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## SEED Cell signs MoU with SBI and SBS



**Gangtok, April 04:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang (Chief Patron, SEED Cell) chaired the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the SEED Cell with SBI and SBS at Samman Bhawan, today.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for loan agreement to facilitate the entrepreneurs of Sikkim was signed between the Chief Coordinator, SEED Cell, Mr. Raj Lama, and DGM SBI, Mr. Prabhakar Sahu, and the Managing Director SBS, Mr. Phurba Wangdi Bhutia.

It was also informed that

the SEED Cell has established the Women Wing Committee headed by Mrs. Shradha Sharma to make significant contributions for the upliftment of women and provide committed assistance for urban and rural projects focusing on women entrepreneurship. At the onset, the Mission Director, SEED Cell, Mr. D.P. Pradhan presented a report of the SEED Cell to the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister congratulated the SEED Cell for working in coordination with the State Government to facilitate and support the entrepreneurs and assured help to provide all possible assistance to the SEED Cell to address the needs and necessities of the unemployed youth in the State. He also expressed his gratitude to the

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## Budget session 2022-23 of SLA concludes



**Gangtok, April 02:** The fifth and the concluding day of the Sixth Session of the Tenth Assembly (Budget session 2022-23) of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly began with question hour.

In reply to the question put forth by member Mr. D.R. Thapa with regard to the noticed revenue leakages of different Departments, Chief Minister also Minister-in-Charge of the Excise Department Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, stated that the State Government is serious about the issues of revenue leakages and also practices strict austerity measures to ensure

stability and all-round progress of the State. The State Government through the Excise Department launched a 5-year long 'E-Akbari' project under NIC Sikkim on 16.07.2021 to augment excise revenue generation to prevent any possible leakage. The 5-year project is divided into 4 phases, for which, an amount of ₹19.24 lakhs was provided. Out of this, an amount of ₹18.59 lakhs has been spent on software development, manpower and hardware. The Excise Department has successfully implemented the first phase,

which includes training for Excise officials, staff and vendors. Currently, the software development team is working on the second phase, which will be tested shortly.

In addition, the Department has exceeded the set target with a collection of ₹210 crore against the target of ₹202 crore. In this financial year, the Department has already collected ₹224 crore until February 2022, which is higher than last year, he added.

Replying to the query set forth by Member Mr. D.R. Thapa, regarding the migrant labourers in Sikkim, Minister for Labour Department, Mr. M.N. Sherpa, stated that the exact number of migrant labourers registered with the Labour Department under the India State Migrant Workmen Act, 1979 and the Sikkim Labour (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2021 is 1,15,109 so far.

The Migrant labourers in Sikkim do not include the labourers from the neighbouring countries. However, for statistics purposes, the Department is maintaining data

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## Counselling-cum-allotment of seats for CMMSS 2022



**Gangtok, April 04:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the counselling-cum-allotment of seats (2022) for the Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme at Biraspati Parsai Government Senior Secondary School, Marchak, Ranipool, today.

The event was organized by the Education Department. The Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme is a unique educational scheme initiated to cater to Sikkimese students studying in Government schools. A total

number of 1,047 students have benefitted from this scheme as of now. A total number of fifty-five students from thirteen schools (five belonging to the Scheduled Tribe community in Sikkim were selected for the allotment of seats. The names of the schools and the number of allotted seats are: Don Bosco School, Soreng (West)- 8, Manjusri Public School, Tarku (South)- 5, Namchi Public School,

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## CM meets Ambassador of Japan to India



**Gangtok, March 29:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang met with the Ambassador of Japan to India, Mr. Suzuki Satoshi, who was accompanied by senior officials from the Embassy of Japan in India, senior officials from JICA and F.I.C.C.I and the officials from the Government of India at a local hotel, today.

During the meeting, they discussed various important matters including the production

of Green Energy in Sikkim and the initiation of a high-value product industry like semiconductors, microchips, and TVs.

In terms of education, they deliberated on ways to impart the Japanese language and training in relation to various skills and professions, including health care and nursing to improve

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### Pearls of Wisdom

*"Never put off till tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well."*

*- Mark Twain*



### ***Review meeting on inauguration of DAC (Soreng)***

**Soreng, April 04:** MLA Soreng-Chakung Constituency Mr. Aditya Golay, chaired a preparatory meeting to discuss the progressive report on the work distribution of the upcoming inaugural event of Soreng District Administrative Centre at Swarna Jayanti Rang Manch, Soreng Senior Secondary School, today.

The meeting had the presence of Chairperson (Skill Development), Mr. Binod Basnet; DC (Soreng) Mr. Bhim Thatal, SP (Soreng) Mr. J. Jayapandiyani; ADC/Dev (Soreng) Mr. Gayaas

Pega and Officers from all line departments.

MLA in his address thanked all the officials for their tireless efforts in hosting the inaugural event and said that the programme will be remembered by the upcoming generation as a historic event that paved the way for their endeavors. In his concluding remarks, he said that the event is a celebration for those aspiring generation, who get to witness a better prospect of life and achievements.

DC spoke briefly on the importance of the forthcoming

event and reminded that the programme is not just inauguration of mere buildings but an establishment of the Government's concept and ideas for better governance. He urged everyone present to complete their assigned tasks at the earliest to make the event success.

The meeting also featured an open discussion regarding the different works assigned to all the respective departments along with the status on the pending works.

### ***Capacity building training for stakeholders organised***

**Gyalshing, April 01:** The District Child Protection Unit (West) and Women and Child Development Department organised a day-long capacity building training for the stakeholders at Zilla Bhawan, Kyongsha, today.

District Child Protection Officer Ms. Bhawana Subba highlighted that the training was meant to enhance stakeholder's capacity to enable them to play their role in response to issues of child protection and child safety. She stated that violence against women and children remains a major challenge to the

development in the country, hence, the need in to collaborate in the fight against the violence of children and its related issues.

