

## Press Release

### **Sikkim State NGC Eco-Club Students amongst the Greenest of Greens in the Country**

The activities of National Green Corps programme being implemented by school eco-clubs and coordinated by the ENVIS Centre under Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management Department for stimulation of environment awareness has been appreciated as the Greenest of Greens in the first ever National Conference of Children and Youth held at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh from Aug 25-30, 2010 where 21 States participated.



*Students preparing the nation's longest hand print eco-banner*

The National Green Corps Sikkim represented the event with a team of 8 members; (5 students, 2 teachers and 1 officer from the Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management Department). A week long event featured eco-exhibition, eco-project works, eco-painting, eco-drama, eco-puppetry, eco-filming, mock eco-parliament, nature trail, cultural and literary presentation on special state relevant environmental features. The participating eco-club students from Sikkim state presented their environmental endeavor and their initiatives in the Green School activities. The initiatives of the state government towards environment protection and conservation through various programmes like State Green Mission, 10 minutes to earth, Smritivan, State level Green School Programme and so on were also highlighted during the

event. Sikkim state was much appreciated for its environment endeavor and its sustainable development.

The participants from Sikkim were Miss Yangchen Bhutia (CI X), Miss Chetna Chettri (CI X) and Ms. Purnima Sharma (Teacher) from Deorali Girls Sr. Sec. School, Master Norbu Lepcha (CI VII) from Mangan Sr. Sec. School, Master Rajendra Pradhan (CI IX), Miss Kazal Bhagat (CI IX) and Mr. Ghanashyam Pradhan (Teacher) from Reshi Govt. Sec. School, and Mr. Rajen Pradhan, Sr. Programme Officer from Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management Department. The selection of the students was based on the guidelines provided by NCERT. The above school children have shown good performance in the Green School Programme which was launched during 2009 at the state-level, the first of its kind in the country.

The event was an excellent platform to interact, share and visualize the role of school children as agents of change and for dissemination of environmental information among the public at large. The national meet provided an image of unity in diversity where students, teachers and officers from various states, MoEF, NCERT were brought under one roof to rejuvenate and inculcate the global vision to protect the only mother earth.

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