

Nature Club Activity Report

The Nature Club of St. Joseph's College has always been committed to sensitizing its students, fellow faculty members and support staffs on issues relating to environmental conservation. The club believes in encouraging its members to be pro-active towards conservation of biological diversity and sustainable development of environment. The Club embodies passion for and devotion to Mother Nature and Her Creations. This passion and dedication is manifested through the various activities undertaken by the club members each year. The various activities of the club include nature camps, nature expeditions, guest lectures, photography/poster exhibitions within the campus, interacting with other NGOs and government bodies in the city. The various activities undertaken by the Club in the year 2016-2017 is briefly summarised below:

Walk For Fun: Walk to Chatakpur, Darjeeling with the theme “**Walk For Fun**” was organized by the Club on 20th October, 2016 to encourage students to see the beautiful creations of nature, appreciate nature and work towards preserving it.

Participation in Zero Waste Seminar: 17 different members of the Club were nominated to participate in the “**Zero Waste Seminar**” held at Jorethang, SIRD during 3rd and 4th November, 2016 with the objective of learning the different strategies of zero waste management and popularizing this concept among the masses.

Singalila National Park Clean Drive: The club organized a “**Clean Drive**” program to clean all the litter and other non biodegradable waste products left strewn all over the **Singalila National Park** on 3rd and 4th December, 2016. Nineteen members of the Club actively participated in this “Clean Drive Program” and promised to carry forward the cleanliness campaign to all other parts of Darjeeling town.

Tiger Hill Clean Drive: Carrying forward the spirit of cleanliness, the Club again organised **Clean Drive Program** to clean **Tiger Hill** which is famous for Water Resource, Forest Cover and Religious beliefs (Senchel Maa) on 8th December, 2016. This cleanliness drive was a huge success and witnessed the active participation of all its members.

Participation in Zero Waste Workshop: Two members of the Club received hands on training on “**Zero Waste Management Workshop**” held at Maghe Mela, Jorethang during 13th-16th January.2017.

Observance of World Pangolin Day: Three members of the club took active part in the programme organized to observe “World Pangolin Day” on 18th February,2017.

Poster Exhibition: The Club organized “Poster Exhibition” on the theme “**Zero Waste**” in College Campus on 3rd March,2017. The exhibition was witnessed by a large number of people who gave their valuable feedbacks and suggestions to the poster presenters to further improve their awareness campaign and popularise this concept.