Training was on the strategies of social management on child rights and its violation, child protection and safety, handling of traumatized sexually abused children and communication. The training helps the functionary to strengthen knowledge and develop sensitivity. Unless various functionaries are not aware of their roles, function and powers, the care and protection

of the children cannot be ensured, she added. She also briefed on rules, procedures, function and responsibility of CWC, JJB and CCIS under the Sikkim Juvenile Justice Rules 2019.

Resource Person Mr. Tez Kumar Thapa, Child Protection officer, Training expert from Anuglaya Darjeeling was invited for the technical session on Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act 2015, JJ Model Rules 2019 and POCSO Act 2012 and its latest amendments.

### ***DC Soreng inspects Rammam checkpoint***

**Soreng, March 28:** DC Soreng Mr. Bhim Thatal and SP Soreng Mr. J. Jayapandiyani inspected the Rammam check post and interacted with Police personnel, today. He was accompanied by SHO (Naya Bazar) Ms. Tara Sharma and other Police personnel.

DC enquired about the tourist commuting and entering the State through Soreng district. In his interaction with the

officials, he observed that the construction and establishment of a Composite Check Post is of dire need, as it is located at a strategically important spot and the place also constitutes as a part of the newly established district of Soreng. He advised the SP and SHO to draw a comprehensive proposal and estimation for the construction of the Composite Check Post, which would facilitate the inter-state

affairs related to law and order, commercial interest, tourism, transport, excise, disaster management and other essentialities. He also emphasized on the importance of strengthening the FRO at the Check Post.

The team led by the DC also paid a visit at the border Check Post of Darjeeling district and interacted with the West Bengal officials.

### ***Minister L.N. Sharma inspects Fire incident spot***

**Gyalshing, March 28:** Area MLA-cum-Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma carried out an inspection at the fire incident spot at the public ground of Baluwakhani/Legship, today.

The fire broke out at the ground floor of three-storied

stage-cum-store located at the public ground of Baluwakhani/Legship, causing massive damage to the properties.

Minister enquired about the detail damages caused by fire and loss of properties. He also handed over financial assistance

to the caretaker of the infrastructure for immediate relief. He was accompanied by the Chairman of Coordination Committee of Rangit NHPC, Mr. Ram Kumar Chettri and others.

### ***Meeting-cum-sensitisation programme on SDG held***

**Mangan, March 28:** A coordination meeting-cum-sensitisation programme on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by Rural Development Department (Mangan) and DESM&E in collaboration with BAC (Mangan) was organised at the Conference Hall of Mangan District Zilla Panchayat, today.

The meeting was chaired by Adhakshya North, Mrs. Namgay Lepcha, in the presence of DC Mangan, Dr. A.B. Karki, ADC (Dev) Chungthang, ADC (Dev) Mangan, Director General DESM&E (Mangan), Joint Director DESM&E (Mangan), BDOs, Councillors Mangan Nagar Panchayat, officials and staff of RDD.

Adhakshya North emphasized various roles and the responsibilities of Zilla and Gram Panchayats for the development

of district and urged the line departments to work diligently in coordination with each other.

DC gave a brief presentation on vision documents and stressed on various steps and resolutions taken by the State Government to make the District, the best in the country. The resolution passed in the district are Zero Food Waste Districts, Open Defecation Free District, Mission Clean North Sikkim and Dust and Chalk Free Schools.

He also touched upon various subjects like better health facilities, quality education, quality mid-day meal, water treatment. He urged the Gram Panchayats to work diligently for the betterment of public and improvement of the district.

Earlier, ADC (Dev) Mangan, Mr. Ram Bahadur

Bhandari gave a brief report on Rural Development Department (Mangan).

Director General DESM&E (Mangan), Mrs. Devika Sharma highlighted on Sustainable Development Goals, and showed various factors and elements to achieve sustainable goals and other ways and means in which the districts can improve.

An interactive session was also conducted where representatives of Zilla Panchayats and Gram Panchayats presented their reports on developmental needs and plans for their GPUs.

During the meeting, two minute of silence was also observed as a mark of respect on the passing of former Chief Minister, Mr. B.B. Gooroo.

### ***File to Field initiative-cum-departmental inspection conducted***

**Mangan, April 02:** File to Field initiative-cum-departmental inspection for assessing, managing and mitigating disaster during the monsoon and visits to ICDS, schools, GPU and others was conducted at Saffo-Shipgyer and Ramom, today.

The field visit-cum-inspection was headed by DC Mangan, Dr A.B. Karki. Also present were ADC-(Dev.) Chungthang, SDMs Chungthang, Dzongu, BDOs Dzongu, Chungthang, Officers from line departments and workers and representatives from GREF.

In the weekly departmental inspection cum assessment, management and mitigation, which started on March 25, on its second episode, the district administration team visited far-flung areas of Shipgyer and Ramom under Chungthang Sub-Division and Saffo and Pakhyel under Dzongu Sub-Division. The team inspected newly carpeted roads and culvert canal.

A huge landslide of Ramom Kyong (khola), was assessed by the team, where DC and the line departments inspected and discussed previously measures undertaken and also planned for future steps. After crossing the Ramon Kyong (Khola), the team arrived at the Government Primary School Ramom and interacted with the ward Panchayat, headmaster, teachers and staff of the school and residents of the village.

Ramom ward Panchayat, Ms. Dawa Doma Lepcha put forth the needs and requirements of the schools, health facilities, and other immediate necessities of the village to the team. The inspection of the upper Shipgyer major landslide was conducted. Ward Panchayat, Mr. Yeshay Lepcha informed the team about the essential needs of the ward.

