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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the State Government has deemed it expedient to establish a Welfare Board with the aim to strengthen and facilitate better co-ordination amongst various taxi associations;

Now therefore, with a view to achieve the above objective, the State Government is hereby pleased to establish the "All Sikkim Sarathi Welfare Board", with immediate effect comprising of the following members, namely :-

1.	One person to be nominated by the State Government as per the Sikkim State Public Services Act, 2006	Chairperson
2.	Two members to be nominated by the State Government who will be domain experts	Member
3.	Secretary, State Transport Authority	Member Secretary

2. Terms of Reference: -

- (a) To undertake activities for the welfare of the driving community and their families.
- (b) To foster a spirit of mutual help and goodwill among all the driving community in general and members of the board in particular, thereby promoting communal harmony and national integration.
- (c) To seek and provide financial aids to those members who are below the poverty line, in order to enhance and improve their economic condition.
- (d) To provide ex-gratia to the next of kin of any deceased member of the board on account of accident while driving a transport vehicle through the ex-gratia budget of the Transport Department.

- (e) To print, publish and circulate journals, pamphlets and books to propagate and disseminate knowledge about safe driving practices, technical aspects of vehicle systems, tourist guide education and social services.
 - (f) To conduct meetings, workshops, seminars, exhibitions and tours to spread awareness regarding road safety amongst its members, encourage for adoption of safe driving practices, create legal awareness among the youth regarding their rights, duties, roles and responsibilities in the society and encourage them to be involved in the decision-making process and policy formulation of the State.
 - (g) To provide a common platform for all the drivers association in Sikkim.
 - (h) To support, guide and strengthen the professional capacities of all drivers in Sikkim.
 - (i) To engage the driving community to follow all the traffic rules and regulations.
 - (j) To spread awareness regarding the dangers of alcohol, drugs and psychotropic substance abuse.
 - (k) To conduct workshops to impart knowledge regarding the flora and fauna and the general knowledge of Sikkim and encourage drivers to interact with the tourist in a friendly manner and charge fares as notified by the Transport Department.
 - (l) To support the Transport Department in the implementation of all rules and regulations as per the provisions of the Central Motor Vehicle Act and Rules, guidelines of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety and any project taken up and implemented by the Transport Department.
 - (m) To promote such welfare and socio-economic activities to improve the social status of the driving community.
 - (n) To undertake all such other lawful acts, deeds or other activities including sports and cultural activities as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any or all of the above objects for the general welfare of all members of the board.
 - (o) To make an annual action plan and set targets in the areas as stated in the aims and objects above and conduct half yearly reviews to assess the achievement of targets.
3. The Chairman of the Board shall be provided admissible facilities and entitlement as notified vide Notification No. 56/Home/2024, Dated 23/07/2024.
4. The nominated members shall be provided a sitting fee of Rs. 2000/- per sitting.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

**(V. B. Pathak) IAS
Chief Secretary
Government of Sikkim**