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## Governor joins virtual launch of Nasha Mukta Yuva Abhiyan



**Gangtok, August 2:** Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur virtually joined the launch of nationwide 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' from Lok Bhavan, today.

Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi launched 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan', marking the start of a sustained 100-week nationwide Jan

Bhagidari campaign against substance abuse.

The programme was attended by Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Education, Mr Jitendra Singh Raje Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Lok Bhavan, Ms Kincho Doma Lepcha Secretary, Education Department (Higher

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## Indo-China Border Trade reopens



**Gangtok, August 1:** Inaugural ceremony marking the reopening of Indo-China Border Trade through Nathula was held at No Man's Land, where the 2026 trade season was declared open, today.

The occasion was marked by an exchange of gifts between officials of the Government of Sikkim and the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) at No Man's Land between the border gates of India and China.

Following the formal reopening, the inaugural function was held at Sherathang Trade Mart. The ceremony was attended by Mr Tshering Thendup Bhutia,

Minister for Commerce and Industries Department as the chief guest, while Ms Pamin Lepcha Area MLA-cum-Advisor attended the event as the guest of honour.

Minister defined the resumption of Nathula Border Trade as a historic milestone that will strengthen Sikkim's economy, generate employment and create greater livelihood opportunities for its people. He said that the reopening of historic trade route aligns with the Government of India's vision under the Act East Policy, PM Gati Shakti and Viksit Bharat, further reinforcing Sikkim's

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## Governor completes two years in Office

**Gangtok, July 31:** An official function was held at Ashirvad Hall in Lok Bhavan to mark the completion of two years in office by Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur, today.

Governor expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the people of Sikkim. He said that the warmth and hospitality extended by the people of the State have surpassed even that of his home region. Reflecting on his journey in public life since 1972, he said that he always believed in remaining close to the people and had consistently visited Gram Panchayat Units (GPUs) to interact directly with villagers.

To mark the completion of two years in office, the Governor announced an initiative to honour district academic toppers. He noted with pride that five of the six toppers were young women, describing it as a reflection of women's empowerment in the State.

Sharing his personal journey, the Governor recalled



growing up in a small village and choosing a life of public service. He also lauded Sikkim's pioneering achievement as a fully organic State despite its small landholdings and appreciated its unique environmental initiative of planting 108 trees to celebrate the birth of every child.

He further commended the State's peaceful environment, low crime rate, efficient policing and strong social harmony.

The Governor also thanked the people of Sikkim and reaffirmed his commitment to continue

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## Two new awards introduced to honour Sikkim's Aamas

**Gangtok, August 4:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang chaired a high-level coordination meeting at Samman Bhawan to review preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aama Samman Diwas, which will be observed on the occasion of 9<sup>th</sup> Jan Unmukti Diwas.

The meeting resolved to organise the State Government's flagship programme on a grand scale at Rangpo playground as a tribute to the mothers of Sikkim in recognition of their lifelong sacrifices, resilience and invaluable contributions to their families and society.

A major highlight of the meeting was the announcement of two new awards under the Aama Samman Diwas: Aama Samman Puraskar to honour one deserving Aama from each Assembly constituency with a cash award of ₹51,000/-, where the recipients will be selected from among mothers who are not beneficiaries of the Aama Yojana. Pragatisheel Aama Puraskar to recognise three outstanding Aamas who have made exemplary and productive use of the financial assistance received under the Aama Yojana. The award carries cash prizes of



₹5 lakh, ₹3 lakh and ₹2 lakh for the first, second, and third recipients, respectively.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed all Cabinet

Ministers, MLAs, Political Secretaries, Additional Political Secretaries, Press Secretary, Legal

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### Pearls of Wisdom

*"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."  
-Albert Einstein*

### ***Mangan edition of Sikkim RISE programme concludes***

**Mangan, July 31:** Mangan District-level Sikkim RISE (Realising Ideas, Shaping Entrepreneurship) programme concluded with the final pitching session featuring aspiring entrepreneurs from across Mangan District, today.

Organised by Commerce and Industries Department in collaboration with the SEED Cell, under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, the initiative aims to identify, nurture and empower emerging entrepreneurial talent across the State.

