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Bachendri Pal calls on Governor



Gangtok, April 08: Indian Mountaineer, Bachendri Pal called on the Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad at his office in Raj Bhavan, today.

Bachendri Pal is the first Indian woman to summit the Mount Everest. She has been conferred with many awards for her

achievements.

The Governor conveyed his warm wishes and said that Bachendri Pal is the living inspiration to the entire womanhood.

Bachendri Pal also expressed her gratitude to the Governor.

Governor attends World Health Day celebration



Gangtok, April 07: Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad attended the World Health Day celebration at the Auditorium of the STNM Hospital in Sohyagang as the chief guest in the presence of Minister for Health, Dr M. K. Sharma, today.

Organised by the Health and Family Welfare Department under the aegis of the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the main objective of the programme was to felicitate health workers who worked selflessly during the pandemic. The theme of this year's World Health Day was our planet, our health.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor extended warm greetings on the occasion of World Health Day. He appreciated the efforts of health workers during the pandemic and

said that Sikkim has set a benchmark for health services in the country. He highlighted adopting Ayurvedic medicines, local traditional foods and increasing plantations to strive towards a sustainable future.

The Governor emphasised doing away with fast-food and substance abuse, which are the major causes of non-communicable diseases. He urged the health workers to spread the concept of adopting a healthy lifestyle in rural areas, schools and colleges.

The Governor further paid tribute to the health workers who lost their lives during the pandemic.

Minister Dr. M.K. Sharma, in his address, extended warm

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CM attends Madhavpur Ghed Festival 2022

Gujarat, April 11: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the inaugural ceremony of the Madhavpur Ghed Festival 2022 on April 10. The festival was inaugurated by President of India Mr. Ram Nath Kovind and had the presence of First Lady Mrs. Savita Kovind, Governor of Gujarat Mr. Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister of Gujarat Mr. Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Meghalaya Mr. Conrad Sangma, and other dignitaries.

The Chief Minister in his address expressed happiness for being a part of the festival, witnessing the vibrant culture and traditions on display. He acclaimed the initiative of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to unite the country through the exchange of culture and traditions and promote the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. He said that Sikkim has joined the rest of the nation in celebrating the essence of 'Ek



Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by incorporating them in all ongoing programmes of the State Government. He thanked the state of Gujarat and the organizers of the Madhavpur festival for inviting Sikkim and the rest of the North-Eastern States to participate in the festival. Chief Minister also

mentioned the notable tourism and cultural resources of Gujarat. He added that in recent years, there has been a considerable increase in the number of Gujarati tourists visiting Sikkim.

The Chief Minister was accompanied in the programme by Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, and senior Government officials.

Chief Minister inaugurates Soreng District

Soreng, April 07: Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang officially inaugurated the new District of Soreng at the Senior Secondary School Playground Soreng, today.

Accompanying him were the Deputy Speaker (SLA) Mr. Sangay Lepcha, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Advisors, Chairpersons, Zilla and Gram Panchayats, DGP, DIG, other dignitaries, officials and retired Army personnel. Minister Education Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha was the guest of honour for the inaugural programme.

The Chief Minister in his address extended his heartiest wishes and congratulations to the people, officials and employees for the formation of Soreng as the new district. Reminiscing his yesteryears as a student and Soreng being his birthplace, he said that the place is closest to his heart and also warmly expressed his gratitude to the people. He also took a moment to remember his late father, who had been an integral part of his journey be it in his school life or politics.

Extending his congratulatory wishes to the MLAs of four constituencies namely, Soreng-Chakung,



Salghari-Zoom, Rinchenpong and Daramdin, the Chief Minister said that the people have accepted and appreciated the State Government's historic decision of adding two new districts. He also acknowledged the efforts made by all the employees in establishing Soreng as a new district and regarded this to be a

stepping towards the development of the State and its people.

The Chief Minister was hopeful that the newly appointed District Collector, Mr. Bhim Thatal who previously had served as the SDM will be able to lay down a

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Pearls of Wisdom

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

- Mark Twain

Additional infrastructure inaugurated at Lower Bermiok GSS

Gyalshing, April 06: Lower Bermiok Government Secondary School held its inauguration ceremony for a new school building, today. The sanctioned cost of the building is ₹91.30 lakhs.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Minister for Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha as the chief guest and was accompanied by Minister-cum-Area MLA, Gyalshing-Bernyāk Constituency, Mr. L.N. Sharma.

Minister Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha in his address mentioned that the eight-roomed school building is the first educational infrastructure constructed with

the fund allocation after the formation of the present government. He mentioned that the State Government has exemplarily managed to provide fifty MBBS seats free of cost to the selected students of underprivileged background. The State Government has been providing Chief Minister Meritorious Scholarship to the fifty students to pursue education in prestigious schools of India, he added. He also underlined benefits of Nar Bahadur Bhandari fellowship scheme, conducting of smart classes, establishment of different universities to develop Sikkim as an educational hub.

Mr. Sharma congratulated

Lower Bermiok Secondary School and Hee Majhgaon Primary School for the additional infrastructures of four-roomed and eight-roomed school building, respectively. He expressed his gratitude to the State Government and the Education Department for providing notable additional infrastructure.

ACS Education, in his brief address enlightened students to prepare their mindset for tackling challenges with self confidence in life and encouraged to grab the available opportunities. He advised the teachers to encourage students in developing reading habits.

District Level Coordination and Monitoring Committee meeting held

Namchi, April 05: The 2nd District Level Coordination and Monitoring Committee meeting for Namchi District under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojna (PMVDY) was held at District Administrative Centre, Namchi, today.

The meeting was chaired by DC (Namchi) Mr. M. Bharani, Joint Registrar Cooperation Department (Namchi) Mr. Pem Dorjee Bhutia and officials from

others line departments.

The meeting was also attended by the members of the District Level Coordination and Monitoring Committee, who are responsible for assessment of respective Kendras after which, facilities shall be provided to sustain the project as per the guidelines prescribed by Government of India. Moreover, agendas pertaining to the Van Dhan Vikas Kendras were also

discussed and approved by the committee.

It may be mentioned here that PMVDY flagship programme is under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. The Yojna is being implemented in Sikkim by the Cooperation Department as the implementing agency and the Department of Science and Technology as the nodal agency.

Week-long training on Hill Broom binding under PMVDY conducted

Mangan, April 05: A week-long training on Hill Broom binding under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) commenced at Mangshila Tibuk Prashasan Kendra, Mangan, today. The first day of the training programme had the presence of Dzongu MLA Mr. Pintso Namgyal Lepcha as the chief guest.

The programme was also attended by Panchayat President Mrs. Meena Maya Limboo and Zilla member Mr. Zomin Limboo. Cooperation Department, also the implementing department for the scheme was represented by

Joint Registrar cum Member Secretary Mr. Sonam Bhutia, Nodal Officer Mr. Punol Shipmoo Lepcha and Cooperative Inspector Mr. Pema Wangchuk Bhutia.

MLA in his address stressed on making the best use of the extensive training programmes for the Self Help Groups (SHGs) for upliftment of their economic condition. He also highlighted the importance of women empowerment through skill training and advised them to attend the training sincerely.

Joint Registrar, Cooperation Department,

briefed on the origins of the scheme and highlighted that under the scheme, proper training and accessibility to required equipment is being provided for each Kendra. This pan India scheme that was launched on April 2018 for socio-economic development of the Tribal population in the country by harnessing the wealth of the forest is paving a way for the State in becoming self reliant, he informed.

The training programme also felicitated Master Trainer Mr. Jakman Limboo.

Minister L.N. Sharma inaugurates Bee farm

Namchi, April 05: Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments Mr. L.N. Sharma inaugurated the newly established Bee farm initiated by Himali Bee Farming Co-operative society Ltd. at Manghim Rabitar, today.

The Minister spoke on the scope of bee farming and its profitable marketing opportunities. He congratulated the Himali Bee Farming Co-operative Society for adopting bee farming in larger scale and urged them to be consistent in achieving more. He added that the concerned department will provide all technical support and may install a processing unit for bee farming for further strengthening of production in Sikkim. He also announced to consider Sadam Suntaley Gram Panchayat Unit as a PMKSY cluster, where water tanks of various storage capacities will be constructed in the GPU. The drip irrigation facilities will also be installed to increase production with optimum utilisation of water

resources with the theme of 'per drop more crop'.

Later, the Minister along with the dignitaries visited the farm and enquired the technical aspects of bee keeping and how it is beneficial for the farmers. The programme had the presence of MLA (Melli constituency), MLA (Rangang-Yangang Constituency), Additional Political Secretary to CM, Secretary Agriculture, Secretary Horticulture, Principal Director Horticulture, officials, students, farmers and public at large.

The main aim of the bee farm initiative programme was to facilitate and encourage the local beneficiaries in the bee-keeping sector and to promote and support the development of the local tribal products in the market.

Highlighting the significance of the recently passed budget for the financial year 2022-23, he said that the State Government has elaborately planned programmes focusing on the developmental works in the State.

MLA Mrs. Farwanti Tamang threw light on the farming potential of the constituency, particularly dairy and poultry farming and shared planning of developmental works including blacktopping, restoration of roads and construction of auditorium to be taken up in Melli constituency.

The Minister handed over various farming inputs and machinery equipment to the farmers and 'Share Certificate' to the members of cooperative society.

Earlier, Veterinary professionals spoke on the viral infectious disease of African Swine Fever and Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome.

PhD Scholar (Horticulture and Apiculture) Dr. Christopher Karki explained the need in equipping, training the bee keeping farmers with modern bee keeping techniques so as to diversify ways of increasing their income.

DC (Namchi) inspects Yangang Sub Division

Namchi, April 07: The District Collector (Namchi) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar visited Yangang Sub-Division to inspect the functioning of PHC, ICDS Centres and to monitor the disaster preparedness considering the impending monsoon season. He was accompanied by SDM Yangang, BDO Yangang, DPO Disaster Management Namchi, CDPO Ravangla and field officials. The DC took stock of medicines available at the PHC, functioning of Menglee and Lower Namphok ICDS Centres, maintenance of

records including Paustik Aahar, health parameters etc. and the ongoing infrastructural works.

During the visit to Mainali Kholsa, few houses situated along the drain were found in a precarious situation. Landslides along the drain had caused a few households vulnerable and SDM Yangang was directed to shift the households to a safer location immediately.

