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Chief Secretary of Meghalaya graced the occasion at NEIGRIHMS on World Environment Day 2025

Shillong, June 5, 2025: As part of World Environment Day 2025, the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Mawdiangdiang, today hosted a tree plantation program themed 'End Plastic Pollution', organized in collaboration with the Social Forestry and Environment Wing, Meghalaya. The Chief Secretary of Meghalaya, Shri. D.P. Wahlang, IAS, graced the occasion.



In his address, D.P. Wahlang, IAS reminded that World Environment Day has its roots in a resolution from 1972 and has been celebrated for the past 53 years. He stated “This is nothing but a commitment towards the importance of practicing ecological balance and preserving our environment, which is the most crucial aspect for us”. He also highlighted the challenges in keeping the Wah Umkhrah river clean, despite efforts such as placing barricades to prevent littering. The environmental-conscious individuals who clean the river on weekends received a word of appreciation from the Chief Secretary. He also mentioned the existing waste collection system, where waste is taken to landfills in Mawiong. Nevertheless, people still neglect this system and litter in the river.



He further expressed his delight in engaging with students and appealed to them to educate others about environmental conservation by conducting outreach programs. He also urged teachers to facilitate these initiatives. Furthermore, he announced new initiatives to clean 17 drains in Shillong, which would improve water quality. Additionally, the Wah Umkhrah beautification scheme has been launched, and its impact would be visible in the coming year.



The Chief Secretary also stressed the importance of tree plantation, maintaining ecological balance, and keeping the environment clean. He advised promoting sustainable practices, raising awareness, and taking care of the environment. By working together, the community can make a significant difference."

In this program, students from different schools were awarded for participating in various activities.

