

Nature Club Report 2022

Nature Club has always been active in highlighting environmental issues of the hills and spreading awareness among students however, the club could not do its regular activity in the first 6 months of 2022. None-the-less after the formation of new committee in the August conducted few major activities.

Three members viz. Diksha Shankar, Jaysoon Subba and Neha Gupta of the club participated in the Students Science seminar organised by the Science Club in May, 2022. They presented a paper entitled 'Medicinal Plants of Darjeeling' to spread awareness about the rich ethno-medico heritage of the Himalayan region.

The new session began with the formation of new committee. After a preliminary student's orientation outlining the history, aims and objective of Nature club, a general meeting was conducted on 17th August 2022. A new core group with portfolios were assigned to overlook the activities of the Club. A total of 175 students from different Departments enrolled as members. The core group with the co-ordinator planned the activities for the session. A succulent plants garden was established on the 25th August 22 as part of the planned activity. Different varieties of succulents were planted that now adorns the corridor of Botany Department.

The club actively participated in the clean-up program on 12th November 2022 as part of the club's commitment towards Zero Waste Himalaya movement under the banner of Darjeeling Himalaya Initiative. Singamari area, from Ropeway to Tritatna gram was covered under the clean-up program. Ten bags full of plastic wastes were collected. A brand audit was done to identify polluting companies. More than 17 companies were found to be responsible for generating plastics throughout the Hills in the form of wrappers, water bottles, tetrapacks etc. Coco-Cola, Pepsi-Co, Nestle, Perfetti Van Malle and Mondelez International were the five largest polluter companies contributing the waste. These companies were highest contributors throughout the 12 Hill states for straight 5 years.

The club vociferously participated in '**Return to sender**' campaign as part of the Global Action Plan carried out throughout the globe to remind them of their corporate responsibility. The trash was cleaned and sent to respective companies to protest their non-committal to environmental issue.



One of the group in the clean-up program



Nature Club members participating in the Clean-up program on 12th November 2022



Brand audit of plastic waste 16th November 2022



Students taking part in beautification with succulent