Thereafter, the team also inspected Lingee Senior Secondary School and interacted with the students and teachers.

District level coordination meeting on RSKS held

Mangan, April 06: A District level coordination meeting on RSKS (Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram) under Ayushman Bharat, School Health and Wellness and District Task Force meeting on immunization was held at the chamber of District Collector Mangan, today.

The meeting was chaired by DC Mangan, Dr. A.B. Karki.

The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss the implementation and feedback on

the School Health and Wellness programme and the submission of reports on COVID-19 vaccination.

DC in his address gave suggestions on the implementation of the School Health and Wellness Programme and enquired about the task, deadlines, target groups and prospects of the programme. He also examined the report on district immunization.

Three-day training on office management held

Namchi, April 05: A three-day training programme on Office Management and Administration to Panchayati Raj Institution functionaries under Namchi BAC commenced, today. The training is being conducted from April 05 to 07 at Namchi Municipal Council hall under the initiative of BDO (Namchi).

The motive of the training

is to prepare the PRIs in catering proper procedures at GPK to avoid various legal complicity. The Resource Person from SIRD, Karfector and (Panchayat Coordinator) RDD, Gangtok is in charge of the training.

The training is being conducted for Sr. VAAs/VAAs, PDAs, PAAs, GRSs and LDCs.

Training on Curriculum Adaption RPWD Act 2016 and 21 types of Disabilities

Gyalshing, April 05: The District level one-day training programme for special educators, Resource teachers, school heads and school teachers on 'Curriculum Adaption, RPWD Act 2016 and 21 types of Disabilities' was conducted by Women and Child Development Department in coordination with the Education Department, at DIET, Gyalshing, today.

It may be mentioned here that the programme has already been conducted in Gangtok, Namchi, Mangan and Pakyong

districts. A similar programme will be conducted for Soreng District on April 06.

Principal, DIET, Gyalshing, Mr. Prashant M. Karki provided an overview of the training programme. In the first session. Mr. P. N. Pradhan highlighted various issues, schemes and scholarships of PWDs and curriculum adaption for children with special needs.

In the second session, Dr. M.B. Chettri highlighted on RPWD Acts 2016 and various issues relating to 21 types of disabilities.

AH&VS Deptt. distribute goats under RBGD (NLM 2021-2022)

Mangan, April 06: Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department distributed goats under Rural Backyard Goat Development (NLM 2021-2022) to ten beneficiaries of the district at Chandey Farm, Mangan, today.

The chief guest for the programme was Chairperson, Primitive Board, Social Welfare Department. Mr. Nim Tshring Lepcha. Each beneficiary received five (1male+4 female) cross-bred goats (Jamunapari, Beetal, Saanen, Singharey cross), which were provided with insurance coverage. Mineral mixtures and herbal preparations were also distributed.

Prior to the distribution, a training programme on goat husbandry was conducted for the beneficiaries at the Training Hall, District Veterinary Hospital, Mangan. Basic managerial practices, common diseases of goats and their prevention and control were covered.

On March 25, Banpala Sheep distribution was also carried out for ten beneficiaries of the district. A similar training programme for the beneficiaries was conducted after which, distribution was carried out where insurance coverage and mineral mixtures, etc. were also provided.

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No.TM/Press Notification/22-23/1

Dated:04/04/2022

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified that during the month ending 31.03.2022, the following State Government have increased the Dearness Relief on pension to the Pensioners drawing pension in other state from the date noted against each Pensioners of the respective state drawing pension in the state of Sikkim may contact the Pension office, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim or Office of the Sr. Dy. Accountant General (A&E), Sikkim Lekha Praksha Bhawan, Deorali, Tadong, Gangtoks 737102 for further information.

Sl. No.	Name of State	Order No. and date	Name of the Relief/D.A. Granted and their percentage	Effective date	Letter No. and date of despatch to State Government
1.	Goa	No. DA/PA-1/Pen/2021-22/08-869 Date: 23.11.2021	Grant of Dearness Relief to the RETIRED All India Services Pensioners and Retired State Judicial Officers - effective from 01.07.2021	01.07.2021.	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/149 Date: 12.01.2022
2.	Goa	No. DA/PA-1/Pen/2021-22/TR-1069/DR-968-	Grant of Dearness Relief to Goa State Freedom Fighter Pensioners of Government-Revised rate effective from 01.07.2021	01.07.2021	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/149 Date: 12.01.2022
3.	Jharkhand	No. Pen-III/Jharkhand/DR/2021-22/2961 Date: 21.12.2021	Enhancement rate of Dearness Relief to the Jharkhand State Government Pensioners/family pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2021 (Enhanced from 189% to 196%)	01.07. 2021 Date: 12.01.2022	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/149 Date: 12.01.2022
4.	Haryana	No. Pen-1/Gen-3A/DA/2021-22/1067-1039 Date: 04.01.2022	Haryana Government Employees retired during the period from January, 2020 to June, 2021-calculation of gratuity -regarding	-	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/161 Date: 23.02.2022
5.	WEST BENGAL	Circular No. Pen.Co.ordn/65 Vol.IV/133 Date: 31.12.2021	Grants of Dearness Relief to Retired Judicial official/family Pensioners/of the State of West Bengal-revised rate effective from 01.07.2021	01.07.2021	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/161 Date: 23.02.2022
6.	Andhra Pradesh	No. 16029/PAG(A&E)/AP/PM-1/OGP/2021-22/3/2367 Date:07.01.2021	\ Dearness Relief to Government of Andhra Pradesh @5.24% with effect from effective from 01.07.2019-Sanctioned-order-issued-regd.	01.07.2021.	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/161 Date: 23.02.2022
7.	Assam	SSA No. Pen.3/T-011/ Assam/DR/OAC/Vol.VI/2020 Date: 28.12.2021	Payment of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief to the State Government pensioners /Family pension Holder/Extra Ordinary Pension Holders in Revised rates effective from .01.07.2021 applicable for revised pay scale as per A.S. (ROP)Rules, 2017.	01.07.2021.	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/161 Date: 23.02.2022
8.	WEST BENGAL	Circular No. Pen .Co.ordn/64 Vol. III/132 Date: 31.12.2021	Admissibility of revised rate of pension as per WBS(ROPA)/Rules,2019 to the petitioners pro-rate pensioners who got the benefits at par with normal State Government pensioners pursuant to the decision of Hon'ble Court of Law.	-	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/161 Date: 23.02.2022
9.	Odisha, Bhubaneswar	No. Fin.-CS3/PEN-0002-2020/28447/F Date: 8.10.2021	Sanctioned of Dearness relief (TI) @03% enhancing the existing rate from 28@ to 31% w.e.f .01.07.2021 on favour of the State Government pensioners/Family pensioners.	01.07.2021	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/161 Date: 23.02.2022
10.	Gujarat' Ahmadabad	No. pension/G.R./Special Currency/02//2021-22/803 Date: 25.11.2021	Grant of Arrear to State Government Pensioner/Family Pensioners w.e.f Date 03.10.2019 to 21.12.2019, 7 th Pay Commission.	01.07.2021	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/164 Date: 28.02.2022
11.	Uttar Pradesh	No. Pension/Misc./1014 Date: 17.01.2022	Grant of Dearness Relief to the State government Pensioners/Family Pensioners	01.07.2021	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/164 Date: 28.02.2022
12.	Tamil Nadu	AG(A&E)/Pen-29/Mail/2021-22/ Date: 01.02.2022	Grant of Dearness Allowance to pensioners and family pensioners -Revised rate admissible from 01' January 2022-order-Pongal Festival 2022-Grant of Pongal Prize to 'C' and 'D' Group pensioners/all family pensioners -orders.	01.01.2022	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/164 Date: 28.02.2022
13.	Chhattisgarh	PA/Chhattisgarh/DO/ Date: 23.2.2022	Revised rate of Dearness relief to Chhattisgarh Government pensioners.	-	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/175 Date: 22.03.2022
14.	Uttarakhand	Letter No. P.A./Pension/2021-22/2454 Date: 22.02.22	Grant of increase in pension for those injured agitators who went to Jail for 7days during Uttarakhand State Agitation	-	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/175 Date: 22.03.2022
15.	Madhya Pradesh	No. Pension /2891 Date: 08.02.2022	Government of Madhya Pradesh orders regarding grant of Dearness relief @ 17% in VII th Pay Scale & @ 164% on VI th	01.07.2021	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/175 Date: 22.03.2022
16.	West Bengal	Circular No. Pen.Co-ordn./111/Vol.VII/173 Date:01.03.2022	Grant of dearness relief to the pensioners of DA \. Getting Institutions with effect from 01.01.2015 and 01.01.2016 who received pay as per ROPA'81/ROPA'98 pay scale.	-	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/175 Date: 22.03.2022
17.	West Bengal	Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./111/Vol.VII/174 Date:01.03.2022	Grant of Dearness relief to Post -1/1/2006 pensioners if D.A. Getting institution who received revised scale of pay as per ROPA 2009		TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/175 Date: 22.03.2022
18.	Punjab, Chandigarh	Pen-12/Imp.Order/DA/SSA No. 7/21-22/2766-2800 Date: 01.03.2022	Implementation of recommendations of 6 th Punjab Pay Commission -Grant of Fixed Medical Allowances.	01.07.2021	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/181 Date: 31.03.2022
19.	Punjab, Chandigarh	Pen-12/Imp.Order/DA/SSA No. 6/21-22/2696-30 Date: 01.03.2022	Implementation of recommendations of 6 th Punjab Pay Commission-Dearness Relief to the Pensioners/Family Pensioners of Government of Punjab w.e.f. 01.01.2016	01.07.2021	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/181 Date: 31.03.2022
20.	Punjab, Chandigarh	Pen-12/Imp.Order/DA/SSA No. 8/21-22/2766-2800 Date:01.03.2022	Increase in Dearness Relief of the pensioners/family Pensioners of Government of Punjab from 17% to 28% w.e.f.01.11.2021.	01.07.2021	TM/PO/Diff. States/2021-22/181 Date: 31.03.2022

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance with the Rule 75 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly, the Speaker has been pleased to order the pre-publication of the following Bill:

