

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS AND E-WASTE

REPORT

MONTH – SEPTEMBER

Electronic Waste also known as E-waste, Is a group of discarded devices. In the past few years, we have witnessed an expansive growth of e-waste as one of the critical public health and environmental concerns, impacting both lives and the economy. However, we can see a few positive changes after the implication of E-waste Rules Management 2016.

The District Level World Environment Day for Gyalshing District IN Sikkim was celebrated at the District Administration Centre premises

The highlight of the program was the launch of the e-waste collection centre taken up under the initiative of the District Administration.

Procuring inspiration from the district government of Sikkim and to spread more awareness regarding Electronic Waste and Plastic Waste Management, **THE CLEAN TO GREEN TEAM** in association with **BANARSIDAS CHANDIWALA INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND CATERING TECHNOLOGY** inducted a workshop program E-Safai (Environmental Hazards and E-waste management) for the students under the guidance of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

The session was led by Dr. Vijay Dutt, the speaker, along with Ms. Pooja and Ms. Mansi, the regional store executives of the company. They enlightened the students on how to manage e-waste, and how it concerns the environment and the economy. Dr. Vijay Dutt who is also an expert in human anatomy discussed the major health effects on the Human body because of E-waste and the complete process of its manufacturing to usage and the end wastage.

Next, he discussed the management of e-waste which is been generated on a high-level year on year. Dr. Dutt then talked about the Clean to Green initiative, which is a recycling program for used and defective electronic products to ensure a safe environment for living organisms by enabling Extended Producer Responsibilities of EEE manufacturers. They educate consumers on the benefits of professional recycling and while doing so, comply with the E-waste Management Rules 2016. **He also immensely focused on the steps taken by the Sikkim government and the people of the state to reduce and manage e-waste efficiently.**

Students of BCIHMCT attended the session with great enthusiasm and benefitted from the expert speaker's insights on the topic, and they were inspired by the accomplishments of Sikkim and its people. The session was designed to be interactive, with activities to teach students about spreading awareness regarding e-waste management and how they can take initiatives by recycling the waste in their homes. At last, the students who volunteered during the Clean and Green Team activities were felicitated. The session ended on a high note and with a positive message to spread awareness about e-waste.