



Go Green and take the Green Pledge

1. Move your body.

Urban traffic accounts for 40% of transport emissions. Most trips under 5km are still made by car. In addition to climate change, this cause health-damaging air pollution and dependency on imported oil. Daily cycling or walking will also make you healthier.

Let us work for efficient public transport and better quality of life with less car traffic.

2. Cleaner car

Half of all transport greenhouse gas emissions are emitted by cars. Think big and choose small & efficient if you need to buy a car at all.

Regular cleaning and checking car emissions will reduce overall environmental burden.

3. Buy Local

A large part of our climate footprint comes from the products we buy. In addition to emissions related to raw material extraction, manufacturing and final disposal, emissions from transport are a major contributor.

By eating locally, organically grown produce you can enjoy fresher, tastier food, cut emissions and promote local economy.

4. Do not stand-by

85% of the electricity used by our electronic appliances may be consumed while they are not actually on. For instance, Mobile phone charger is using energy if plugged in even if we are not charging our phone.

Always unplug your appliances when not in use.

5. Efficient Appliances

High efficiency appliances consume around four times less energy than average ones and it will save lot of money over its lifetime.

Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents (CFLs). CFLs use four times less energy, last eight times longer than incandescent light bulbs and will save you money.

6. Plant Trees



Planting trees will help neutralize the global temperature and prevent massive devastation.

7. Always recycle



Plastic materials take 500-600 yrs to completely decompose. Act wise and recycle your products rather than throw away.



Let us all be responsible citizen and participate in one global mission to save our only living planet.



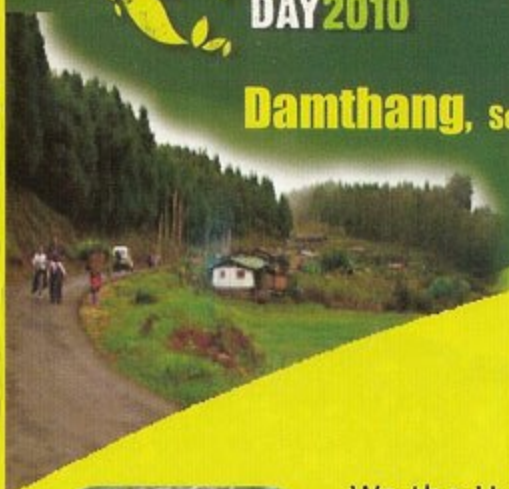
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SIKKIM Celebrates

Theme
"Biodiversity - Connecting with Nature"

Damthang, South Sikkim



June 5, 2010
International Year of Biodiversity

Message



Shri. Pawan Chamling
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Sikkim

We the Human Species are one-in-a-million on this wondrous planet we call Mother Earth. One species, but we are recognized today as the most dangerous to all other life on Earth. Life which keeps the balance of nature, life which is yet to be fully discovered, documented and used sustainably wherever possible for our own survival.

The theme of World Environment Day 2010 is "Biodiversity-Connecting with Nature". Let us all observe the theme with the slogan "Many Species, One Planet, One Future". It echoes an urgent call to conserve this diversity of life on our planet. Millions of people and millions of species all share the same planet, and only together can we enjoy a safer and more prosperous future. A world without biodiversity is a very bleak prospect.

In this International Year of Biodiversity 2010, as we celebrate World Environment Day, let us carefully reconsider our individual actions, reflect on our achievements to safeguard biodiversity and encourage a redoubling of our efforts to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss in this common task of preserving all life on Earth.

-Shri Pawan Chamling

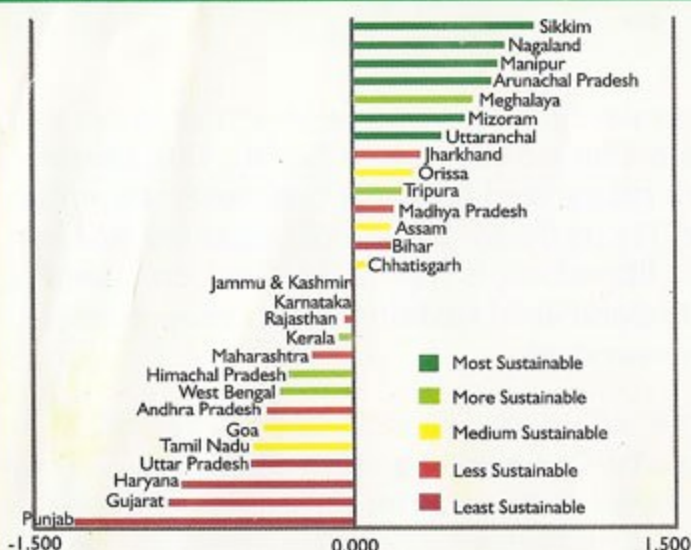


Sikkim Stands High on Top in Environmental Sustainability Index for Indian States -2009