Bill No.12 of 2022
THE SIKKIM PUBLIC DEMANDS RECOVERY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022
A
BILL

to amend the Sikkim Public Demands Recovery Act, 2006.			
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Sikkim in the Seventy Third Year of the Republic of India as follows: -			
Short title, extent and commencement	1	(1) This Act may be called the Sikkim Public Demands Recovery (Amendment) Act, 2022.	
		(2) It shall extend to the whole of Sikkim.	
		(3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.	
Amendment of section 2	2	In the Sikkim Public Demands Recovery Act, 2006 (14 of 2006) (hereinafter referred to as “the Principal Act”), for Section 2 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires; - (a) “applicant” means the organization or within the meaning of clause (k) institutions raising public demand falling; (b) “arrears” shall include the whole or part of an installment, if any, in respect of a public demand which is not paid on or before the due date for payment of such installment; (c) “Certificate debtor” means the person named as debtor in a Certificate filed under this Act and includes any person whose name is substituted or added as debtor by the Certificate Officer; (d) “Certificate holder” means the State Government or Corporation or Company owned or controlled by the State Government or any State Government Officer, Officer of the Corporation or any local authority in whose favour a Certificate has been filed under this Act and includes any person whose name is substituted or added as creditor by the Certificate Officer; (e) “Certificate Officer” means the Collector of the District and includes any other officer appointed by the State Government by notification, to perform the functions of a Certificate Officer under this Act; (f) “Guarantor” means an individual, a firm, a company or any entity, who has guaranteed the Certificate Holder to pay Certificate Debtor’s debt in the event of default of payment committed by the Certificate Debtor. (g) “immovable property” means any land or any building or part of a building and includes where any land or any building or part of a building is transferred together with any machinery, plant, furniture, fittings or other things, such machinery, plant, furniture, fitting or other things also; (h) “movable property” includes growing crops. (i) “notification” means a notification published in the Official Gazette. (j) “public demand” means any money payable to or any liability (inclusive of interest) which is claimed as due from any person by the State Government or a Department or any Corporation or Company or the State Bank of Sikkim or any Local Authority, under any law for the time being in force or under a written agreement with the above authorities or institution or instrument or any Decree or Award of any Court or Authority competent to adjudicate the claims. (k) “the State Bank of Sikkim” means the State Bank of Sikkim incorporated under the State Bank of Sikkim Proclamation, 1968.”	
Amendment of Section 3	3	In the principal Act, in section 3, after clause (c) of sub-section 2, the following clauses shall be inserted namely; - (d) discovery and inspection; (e) dismissing an application for default or deciding it ex-parte; and (f) setting aside any order of dismissal of any application for default or any order passed by it ex-parte.	
Amendment of Section 4	4	Sub-section (2) of the principal Act shall be substituted with the following, namely; - (2) Upon receipt of application referred to in sub-section (1), (a) if the Certificate Officer is satisfied that the particulars set forth in the application are correct, he shall issue a notice demanding the amount due against whom the application has been made and calling upon him or her to remit within 7 (seven) days from the date of service of the notice mentioning the total amount due as per the application. (b) In case of death of any Certificate Debtor or the Guarantor; the Certificate Officer may issue notice to his or her legal heirs. (c) If the application, on scrutiny, is found to be defective and the defect noticed is formal in nature, the Certificate Officer may allow the party to rectify the same in his presence and if the said defect is not formal in nature, the Certificate Officer may allow the applicant such time to rectify the defect as deemed fit. (d) If the concerned applicant fails to rectify the defect within the time allowed, the Certificate Officer may by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, decline to register the application. (e) A restoration application against the order of the Certificate Officer issued under clause (d) shall be made within 30 (thirty) days of passing such order to the Certificate Officer whose decision thereon shall be final.”	
Insertion of new sections 4A, 48, 4C and 40		5 In the principal Act, after section 4, the following sections shall be inserted, namely; - “4A Procedure after applications is made before the Certificate Officer;- (1) Summary procedure shall be adopted under this Act for adjudication of dispute. Evidence shall be taken on affidavit and cross examination shall not be permitted except in few deserving cases. (2) The certificate debtor can file counter claim or claim of set off against the claimed amount. (3) Where the Certificate Officer is satisfied that the amount due to the applicant is correct, the Certificate Officer may pass final order directing the Respondents to pay the amount. In case, the Respondents fails to pay the ordered amount, recovery certificate shall be ordered to be issued reflecting the names and address cited in the application which is then executed before the Certificate Officer or the Officer executing the decree under the provisions of this Act. 4B. Procedure for filing application.- (1) The application under this Act may be presented by the applicant in person or by a duly authorized legal practitioner to the Certificate Officer within whose jurisdiction the case falls. (2) The application shall be presented in two sets. 4C. Place of filing application.- The application shall be filed by the applicant before the Certificate Officer within whose jurisdiction- (a) the applicant is functioning; (b) the debtor, or each of the debtors where there are more than one, at the time of making application, actually or voluntarily resides, or carries on business, or personally works for gain, or (c) the cause of action, wholly or partly arises. 4D. Contents of application. - (1) Every application filed under this Act shall set forth concisely under distinct heads the grounds for application and such grounds shall be numbered consecutively and shall be typed in double space on one side of the paper. (2) It shall not be necessary to present separate application to seek interim order of direction if in the original application the same is prayed for.”	
Amendment of section 5	6	In the principal Act, section 5 shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1) of that section and after sub-section (1) as so re-numbered the following new sub-sections shall be inserted namely; - “(2) Any notice or process to be issued by the Certificate Officer may be served by any of the following modes, namely;- (a) notice shall be served or caused to be served to the debtors and guarantors personally, if he or she is present; or	

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		<p>(b) at the place where such debtor and guarantor ordinarily resides or carries on business or personally works for gain; or</p> <p>(c) upon any adult member of his or her family of Certificate debtor or its guarantors or upon their authorized agent, or by speed post or by any means of electronic communication or by such courier services with acknowledgment due as are approved by the Certificate Officer; or</p> <p>(d) by hand delivery (Dasti) through a process server; or</p> <p>(e) if the Certificate Officer is satisfied that the notice cannot be served by any other means than the Certificate Officer may serve the notices through process server or the police and the concern SHO of the concern Police Station on receiving instruction from the Certificate Officer shall take prompt action to deliver the notice to the Certificate debtor and file acknowledgement of receipt before the Certificate Officer. Provided that where notice issued by the Certificate Officer is served by the party himself or herself by hand delivery (Dasti) under clause (d) he or she shall file with the Certificate Officer concerned, the acknowledgment, together with an affidavit of service if required;</p> <p>(3) Certificate debtor or his or her guarantor shall also be at liberty to file a reply or objections or written statement within 30 (thirty) days from date of receiving of such demand notice: Provided that upon application by the Certificate debtor or his or her guarantor, the time can be extended by the Certificate Officer which shall not exceed 60 (sixty) days by recording the reasons if the Certificate Officer is satisfied that there was a genuine ground for not filing the reply within the stipulated time.</p> <p>(4) Every such notice shall be signed by the Certificate Officer or any other officers appointed on his or her behalf and shall be sealed with the seal of the Certificate Officer. The notice must be accompanied by a copy of such application and demand certificate.</p> <p>(5) When such service cannot be affected even after best endeavor, the copy of demand Certificate shall affix or cause to be affixed on some conspicuous part of debtor's residence or the place where the property subject to charge is situated.</p> <p>(6) Where an acknowledgment purported to be signed by the debtor or an endorsement purported to be made by any person authorized by the postal department or the courier services that the debtor refused to take delivery of the notice, has been duly received, the Certificate Officer issuing the notice may declare that the notice has been duly served."</p>
Insertion of new section 6A and 6B	7	<p>In the principal Act, after section 6, the following new sections shall be inserted, namely: -</p> <p>"6A. Procedure when only Certificate Holder appears.-</p> <p>Where the Certificate debtor and his or her guarantor fail to appear even after the notice was duly served upon him, the Certificate Officer may conduct the hearing ex-parte and may pass an appropriate order. For the purposes of the ex-parte hearing and disposal of the application, the following shall be observed: -</p> <p>(a) where on the date fixed for hearing the Certificate debtor or his or her guarantor fails to appear despite the effective service of notice, the Certificate Officer may, in his discretion either adjourn the date of hearing or may pass an appropriate order ex-parte;</p> <p>(b) where the application has been heard ex-parte against the Certificate debtor, such Certificate debtor may apply to the Certificate Officer for an order to set it aside and if such Certificate debtor, satisfies the Certificate Officer that the notice was not duly served, or that he or she was prevented by any sufficient cause from appearing when the application was called on for hearing, the Certificate Officer may make an order setting aside the ex-parte order as against him or her upon such terms as it thinks fit, and shall appoint a day for proceeding of the said application.</p> <p>(c) Where the notice is served but not on due time, the Certificate Officer shall postpone the hearing to a future date by issue of a notice to the Certificate holder.</p> <p>6B.Procedure when only Certificate debtor appears; - Where the Certificate debtor appears but the Certificate holder does not appear then the Certificate Officer may conduct the hearing ex- parte and may pass an appropriate order: Provided that if the Certificate holder by an application satisfies to the Certificate Officer that the non-appearance was not intentional or show sufficient cause to that effect, the Certificate Officer may restore the application upon such terms and costs as it thinks fit, and shall fix a day for proceeding of such application by issue of a notice to the Certificate debtor."</p>
Amendment of section 7	8	<p>In the principal Act, in section 7, in clause (a), for the words "Certificate Officer", the word "District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf" shall be substituted.</p> <p>In the principal Act, in section 7, clause (b), shall be substituted namely: -</p> <p>"(b) on filling of the certificate for execution, the District Collector shall execute the decree either by himself or he may transfer the same to the Additional District Magistrates or the Sub Divisional Magistrates for execution of the Certificate."</p>
Omission of section 8	9	<p>Section 8 of the principal Act shall be omitted.</p>
Amendment of section 9	10	<p>In the principal Act, in section 9.-</p> <p>(1) for the words "Certificate Officer" wherever they occur, the words "District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf" shall be substituted; and</p> <p>(2) after the words "part of such" and before the words "his movable property", the word "of" shall be inserted.</p>
Amendment of section 10	11	<p>In the principal Act, in section 10.-</p> <p>(1) for the word "Certificate Officer" the words "District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf" shall be substituted.</p> <p>(2) after clause (b), the following new clauses shall be inserted namely:</p> <p>"(c) By passing an order for taking physical possession of the property of the Certificate debtor or his or her guarantor (s) by the Certificate holder and transfer of title of the property in the name of the Certificate holder;</p> <p>(d) By attachment or by freezing of all or any of the bank accounts of the Certificate debtor or his or her guarantor (s) maintained with any banks in India."</p>
Insertion of new section 10 A	12	<p>In the principal Act, after section 10, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-</p> <p>"10A. Execution proceeding. -</p> <p>(1) The execution of Certificate shall ordinarily be taken in the following manner, namely:-</p> <p>(a) Disposal of mortgaged immovable properties against which the loan has been secured by the Certificate debtor shall be first proceeded against, but nothing in this clause shall preclude the other properties both movable and immovable property being proceeded against simultaneously in case of necessity;</p> <p>(b) If there is no immovable property of the Certificate debtor or if the sale proceeds of the immovable property or properties attached are insufficient to meet in full, the demand of the Certificate holder, then the other movable property of the Certificate debtor or his or her guarantor or other unencumbered immovable property belonging to the Certificate debtor including his or her guarantor, may be proceeded against;</p> <p>(2) In case of seizure and sale of movable property, the following shall be observed, namely: -</p> <p>(a) The District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalfshall, after giving prior notice to the Certificate debtor, proceed to the place where the Certificate debtor resides or the property to be seized is situated and serves the demand upon him. If the demand together with the interest and all expenses is not at once paid, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall make the seizure and shall immediately deliver to the Certificate debtor a list or inventory of the property seized along with an intimation of the place, day and hour at which the seized property will be brought to sale if the amounts due are not discharged prior to such date;</p> <p>(b) After the seizure is made, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may arrange for the custody of the attached property with the Certificate holder or otherwise;</p> <p>(c) If the, District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf requires the Certificate holder to undertake the custody of the property, he or she shall be bound to do so and any loss incurred owing to his or her negligence shall be made good by him or her;</p> <p>(d) The District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may, at the instance of the Certificate debtor or of any person claiming an interest in such property, leave it in the charge of such Certificate debtor or such claimant if he or she enters into a bond with one or more sufficient sureties for making the property available for auction when called for;</p> <p>(e) The seizure shall be made after sunrise and before sunset and not at any other time;</p> <p>(f) If crops or un-gathered products of the land, belonging to a Certificate debtor are attached, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may cause them for sale when fit for reaping or gathering or at his or her option may cause them to be reaped or gathered in due season and stored in proper place until sold. In the latter case, the expenses of reaping or gathering and storing such crops or products shall be defrayed by the owner upon his or her redeeming the property or from the proceeds of the sale in the event of it being sold;</p> <p>(g) The District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall make necessary arrangements for the food for the seized cattle or livestock, the expenses against which 'shall be defrayed by the owner upon his or her redeeming the property, or from proceeds of the sale in the event of its being sold;</p>