An interactive session was also held at the Village Administrative Centre of Shipgyer-Ramom GPU, where the team had interactions with Panchayat and a plan of action for redressal was submitted to the DC.

Thereafter, the team also visited nearby Shipgyer ICDS and Shipgyer PHSC. MLHP/CHO and staff of the Shipgyer PHSC

presented their reports and requirements of the centre. Thereafter, the team stopped at Government Primary School Shipgyer, wherein they inspected the school compound, MDM kitchen and interacted with the staff. The School also presented their reports and requirements on mid-day meals, language classes, storage facilities, and programme hall.

The team visited Dzongu Subdivision wherein they inspected Government Junior High School Saffo Salim Pakyel. The DC also inaugurated the new ICDS Centre at Upper Saffo.

Thereafter, the team reached Pakhaly, where the DC said that the district administration team on their inspection and visit would like to tackle important issues related to disaster management and redressal of public grievances on the spot. The team inspected most vulnerable areas of Shipgyer, Ramam, Saffo and Pakhaly, which are likely to cause problems to the residents of the area in the monsoon.

During the inspection, pre-monsoon preparedness, inspection and the spot decision were taken by the team. Giving special emphasis on the connectivity of far-flung regions to the main highway and the district centre, and keeping in account most of the demands made by the residents on the connectivity, DC had called upon representatives of GREF to tackle the issues.

Under his direction, the road connection from CWC Sankalang to Chungthang via Pakhaly, Saffo and Shipgyer was officially opened for traffic. The connectivity also works as an alternative Mangan-Chungthang route, if the main route gets blocked.

He also lauded all the line departments, SDMs and BDOs for their efforts and preparedness for the field inspection and steps for an action plan.

He also said that the team is assessing and mapping out vulnerable areas of the district, and the important issues relating to the matter will be forwarded to the State Government.

### ***Co-ordination on BBBP scheme held***

**Mangan, March 29:** A co-ordination meeting with head of Education Department, School Heads and Nodal Officers of 'Beti Bacho Beti Padhao' for Senior Secondary Schools, Secondary Schools and Junior High Schools on the 'Beti Bacho Beti Padhao' (BBBP) scheme was held at Election Hall of District Administrative Centre Mangan, today.

The meeting chaired by DC Mangan also had the presence of ADC Mangan, Chief Education Officer, Joint Director Education Department, Principals, Headmasters, Teachers, newly appointed Nodal Officer of Senior Secondary and Secondary Schools and other officials.

The main agenda of the

meeting was to discuss the implementation of the BBBP Scheme in all the schools in Mangan District.

DC Mangan shared his views on the scheme and asked all the Nodal Officers to work and help students to take full advantage of the scheme. Under the BBBP scheme, education of the girl child will be assisted for the betterment of the girl child in the field of education, sports, and many more. He also informed on a few competitions to be held in the district, so that students will inculcate a sense of competitiveness and dedication. A brief report on the 'Beti Bacho Beti Padhao' scheme was given by Sr. AO, LRDM.

**Government of Sikkim  
Power Department**

No.05/PD/Rev/NODAL/2014-15/Part-II

Dated:29/03/2022

Tariff approved by the Commission for FY 2022-23

Sl No	Category of Consumers	Energy Charges Paisa/Unit	Fixed Charges	
			Monthly Minimum Charge (₹ per Month)	Demand Charge (₹/KVA/Month)
1	2	3	4	5
<b>1</b>	<b>Domestic</b>			
a)	Up to 50 units	100	1 Phase: ₹50  3 Phase: ₹200	Nil
b)	51 to 100 units	200		
c)	101 to 200 units	300		
d)	201 to 400 units	350		
e)	401 and above	400		
<b>2</b>	<b>Commercial</b>			
a)	Up to 50 units	300	<b>Applicable to Sanctioned Load of below 25 KVA</b>  1 Phase: ₹200  3 Phase: ₹500	<b>Applicable to Sanctioned Load of 25 KVA &amp; Above</b>  Rural : ₹60  Urban : ₹100
b)	51 to 100 units	400		
c)	101 to 200 units	500		
d)	201 to 400 units	600		
e)	401 and above	630		
<b>3</b>	<b>Public Lighting</b>			
a)	Rural Areas	400	Nil	Nil
b)	Urban Areas	500		
<b>4</b>	<b>Industrial</b>			
<b>A</b>	<b>HT</b>			
a)	<b>HT (AC) above 3.3 KV</b>			
b)	Upto 100 KVA	540	Nil	₹200/KVA/Month
c)	100 to 250 KVA	590		₹250/KVA/Month
d)	250 to 500 KVA	640		₹290/KVA/Month
e)	500 KVA and above	690		₹560/KVA/Month
<b>B</b>	<b>LT (Rural)</b>			
a)	Up to 500 units	360	<b>Contract Load 45 KW &amp; Below</b> ₹500/Month	<b>Sanctioned load above 25 KVA with shared transformer</b>
b)	501 to 1000 units	440		
c)	1001 and above	580	<b>Contract Load above 45 KW</b> ₹120/KVA/Month	₹60/KVA/Month
<b>C</b>	<b>LT (Urban)</b>			
a)	Up to 500 units	530	<b>Contract Load 45 KW &amp; Below</b> ₹500/Month <b>Contract Load above 45 KW</b> ₹200/KVA/Month of sanctioned load	<b>Sanctioned load above 25 KVA with shared transformer</b> ₹100/KVA/Month
b)	501 to 1000 units	620		
c)	1001 and above	715		
<b>5</b>	<b>Bulk Supply</b>			
a)	LT	550	<b>Contract Load 45 KW &amp; Below</b>  LT: ₹500/Month  HT: ₹500/Month	<b>Contract Load above 45 KW</b> LT: ₹150/KVA/Month of sanctioned load HT: ₹150/KVA/Month of sanctioned load
b)	HT	550		