The programme was attended by Mr Dipen Subba OSD Commerce and Industries Department and Mr Sandeep Kumar General Secretary, SEED Cell, SDM Mangan.

Mangan edition brought

together participants across three key categories: Ideation, Prototype and Revenue Model, providing aspiring entrepreneurs a platform to present their ideas before the jury.

The business ideas were evaluated by an eminent jury comprising Mr Ram Kumar and Mr Srinivas Gadhavilli, Resource Persons from IIM Calcutta Innovation Park (IIMCIP), along with Mrs Rinzing Bhutia, Founder, Agapi. The jury assessed each pitch on innovation, feasibility, scalability, and market potential, while offering valuable feedback to strengthen the participants' entrepreneurial journeys.

Following the pitching sessions, the selected participants will advance to the State-level Semi-Finals, moving

one step closer to the State Finale of Sikkim RISE.

Sikkim RISE reflects the State Government's commitment to building a strong and inclusive entrepreneurship ecosystem in Sikkim and advancing the vision of 'One Family, One Entrepreneur'.

Through mentorship, incubation, capacity building and market-oriented support, the initiative seeks to transform ideas into sustainable enterprises and generate local employment and economic growth. With the successful completion of the Mangan edition, Sikkim RISE continues its journey of discovering and shaping the next generation of entrepreneurs contributing to a stronger, more self-reliant and prosperous Sikkim.

### ***DC Gyalshing inaugurates NABARD District Development Manager Office***

**Gyalshing, July 30:** National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Regional Office, Sikkim inaugurated its District Development Manager (DDM) Office at 9<sup>th</sup> Mile, Gyalshing, further strengthening agricultural support services and rural development in the District.

The office was inaugurated by Mr Tenzing D Denzongpa DC Gyalshing as the chief guest in the presence of Mr Monohar Lal General Manager and Office-In-charge, NABARD Regional Office, Sikkim.

The DC Gyalshing said that the office would improve coordination between NABARD and the District Administration, enabling development programmes to be implemented more effectively.

He advised the newly appointed District Development Manager, Gyalshing, to maintain close coordination with the Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), Block Development Officers (BDOs), Zilla Panchayats and Gram Panchayats across the district. Emphasising the need to submit progress reports. He further highlighted the importance of education, experience and exposure in strengthening cooperation among Government departments,

financial institutions and development agencies working for the welfare of rural communities.

General Manager and Office-In-charge, NABARD Regional Office Sikkim outlined NABARD's role in promoting agriculture and allied sectors through support for rural infrastructure, financial inclusion, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and other development initiatives. He said that the newly established office would help identify local development needs and support the timely implementation of NABARD-assisted schemes in the district.

Mr BB Subba Additional Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Gyalshing, Ms Laden Gensapa Joint Registrar Cooperation Department Gyalshing and Mr Bhison Pradhan Senior Scientist Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Gyaba also addressed the gathering. They stressed on the importance of close cooperation between the DDM Office and line departments to strengthen rural livelihoods and promote balanced development across the district.

Mr Rupen Lamichaney AGM NABARD said that the establishment of the DDM Office

reflects NABARD's continued efforts to work closely with district-level stakeholders. He added that the office would facilitate closer coordination with the District Administration, financial institutions and implementing agencies, resulting in more effective delivery of development programmes.

Earlier, Mr Mewang Lowang Assistant General Manager, NABARD Regional Office, Sikkim said that the establishment of the DDM Office would bring stakeholders onto a common platform and support the effective execution of rural development initiatives in Gyalshing District.

The inaugural programme was attended by DDM NABARD Gyalshing, officials from Government departments, representatives of Lead Banks, and members of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).

The newly established DDM Office is expected to serve as a focal point for NABARD's activities in the district by facilitating closer engagement with Government Departments, financial institutions and community organisations, while supporting ongoing rural development efforts.

### ***Weeklong training-cum-workshop for tribal language teachers concludes***

**Pakyong, July 31:** Valedictory function of week-long Training-cum-Workshop for Tribal Language Teachers (Graduate and Post Graduate Teachers) was held at Tribal Research Institute and Training Centre (TRI & TC), Assam Lingzey, today.