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(h) The District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may force open any stable, cow house, granary, godown, out-house or other building and he or she may also enter into any dwelling house and may break open the door of any room in such dwelling house for the purpose of attaching property belonging to Certificate debtor lodged therein, provided always that it shall not be lawful for the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf to break open or enter any apartment in such dwelling house appropriated for the occupation of women except as hereinafter provided;

(i) The seizures shall not be excessive, but the property seized shall be, as nearly as possible proportionate to the sum due against the Certificate debtor together with interest and all expenses incidental to the seizure and sale;

(j) Where the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/ her to act on his/her behalf may have reason to believe that the property of a Certificate debtor is lodged within a dwelling house, the outer door of which may be shut, or within any apartments appropriated for the women which, by the usage of the country are considered private, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall represent that fact to the officer-in-charge of the nearest police station. On such representation, the Officer-in-Charge of the said station shall send a Police Officer to the spot in the presence of which the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may force open the outer door of such dwelling house in like manner as he may break open the door of any other room within the house. The District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may also in the presence of the Police Officer, after due notice given for the removal of women and, after furnishing means for their removal in suitable manner (if they be women of rank who according to the customs of the country cannot appear in public) enter the rooms for the purpose of seizure of the property of the Certificate debtor, if any, deposited therein but such property, if found, shall be immediately removed from such rooms, after which they shall be left free to the former occupants;

(k) The District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall on the day prior to and on the day of sale, cause proclamation of the time and place of the intended sale to be made by beat of drum or publishing in a local newspaper, or in both, in the village or town in which the Certificate debtor resides and in such other place or places or manner as he may consider necessary to give due publicity to the same; Provided that where property is divided into lots for the purpose of being sold separately, it shall be necessary to make a separate proclamation for each lot, unless proper notice of the sale cannot, in the opinion of the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf, otherwise be given;

(l) No sale shall take place until after the expiration of the period of 15 (fifteen) days from the date on which the sale notice has been served or affixed in the manner specified in section 10: Provided that where the property seized is subject to speedy and natural decay, or where the expenses of keeping it in custody are likely to exceed the value, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may sell it at any time before the expiry of the period of 15 (fifteen) days;

(m) The District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may, in his discretion, adjourn the sale to any other day, after recording his reasons in writing for such adjournment;

(n) Where it is proved to the satisfaction of District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf having competent jurisdiction under this Act, that any property which has been seized under these Act has been forcibly or clandestinely removed by any person, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may order forthwith such property to be restored to such Certificate holder;

(o) Where prior to the day fixed for the sale, the Certificate debtor or any person acting on his behalf or any person claiming an interest in the property attached, pays the full amount due including interest and other costs incurred in attaching the property the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/ her to act on his/her behalf shall cancel the order of attachment and release the property forthwith;

(p) No officer or other person having a duty to perform in connection with any sale shall, whether directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold;

(q) Where the property is sold, of which actual seizure has been made, it shall be delivered to the purchaser. Where the property sold is in the possession of any person, delivery thereof to the purchaser shall be made by giving notice to the person in possession prohibiting him delivering possession of the property to any other person except the purchaser;

(r) In required cases the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may pass an order directing the concerned Station House Officer of the concern Police Station to provide security during attachment of property or assessment of property or seizure of property or sale of property etc. and the concern SHO on receiving such requisition shall make prompt arrangement for deployment of security personnel as may be necessary for the purpose.”

In the Principal Act in section 12; -

(1) for the words “Certificate Officer” whenever they occur, the words “District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf” shall be substituted;

(2) In sub-section (4), after clause (b), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: -

“(c) in the case of immovable property, if the property is not sold on the first public auction, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/ her to act on his/her behalf shall re-fix the reserve price of the property as it deems fit and necessary and call for second public auction;

(d) in case the immovable property is not sold in second auction attempt, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/ her to act on his/her behalf may pass an order for taking physical possession of the immovable property by the Certificate holder by transfer of title on the property in favour of the Certificate holder and shall also pass an order in favour of the Certificate holder to sell the property to any interested buyers at a price negotiated between the Certificate holder and the prospective buyers or also by offering the property to the State Government for acquisition of the property by the State Government against suitable compensation as per the prevalent circle rates or block rates or as per the prevalent law for the time being in force:

Provided that such sale of immovable property shall be given effect having due regard to the prevalent local land laws.”

In the principal Act, after section 12, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:-

“12A. Disposal of Proceeds of Execution. -

(1) Whenever assets are realized, by sale or otherwise in execution of a certificate, they shall be disposed off in the following manner, namely; -

(a) There shall be paid to the Certificate holder the costs incurred by him;

(b) There shall, in next place, be paid to the Certificate holder the amount due to him under the certificate in execution of which the assets are realized;

(c) If there remains any balance after the above payments, there shall be paid, to the Certificate holder therefrom any other amount recoverable under the procedure provided by this Act which may be due to him on the date on which the assets were realized; and

(d) The balance, if any, remaining after the payment of the amount, referred to in clause (c), shall be paid to the Certificate debtor.

(e) If the Certificate debtor disputes any claim made by the Certificate holder with regard to any amount referred to in clause (c), the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall determine the dispute.”

In the principal Act, after section 13, the following sections shall be inserted, namely: -

“13A. Attachment of salary or allowances of public officer or of servant of a local authority. -

Where the movable property to be attached is the salary or allowance or wages of a public officer or of a servant of local authority or a firm or a company, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/ her to act on his/her behalf may order in a prescribed form, order the amount shall, subject to the provisions of section 60 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908), be deducted or realized from such salary or allowance or wages either in one payment or by monthly installments as the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/ her behalf may direct and upon notice of the order, the officer or other person whose duty is to disburse such salary or allowances or wages shall with hold and remit to the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf, the requisite amount.”

In the principal Act, after section 14, the following sections shall be inserted, namely: -

“14A. Procedure for attachment and sale of immovable property. -

In the attachment and sale of immovable property, the following shall be observed, namely: -

(a) where the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf is satisfied and there is reason to believe that the Certificate debtor with intent to defeat or delay the execution proceedings is about to dispose off the whole or any part of his or her property, the demand notice issued by the Certificate Officer under section 4 shall not allow any time to the Certificate debtor for the payment of the amount due by him or her. The order shall be made stating that the property of the Certificate debtor shall be attached forthwith;

(b) If the Certificate debtor fails to pay the amount specified in the demand notice within the time allowed, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall proceed to attach and sell the immovable property noted in the application for execution in the manner hereinafter specified;

(c) Proclamation of sale shall also be published by affixing a notice in the office of the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf at least 30 (thirty) days before the date fixed for the sale. Such proclamation shall state the names of Certificate holder and

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the Certificate debtor, the time and place of sale and also shall specify as fairly and accurately as possible: -

- (i) the property to be sold;
- (ii) any encumbrance to which the property is liable;
- (iii) the amount for the recovery of which the sale is ordered;
- (iv) every other matter which the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf considers material for a purchaser to know in order to judge the nature and value of the property.