**Sd/-  
PCE cum Secretary  
(SI.No.1082)**

**Government of Sikkim  
Cooperation Department, Namchi, South Sikkim.**

No. ....GOS/COOP/JRCS/S

Dated: 01/03/2022

**NOTICE**

As per the power conferred upon and under the provision of Rule 71 and Sub Rule (1) & (2) of Sikkim Cooperative Societies Rule 1981, it is hereby informed to all concerned, that the liquidation proceedings is initiated against the following cooperative society;

- **NAMCHI NAGAR PARISHAD REGD. CONTRACTOR COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.**
- **Lungchok Rolu Poultry/Livestock Growers Cooperative Society Ltd.**

Hence, all the stakeholders including the members, debtors, creditors, nominees, heirs and legal representatives of the deceased members are hereby informed to submit their claims and objections, if any, in respect to the aforementioned cooperative society within one month (i.e. 30 days) of the publication of this notice to the liquidators at the Cooperation Department, Namchi, South Sikkim.

**(AJAY RAI)  
ARCS Cum Liquidator,  
Co-operation Department.  
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No: 14/SPSC/EXAM/2022

Dated: 31/03/2022

**NOTICE**

The written examination (Prelims) for filling up of 03 (three) posts of Sub Jailor (for male candidates only) on temporary regular basis in Level 12 of the Pay Matrix in the Sikkim State Jail under Home Department, Government of Sikkim through Direct Recruitment, as advertised vide advertisement No. 05/SPSC/EXAM/2021 DATED: 25/03/2021, is hereby scheduled as detailed below;

Sl. No.	Name of Paper	Time	Date	Venue
1	General Studies I	9:30 am to 11:30 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2022	Sir Tashi Namgyal Sr. Sec. School, Dev. Area, Gangtok
2	General Studies II	12:30 pm to 2:30 am		

List of eligible candidates on the basis of scrutiny of documents conducted is appended herewith at **Annexure I**.

Eligible candidates may download their admit cards from **29/03/2022 to 02/04/2022 (midnight)** from the official website of Sikkim Public Service Commission i.e. [www.spscskm.gov.in](http://www.spscskm.gov.in).

Admission to all the stages of examination for which candidates are admitted by the Commission, shall be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If, on verification at any point of time, before or after the Written Examination, it is found that they do not fulfil any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the examination/post will be summarily rejected by the Commission.

**(Yangchen D.Tamang), SCS  
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No: 16/SPSC/EXAM/2022

Dated: 31/03/2022

**NOTICE**

On the basis of marks obtained in the written examination held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022, the **Viva-voce/ Personality Test** of eligible candidates for filling up of **01 (one) post of Scientific Officer (Chemistry)** and **01 (one) post of Scientific Officer (Questioned Document)** under Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL), CID, Sikkim Police, Government of Sikkim through direct recruitment, as advertised vide advertisement no. 02/SPSC/EXAM/2021 dated 15.02.2021, is hereby scheduled as under:

Name of the post	Roll No. (in ascending order)	Time	Date	Venue
Scientific Officer (Chemistry)	0001	10:00 am	11.04.2022 (Monday)	Sikkim Public Service Commission, Old Tourism Complex, M. G. Marg, Gangtok
Scientific Officer (Questioned Document)	0001			

Admission to all the stages of examination for which candidates are admitted by the Commission viz. Written Examination and Viva-voce/Interview is purely provisional, subject to them satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If on verification at any point of time, before or after the Written Examination and/or Viva-Voce, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the examination/post will be summarily rejected by the Commission.

**(Yangchen D.Tamang), SCS  
Controller of Examinations  
Sikkim Public Service Commission  
(SI.No.1083 B,ii)**



**Government of Sikkim  
Urban Development Department  
Jorethang, South Sikkim**

No.105/SWC/UDD/JTG

Dated:31/03/2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer, South-West Circle, Urban Development Department, Government of Sikkim, with its office at Jorethang, South Sikkim invites sealed percentage rate tenders from the eligible contractors of South District enlisted under eligible Class under Sikkim Public Works Department, Government of Sikkim having experience in such contractual works for the works listed hereunder.

SI No	Name of work	Work, Value put to tender (Lakh)	Cost of tender documents (₹)	Amount of Earnest Money@ 2.5% For issue of tender form (₹)	Completion time, (in months)	Eligible Class
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of low cost Parking at Rabongla in South Sikkim	440.70	50,000/-	11,01,750/-	36	II 'B'

**TIME SCHEDULE FOR TENDER:-**

1. Dates for submission of application with Challan towards cost of tender form and issue of tender documents : **25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**
2. Date of issue of tender forms (on production of TDR) : **27<sup>th</sup> of April 2022**
3. Date and Time for submission of Tender documents including Tender Form : **28<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 10 M to 1.00 PM**
4. Date and Time of opening of Tender : **28<sup>th</sup> of April 2022, 1.00PM**
5. Venue: Office of the Superintending Engineer (S/W)  
Urban Development Department, Jorethang, South Sikkim.