The programme was organised by TRI & TC, Social Welfare Department in collaboration with the Directorate of Languages and Textbook, Education Department with support from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

The programme was attended by Mr Prem Kumar Subba Chairman, Sikkim Scheduled Tribe Welfare Board as the chief guest.

Addressing the gathering, Chairman emphasised the importance of preserving native languages and stated that every

young child who learns to speak, read and write in their mother tongue contributes towards preserving the State's linguistic and cultural heritage.

He highlighted various initiatives undertaken by the State Government for the preservation and promotion of tribal languages and encouraged parents to enrol their children in Government schools, stating that they provide quality education and better learning opportunities.

Additionally, Mr AD Chettri Director, Directorate of Languages and Textbook stressed that language should be taught as a skill rather than merely as a subject with equal emphasis on the five core language skills-listening, speaking, reading, writing and thinking.

He emphasised the importance of child-centred

learning and advised participants to create activity-based classrooms keeping child psychology in mind, wherein every student is actively involved and encouraged to speak their native language without fear of making mistakes.

He further encouraged teachers to focus on correct pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary, while integrating lessons with real-life situations, local examples, community experiences, history of the language, folk songs, proverbs, idioms and oral traditions to make learning more engaging. He also urged participants to document the oral histories of elders by involving students in interacting with community members, thereby helping preserve cultural knowledge for future generations.

### ***World Breastfeeding Week observed in Pakyong***

**Pakyong, August 1:** As part of World Breastfeeding Week 2026, being observed from August 1-7, Mr Sabindra Rai ADC Pakyong, administered the World Breastfeeding Week 2026 pledge at DAC Pakyong, today.

The pledge reaffirmed the commitment to strengthening the 'Warm Chain' of support for breastfeeding mothers by promoting shared responsibility and recognising that breastfeeding is a collective

effort requiring active support from partners, fathers, healthcare providers, colleagues and communities.

The pledge was administered in the presence of SDM Pakyong, Deputy Director LR&DMD, Deputy Director ICDS, Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, RO/AD, along with Police personnel and staff from various Departments.

### ***Awareness programme on Organic Fish Farming held***

**Pakyong, July 30:** A awareness programme on Organic Fish Farming (Promoting Sustainable Aquaculture for a Healthy Planet and a Prosperous Future) was organised by Fisheries Department, Pakyong District, supported by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), at Kumari Pema Tseduen Secondary School, Rongli, today.

The programme was attended by Mr Bishnu Kumar Khatiwada Advisor to Chief Minister as the chief guest along with Panchayat, Additional Director, Fisheries Department, and DFDO, Pakyong.

Advisor to Chief Minister appreciated Fisheries Department for organising the awareness programme and emphasised the importance of promoting organic fish farming as a sustainable livelihood option. He encouraged the younger generation to explore entrepreneurship and career opportunities in the fisheries sector, stating that with advancements in technology and scientific farming practices, fisheries has emerged as a promising avenue for self-employment, income generation and rural development. He also highlighted the need to adopt sustainable aquaculture practices to ensure food security, environmental conservation and economic growth.

Dr Karma Doma Bhutia Additional Director, Fisheries Department conducted a technical session on organic fish farming where she explained the principles and importance of organic aquaculture, highlighting the need to maintain clean and unpolluted water sources, appropriate stocking density to allow natural fish movement and behaviour and adoption of environmentally sustainable farming practices. She also elaborated on fish health management, including disease prevention, responsible use of veterinary medicines and antibiotics and the mandatory withdrawal period before harvest to ensure food safety

and compliance with organic farming standards.

She further presented an overview of fish production in Sikkim and discussed the growing scope of the fisheries sector. She informed the students about various career opportunities, including fisheries science, aquaculture, research and entrepreneurship.

Ms Gauri Mukhia DFDO, Pakyong delivered a presentation on the rainbow trout of Sikkim, explaining its general characteristics, lifespan, feeding habits, breeding patterns and culture techniques. She also highlighted the nutritional value and health benefits of fish consumption and explained the respiratory system and sensory organs of fishes.