(d) When any immovable property is sold under this Act, the sale shall be subject to the prior encumbrances on the property, if any;

(e) The Certificate holder shall, when the amount for the realization of which the sale is held, furnish the information to the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf with in such time as may be fixed by him;

(f) The time for production of the encumbrance certificate may be extended at the discretion of the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf;

(g) The sale shall be by public auction to the highest bidder: Provided that it shall be open to the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf to accept or decline the highest bid where the price offered appears to be unduly low or for other reasons: Provided further that the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may in his/her discretion adjourn the sale to a specified day and hour, recording his reasons for such adjournment;

(h) Where a sale is so adjourned for a longer period than 7 (seven) days, a fresh notice shall be issued unless the Certificate debtor consents to waive it;

(i) The sale shall be held after the expiry of not less than 30 (thirty) days calculated from the date on which notice of the proclamation was affixed in the office of the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf and the place of sale shall be the village or town where the property to be sold is situated or such adjoining prominent place of public resort as may be fixed by the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf;

(j) A sum of money equal to 25 percent of the minimum auction value of the immovable property shall be deposited by the purchaser at the time of the purchase, and in default of such deposit, shall forfeit all claims to the property or any part of the deposited money, thereafter, the property shall forthwith be put up for resale:

Provided that on application on sufficient reasons by the purchaser, the time may be extended at the discretion of the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf;

(k) The remainder of the purchase money and the amount required for the general stamp duty for the purchase shall be paid within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of sale or purchase.

14B. Application to set aside sale on deposit. -

(1) Where, any person either owning such property or holding an interest therein by virtue of title acquired before such sale may apply to have the sale set aside on depositing the minimum auction value with the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf.

(2) If an application is made within 30 (thirty) days from the date of sale, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall pass an order setting aside the sale and shall repay to the purchaser the purchase money so far asit has been deposited, together with interest as per provision of the Act:

Provided that if more persons than one have made deposit and application under this rule, the application of the first depositor to the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall be accepted.

14C. Application to set aside sale on ground of irregularity or fraud. -

(1) At any time within 30 (thirty) days from the date of the sale of immovable property, the Certificate debtor or any person entitled to share in a rateable distribution of the assets or where interests are affected by the sale; may apply to the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf to set aside the sale, on the ground of a material irregularity or mistake or fraud in publishing or conducting the sale: Provided that no sale shall be set aside on the ground aforesaid unless the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/ her to act on his/her behalf is satisfied that the applicant has sustained substantial injury by reason of such irregularity, mistake or fraud.

(2) If the application is allowed, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall set aside the sale and may direct a fresh one.

(3) On the expiration of 30 (thirty) days from the date of sale, if no application to have the sale set aside is made under sub-section (1) or if such application has been made and rejected, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall make an order confirming the sale:

Provided that if there shall have reason to believe that the sale ought to be set aside notwithstanding that no such application has been made on grounds other than those alleged in any application which has been made and rejected. He may after recording reasons in writing set aside the sale.

(4) Whenever the sale of any immovable property is not so confirmed or is set aside, the deposit or the purchase money, as the case may be, shall be returned to the purchaser.

(5) After the confirmation of any such sale, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall grant a Certificate of sale bearing his or her seal and signature to the purchaser.

(6) Such Certificate shall state the property sold and the name of the purchaser and it shall be conclusive evidence of the fact of the purchase in all courts and tribunals, where it may be necessary to prove it and no proof of the seal or signature of the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall be necessary unless the authority before whom it is produced shall have reason or doubt in regard to its authenticity or genuineness.

14D.Sale of immovable property to be proportionate to that amount due.

The District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may sell the whole or any portion of the immovable property of a defaulter in discharge of money due provided always that so far as may be practicable, no larger section or portion of the immovable property shall be sold than may be sufficient to discharge the amount due with interest, and expenses of attachment, if any, and sale.

14E. Receipts for payment of amount due. -

Every person making a payment towards any money due for the recovery of which application has been made under these sections shall be entitled to a receipt for the amount signed by the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf. Such receipt shall state the name of the person making the payment and the subject matter in respect of which the payment is made.

14F. Investigation of claims and objection to attachment of property. -

(1) Where any claim is preferred to, or any objection is made to the attachment of any property attached under those sections on the ground that such property is not liable to such attachment; the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf shall investigate the claim or objection and dispose of it on merit;

(2) Where the property to which the claim or objection relates, has been advertised for sale, the District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalf may postpone the sale pending the investigation of the claim or objection.

14G. Order of the Certificate Officer shall be final. -

Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made hereunder, the order of the Certificate Officer disposing of an application shall be final.”

In the principal Act, after section 15, the following section shall be inserted, namely: -

“15A. Date and place of hearing to be notified. -

(1) The District Collector or other Officer authorized by him/her to act on his/her behalfshall notify the parties the date and place of hearing of the application filed under section 15 of the Act in such manner as it may deemed fit.

(2) Every order of the Certificate Officer shall be in writing and shall be signed and dated by him.

(3) The order shall be pronounced in presence of both the parties.”

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Clause 2 (e) of the Bill empowers the State Government to appoint by notification any other officer to perform the functions of a “Certificate Officer”.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

NIL

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Sikkim Public Demands Recovery Act, 2006 (14 of 2006) was enacted with a view to recover public demands from people who were defaulting in paying various Government revenues and dues including debts taken from the State Bank of Sikkim on time. Since its enactment, the said Act has not been amended so far. With the passing of time and

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growing need of strong public demands recovery legislation, it was felt that the Sikkim Public Demands Recovery Act, 2006 requires suitable amendment in many areas to make it more effective and stringent towards defaulters.

Therefore, with a view to make the procedure for recovering public demands from defaulters more stringent, the Sikkim Public Demands Recovery (Amendment) Bill, 2021 has been framed.

The Sikkim Public Demands Recovery (Amendment) Bill, 2021 provides for-

(a) Amendment of sections 2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10 and 12;

(b) Insertion of new sections 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 6A, 6B, 10A, 12A, 13A, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G and 15A.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

Kunga Nima Lepcha
Minister-in-Charge

By Order

Dr. Gopal PD.Dahal, SLASS
Secretary
(Sl. No.1091)

**State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim
Forest & Environment Department
Government of Sikkim
Deorali, Gangtok-737102**

F. No.1074/SPCB287

Dated 11/4/22

Notice Inviting Request For Proposal

SPCB-Sikkim invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from reputed agencies/organization/firms having experience in the field of environmental monitoring for development, installation, operation and maintenance of a real time continuous river water quality monitoring system in accordance with such terms and conditions prescribed hereunder:

Time schedule of RFP:

SL.No.	Particular.	Date/Time (Proposed)
1.	Publication of Invitation of RFP	13/04/2022
2.	Last date for Tender document download	30/04/2022
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting at the office of Member Secretary, SPCB-Sikkim	02/05/2022
4.	Last date and time of submitting the technical and financial bid at SPCB-Sikkim, Deorali.	09/05/2022
5.	Opening of Technical Bid	17/05/2022
6.	Opening of Financial Bid	17/05/2022

The application should be addressed to the Member Secretary, SPCB-Sikkim, Block C, Forest Secretariat, Deorali, Gangtok, Sikkim and sent by registered post or email to spcbsikkim@gmail.com

Complete RFP document can be downloaded from the website: <https://spcb.sikkim.gov>. Applicants are advised to check the website on a regular basis. Any subsequent notice/information regarding this tender shall be uploaded on the websites only.

(Dr. Gopal Pradhan)
Member Secretary,
State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim
(Sl. No.1090)

**Printing & Stationary Department
Government of Sikkim
Tadong, Gangtok, East Sikkim**

No.Acctt/25/Ptg.&Sty./06

Dated:05/04/22

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Printing & Stationery Department, Govt. of Sikkim invites sealed tenders from the local firms/ authorized dealers/stockiest for supply of Sundry items, Electrical items, Computer Consumable items, Screen/Gestetner Consumable items, Chemicals & Plates of Technova Product and other miscellaneous items as per requirement for the Financial year 2022-23. The terms and conditions of the tender are as follows:-

1. The tender form/document can be obtained from the Technical Officer -cum D & D O of the department on production of bank receipt of ₹2000/- (Rupees two thousand) only obtained from the State Bank of Sikkim as cost of tender form/ document to be credited to revenue head "0058-Ptg. & Sty., 200- Other Receipts" during working hours on 21st April and 22nd April 2022.

2. The Tender should accompany alongwith the sample of the items to be supplied. In the absence of the sample the tender will not be accepted.

3. The date and time for receipt/ submission for tender form/ document by post is on or before 27th April 2022 and by hand is on 28th April 2022 upto 12.00 Noon and will be opened on the same day at 2.00 P.M in the presence of the tender(s)/ bidder(s) or their representative(s) who wish to be present during opening of the tender.

4. The department will not be responsible for non- receipt/ late receipt or loss of tender document submitted through postal service or courier service.

5. Item wise lowest rate shall not be considered for acceptance of tender. However, cumulative lowest rate of items quoted in annexures shall be considered for acceptance of the tender.

6. The bidder quoting the cumulative lowest rates shall be considered for selection subject to inspection of shop regarding availability of the items quoted for in the tender document.

7. The tender must be accompanied with Earnest Money of ₹50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) only in the form of TDR deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim in favour of Technical Officer -cum-D & D O, Printing & Stationery Department, Gangtok as Security Deposit along with valid Trade License, GST No and COI

8. On approval of the rate, the selected tenderer is required to sign an undertaking stipulating certain necessary terms and conditions of the supply.

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NOTICE

The Physical Endurance Test for filling up of 03 (three) posts of Sub Jailor (for male candidates only) 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 on 22nd April 2022.

List of eligible candidates on the basis of Written Examination (Prelims.), Physical Endurance Test schedule and details on Venue shall be published at a later date.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**

Minister L. N. Sharma chairs series of meeting in his constituency

Gyalshing, April 8: Minister for Agriculture Department, Mr. L. N. Sharma led the inspection and chaired series of meeting in his constituency, today.

The daylong programme began with a ward level meeting from Upper Bermiok -ward A under Bermiok Berthang GPU.

The Minister briefed about the progress of developmental works being carried out in the constituency and interacted with the villagers and also enquired about their need and requirements.

In his brief address, Minister underlined the newly initiated schemes under the State Government namely, Vatsalya Yojana, Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana, Bahini Yojana and their objectives in detail.

He also elaborated new achievements like allotment of fifty medical seats for pursuing MBBS, development of educational infrastructures and other notable developmental projects being taken up in the constituency.

Thereafter, he also held a meeting at Upper Bermiok ward B.

Afterwards, he along with the officials from Roads visited the affected roadside at Guiyekholisa in Daragaon ward.

