

(IPR) With an objective to replace inefficient bulbs with energy efficient LED bulbs in Sikkim, Unnat Jeevan by Affordable LEDs and Appliances for All (UJALA) scheme was officially launched by the Minister for Energy & Power and Labour Department, Government of Sikkim Shri D.D.Bhutia today, in a local hotel here in the capital today. Minister Shri Bhutia in his address expressed gratitude and congratulated the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) & Sikkim State Designated Agency (SSDA) for launching UJALA scheme in the state of Sikkim. He reiterated the fact that Sikkim has always been committed towards the betterment of the environment and its natural resources thereby endorsing Government of India's UJALA scheme which is one of the most successful energy schemes in the country. By adopting UJALA Scheme the consumer will see the drastic decline in their electricity bill and it will also help the government to meet the peak demand of electricity as well, he said.

He mentioned that since Sikkim is one of the most fastest developing state in the country with an increase in the number of industries, the need for power for such industries are on the rise. Thus he urged everyone to generate awareness among people for the use of LEDs in the state since cost of generation of power is getting expensive and conservation of energy does not cost anything.

Officer from Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) Mr. Ronak Bandopadya briefed about the scheme in his short power point presentation and mentioned that in Sikkim, the government will distribute 14.5 lakhs of 9W LED bulbs and 8.7 lakhs of 20W LED tube lights in the state under this scheme with an estimate of over 1.45 lakh consumers who will benefit from the scheme. He stated that this scheme is leading to a daily energy savings of more than 7.04 crore KWH and resulting in avoidance of over 5,416 MW.

UJALA domestic appliances can be purchased from the distribution centers listed on [www.ujala.gov.in](http://www.ujala.gov.in) and EESL will provide free of cost replacement for all technical faults for 3 years for LED bulbs and LED tube lights. Also during the distribution, replacements can be done through any of the distribution counters that would be operating within the state, he added.

The UJALA scheme is being implemented by the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the administration of Ministry of Power, Government of India. The scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on January 5th, 2015.