

INTRODUCTION

The Sikkim Government Press functioning under Printing & Stationery Department was established by Maharaja Sidkeong Tulku in the year 1913 and today it is 106 years old. It started as a Tibetan Press with primary objective of printing Tibetan Books with one Compositor and two Assistant Compositors. Later somewhere in 1930's facilities for carrying out English and Nepali Printing were added. Excepting one Hand Press Machine, there was no other Printing Machine. One Chandler Machine, One Trade Machine and One Hand Cutting Machine of U.S. make were transferred to the Sikkim Government Press from the Residency of the then Political Officer of Sikkim in 1940s. One Lee Letterpress Machine 22" x 36", one Original Albert Automatic Letterpress Machine 18" x 23", one Automade Perfecta Cutting Machine (Germany) and one Board Cutting Machine (Indian make) were added in the late 50s. From 1963 to 1973, Original Heidelberg Cylinder (Germany make), Original Heidelberg Letterpress Machine, Monotype Super Caster & Composing Machine with Script-Matric of both English and Devnagri were added. In 1984, one HMT Letterpress Antena Machine and a blockmaking with a horizontal Camera were added to the fleet of the machines in order to facilitate photo printing alongwith the matter. A few machines were also added in the year 1988 to strength a part of the Letterpress.

The modernization of the Government Press was taken up in the year 1990-91 creating history of first Offset Printing with Desktop Publishing System of 300 DPI in the State of Sikkim by the Government. 33 different posts have been created to facilitate job opportunity. Slowly old technology i.e Letterpress switched over to Offset Printing within a span of 5-6 years. Thereafter process of upgradation of machineries & equipments were done gradually as under:-

	Year of Purchase
01. HMT Offset Machine	14.02.1997
02. Plate Exposing Machine	29.02.2002
03. HMT Offset M/C No. 4300	30.09.2004
04. Welbound Perfect Binding Machine	27.09.2005
05. SOM 125N HMT Offset Machine	29.10.2005
06. Max Print 227 Bi-color Offset Machine	15.04.2008
07. Gestetner Printer No. 6346	09.07.2008
08. Plate Exposing Machine No. 3090	13.03.2012
09. Gestetner Printers No.4640 PD	29.10.2013
10. Gestetner Printers No. DX 6346	13.09.2013
11. RICOH PRO C5100 Digital Color	15.11.2014
12. EPSON Stylus Pro 9800	07.03.2007
13. Compaq Presoro Desktop- 3 Nos	01.03.2011
14. H.P. Desktop Computer - 09 Nos.	22.01.2014
15. Welbound Perfect Binding Machine	09.02.2017
16. RISOME 6350 Bi-Color Machine	09.02.2017

17.	HMT Single Color Offset Printing Machine SOM 136	09.02.2017
18.	HMT Bi-color Offset Printing Machine SOM 236	09.02.2017
19.	CTP with Plate Processor (Kodak make)	09.02.2017
20.	High End Computer - 3 nos	09.02.2017
21.	Black & White Laser Printer A3	09.02.2017
22.	KOMORI 4-Color Sheetfed Offset Printing M/c	10.10.2017
23.	Konika Minolta Accurio Press C6085	Feb 2019
24.	Programatic High Speed Precision Cutting Machine	Feb 2019
25.	Welbound Binding Machine Blue (+)	Jan 2019
26.	Diploma Automatic Folding Machine	Jan 2019
27.	Polymaster Grinding Machine	March 2019

With the addition of above machines, today, the Sikkim Government Press has acquired full-fledged Offset Printing unit with the capacity of undertaking multi-color printing jobs except a few multi-speciality printing jobs.

The department is having a strength of 154 staff including 5 (five) employees transferred from Govt. of India Press as per MOU signed in between Govt. of India and State Government of Sikkim on 18th September, 2018.

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REVENUE RECEIPT:-

A summary of Revenue Receipts for the last three years is as under:-

Rupees in Lakhs

2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
BE	Actual	BE	Actual	BE	Actual
181.00	215.00	185.00	306.83	195	151

The department is facing serious problems in realizing payments from the user departments due to which variation of physical achievement is accruing sometimes exceeding target and sometimes falling below the target. There is a potential of revenue generation up to Rs. 3 crores annually if the user departments settle our payments within the same financial year.