She further briefed on the characteristics and importance of several fish species, including grass carp, singhi (air-breathing catfish), catfish and ornamental fish. She also informed on indigenous fish species found in Sikkim, state's rich fish diversity and major threats to aquatic biodiversity, including water pollution, plastic waste, destructive fishing practices and habitat degradation.

At the outset, Chief Guest inaugurated fish kiosks established at Rorathang, Rhenock and Rongli under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) supported by Department of Fisheries, Government of India, and the Department of Fisheries, Government of Sikkim. The fish kiosk sub-scheme under PMMSY provides financial assistance for the establishment of modern and hygienic outlets for the sale of fresh and ornamental fish.

The programme also featured a quiz competition for students, promoting active participation and reinforcing awareness on fisheries and sustainable aquaculture through interactive learning.

The programme was also attended by officials of the Fisheries Department, progressive fish farmers and students.

**Date: 29.7.26/2026**

Sealed quotations are invited from interested firms having valid Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission(Gramin),{VB-G RAM-G} empanelment with Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim for supply of the following materials under Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) for the period from 1.8.2026 to 31.3.2027 to be supplied to the various Gram Panchayat Units falling under the following Block Administrative Centres under Mangan district of Sikkim.

4. Chungthang (under Chungthang Sub-division/Mangan District

| Sl. No. | Item                                                                                                                                 | Specification                                                                                            | Unit        |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1.      | Cement                                                                                                                               | 50 kg (Birla Gold, Ambuja, Birla Samrat, Ultratech, Star, Lafarge, ACC, Dalmia or Pendent)               | Per kg      |
| 2.      | TMT Rod (6 mm, 8 mm, 10 mm, 12 mm, 16 mm, 20 mm)                                                                                     | Durgapur or Equivalent                                                                                   | Per kg      |
| 3.      | Angle Iron (various sizes)<br>(Light, Medium, Heavy)                                                                                 | Durgapur or Equivalent                                                                                   | Per kg      |
| 4.      | Plywood Waterproof<br><br>(Sizes: 6 mm and 19 mm& non water proof)                                                                   | Waterproof / Local                                                                                       | Per sq. ft. |
| 5.      | Nail (various sizes)                                                                                                                 | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per kg      |
| 6.      | Chinese Nail                                                                                                                         | -                                                                                                        | Per kg      |
| 7.      | Sand                                                                                                                                 | -                                                                                                        | Per cft     |
| 8.      | Stone                                                                                                                                | -                                                                                                        | Per cft     |
| 9.      | Citizen Information Board (CIB) concrete<br><br>(Size: 4/5 ft Size: 3ft/2ft) with VB-G RAM-G Logo (in colour) (Size 6 inch x 4 inch) | -                                                                                                        | Inch        |
| 10.     | First Aid Box                                                                                                                        | Box containing Dettol, Gauge, Bandage, Cotton, Paracetamol, Maftal Spas, Enteroquinal Teblets, ORS etc.) |             |
| 11.     | Hammer (Big & Small)                                                                                                                 | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 12.     | Kaata                                                                                                                                | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 13.     | Ramba-Big & Small                                                                                                                    | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 14.     | Doko per piece                                                                                                                       | Local made                                                                                               | Per piece   |
| 15.     | Namlo per piece                                                                                                                      | Local made                                                                                               | Per piece   |
| 16.     | Faruwa                                                                                                                               | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 17.     | Karaai                                                                                                                               | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 18.     | Karni (different sizes)                                                                                                              | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 19.     | Belcha (standard)                                                                                                                    | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 20.     | Sickle                                                                                                                               | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 21.     | Chhino                                                                                                                               | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 22.     | Chisel                                                                                                                               | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 23.     | Reti                                                                                                                                 | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 24.     | Saw (Medium size)                                                                                                                    | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 25.     | Bucket                                                                                                                               | Unbreakable Plastic, 10 litres ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)                       | Per piece   |
| 26.     | Jug                                                                                                                                  | Unbreakable Plastic                                                                                      | Per piece   |
| 27.     | Mug                                                                                                                                  | Unbreakable Plastic                                                                                      | Per piece   |
| 28.     | Line Suta                                                                                                                            | -                                                                                                        | Per roll    |
| 29.     | Measuring Tape 50 feet                                                                                                               | ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)                                                      | Per piece   |
| 30.     | Belcha Dori                                                                                                                          | -                                                                                                        | Per kg      |
| 31.     | Jute Rope                                                                                                                            | -                                                                                                        | Per kg      |
| 32.     | Binding Wire                                                                                                                         | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per kg      |
| 33.     | GI Wire (3mm, 4 mm, 5 mm, 6 mm)                                                                                                      | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per kg      |
| 34.     | GI Wire Mesh (All sizes)                                                                                                             | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per sq. ft  |
| 35.     | Barbed Wire                                                                                                                          | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per kg      |
| 36.     | Wire Cutter                                                                                                                          | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 37.     | Giti Martol                                                                                                                          | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |
| 38.     | Raj Martol                                                                                                                           | ISO Certified                                                                                            | Per piece   |

