

Press Release from Education Department

State Level Observation of World No Tobacco Day 2026

The Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, organized the State Level Observation of World No Tobacco Day 2026 on 10th June 2026 at the Auditorium Hall, STNM Hospital, Gangtok.

This year's theme, "Unmasking the Appeal – Countering Nicotine and Tobacco Addiction", focused on strengthening tobacco control efforts across the state.

The Education Department was also given the platform to be a part of it. So, under the direction of Additional Director, Samagra Shiksha, Mrs. Asha Khatri, the TOFEI State Nodal Officer-cum-Assistant Director, Mrs. Gonam Bhutia, highlighted the Tobacco-Free Educational Institution (TOFEI) Guidelines and shared updates on school compliance with the 9 prescribed parameters under the National Tobacco Control Programme.

As part of the programme, TOFEI Declaration Certificates were distributed to 18 winning schools — 3 from each of the 6 districts — in recognition of their successful implementation of tobacco-free practices.

Together, we remain committed to creating safe, healthy, and tobacco-free learning environments for our students.