



The Department of Geology, St. Anthony's College, Shillong, in collaboration with Geological Survey of India, NER (GSI, NER), organized an awareness programme on "Swachhata Hi Seva 2025" and the harmful effects of plastic use on 23rd September 2025. The event aimed to promote cleanliness and highlight plastic pollution's environmental impacts while fostering civic responsibility. The programme began with an inauguration and welcome address by Head of the Department Dr. V. Jennifer Joan Wallang, Followed by an address by Dr. Nengthoujam Surdas Singh, Director of GSI NER, outlining the national "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign and its link to sustainable development, emphasizing public participation in combating plastic pollution.

An extempore speech competition was held for students on the day's themes. This was followed by a technical session featuring Dr. Singh's lecture on "Geology and Tectonics of the North Eastern Region." He detailed the tectonic significance of the Shillong Plateau, Mikir Hills, and Arunachal Pradesh, their Proterozoic origins, paleoclimatic evidence, and collision history with the Eurasian, Tibetan, and Burmese Plates. The stratigraphic succession of Meghalaya and the phenomenon of inverted metamorphism during the Himalayan orogeny were also explained, enriching students' understanding of regional geology. Over 90 students from the Department of Geology attended this programme

The event concluded with prize distribution for competition winners and consolation prizes for participants, followed by a vote of thanks from GSI representatives.