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| 39. | Jamara Martol                                                  | ISO Certified                                                                                                                                                        | Per piece   |
| 40. | Pliers                                                         | ISO Certified                                                                                                                                                        | Per piece   |
| 41. | Polypipe ½ inch                                                | ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)                                                                                                                  | Per kg      |
| 42. | Polypipe ½ inch flexible                                       | -                                                                                                                                                                    | Per kg      |
| 43. | GI Pipe (20 ft various sizes)                                  | Tata Brand or equivalent                                                                                                                                             | Per piece   |
| 44. | GI Fittings (Sizes 15 mm to 32 mm dia)                         | Union, Socket, Tee, Elbow, Short piece, Plug ISO certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)                                                                     | Per piece   |
| 45. | PVC Pipe (20 ft various sizes)                                 | ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)                                                                                                                  | Per piece   |
| 46. | PVC fittings (Sizes 15 mm to 32 mm dia)                        | Union, Socket, Tee, Elbow, Short piece, Plug ISO Certified (Brand to be specified by the bidder)                                                                     | Per piece   |
| 47. | Hacksaw Blade (Single and Double)                              | ISO Certified                                                                                                                                                        | Per piece   |
| 48. | Hacksaw Frame                                                  | ISO Certified                                                                                                                                                        | Per piece   |
| 49. | Plain Sheet (various sizes)                                    | ISO Certified (Brand to be specified by the bidder)                                                                                                                  | Per sq. ft. |
| 50. | Sand Net                                                       | ISO Certified (brand to be specified)                                                                                                                                | Per meter   |
| 51. | PVC Tank/Drum                                                  | Capacity of 100 ltrs                                                                                                                                                 | Per piece   |
| 52. | Plastic Tarpaulin 24" x 18"                                    | ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)                                                                                                                  | Per piece   |
| 53. | Hume Pipe (various sizes)                                      | ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)                                                                                                                  | Per piece   |
| 54. | GCI Sheet (0.35, 0.4, 0.5 mm)                                  | ISO Certified (various sizes)                                                                                                                                        | Per sq. ft. |
| 55. | Bricks                                                         | First Class                                                                                                                                                          | Per piece   |
| 56. | MS Pipe (various sizes)                                        | -                                                                                                                                                                    | Per piece   |
| 57. | Fitting and Fixing of MS Pipe                                  | -                                                                                                                                                                    | Sq. ft      |
| 58. | Dhibri Nail                                                    | -                                                                                                                                                                    | Per kg      |
| 59. | GI Washer                                                      | -                                                                                                                                                                    | Per packet  |
| 60. | Bitumin Washer                                                 | -                                                                                                                                                                    | Per packet  |
| 61. | Enamel Paint (Yellow, White & Black) for signboard             | Asian Paints                                                                                                                                                         | Per litre   |
| 62. | Paint Brush (various sizes)                                    | -                                                                                                                                                                    | Per piece   |
| 63. | Rate of Transportation for Cement, Rod, Bricks, Sand and Stone | Cement-per bag<br>Sand/Stone-per cft<br>Rod-per Qtl<br>Brick per piece                                                                                               | Per km      |
| 64. | Stone chips                                                    | Machine crushed                                                                                                                                                      | Per cft     |
| 65. | Stone                                                          | -                                                                                                                                                                    | Per cft.    |
| 66. | Local Wood for shuttering                                      | Local                                                                                                                                                                | Per cft     |
| 67. | Fly Ash Brick                                                  | Approved Brand. Eco Brick Ultra Tech local BIS certified manufacturers or equivalent                                                                                 |             |
| 68. | Bamboo                                                         | Mature , straight, sound free from any defects                                                                                                                       | Nos.        |
| 69. | Timber Planks                                                  | Seasoned Timber free from any defects, knots and decay                                                                                                               |             |
| 70. | Plain Sheet (various sizes)                                    | GI/MS plain sheets conforming to relevant IS standards, approved brands. Tata Steel, Jindal Steel or equivalent                                                      | Sq ft.      |
| 71. | HPDE Pond Liner                                                | ISO certified, UV-stabilised HDPE pond liner, minimum 500 micron thickness, brand Mipatex, ACMEIMAT, Aditya and Natura or equivalent                                 | Sq. ft.     |
| 72. | Solar Panel                                                    | ALMM approved Mono PERC Solar PV module, 540wp-650wp, IEC 61215 & IEC61730 certified. Approved brand: Tata Power Solar, Waaree, Vikarm Solar, Adani Solar, RenewSys. | Nos.        |
| 73. | Solar Inverter                                                 | Grid tied/string solar inverter with MPPT technology. MNRE approved, efficiency greater than 97%. Approved brand. Sungrow, Growatt, Delta, SMA, Hitachi Hi-Rel.      |             |
| 74. | Solar Anchor Bolts                                             | Hot dip galvanized anchor bolts with nuts and washers, Grade 8.8 Approved brand: TVS, Unbrako, Deepak fasteners, Sterling                                            | Nos         |
| 75. | Solar Street Light Poles                                       | 6-12 m high octagonal GI pole, hot dip galvanized, complete with base plate and foundation bolts. Approved brand: Bajaj, Jindal, Transrail, Valmont.                 | Nos         |
| 76. | Solar Anti corroding paint                                     | Epoxy zinc rich primer with polyurethane top coat for outdoor steel structures. Approved brand. Asian paints, Berger, Kansai Nerolac, Akzo Nobel.                    | Ltrs        |
| 77. | Solar charge controller                                        | MPPT solar charger controller suitable for system voltage and battery bank, IEC compliant. Approved brand. Luminous, Su-kam, Delta, Eapro, Statcon Energiaa.         | Nos         |