**Superintending Engineer (S/W)  
Urban Development Department  
Government of Sikkim  
(SI.No.1080)**

## Health Tips

- \* **Eat a healthy diet:** Eat a combination of different foods, including fruit, vegetables, legumes, nuts and whole grains. Adults should eat at least five portions (400g) of fruit and vegetables per day. By eating healthy, you will reduce your risk of malnutrition and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer.
- \* **Cosume less salt and sugar:** Reduce your salt intake to 5g per day, equivalent to about one teaspoon. On the other hand, consuming excessive amounts of sugars increases the risk of tooth decay and unhealthy weight gain.
- \* **Reduce intake of harmful fats:** Fats consumed should be less than 30% of your total energy intake. This will help prevent unhealthy weight gain and NCDs. There are different types of fats, but unsaturated fats are preferable over saturated fats and trans-fats.
- \* **Avoid harmful use of alcohol:** There is no safe level for drinking alcohol. Consuming alcohol can lead to health problems such as mental and behavioural disorders.
- \* **Don't smoke:** Smoking tobacco causes NCDs such as lung disease, heart disease and stroke.
- \* **Be active:** Physical activity is defined as any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that requires energy expenditure. This includes exercise and activities undertaken while working, playing, carrying out household chores, travelling, and engaging in recreational pursuits.
- \* **Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing:** Diseases such as influenza, pneumonia and tuberculosis are transmitted through the air. When an infected person coughs or sneezes, infectious agents may be passed on to others through airborne droplets. When you feel a cough or sneeze coming on, make sure you have covered your mouth with a face mask or use a tissue then dispose it carefully.
- \* **Drink only safe water:** Drinking unsafe water can lead to water-borne diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea, hepatitis A, typhoid and polio. Globally, at least 2 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated with faeces
- \* **Clean your hands properly:** Hand hygiene is critical not only for health workers but for everyone. Clean hands can prevent the spread of infectious illnesses. You should handwash using soap and water when your hands are visibly soiled or handrub using an alcohol-based product.

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## Counselling-cum...

Namchi (South)- 8, Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School, Gangtok- 5, St. Joseph School, Martam (East)- 6, St. Mary's Convent (Geyzing)- 6, St. Xavier's School, Pakyong (East)- 7, Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok (East)- 5.

The names of the schools and the number of allotted seats reserved for Scheduled Tribe are: Lingzya Junior High School, Dzongu (North)- 1, Gor Senior Secondary School, Dzongu (North)- 1, Hee Gyathang Senior Secondary School, Dzongu (North)- 1, Salim Pakyel Junior High School, Dzongu (North)- 1, Lingkoo Primary School, Dzongu (North)- 1. Two differently-abled students were also chosen for the scheme. Two students under the Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme also shared their experience under the programme.

Minister for Education in his address presented a brief review of the CMMSS scheme and appreciated the efforts of the parents, teachers, and officials of the Education Department for their constant support of the students. Likewise, he said that these schemes will support the students to face challenges in the modern world and improve the quality of education throughout the State. He stressed on three things that will cement the quality of education which are teacher training, infrastructure improvement and implementation of National Education Policy 2020. He also wished success to the students for their future.

Chief Minister in his address congratulated the students who have been conferred with Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme. He said that a new model school in Assam Lingzey, East Sikkim is on the verge of completion, with the best infrastructural facilities and qualified faculties selected among the best teachers available in the state and with high tech facilities of international standard to ensure rich academic facilities. He mentioned that the State Government has accorded topmost priority to the education sector with the commensurable allocation of budget to ensure that the children are well prepared to face the challenges of the modern world. Various initiatives have been adopted to improve the quality education in order to impart new schemes in academics, training teachers, infrastructural development, and ensure the implementation of NEP 2020, he added.

He also informed that the State Government has increased the number of seats from 50 to 55 with an additional 5 seats for students from the Dzongu area.

Similarly, he mentioned that Miss Diki Choden Bhutia of Ramthang, North Sikkim, who is a recipient of a CMMSS and a student of Scindia Kanya Vidyala, Gwalior was selected for a full scholarship to study at the Queen Mary University in London for a BSc. in Psychology for 2020 session.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, HoDs, other dignitaries, teachers and students.

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## Chief Minister...

State Bank of India (SBI) for supporting the schemes and programmes of the Government. He also reiterated the provisions and avenues of the film incentives to local filmmakers in the State and informed about the Foreign Workers' Training Programmes regarding various skills and professions to develop employment opportunities for the youth. Advocating the significance of entrepreneurship as the demand of the hour, the Chief Minister urged the youth to come forward with innovative ideas. He also urged the officers from different departments to be compassionate and proactive and help the youth, for the overall development of the society and

the state. He advised the SEED Cell to conduct similar meetings at constituency level to generate awareness regarding entrepreneurship and assured every help from the State Government.

The event was also addressed by the Regional Manager (SBI), Managing Director (SBS), and General Secretary (Administration), SEED Cell. They expressed their gratitude to the Government for entrusting programmes and schemes of development in the State.

Present on the occasion were the Minister (Advisor to SEED Cell) Mr. Arun Upreti, Advisor (SBS), Chairman (SBS), MD (SBS), Regional Manager (SBI), Deputy General Manager (SBI), Secretaries, and others.

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employment opportunities for the youths.

Talking about horticulture and food processing, the Chief Minister proposed conducting of workshops to train farmers to boost productivity and diversify the cultivation of cash crops like Shitake Mushrooms.

Later, they discussed issues related to disaster management and climate change. Relating to

this, the Chief Minister mentioned that the State Government is setting up the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University of Excellence to help in addressing matters of common interest in the state. He hoped that the initiative will also help neighboring countries like Bhutan, Nepal, and Myanmar.

Apart from these, they also discussed strategies to enhance tourism and hospitality sectors, focusing on natural and cultural values.



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on labourers of foreign nationality. Additionally, Aadhar Card and Voter Card for the labourers entering Sikkim are mandatory for verifying the originality of the migrant labourers and for their registration, he added.

On the query raised by Member Mr. D.R. Thapa, on the data of the educated unemployed of the State and the measures taken by the State Government to address the problem, the Chief Minister, also Minister-in-Charge of the Department of Personnel, clarified that the detailed data is not available with the Department of Personnel. The State Government has decided to put in place a system, wherein all vacancies for direct recruitments are taken up on an annual basis.