Later in the afternoon, Mr. Sharma had a coordination meeting with urban local body of Gyalshing at the office of the President of Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat.

The meeting was attended by the President, GNP, Mr. DP Sharma, Nagar Panchayats,

Divisional Engineer, Urban Development South/West Mr.Suman Shankar, Municipal Executive Officer Mr.Gopal Sharma Assistant Town Planner Mr. Jigme Tshering Bhutia, officials and others.

The meeting had a detailed discussion to expedite the official exercise for the establishment of infrastructure of Multi Storied Car Parking cum Shopping complex at the identified site. The Minister drew light on the various components to be accommodated and further instructed concerned officials to prepare a Detail Project Report.

He also outlined the planning of other developmental works under the Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat.

Inauguration of additional infrastructure at Hee Majhgaon Primary School

Gyalshing, April 06: Minister for Education Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha inaugurated an additional infrastructure of four-roomed school building of Hee Majhgaon Primary School in the presence of the Minister-cum-Area MLA, Gyalshing Bernyak Constituency, Mr. L.N. Sharma, today.

The programme also had the presence of Advisor, AH&VS Department, Chairman SABCO, Additional Chief Secretary,

Education Department, Additional Political Secretary (West), ADM Gyalshing, Chief Education Officer /Education (West), ADC(Development) and other officials.

Minister K.N. Lepcha in his address congratulated the school family and public for the establishment of new school building. He stated that the State Government under the guidance of the Chief Minister has put all efforts in making Sikkim an ideal

state. He threw light on the importance of education and role of parents and teachers in building future career of students. He also advised teachers to develop environment-friendly teaching and learning process in schools.

During the brief programme, land donors late Dhan Bir Kharka and late Nanda Ram Kharka, were honoured and felicitated, posthumously.

DC Pakyong visits Amba GPU

Pakyong, April 06: DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chopel made a visit to Amba GPU, under Rhenock constituency with a team of officials and staff from all the departments of Pakyong Administrative Centre. He was accompanied by ADC (Dev.), ADM Pakyong, BDO Pakyong, engineers and officers from various departments, Zilla Panchayat, Panchayat Vice President, and others.

The main objective of the field visit was to assess the activities under the wards in the GPU, inspect road conditions and connectivity, and look into the developmental activities and planning of the GPU.

The DC and team visited Mamring Secondary School and Amba Secondary School, where the headmasters explained the day-to-day functioning and the issues faced by the students and staff regarding infrastructure. The engineers were asked to undertake responsibilities promptly and deliver the required results. He also interacted with the students. Thereafter, the team visited the Primary Health Sub-Centre at Mamring and

enquired about the immediate requirements. He asked the engineers as well as Zilla Panchayat to take charge of the needs.

At Gram Prashan Kendra, Panchayat Vice President made a presentation on the GPU. Geographical profile, a brief history, public amenities, resources, and the progress made so far were detailed as well as pending works and problems faced by the public were also laid out. The DC asked the representatives of the various departments to respond to the queries put forth by the Panchayat members regarding power supply, road conditions, tourism sector, waste segregation, and management while assuring that the required support from the administration would be given. The Agriculture Department and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department made a presentation, demonstrating their activities and work in the GPU.

The team visited ICDS Centre as well and enquired about the basic activities, the

strength of the staff and children, and the food and nutrition provided. There are a total of seven ICDS in the GPU that are operating under proper supervision and following the guidelines, it was informed.

The DC thanked everyone for their time and their input and asked the officials and the representative bodies to take initiatives to propel the pending projects so that the administration can process and deliver results. He also suggested that examples could be taken from other GPUs in order to become a model GPU. He stated that it was important to not only create a model village but become model citizens as well. He stressed the need to bring about positive mental changes and work towards the development of the GPU. He guaranteed help and assistance from the administration as long as it is a community demand and asked everybody to work together and with patience in order to bring about growth and development.

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NOTICE

(In continuation to Notice No. 19/SPSC/EXAM/22 dated 05.04.2022)

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Written (Preliminary) Examination, held on 03rd April, 2022, the list of **roll numbers of candidates eligible to appear in the Physical Endurance Test (PET)** for filling up of **03 (three) posts of Sub-Jailer** in Sikkim State Jail under Home Department, Govt. of Sikkim is appended herewith at Appendix-I.

The PET is scheduled to be held on 22nd April, 2022 at Khelgaon, Reshithang. Eligible candidates should report at the venue at 08:00 AM.

Candidates should bring to the venue **the admit cards** already issued to them at the time of the Written (Preliminary) Examination.

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ANNEXURE-I

(Annexure to Notice No. 20/SPSC/EXAM/22 dated 06.04.2022)

ROLL NUMBERS OF CANDIDATES ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR FOR THE PET.

0001	0013	0029	0051	0071
0002	0014	0030	0052	0072
0004	0018	0031	0056	0076
0005	0020	0034	0057	0077
0007	0021	0038	0064	0079
0008	0022	0039	0068	0080
0009	0023	0041	0069	
0011	0028	0044	0070	

(Roll Numbers are in ascending order)

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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Chief Minister...

strong foundation to ensure efficient and favorable working mechanism for the people.

Speaking about the Government's commitment towards the people, he said that though the State Government has been striving in fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of the people, some delay in delivering the result is inevitable. Thus, he urged the public for their support and trust especially after facing a humungous challenge of tackling the pandemic.

He assured that with the decentralization of the West District, the working of Government's offices will be done more efficiently and the people will benefit the most as the schemes will be easily accessible. He asked the officials to ensure that the people are benefitted by the schemes that are announced by the Government. He stressed on the importance of providing doorstep governance and digital or paperless work.

Further, he also enumerated various developmental projects under Soreng district, such as the construction of the Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Centre of Excellence at Chakung, one hundred bedded hospital at Soreng, Vrindhavan Dham at Dodak, new establishment of Office of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Block Administrative Centre at other identified locations, construction of Rabindra Nath Tagore Park at Megidara, ITI at Chumbong, Tourism spot at Jhandi Dara and so forth. He also mentioned that the backward GPU of Chota-Samdung and Mabong-Sigeng have been sanctioned for financial aid under the special central schemes for development. He highlighted on the construction of National Highway from Soreng to Chewabhanjyang, which will also act as a tourism corridor between Sikkim and Nepal.

Adding to the inconvenience faced by the people due to the incompetence of few of the government employees, the Chief Minister directed the DC to take stern action against those officers or

employees who are misusing the benefits of close proximity. He also motivated those sincere employees to work in tandem with the public to be able to provide better outcome. With this view, he asked the Department Heads to establish a Help Desk in each department for public convenience and assistance.

He also expressed his desire to have a better health and education sector with more dedication and assistance from the society and the officials. Talking on the education sector, he informed about various schemes such as the Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme, the Chief Minister Fellowship Scheme, wherein unemployed undergraduate youths will be attaining a year training under various departments on monthly stipend basis, Civil Servant Fellowship Scheme and UPSC Coaching under Akhil Bharatiya Dayanand Ashram Sangh at New Delhi for aspiring Civil servants, APATAN fellowship Scheme for those individual, who are interested to study different languages and other similar schemes.

The Chief Minister also announced the Vatsalya Scheme for childless mothers, who can avail a financial aid of ₹3 lakhs for IVF treatment for employees and the same amount for unemployed under the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Fund.

Further, he also announced the AAMA Sashaktikaran Yojana under which, 15500 non working women from each constituency will be provided with a financial aid of ₹20,000/- annually. Along with this, he added that the top 3 active transacting beneficiaries will be rewarded a cash prize of ₹Three, Two and One lakhs each.

He also informed about BAHINI Scheme of providing free sanitary pad to school.

He declared that annually, a Bolero Taxi will be provided to those drivers who do not own any vehicle from all six districts. He also announced that a Driver Welfare Board will be constituted along with designated Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons.

The Chief Minister concluded his address by urging everyone present to work in tandem for a progressive society.

He also acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of the Police Department in maintaining law and order throughout the State.

The Minister for LR&DMD addressed the gathering by congratulating the people of the district along with the officials. He said that with the formation of the new district, more opportunities will arise and accessibility will be made easier, especially for those area that are far off from the mainstream. People travelling from corners of the district will be more at ease to reach Soreng than to Gyalshing.

He urged the people to be more supportive in assisting the Government. He said the coordination between the Institutions/ Association, the Society and the Government is a must for any district or place to flourish.

The respective Area MLAs of Daramdin, Mr. M. N. Sherpa, Rinchenpong, Mr. K. S. Lepcha Salghari-Zoom, Mrs. Sunita Gajmer and Soreng-Chakung, Mr. Aditya Golay thanked the Government for making such a landmark decision of blessing the Sub-division of Soreng into a district.

A brief District Report was presented by the District Collector (Soreng), Mr. Bhim Thalal.

The DC (Gyalshing) Mr. Karma R. Bonpo and DIG Mr. Tashi Wangyal were felicitated for their support and contribution towards the formation of the new district.

The programme also witnessed a presentation of Memento to the Chief Minister by all four MLAs. Prominent personalities of Soreng, who have contributed towards the betterment of the society were also felicitated by the chief guest.

During the programme Everester and Mountaineer, Mrs. Manita Pradhan was officially handed over the letter of appointment as the Brand Ambassador of Anti Drugs Campaign by the Nayabazar-Jorethang Nagar Panchayat.

Earlier, the inauguration of the district was also virtually done by the Chief Minister in the presence of the invited guests and dignitaries.

Certificate of Appreciation.

The programme had the presence of DG-cum-Secretary, Health Department, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia, HoDs of the Health Department, senior consultants, health officials, doctors, members of the nurse fraternity, nursing students and health workers from various sections.

The Minister directed the focus toward climate change, which directly affects the health of human beings and the environment. He said that the need of the hour is sustainable development which includes local traditional foods and producing Nutri-gardens in the homes. Further, he requested the health workers to take responsibility and become the torchbearers to sensitize the general public about the effects

of pollution and global warming. He also requested the health workers to sensitize themselves and others about healthy lifestyles and local food consumption, which will lead to sustainable growth in the State.

The Minister stressed on protecting the environment, as the menace of climate change has been looming high over Sikkim in recent times. He also touched on the issue of holistic balance of youths in Sikkim, which include good psychological and physical health and a clean environment. He requested everyone to be cautious and adopt changes in their lifestyle such as regular health check-ups, regular exercise, spending time in nature and consumption of local traditional foods to ensure a healthy and sustainable future.

