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APPEAL

LET US CELEBRATE A CLEAN, GREEN AND POLLUTION-FREE DEEPAWALI – 2026

With the festive season of Deepawali, local festivals and New Year approaching, the general public is hereby reminded that the Government of Sikkim, vide Gazette Notification No. 544 dated 19th December 2014, has prohibited the manufacture, sale, use and bursting of all types of firecrackers, including sound-emitting and illuminating firecrackers, within the State of Sikkim. The public is also requested to comply with the applicable directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Further, everyone is requested to refrain from using prohibited Single-Use Plastic (SUP) items, including plastic decorative products covered under the ban, during the festive celebrations.

The bursting of firecrackers releases harmful pollutants, toxic gases and particulate matter into the atmosphere, besides generating excessive noise pollution. These pollutants adversely affect human health, animals and the environment. During winter, particularly at night, stagnant atmospheric conditions may prevent the effective dispersion of pollutants, resulting in their accumulation near the ground and deterioration of ambient air quality. Children, senior citizens, persons with respiratory ailments and animals are particularly vulnerable to such pollution.

The situation is further aggravated by the open burning of plastic waste, garbage, dry leaves and other discarded materials during the winter season. Such practices release toxic fumes and harmful pollutants, posing serious risks to public health and causing considerable deterioration of local air quality. Everyone is therefore urged to refrain from burning any kind of waste material.

In view of the above, the State Pollution Control Board–Sikkim earnestly appeals to all citizens to refrain from bursting all types of firecrackers, including both sound-emitting and illuminating varieties, and from using prohibited SUP items during the festive season. The public is also requested to avoid the open burning of plastic waste, garbage, dry leaves and other materials and to ensure proper disposal of waste.

All citizens are encouraged to celebrate the festive occasions responsibly by lightning diyas and candles & decorating their house with lights instead of using fire crackers and plastic products, and maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings.

Let us join hands to protect public health, safeguard our environment and preserve the natural beauty of Sikkim for future generations.

The State Pollution Control Board–Sikkim extends its warm wishes to all citizens for a very Happy Deepawali and a safe, clean and pollution-free festive season.

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