Accordingly, notification specifying a calendar for direct recruitments on yearly basis in all vacant posts is issued vide Notification No. 27/GEN/DOP dated 10.06.2021.

Further, the proposal for a combined recruitment examination on an annual basis for all entry-level Gazetted posts through Sikkim Public Service Commission is under active consideration of the Government. Also, the Draft Rules for the conduct of combined examination is prepared and are at their final stage, he added.

In addition to the discussion made on the issue, Member Mr. D.R. Thapa suggested that capacity building be strengthened to achieve greater empowerment and develop the entrepreneurial capability of unemployed persons of the State, to which the Chief Minister accorded a cordial welcome.

During the Legislative Business, the House passed four Bills namely the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 08 of 2022), the Netaji Subash Chandra Bose University of Excellence Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 09 of 2022), the Capital University Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 10 of 2022) and the Sikkim Board of Indigenous Languages (SBIL), Sikkim Bill 2022 (Bill No. 11 of 2022) which, were introduced in the House by the concerned Ministers-in-Charge on 1st April 2022.

Thereafter, Chief Minister also the Minister-in-Charge of the Finance Department Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, presented the Medium Term Fiscal Plan 2022-23 to 2024-25 to the Budget 2022-23 on the table of the House.

Likewise, the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, Mr. Aditya Golay (Tamang), presented the following Report on Public Accounts Committee:

i) 123<sup>rd</sup> Report on Separate Audit Report on the accounts of the State Trading Corporation of

Sikkim for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

ii) 124<sup>th</sup> Report on Separate Audit Report on the accounts of the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

iii) 125<sup>th</sup> Report on Separate Audit Report on the accounts of the State Bank of Sikkim for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

iv) 126<sup>th</sup> Report of the Committee on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

v) 127<sup>th</sup> Report on Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Sikkim for the year 2014-2015.

vi) 128<sup>th</sup> Report on Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Sikkim for the year 2015-2016.

vii) 129<sup>th</sup> Report on Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Sikkim for the year 2016-2017.

Subsequently, the following Members of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly were elected as Members of the Committee on Public Accounts for the financial year 2022-23 namely, Mr. Aditya Golay (Tamang) and Mr. Tashi Thendup Bhutia.

Member Mr. Aditya Golay (Tamang) was then nominated by the Speaker as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.

Similarly, the following Members of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly were elected to the Committee on Estimates for the financial year 2022-23 by the House, Mr. Tashi Thendup Bhutia and Mr. Aditya Golay (Tamang).

Member Mr. Tashi Thendup Bhutia was nominated as the Chairman of the Committee on Estimates by the Speaker.

The following Members of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly were elected to the Committee on Government Assurances, Mr. Sonam Venchugpa, Mrs. Sunita Gajmer and Mr. Bishnu Kumar Sharma.

Member Mr. Sonam Venchugpa was nominated as the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances by the Speaker.

The following Members of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly were elected to the Rules Committee, namely, Mr. Sonam Venchugpa and Mr. Pintso Namgyal Lepcha.

The Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly is the ex-officio Chairman of the Rules Committee.

The following Members of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly were elected to the Library Committee, namely, Mr. Em Prasad Sharma, Mrs. Farwanti Tamang, Mrs. Raj Kumari Thapa and Mr. Sonam Venchugpa.

The Deputy Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly is the ex-officio Chairman of the Library Committee.

The following Members of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly

were elected to the House Committee namely, Mr. G.T. Dhungel, Mr. Em Prasad Sharma and Mrs. Raj Kumari Thapa.

Member Mr. G.T. Dhungel was nominated as the Chairman of the House Committee by the Speaker.

The following Members of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly were elected to the Committee of Privileges namely, Mr. Bishnu Kumar Sharma, Mr. Tashi Thendup Bhutia and Mr. Pintso Namgyal Lepcha.

Member Mr. Bishnu Kumar Sharma was nominated as the Chairman of the Committee of Privileges by the Speaker.

Speaker also nominated members Mr. Sonam Venchugpa, Mr. G.T. Dhungel and Mr. Aditya Golay (Tamang), in the panel of Chairmen for the Financial Year 2022-23.

Thereafter, the Speaker presented the Annual Reports of Commission/Departments in the House.

Chief Minister in his valedictory remarks extended gratitude to the Deputy Speaker and all the members of the House for their participation during the Budget Session 2022-23. He also thanked the Chief Secretary and the State administration, Sikkim Police led by DGP, Commissioner cum Secretary SLAS other officers and staff of the Assembly Secretariat and all the members of the Press and Media for their support for the smooth functioning of the session.

The Chief Minister welcomed the suggestion put forth by Member Mr. D.R. Thapa regarding the bid for restructuring and refinancing of the loan depth to be given to a financing institute with the right credentials. He also assured to address the issue of drainage and sewerage problems in and around Gangtok for which, he mentioned that ₹20 crores will be allocated for the project.

The Chief Minister also informed the House about the Special Investigation Fund for supporting any investigation in and outside the State. Similarly, the Chief Minister apprised about the introduction of the Traffic Management Fund in order to address the smooth management of traffic issues in the State. He also congratulated the Sikkim Police force for rendering their honest and efficient service for 125 years and for which, he mentioned that they will be honoured and felicitated, accordingly.

Speaker, Mr. L.B. Das, in his valedictory address, thanked the Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Government officials and Press and media for their active participation and role in the successful completion of the session.

The vote of thanks was also delivered by Members Mr. Y.T. Lepcha, Dr. M.K. Sharma, Mr. Sonam Lama, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha and Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia. Later, the House was adjourned Sine-Die by the Speaker.

## Poshan Pakhwada 2022 concludes

**Gangtok April 04:** Minister for Women and Child Development, Social Justice Department, Dr. M.K.Sharma attended the closing ceremony of Poshan Pakhwada 2022 cum Award Ceremony at Mini Theatre in Manan Bhawan, today.

