3. Kishor Shanichare H.C.C. Thapa Nepal.
4. Mr. Dg Dharma Dev Sahani
N.S.P. D.S. Colony - Bhaktinagar
5. Prabuddha Phulmudali Ntd.
6. Kanai Lal Sarkar - Dist. Office, Cochin, W.M.O. U.
7. Gopal Barmun
8. Anjan Acharya W.M.O. U.
9. Prasanna Kumar W.M.O. U.
10. Kajendra Khatiwada W.M.O. U.


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Snapshot of Signature Campaign sheet