

### **Cleanliness Drive at ChiteLui:**

Mizoram ENVIS Hub in association with Save ChiteLui Coordination Committee and Eco-Clubs, Aizawl organized cleanliness drive at ChiteLui, one important river of the city and is dying due to accumulation of city wastes coming from its various tributaries. Much efforts have been given by the State govt. and the environmentalists to help save the dying river. On April, 2018, Mizoram State Legislative Assembly passed The ChiteLui (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Act, 2018.

ENVIS Hub felt the need to contribute its services towards restoration of the river. As such, it organized cleanliness drive focusing on plastic wastes, collaborating with the Save Chite, a panel created for reviving the river with eco-club members from various eco-clubs within Aizawl City. Over 80 volunteers from 10 eco-clubs participated at the programme.

The cleanliness drive commenced with a short inaugural speech from Dr. LalramnghakiPachau, Scientist 'B', Mizoram Pollution Control Board & Co-ordinator, Mizoram ENVIS Hub. She emphasized on the environmental hazards of plastic wastes and the need to refrain from the excessive uses of plastic. "Plastic can take up to 1000 years to degrade and remain toxic even after they break down. Since proper disposal of plastics is yet to be ascertained we need to be careful and conscious about how we use plastic items" she said. She also urged the gathering to sensitize their friends and families about plastic pollution as much as possible.

The eco-club members and ENVIS Team picked up plastic wastes along ChiteLui after the speech.

The activity was highlighted in local newspaper as well.

List of schools and college eco clubs participating at the function is as under:-

1. Govt. Kanan High School.
2. Govt. Dinthar High School.
3. Govt. Vaivakawn High School.
4. Govt. Chawnpui High School.
5. Govt. Bawngkawn High School.
6. Govt. Chaltlang High School.
7. Govt. K.M Higher Secondary School.
8. St. Stephens School
9. Rosebud School
10. Govt. J. Thankima College

