

**“Maintaining Climate Change in Disaster Risk with special reference to (GLOF) and forest Fire in the Himalayas”: May 08 , 2018**

The program was organized by the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority Land Revenue and Disaster management department Government of Sikkim was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Chintan Bhawan.

Inaugural Session was initiated by Shri Tsegyal Tashi with Welcome speech, where he highlighted upon climate change particularly focusing Sikkim context. He stressed on the 15% increase in glacial lakes in Sikkim due to weather change. It was followed by key note address by Prof. V.K Sharma. Next speaker was Dr. Preeti Soni, who gave overview of UNDP. She also focused on other climatic change issues relating to increase in forest fire, and global Warming. The next speaker was Ms. Marylaure Cretaz, director of SDC India, who talked about Community Based approach to combat climate change and global warming effects on the environment. The next speaker was special guest , Dr. V.Thiruppugazh, IAS, Joint secretary, who briefed on various natural disasters like lake burst, forest fire. He stated that 97% of forest fire is human induced. He also emphasized the concept of co-existence with forest fire and flood. The next address was from Hon’ble Minister of Forest, Shri. Tshering Wangdi Lepcha, who delivered a lecture on the various factors leading to forest fire and sound pollution. He dramatically motivated the students to choose career based on individual passion. Finally the inaugural session was ended with vote of thanks from Shri. Rinzin Chewang.



