Press Release from State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim

State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim, under Forest and Environment conducted a training programme on Centralised Online Portal, under Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 on 6th November 2026 at Sidkeong Tulku Hall, Block C', Forest Secretariat, Deorali-Gangtok.

The programme was chaired by Shri Nima W. Tamang (Retd. IFS ), Member Secretary, SPCBSikkim in presence of Senior Officers from SPCB-Sikkim and was attended by Nodal Officrs from line departments (UDD&RDD), District Administrative Centers, ULBs, and District Panchayats (DP).

The programme commenced with the welcome address by Mr. Rajiv Rai, Chief Scientific Officer, SPCB-Sikkim and State Nodal Officer for Solid Waste Management. In his brief address, he informed the participants that the full-fledged Centralised Online Portal for Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, became operational with effect from 15.10.2026, whereas, prior to which only the interim portal for registration of Bulk Waste Generators was functional. Subsequently, as Master Trainer for the programme, he provided a comprehensive deliberation on the various features, functionalities of the Centralised Online Portal.

The programme proceeded with a technical presentation by Mr. Gaychung Lepcha, Junior Scientific Assistant, SPCB-Sikkim, wherein he demonstrated the step-by-step operational procedures and functionalities of the Centralised Online Portal, providing participants with practical guidance on its effective utilization for registration, data entry, submission and online reporting. This was followed by an address by Mr. Ranjan Rai, Superintending Engineer, SPCBSikkim, who sensitized the participants on the various provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, highlighting the statutory obligations, duties and responsibilities of the concerned stakeholders and emphasizing the importance of effective implementation of the Rules for ensuring scientific, systematic and environmentally sound management of solid waste in the State.

The programme also witnessed the address by Member Secretary, SPCB-Sikkim, in his address, he emphasized the need of the hour to adopt scientific, systematic and sustainable waste management practices to address the growing challenges of waste generation and environmental pollution. He highlighted the importance of effective implementation of the newly notified SWM Rules, 2026, along with other applicable waste management regulations, including the Plastic Waste Management Rules, E-Waste Management Rules, Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules and Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules. He further stressed the need for strengthening institutional coordination, ensuring proper segregation of waste at source, promoting recycling and resource recovery, and establishing appropriate waste processing and disposal facilities. The Member Secretary emphasized to take proactive measures to strengthen the implementation of these regulatory frameworks with focus on scientific waste management, environmental protection, resource conservation and the development of a sustainable and circular economy.

Programme concluded with vote of thanks by Suraj Gurung, JSA, SPCB-Sikkim