Centre for Development Finance (CDF) at the Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR) ranks Sikkim 1st among the Indian States in Reducing Pressure on Environment and in State's Responses to maintain their Environment for the year 2009.

States on the right of y-axis are doing better than states on the left. For states on the right side, longer the bars, the less pressure is on its environment.

Reducing Pressure on Environment

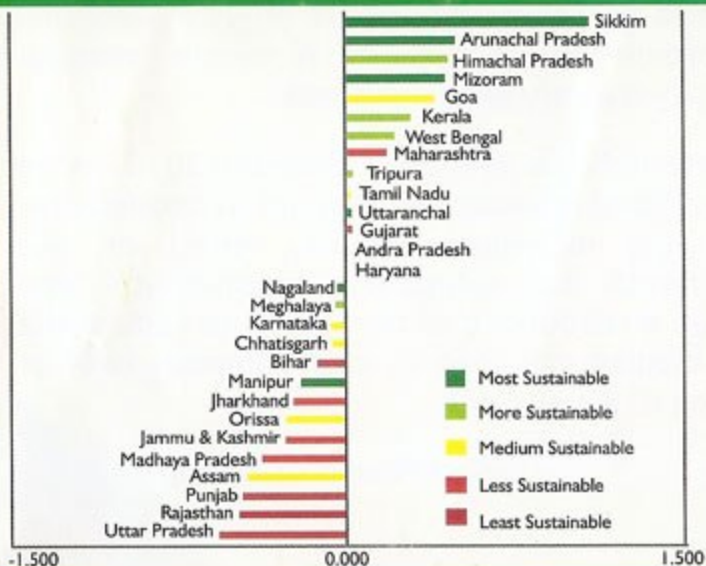


For states on the left side, longer bars mean more pressure on environment. All values are in standardized scores. Likewise, in 2008 Sikkim was adjudged 1st among the Indian States in Conservation of Natural Resources and in Performance in Land Use.

Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI) is a comparative analysis of environmental achievements, challenges and priorities among the Indian State. It is designed to sensitize, inform and empower citizens and policy makers.

More on ESI and how the states have fared in different aspects of sustainability can be accessed from www.greenindiastandards.com

State's Responses to maintain their Environment



Three Government Schools of Sikkim Conferred with National Green School Awards



Photo: Govt. Sec. School, Reshi, West Sikkim

Green School Programme 2009 was launched for the first time in Sikkim at a State level in which about 140 schools participated. Three government schools of the state have been conferred National Awards for 2009 based on the all India green school ratings, namely;

1. Reshi Sec. School,
 - Top 10 green schools of India in 2009
2. Namcheybong Sec. School
 - Best Manager of Energy
3. Linkey Sec. School
 - Best Manager of Air

Green School Programme (GSP) is a self-assessment programme in which teachers and students perform precise environment audits of water, air, land, energy and waste within their school premise.

GSP is being coordinated by ENVIS Center of Forest, Env. & W/L Mgt. Department, Govt. of Sikkim. It aims to encourage and support schools to build up an environmentally aware, active and skilled community of teachers, students and parents.

National Environment Awareness Campaign 2010 Launched

National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) is a concrete action oriented programme in which several non-governmental organizations, educational and training institution, professional association, scientific bodies, community organizations, and also a whole range of other agencies participate in the campaign.

The theme for this year's campaign is "Climate Change". NEAC activities are broadly categorized into awareness and action activities. Awareness activities include banner, rally, lectures, seminars, quiz, essay competition, skits, video shows, etc. Action activities include cleanliness drives, plantation, wetland conservation, energy conservation, solid waste management, pollution control, etc.



Funds to the tune of Rs. 8000/- to Rs. 10000/- were distributed to each of the 39 participating organizations (32 NGOs, 7 Govt. Institutes) by the Hon'ble Forest Minister, Shri. Bhim Prasad Dhungel on 21st May 2010 at the Forest Conference Hall.