

Gangtok: (IPR) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) cell of the Rural Management & Development Department celebrated the International Women's Day on 8th March 2018 at Janata Bhawan, Gangtok by organising the 'The Sanitation Quotient' - a State Level Quiz competition on Sanitation and Solid Liquid Resource Management for Lady Teachers of Secondary and Senior Secondary School across Sikkim. 24Hrs Inspired was the partner for the event.

Ms. Namrata Thapa, Special Secretary, Roads & Bridges Department was the Chief Guest for the event.

Shri. Anil Raj Rai, Special Secretary cum Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), RM&DD during his opening address welcomed the Chief Guest and the participating schools. He spoke of the taboo associated with menstrual hygiene and need for men to come forward and break it.

The Chief Guest in her address highlighted the role played by women in society building especially the the teachers in molding the future generation. She reiterated that women are not just equal but superior to men. The Chief Guest also administered the 'Swachhta Pledge' to all those present at the event.

The competition saw the active participation of 37 schools from across all four districts of the State. Each school had sent a team of 2 lady teachers.

Namthang Government Senior Secondary School, Namthang, South Sikkim bagged the 1st position whereas the 2nd position was bagged by St. Xaviers' School, Pakyong , East Sikkim. The 3rd spot was taken by Tadong Government Senior Secondary School, Tadong, East Sikkim and Dikchu Government Senior Secondary School, Dikchu, East Sikkim took the 4th place.

The Chief Guest and the Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) handed over the trophies and certificates to the winners. All the schools were given a copy of the book 'Evolution of Sanitation in Sikkim' (published by RM&DD, Govt. of Sikkim) along with the Certificates of Participation.