Epic Himalayan Duathlon under NMBA held

Namchi, March 09: An Epic Himalayan Duathlon under Nasha Mukth Bharat Abhiyan was held at Namchi, today. Organised by District Administration Namchi in partnership with Ride Sikkim, Hub Outdoor, Mountain Bulls and Sherpa and Sons, the programme had a total number of 66 participants from places namely that of Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and neighbouring country Nepal. They were supported by Sikkimese sports personnel as well.

These races were flagged off at Bhaichung Stadium by the Chief Guest Chairperson Building and Housing Department Mr. Tashi Dorjee Tamang, also present amongst others were DC (Namchi) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, (Former National Football Player) Mr. Basant Yonzon, Indian Super

League Football Player Mr. Nim Dorjee Tamang and other stakeholders and officials.

The sporting event was open for 18 years and above for both men and women competing in various categories, such as 5 km Sprint Distance, 20 Km Cycle (MTB only) and 2.5 Km run.

In Women's group, Indra Kala Nembang and Manju Kumari Kharga from Nepal stood in the first and second position in all the three categories, while Sabitri Rai from Sikkim secured the third position.

Simar, in men's bracket participants from Nepal Man Bahadur Thapa, Basant Tharu and Nawraj Neupane secured the first, second and third position in all the three different categories.

File to Field initiative-cum-departmental inspection

Mangan, April 09: File to the 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 the remote areas of Lingthem, Lingdem and Laven under the Dzongu Sub-Division on April 08.

The field visit cum inspection was led by District Collector Mangan, Dr A.B. Karki. Also present were, SDM and BDO Dzongu, Officers from Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, departments of Education, SPWD, Forest, Power, Roads and Bridges, Tourism, PMGSY, Horticulture, Irrigation AH&VS, RDD, Social Justice and Welfare, LRDM, DCSO and ICDS Supervisors.

The team started the visit from Passingdang Government Secondary School, which is closed due to a landslide in 2019.

SMC President of the School shared the problems faced by local students of Passingdang due to the closing of the School.

The SMC members and the line departments interacted with the probability of reopening the school.

An assessment and inspection of the road in Laven village was carried out, which can connect to the valley of Sakyong-Pentong GPU via the bridge for reliable road connectivity than the main route through mantam lake.

The team also visited the nearby Laven ICDS and Government Primary School Laven.

Reports and immediate requirements of both the establishment were presented to DC and the team.

Thereafter, the team arrived at the Government Primary School Lingdem and interacted with ward Panchayats, headmaster, teachers and staff. Reports and requirements of the village and the school were placed forward to the team.

The DC in his interaction with students also motivated and congratulated students who stood first in their respective classes. The team also looked upon and resolved the immediate requirements on the spot.

Thereafter, the inspection of the infrastructure of PHSC Lingdem was also made by the team.

After that, the functioning of the Village Administrative Centre of Lingthem-Lingdem GPU was assessed by the team.

Later, the team stopped at Government Junior Secondary School Lingthem, wherein a warm reception was accorded to DC and the team, followed by a visit to classes. SMC members and Head Master put forth the needs and requirements of the School. It was informed that the school has enrolled students from both the Passingdang Government Secondary School and Mantam Primary School, which are closed due to landslides.

Lastly, a visit and inspection on the ongoing work of the statue of Mansolong, the great Lepcha King at Lingthem was also made, wherein the progress reports were submitted by the line department.

State Level Committee Meeting

Gangtok, April 07: State Level Committee to review and implement Bio- Medical Waste Management Rules 2016 had its first meeting under the chairmanship of Director General cum Secretary, Health and present were other members from S.P.C.B,

Forest and Environment Department, U.D.D, Land Revenue Department and from Health department. The meeting was held at the conference hall of Health secretariat under the direction of N.G.T.

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Governor attends...

greetings to the health workers on the occasion of World Health Day 2022. He highlighted that the importance of health workers was magnified during the pandemic and extended gratitude to the efforts of both the Governor and COVID-19 warriors for their relentless effort and hoped that it will continue in the near future.

During the programme, employees from various sections of the Health Department such as IDSP, CHSO, VDRL, IRL, ZEC, individual doctors, staff nurses, medical attendants, ASHA workers, Ward Attendants, security guards, drivers and concerned health department sections were felicitated with the

Dhara Vikas training conducted at Namchi

Namchi, April 11: With the primary objective of imparting training and technical knowledge in rejuvenating water sources and judicious management of water for community development, a three-day training on 'Community led Spring-shed Management and Development (Dhara Vikas)' began on April 11 at the Conference Hall of Namchi Municipal Council (NMC) for the Panchayats, Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSCs) and Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMCs) of five Gram Panchayat Units (GPUs) viz. Damthang, Assangthang, Mickhola-Singithang, Bootar-Salleybong and Maniram-Phalidara under Block Administrative Centre (BAC), Namchi.

The training programme is being organised and sponsored by the State Institute of Rural

Development and Panchayati Raj (SIRD&PR), Karfector. Field Facilitator, SIRD&PR, Karfector. Mrs. Sangita Pradhan highlighted the objectives of the training and cited reason for selection of the targeted GPUs.

BDO, Namchi Mr. Tenzing Bhutia stressed upon the seriousness of the dwindling water sources and probable difficulties. He mentioned that rejuvenation of water sources through the practices of Dhara Vikas activities is an excellent and effective method. Rain water harvesting primarily through the technique of roof water harvesting is a needed technology, he added.

During the first technical session, Field Facilitator, SIRD&PR, Karfector Mr. Karna Bahadur Chettri delivered a detailed presentation on the subjects of methodologies of

rejuvenating water sources through Dhara Vikas, effect of rock formation on availability of water at sources and issues to improving water table applying different tools.

The second session delivered by Junior Engineer, BAC, Namchi Mr. Shubam Shrestha presented the topic 'Jal Jeevan Mission'. He highlighted the various features of the mission and mentioned the technicalities being followed for successful completion of the programme.

The third and final session of the day was on the topic 'Water and Life' and was presented by Mrs. Sangita Pradhan, Field Facilitator, SIRD&PR, Karfector. Mrs. Pradhan mentioned the various forms of water, its contaminants and the available methods of safeguarding these water sources.

Eve Market event to be held at Gyalshing

Gyalshing, April 11: A brief coordination meeting to initiate an evening market at Gyalshing Bazar was held at the chamber of Municipal Executive Officer, Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat (GNP), today.

The main objective of the endeavour is to promote local food culture and to preserve

ethnicity while expanding regional market. The theme of the event will be 'Hamro Bazar Ramro Bazar'. The market is to be commenced from April 16, 2022 at the centre of the existing market and the timing will be 4pm-8pm. Twenty four stalls have been allocated so far and the dias for band programmes and other

entertainments will be open for all.

The meeting had the presence of (President, GNP), Vice-President (GNP), (MEO, GNP), Councillors, (BI, GNP), ASI, JE (Power), ASBHW President, Representatives of business community and others.

SIRD&PR organise awareness programme

Namchi, April 07: With the aim to generate awareness on the functions and responsibilities of administrative management process and procedures, the State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (SIRD&PR), Karfector organised a three-day long training programme for RD functionaries of the ten Gram Panchayat Units (GPUs) under Block Administrative Centre (BAC), Namchi w.e.f. April 05 to April 07, 2022 at the Conference Hall of Namchi Municipal Council (NMC).

The inaugural session of the training programme began with the welcome address by Field Facilitator, SIRD&PR, Karfector Mrs. Sangita Pradhan, where she highlighted the objectives of the training and cited reasons for the selection of targeted beneficiaries and mentioned that administrative skills and management should not only be a bureaucratic priority but should also form an integral working part of the grassroot functionaries.

The chief guest and the Resource person for the day's programme was BDO (Namchi) Mr. Tenzing Bhutia. He mentioned that the training on administrative management is useful to boost and strengthen the office capabilities of the RD functionaries.

He briefly spoke on Office procedures and Management and discussed on the process of file movement. He also briefly demonstrated and gave hands-on on the filing process, note sheet writing, movement of files and process of maintaining files in file movement register.

The Resource Person for the second session was Panchayat Coordinator, Namchi District Mr. Khemraj Chettri. He gave his presentation of the topic Fifteenth Finance Commission (FFC) and Panchayat Award'. He also elaborated the processes of filing the nominations for the awards and discussed on the levels of different committees such as Central Committee, State Level Committee and their scrutiny process of cross checking nominations of the GPUs. He also mentioned the importance of filling information for the nominations process. Detailed elaborated information on the FFC, People's Plan Campaign, issues related to Geotag and distribution of tied and untied grants also formed a part of the presentation.

Panchayat Inspector, BAC Namthang Mr. Suraj Rai was the resource person for the first session on the second day of the training programme. His deliberations were on the topic 'Sikkim Service Rules, 1974'. He

highlighted various aspects of the establishment rules and spoke on the commencement or the adoption of Sikkim Service Rules, 26th April 1974. He also gave detailed presentation on the government servant's pay and allowances, rules of resignation, details of joining time of a government employee, conditions on payment form during suspension period and the retirement details. He also gave presentation on Sikkim Government Servant's Conduct Rules, 1981.

The second session on the second day was delivered by Panchayat Inspector, BAC, Namchi Ms. Pratiba Rai on the topic 'Sikkim Govt. Service Leave Rules'. She detailed the different types of leave that a government servant can avail, the conditions and duration thereof.

On the third and final day of the training programme, a session on the topic 'implementation of rural development schemes' was presented by the Block Development Officer, BAC Namchi, Mr. Tenzing Bhutia. He discussed various aspects of few important rural schemes viz. Sikkim Garib Awaas Yojana (SGAY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY G) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

CM distributes financial aid

Gangtok, April 06: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang distributed financial aid in various avenues to the beneficiaries from the Chief Minister's Discretionary Grants (CMDG) in a programme held at Samman Bhawan, today.

A total of 39 beneficiaries including students and entrepreneurs received monetary aid, in the form of cheques. The initiative is to help the beneficiaries' progress in various sectors and their respective business ventures. The beneficiaries also included students pursuing BA, BSc, and other aspirants.

