

PRESS RELEASE



16th September 2025 : Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP) Resource Partner on Ecotourism under Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology observed World Ozone Day 2025 at Sikkim Science Centre, Marchak, on 16th September 2025.

The theme for this year's World Ozone Day was *"From Science to Global Action"*. It highlights how scientific research on ozone depletion led to international cooperation and effective policies that are now helping to heal the ozone layer.

More than 100 students from Biraspati Parsai Govt. Senior Secondary School, Baha'i Senior Secondary School, Saramsa and local public actively participated in the programme.

As part of the observance, invited resource persons delivered presentations on key topics:

- Ms. Usha Lachungpa, Retd. Chief Principal Research Officer, on *"Understanding the Ozone Layer"*
- Dr. Sanjib Kabi, Assistant Professor, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, on *"Measures to Combat Ozone Depletion"*
- Dr. Abdullah Khan, Assistant Professor, Sikkim University, on *"Various Conventions on Ozone Depletion"*

An interactive session was also conducted to raise awareness among students on the importance of ozone and its vital role in protecting Earth and its life forms.

In the concluding session, students were encouraged to spread awareness on the importance of preserving the ozone layer and avoiding the use of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), halons, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl bromide. These chemicals release chlorine and bromine atoms in the stratosphere, which catalyze the destruction of the protective ozone layer. Such substances are commonly used in products like refrigerators, aerosols, and fire extinguishers.