Zilla Adhyaksha (East) Mr. Samsher Rai, Mayor GMC, Mr. N.B.Chettri, Secretary, Social Welfare Department Mr. Tshewang Gyachho, SDM-East, Mr. Robin Sewa, representatives from line departments, teachers and students from different schools, officials and staff of Women and Child Development Department were present at the event.

The programme focused on the measurement of height and weight of children under 6 years, gender-sensitive water management, testing, treatment and talking about anaemia, traditional food for healthy mothers and children in tribal areas and cherishing the effort and coordination of all the stakeholders to realising the objective of the National Nutrition Mission.

Minister Dr. M.K. Sharma applauded the field activities of Anganwadi workers, Anganwadi helpers, ASHA and ANMs. He stressed on the importance of consuming local healthy foods for holistic nutrition, which is available throughout the year and such choice will also have a sustainable effect in the long run.

The Minister said that this POSHAN Pakhwada Abhiyaan is an initiative as an awareness campaign to influence people so that they make healthy choices and improve their ability to adopt a positive lifestyle and healthy living. He requested everyone to actively participate and hoped for improvement in areas that are under anaemic detection. He also congratulated the nodal authorities from all the departments in convergence in making their performance noteworthy and successful.

Secretary, Social Welfare Department in his address said that the POSHAN Abhiyaan will be successful only, if it continues throughout the year. He also stressed on the importance of Anganwadi workers towards primary children and stated that the responsibility towards children, pregnant mothers and lactating mothers is not over until each house is free of malnutrition. He said that the anaemia awareness programme is to bring about behavioural change in people for

healthy living and to reduce the prevalence of anaemia among children, adolescents and women.

Technical Officer (RDD), Resource Person of the programme, spoke about the journey of Dhara Vikas, an initiative to revive the State's drying lakes, springs and streams. He added that the core thrust of Dhara-Vikas is to make use of the surface runoff water to recharge ground water sources. He further said that the Dhara Vikas initiative was launched under the centrally sponsored Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), with technical support from other Government agencies and organisations like WWF-India, People's Science Institute - Dehradun, ACWADAM- Pune and Arghyam- Bangaluru.

Medical Specialist (STNM) demonstrated a Power Point presentation to discuss the State anaemic scenario, which according to him is a silent epidemic impacting our physical growth, mental and work capacity and lives of future generations.

In his presentation, he explained the symptoms, signs, nutritional deficiency, and causes of anaemia and elaborated on foods that can help in the management of anaemia.

State Nodal Officer in her Power Point presentation demonstrated about, "Integration of Traditional and Modern Practices for Healthy India" and discussed various activities carried out during the POSHAN Pakhwada which started from March 21- April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, where a total number of 3018 activities were conducted in the State. In the East District, a total number of 1193 activities were conducted, likewise in the West District 204 activities, North District 1189 activities and in the South District 432 activities were carried out respectively, she informed.

A short documentary on the journey of POSHAN Pakhwada 2022 was presented highlighting all the activities and efforts of the departments in convergence. The documentary was shared by the Women and Child Development Department. Certificates and cash prizes were also handed out to various individuals for their participation and contribution in POSHAN Pakhwada 2022 events by the Minister and the dignitaries.

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## Last rites of former Chief Minister held



**Gangtok, March 30:** The last rites of veteran leader and former Chief Minister, Mr. B.B. Gooroong was held with full State honours at Rumtek crematorium shed, today. He passed away on March 28, at the age of 73 and was a respected leader who served the State in various capacities.

Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad attended the funeral service, to pay his homage to the former Chief Minister at his residence in Lumsey, Gangtok.

Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, Speaker SLA, Cabinet Ministers, Councillors, Advisors, Chief Secretary, DGP, DC East and other dignitaries along with officials from different departments paid their respects to the departed soul by offering

prayers and joined the funeral procession for the final rites.

In accordance to the direction of the State Government, the last rites was performed. A contingent of 3<sup>rd</sup> IRB from Manglay, South Sikkim gave a gun salute, under the commanding officer for the 'Salami', Mr. Arjun Pradhan.

A large number of people had come to bid their farewell to the departed leader.

The mortal remains of the former Chief Minister was consigned to flames at Rumtek in the presence of his family members. Rimpoche G. Tenzing along with other monks from Deorali and Rumtek offered prayers for the last rites at Rumtek.

## Decorative Candle Making Training organised

**Gangtok, April 04:** A 15-day Decorative candle making training organised by National Small Industries Corporation Limited in association with MSME Division, Commerce and Industries Department, commenced from today at AH&VS Extension and Training Hall, Sokeythang, Gangtok. The programme is sponsored by Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL).

The inaugural session was attended by Advisor, Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. Kado Tshering Bhutia as the chief guest. At the outset, a brief presentation was made about the NRL theme song.

Director, MSME Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. M. Ravikumar expressed his gratitude to NRL for sponsoring the event. He said that the training will be a great platform for entrepreneurship development, where the participants will be given hands on training on various aspects of candle making and prospects of marketing.

Chief guest in his address said that the participants should be determined and focused during the training, which will help them become successful entrepreneurs in future. He congratulated NSIC,

MSME, Commerce and Industries Department and NRL for organising the training programme and extended his best wishes to the participants.

The Advisor apprised the participants about the Sikkim Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme initiated by the State Government which aims at making the youth self-sufficient.

Independent Director, Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), Guwahati, Assam Mr. Sudip Pradhan, stated that NRL aims at motivating the people to be entrepreneurs and enhance their ability. He informed the participants about two stages of training, the candle training and utilisation of wax in various products.

Zonal GM, North East, NSIC, TIC, Guwahati, Assam Mr. Vijay Prakash expressed his gratitude to NRL for supporting the programme and said that the training is to empower the trainee to be self-confident in the field of entrepreneurship.

