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UnPlastic

MAHANANDA



On 28th of March, Monday along with Youth of India Foundation, Round Table India hosted the historic UnPlastic Mahananda Cleanathon.

The drive took place in presence of Mr. Erik Solheim 6th Executive Director of United Nations Environment Program.

The drive took place across the 15-17kms stretch of Mahananda River in 15+ ghats with over more than 4000+ people participation from Siliguri, Jalpaiguri, Kurseong, Dabgram-Fulbari, Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Salugara & Mirik.

Such a historic drive is happened for the first time ever in Siliguri as all the stakeholders of the life line of Siliguri (Mahananda River) participated including private & government educational institutions, NGOs from diverse fields, religious institutions heads, spiritual organisations, soldiers, officers, NCC and many more.

Mr. Anil kumar DIG, CRPF was also present and congratulated Youth of India Foundation in leading UnPlastic Mahananda Cleanathon. The event was initiated with Yagya & Mahananda Aarti to add the Indian cultural heritage for our international guest.

Mr. Erik remembering Mahatma Gandhi said, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" & quoted the Vedas emphasising on the philosophy that the entire universe is one and Indians are the major stakeholders of that belief.

Further, he added that Youth of India Foundation have to come together in leading the goal of localising the climate action.

LAUNCH OF Youth4GreenHydrogen







Global Youth body for Green Hydrogen Organisation launched by Youth of India Foundation & Dwarika Group, Siliguri

In his opening statement during the launch, Sailesh Singhal, Founder, Youth of India, remarked, "It is a privilege and honor to share that Youth of India Foundation along with Dwarika group of companies have launched the Youth For Green Hydrogen".

Mr. Mrinal, MD of Dwarika group of companies was present during the launch and he pledged and committed for strengthening the youth participation of Green Hydrogen in the region along with various other stakeholders.

Further, on the advise of Mr. Karkara, Founding Chair of Youth of India, the Sixth Executive Director of UNEP, Hon. Erik Solheim has kindly accepted to be part of the the Global Advisory Board of Youth of India Foundation & Founding Chair of Youth For Green Hydrogen. In the important Key note address, Mr. Erik said, "Youth Leadership is key to create green solutions, I welcome the creation of Youth for Hydrogen by Youth of India, youth hold the key to a green economy"

Emphasising on the Youth's role," We need to empower youth to innovate to promote Solar and Hydrogen Energy sources, "said Mr. Karkara

This eco friendly event was hosted in Montana Vista attended by heads of various NGOs across the North Bengal region followed by cultural performances by dancers and singers representing the local art forms of North Bengal.

Youth Of India

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DIALOGUE



Erik Solheim meets 15 young entrepreneurs of Siliguri hosted by Youth of India Foundation in curating Siliguri as an international business hub of sustainability in Mayfair, New Chumta

This is completely an honor for all of us in Siliguri to host the 6th Executive Director of United Nations Environment, Mr. Erik Solheim. After welcoming Mr Solheim in the airport by more than 500 volunteers of Youth of India Foundation with dhol & various cultural performances on the way to hotel, Mr. Solheim met 15 young entrepreneurs of Siliguri from diverse fields & industries ranging from media, education, real estate, exporters, manufacturers, iron & steel, charted accountants and many more.

We are stoked to host the very first ever such Youth of India Entrepreneurs Dialogue in Siliguri in curating leadership to build Siliguri as an international hub of sustainable business in driving climate action.

Siliguri, being the gateway to the North-eastern part of India and the world, holds much significance as being a major area of trade and commerce for the entire Eastern belt of the world strengthening the age old Act East Policy. Therefore, it becomes an important social responsibility for Siliguri to also be a hub of Sustainable business practices that would lead and initiate all the other regions into realising the impending dangers of Climate change and need for action to tackle this by engaging the major stakeholders of climate - social entrepreneurs.

Everyone conveyed their warm regards to Mr. Solheim for his first ever visit and everyone signed to contributing in ending single-use plastic by becoming UnPlastic and committed to building Siliguri as a hub of international business destination.

Creating UnPlastic CLASSROOM



Along with Doon Heritage School, Youth of India Foundation hosted an event with the school students on Students Leadership in creating an UnPlastic Classroom for a Sustainable World in Doon Heritage School, Siliguri.

The programme began with mesmerising Rabindra Sangeet and kathak performance followed by the presentations actions undertaken by the school in localising sustainability in this Decade of Action.

Erik sir strongly advocated against using single use plastic and urged the students and the staff to make the school single-use plastic free zone and encouraging environment friendly choices every day. Further, our Founder Mr. Sailesh made all the students take a pledge to eliminate the usage of single-use plastic and called for Global Unplastic Day on September 17. The event was also graced by Mr. Apurba Tamang, a singer and an influencer with more than 10million followers on various social media platforms.



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