The Chief Minister in his

address stated that the Government is supporting people with the CMDG scheme so that they set up different business enterprises and improve infrastructure, including the construction of religious buildings or use the monetary support for pursuing higher education. He said that the aid is provided in the form of cheques in order to maintain transparency and the Government is also assisting those who need instant relief for medical purposes by providing monetary support from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF), he added. He urged the beneficiaries to utilize the funds responsibly.

Awareness programme on Sexual Harassment of Women held

Pakyong, April 11: A daylong legal awareness programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, Domestic Violence and POCOS was organised for the employees of CIPLA-I, Pharmaceutical Private Limited by the Sikkim State Commission for Women in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, at CIPLA-I, Kumrek, today.

The objective of the programme was to sensitise employees of the company on the various issues of gender violence and their rights under various laws. The Resource Persons for the programme were Advocate, High Court & District Court, Mr. Gulsan Lama, Social Worker, under Integrated Child Protection

Scheme, Women & Child Department, Mr. Amrit Sharma.

The programme was also attended by Member Mrs. Doncee Lama, who highlighted various new schemes like 'Aama' and 'Bahini' launched by the Government of Sikkim and urged the participants to be proactive and fight against any violence on them. Member Secretary, Sikkim State Commission for Women, Mrs. Yousa Lachenpa and Project Coordinator Mr. Purna Bhadur Rai were also present. Various initiatives taken up by the State Government for the protection of women and children were also discussed. Several queries raised by the participants were addressed by the Resource Persons in the programme.

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Pitch Pilot-Scale Start-up in the Urban Water Sector

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the National Level "India Water Pitch-Pilot Scale Start-up Challenge" under AMRUT 2.0, on 12th March 2022, with the aim of encouraging start-ups to "Pitch, Pilot-and Scale Solutions to address the challenges in the urban water sector. The challenge will help in bridging the gap between innovators/manufactures and beneficiaries promote 'Make in India' and will create a conducive ecosystem for start-ups in the water sector.

Further, Ministry will provide financial support of `20.00 Lakh each to 100 final selected start-ups.

Eligibility Criteria for Start-up Recognition:

- The Start-up should be incorporated as a private limited company or registered as a partnership firm or a limited liability partnership.
- Turnover should be less than INR 100 crores in any of the previous financial years.
- An entity shall be considered as a start-up up to 10 years from the date of its incorporation.
- The Start-up should be working towards innovation/ improvement of existing products, services and processes and should have the potential to generate employment/ create wealth. An entity formed by splitting up or reconstruction of an existing business shall not be considered a "Start-up".

All the eligible and interested start-ups may kindly register for a beforemath programme with the Urban Development Department on 4th May 2022, at 11:00 am. Each start-ups are required to showcase a 10 minutes PPT on their innovations, services, products and processes towards their solutions to address the challenges in the Urban Water Sector on 4th May 2022. The interested start ups may register themselves latest by 29th April 2022 at www.udhsikkim.org or contact the Deputy Director/IT, Urban Development Department within the given time.

The shortlisted start-ups from this programme will be facilitated in registering with the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, for taking part in this "Pitch, Pilot Scale Start-up Challenge".

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HHRC Sikkim calls on Governor

Gangtok, April 06: Employees of Holistic Health and Research Centre, (HHRC) Sikkim called on the Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad at his office in Raj Bhawan, today.

The Governor handed over

the cheque of ₹1 lakh as incentive for the medical assistance provided by the HHRC, Sikkim. HHRC expressed their gratitude for the support to the Governor.

Vice Chancellor Sikkim University and team meets Governor

Gangtok, April 05: The Vice Chancellor, Professors of Sikkim University and officials of Horticulture Department called on the Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad at his office in Raj Bhawan, today.

The committee discussed various possibilities of saffron cultivation in Sikkim. Sikkim University has initiated efforts to explore possibility of saffron

cultivation in Sikkim since 2020 and at present, trails are being conducted in the high altitude locations of the state.

The Governor directed to put forward the project proposals and concept note. He stated that the saffron cultivation will enhance economy of the cultivators and will be a boon for the State.

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The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad met journalists during the 'Patrakar Samellan' in Patna, on April 11.



The Consul General, Mr. Chencho Tshering and Deputy Consul General Ms. Sonam Pelzom, Royal Bhutanese Consulate General, Kolkata called on the Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence in Mintokgang on April 05.

The group examined and discussed about issues which would help strengthen the relationship between Bhutan and Sikkim, since they share a common respect in regards to religion and culture.



Sahakar Bharati, Sikkim unit President along with his team called on the Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad at his office in Raj Bhawan on April 04. Sahakar Bharati received various essential items for office set-up like computer with printer, xerox machine, sofa set, chairs, etc.

Sahakar Bharati, Sikkim unit expressed their gratitude for the support to the Governor.

Chief Minister visits Somnath Mandir in Gujarat

Gangtok, April 10: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang visited the Somnath Mandir situated at Prabhas Patan, Veraval in Gujarat, today. He offered his prayers for peace and prosperity of Sikkim and sought blessings on behalf of the Sikkimese people.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Resident Commissioner, Secretary to Chief Minister, Press Secretary to Chief Minister and other officials.

The Chief Minister who is currently on an official tour of

Gujarat will attend the Madhavpur Ghed Fair 2022, in the presence of the President of India Mr. Ramnath Kovind, Union Minister Mr. Kiren Rijiju, and Chief Minister of Meghalaya Mr. Conrad Sangma.

Vatsalya Scheme launched

Soreng, April 07: On a historic occasion of the formal inauguration of the Soreng District, the Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang announced "Vatsalya", a scheme benefitting the mothers and increasing the fertility rate in Sikkim.

A women centric scheme where an amount of ₹3 lakhs financial assistance for treating infertility would be given to couples having difficulty in

conceiving, where the couples can undergo In-vitro Fertilization (IVF) treatment.

The scheme would be given to both Government employees and non-employees of Sikkim. The scheme will be implemented through the Health Department for Government employees and non-employees would get the assistance from the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance fund.

While explaining the scheme, the Chief Minister expressed his concern on the declining fertility rate amongst Sikkimese citizens hence, the scheme 'Vatsalya' would be beneficial to those who are trying to conceive but cannot afford the IVF treatment. He urged the beneficiaries to avail the benefit of the scheme.

Week-long AKAM programme begins

Gangtok, April 11: The elected representatives along with the officials from RDD headed by Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mr. C. S. Rao, are participating in the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Iconic week April 11-17, 2022. This programme is organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. In this week long programme, the major focus is on localisation of Sustainable Development Goals and is being attended by selected Panchayats from all over the country.

The occasion was graced by Vice President of India Mr. M Venkaiah Naidu as the chief guest, who spoke about the importance of Sustainable Development

Goals and role of Panchayats in achieving the relevant 9 goals. He also spoke about the empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions and the role of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment. He requested all the elected representatives to give priority to connectivity, infrastructure development and irrigation for making poverty-free villages and also asked to make Gram Sabha vibrant.

Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Minister Mr. Giriraj Singh and Ministry of Jalshakti Minister Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also addressed the gathering.

During this week-long programme, all the attending Panchayats will be sharing their views in achieving the SDG goals

within the timeframe given by UN General Assembly.

The elected representatives who are participating in the programme are Gram Panchayat, Barfung Zarung GP, South Sikkim; Gram Panchayat, Tokal Bermiok GP, South Sikkim; Up-Sabhapati, Gram Panchayat, Soreng GP, West Sikkim; Member, Gram Panchayat, Kabi Rongpa GP, North Sikkim; Member, Gram Panchayat, Patuk Singbel GP, East Sikkim; Member, Zilla Panchayat, Pakyong TC, Pacheykhani, East Sikkim; Member, Zilla Panchayat, Kyongnosla TC, North Sikkim along with Director (Panchayat/RDD); Director (SIRD & PR/RDD); Faculty (SIRD & PR/RDD) and State Panchayat Coordinator (Panchayat/RDD).

Record breaking price for Temi Tea First Flush

Namchi, April 10: First flush of Temi Tea fetched a record breaking price of ₹7,500/kg in the open bid sale of current cropping season, 2022

Temi Tea Estate is currently harvesting its first flush tea leaves, The current spell of rain is useful for tea garden in harvesting a good crop, Temi Tea management is hopeful of manufacturing minimum of 90,000/kg made tea in the current season.

The Estate already manufactured 10 lots of Tea which

were placed for open bid sale, the tea received tremendous response from tea traders.

One lot of first flush tea fetched ₹7,500/Kg which is exported to Korea, the other lots of tea also fetched good price of ₹6000/Kg, ₹5100/kg, and ₹4500/kg.

The main reasons for the good price for the tea attributes to tea leaf plucking, only a bud and two leaves are plucked for manufacturing tea, Golden Tippy appearance of made tea and Orange flowery liquor of Tea which

are in great demand among tea connoisseurs of the world.

The manufacturing process and marketing team of Temi Tea Estate also committed to manufacture finest quality of tea and finding a proper market for this premium tea.

Temi Tea is known for its rich medicinal values especially anti-inflammatory effects, which has been proven through scientific research and the article published in National Library of Medicine, USA.

W&CDD & Education deptt. organises training programmes in all districts

Gangtok, April 07: District Level one day training programme for special educators, resource teachers, school heads and school teachers on "Curriculum Adaptation, RPwDs Act 2016, 21 types of Disabilities", schemes and facilities for Persons with Disabilities were conducted in all six districts.

The training programmes were organised by the Women and Child Development Department in coordination with the Education Department. The Resource Persons for the programmes were Joint Commissioner Dr M. B.

Chhetri and Assistant Commissioner, Women and Child Development Department, Mr. P. N. Pradhan.

The aims and objectives of the training programme was to enhance knowledge, skills and curriculum adaptation for meeting the needs of Children with Special Needs.

This training programme was started in Gangtok District on March 29, followed by Namchi District on March 31, Mangan District on April 01 and Pakyong District on April 04 and Gyalshing District on April 05. The programme concluded at

Government Senior Secondary School, Soreng in Soreng District on April 06.

The training programmes were attended by Joint Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, AEO, Education Department, school heads, teachers and others. Various issues related to CWSN were addressed and discussed.

The pamphlet and leaflets about 21 types of disabilities and State Government programmes and facilities for Persons with Disabilities were distributed to all participants.