There is an accumulation of Rs. 4.34 crores lying outstanding against various departments and the matter has been reported to the FRED in the last meeting.

The statement of outstanding dues against various departments as on 31.03.2019 is as under:-

Sl. No.	Names of the Departments	Outstanding dues till 30/03/2019
1	Agriculture East (HQ)	221640
2	Agriculture North	2102
3	Audit General	60000
4	Animal Husbandry	296229
5	Sikkim Legislative Assembly	164600
6	Sikkim Armed Police	9100
7	Accounts and Adm Training Centre	Nil
8	DESME (Bureau of Economic)	Nil
9	BDO	610404
10	Co-operation	52248
11	Culture	53765
12	Civil Judge (Gyalshing)	Nil
13	Civil Judge (Namchi)	Nil
14	Capacity Building	17960
15	District & Session Judge	144305
16	District Collector (East)	295895
17	District Collector (West)	50400
18	District Collector (North)	22550

19	District Collector (South)	136820
20	D.O.P (Personal & Administrative Reforms)	Nil
21	HRDD (HQ)	2579251
22	HRDD (East)	50230
23	HRDD (West)	138740
24	HRDD (North)	14360
25	HRDD (South)	14020
26	HRDD (DIET)	43900
27	Excise	242400
28	Ecclesiastical	9650
29	Election	6561635
30	State Election Commission	555132
31	Food & Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	276115
32	Forest HQ (East)	1066982
33	Forest (south)	2012
34	Forest (North)	Nil
35	Forest (West)	100665
36	Fisheries	5920
37	Finance (GPF & Pension)	49700
38	Finance (Revenue & Expenditure)	801035
39	Finance (Lotteries)	95870
40	Handicraft & Handloom	40349
41	Horticulture	1400
42	Home	782368
43	High Court	5950
44	Health (HQ)	5312671
45	Health (STNM Hospital)	631795
46	Health (west)	5200
47	Health (North)	2000
48	Health (South)	1150
49	Health Singtam	210000
50	Commerce & Industries	108695

51	Commercial Tax Division	109181
52	Information & Public Relation	3927053
53	Irrigation	298
54	IRB (1 st 2 nd 3 rd)	264270
55	Information Technology	250
56	Jail	61905
57	Khadi	3000
58	KVK	6230
59	Land Revenue	183482
60	Law	312810
61	Labour	484555
62	Land Use and Environment	25735
63	Law College	48250
64	Motor Vehicle	155690
65	Municipal Corporation	232618
66	Mines and Geology	4925
67	Pay & Accounts (East)	59000
68	Pay & Accounts (North)	8750
69	Pay & Accounts (South)	4970
70	P.W.D (Roads & Bridges)	572532
71	PHE	119825
72	Police (HQ)	111220
73	Police Tele- Communication	323750
74	Police Special Branch	22980
75	Police Reserve Line	38850
76	Police S.P. (East)	674780
77	Police S.P. (South)	Nil
78	Police S.P. (North)	Nil
79	Police (West)	143700
80	Power	5774378
81	Police Check Post	106400
82	Police C.I.D	18500

83	Police Fire	Nil
84	Police Vigilance	Nil
85	Development Planning, Economic Reforms & NECA	14850
86	PWD (Building & Housing)	32155
87	RM & DD	2868200
88	Raj Bhawan	314170
89	Rajya Sainik Board	8000
90	Women & Child Welfare Division (SJE & WD)	1011939
91	State Social Welfare Board	21903
92	SC & ST Welfare Division	40350
93	Sikkim Govt. College	24760
94	Sikkim Govt. College (Namchi)	432
95	Sikkim Public Service Commission	71976
96	Sikkim Institute of Higher Nyingma (SHEDA)	68855
97	State Information Commission	5680
98	Sikkim State commission	12600
99	Sikkim State Legal Service Authority	950775
100	Sikkim Nationalized Transport	669573
101	Sports & Youth Affairs	119895
102	Science & Technology	5197
103	Sikkim Other Backward Classes	3370
104	Skill Development & Ent.	77830
105	STCS Deorali	120000
106	Sikkim State Teachers Recruitment Board	29500
107	SSERC (Deorali)	40000
108	State Bank of Sikkim	20000
109	Sikkim Nursing Council	6300
110	SIDICO	9750
111	UD & HD	513855
112	Tourism	662645
113	Zilla Panchayat	16107
	Total	43387767

