

Nature Camp cum Awareness Drive on Solid Waste Management (Zero Waste Initiatives as a part of Mission LiFE)

The nature camp cum village awareness drive/campaign on Solid Waste Management under **Zero Waste Initiatives as a part of Mission LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment** was conducted on 4-5th November 2023 around the different villages of Fambhonglho Wildlife Sanctuary(Pangthang, East Sikkim) by Eco club members and students of Department of Tourism, The ICAFI University, Sikkim. The nature camp cum village awareness drive/campaign was sponsored by the ENVIS Hub, Forest and Environment Department, Government of Sikkim.

The campaign was conducted on the environmental issues relating to sustainable use of resources like water saving and energy saving and reduction of waste, especially focusing zero waste single use plastic in the village area. Many houses were visited in Goomti Village. Various environmental issues as mentioned above were discussed. After the campaign it was also noted that most of the residents are aware of the issues like energy saving practices like using led bulb, reuse of old materials (clothes, newspapers etc). It came to be known that the village community has also one Samaj called as Viswajati Samaj. This Samaj is active in conducting cleanliness drive every six months in the region.

