



SMRITIVAN

People's Programme of Afforestation



The Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pawan Chamling evolved the concept of Smritivan with a noble idea of planting trees in memory of near and dear ones. Smritivan is a mass voluntary effort to generate active involvement of the people in planting trees in the drive for **GREEN SIKKIM**. The programme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Pawan Chamling on the occasion of World Environment Day i.e. 5th June, 1999 at Bulbuley Smritivan in East District which was followed in other districts. So far, 40 Smritivans have been created all over the state of which 35 are at Bulbuley in East Districts, Tagore

Smritivan at Rinchenpong and Sakyong Smritivan in West District, Guru Padmasambhawa Smritivan at Tendong-Namchi, and Rabongla Smritivan in South Sikkim, and Yumthang Valley Smritivan in North Sikkim are some of them.

Over 60,000 seedlings have been planted under this programme till September 2002 in the state. This programme will be taken to the doorstep of the people and every panchayat unit in the state will be motivated to create Smritivan in every village/ revenue block.

In East Sikkim, till September 2002, 17 voluntary organizations, 7 government organizations, 3 literary organizations, 3 religious associations, 3 schools, 2 trusts, VIPs, many tourist and a large number of individuals have planted 51,800 seedlings at Bulbuley Smritivan.

In West Sikkim 2550 seedlings have been planted by NGOs, Panchayats and local people in Tagore Smritivan, Rinchenpong and 1550 seedlings at Sakyong Smritivan. In North Sikkim, Local people, Border Roads Organisation and Army personnel have planted 550 seedlings at Yumthang Smritivan.

In South Sikkim, local people, NGOs and Panchayats, have planted 1000 seedlings at Guru Padmasambhawa Smritivan at Tendong, Namchi and 2500 seedlings at Rabongla Smritivan.