Chairperson, Sikkim Khadi and Village Industries Board, Mrs. Chung Chung Bhutia said the Chief Minister has laid great emphasis on creating an environment for budding entrepreneurs in the State.

## Cabinet approves and sanctions various proposals

**Gangtok, April 04:** A cabinet meeting was held at Tashiling Secretariat, today. After thorough discussions, the following decisions were approved by the Cabinet:

**Agriculture Department**  
Approval of ₹278.33 Lakhs for implementation of Sikkim Agricultural Resources Management System (ARMS) under the revised National e-Governance Plan-Agriculture (NeGP-A) and financial sanction of ₹62,62,425.

**Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department**

Post facto approval and sanction of ₹30 Lakhs as Grants-in-Aid to Sikkim Co-operative Milk Producer's Union Ltd for construction of 6 milk collection centres.

**Forest and Environment Department**

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹98.34 Lakhs for the repair and upgradation of Saramsa Garden.

**Roads and Bridges Department**

Administrative approval of ₹300.14 lakhs for the work construction of bridge at Limbuni Khola along Darap Namboo road (Yangthang), Gyalshing District and financial sanction of ₹221.40 Lakhs.

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹171.32 lakh for the work upgradation and carpeting of road along approach Road to Tumlong Village from NH- 31 A under Mangan District.

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹181.58 Lakhs for the work upgradation, carpeting, protective and drainage works along Gor

Taryang Road under Mangan District (1.57 Km).

**Rural Development Department**

Post facto approval and sanction of ₹1055.02 Lakhs (Central Share ₹868.02 Lakhs and State Share ₹187 Lakhs) as additional sanction for taking up activities as per guidelines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

Post facto approval and financial sanction of ₹4,48,74,000/- as Centre Share and ₹49,86,000/- as State Share under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).

**Skill Development Department**

Approval for implementation of Apprentices Act, 1961 both in Designated trades (Technical) and Optional trades (Non- Technical) through Apprenticeship Facilitation Centre and facilitation to job seekers through "Niyukti Kendra".

**Social Welfare Department**

Administrative approval of the project for construction of 100 bedded District Hospital at Soreng under Soreng District sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) at a cost of ₹236.11 Crores and financial sanction of ₹25.29 Crores.

**Tourism and Civil Aviation Department**

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹30,00,000/- as Grants-in-Aid to Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure & Eco- Tourism (IHCAE), Chemchey for the financial year, 2021- 22.

Approval and sanction of

₹156,00,000/- as Grants- in-Aid to Institute of Hotel Management, Sajong, Rumtek for the financial year 2021-22.

**Urban Development Department**

Administrative approval for revision of the cost of work "Construction of Parking cum Hat Shed at Uttarey, West Sikkim" from ₹280 lakhs to ₹342.12 Lakhs and additional financial sanction of Rs. 62.12 Lakhs.

**Women and Child Development Department**

Approval and financial sanction of ₹50 Lakhs for release of Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations and Non Governmental Organizations.

**Health and Family Welfare Department**

Administrative approval of ₹1323.25 Lakhs for the Comprehensive Maintenance Contract (CMC) of BioMedical equipment and other equipment of STNM Hospital, Sochakgang for a period of 3 years and financial sanction of ₹650 Lakhs for the 1st year.

**Urban Development Department**

Approval to amend the "Sikkim Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2020".

**Power Department**

Approval and sanction of ₹2,91,67,520/- as a one time cost for Software Development, Cloud Data Centre and GIS of assets with consumer indexing in the current financial year and approval of ₹73,00,000/- as annual recurring cost from 2023-24 onwards for the implementation of "Online Power Billing and Payment System".

## Sikkim records Viral Infectious Disease in pigs

**Gangtok, April 01:** Sikkim recorded one more Viral Infectious Disease in pigs called African Swine Fever (ASF).

Sikkim has recorded many cases of African Swine Fever (ASF) in various locations in Gangtok, Pakyong, Mangan and Namchi Districts, according to tests conducted by Real Time PCR at National Institute of High Security Animal Disease (NIHSAD), Bhopal and informed vide letter no. F.No. 15-57/2012-NIHSAD, dated 29-03-2022.

ASF is a highly contagious and fatal disease of domestic and feral pigs (including wild boar) transmitted through direct and indirect contacts, ingestion of contaminated feedstuff and by certain tick vector species. The disease does not infect humans (not Zoonotic) or other livestock species. However, no vaccine or drugs are available to prevent

ASF infection at present.

African swine fever (ASF) is a highly contagious economically devastating hemorrhagic viral disease of pigs, warthogs and wild boar with high rates of morbidity and mortality.

Government of India has taken initiatives to take all necessary actions towards curbing the spread vide No: D.O No: K-11/22/2020-LH Dated: 1 April 22.

Consequently, a high-level technical meeting was held on April 01 with senior Veterinary Officials at Gangtok HQ under the chairmanship of Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department. Dr. P. Senthil Kumar. Accordingly, the following measures are imposed for immediate actions.

1. The Notification No. 15/ AH&VS/Adm/2021 Dated 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 on Standard

Operating Procedure (SOP) on PRRS shall be followed and Adopted by Field Veterinarians and Piggery Farm Managers for African Swine Fever (ASF) as well till further notice or till a specific SOP for African Swine Fever is notified.

2. Gyalshing and Soreng Districts are free from Disease as on date, the Movement of the Pigs from affected Districts namely Gangtok, Mangan, Pakyong and Namchi for entry into Gyalshing and Soreng District is prohibited till further notice.

A detailed Standard Operating Procedure for African Swine Fever shall be issued by the Department soon after its finalization.

Regulations are being imposed by Animal Husbandry Department to control the Disease.

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