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| 78. | Solar Battery     | Deep cycle tubular gel or LiFePO4 battery suitable for solar applications with requiredAh rating. Approved brand. Exide, Amaron, Luminous, Livguard, Okaya.                 | Nos |
| 79. | Solar Battery Box | Weatherproof powder-coated MS or HDPE battery enclosure suitable for battery size and outdoor installation. Approved brand. Eapro, Statron, Luminous or approved fabricator | Nos |

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The tender shall be conducted at the District Level for the supply of materials under Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission-Gramin, (VB-G RAM-G) covering 3 (three) blocks falling under Mangan District.
2. The bidders must possess a valid Dealership Certificate of any or all of the specified cement brands.
3. Quotations submitted with an Empanelment Certificate under Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission(Gramin) {VB-G RAM-G} issued by the Rural Development Department (RDD) will only be accepted.
4. The Empanelment Certificate issued earlier under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) by the Department shall not be entertained for this tender.
5. Bidders must maintain one or more permanent storage facilities along with required manpower within each block for smooth supply of materials, and only the transportation costs incurred for moving materials from the block storage to the worksite shall be reimbursed.
6. The bidder should be prepared to supply all items at the worksite, with transportation costs as per the prevailing notification of the Sikkim Nationalised Transport (SNT) Division, Transport Department, Government of Sikkim.
7. Rates quoted by the Bidder must be exclusive of taxes and duly signed by the Proprietor of the Firm or the President of the MPCS.
8. Rates will be evaluated against the basic input rates of the Sikkim Schedule of Rates (SOR) 2020 and must not exceed the upper cap limit notified vide Office Order No.119/RDD/20-21 Dated: 14.3.2022, or as prescribed by State Trading Corporation of Sikkim, whichever is less.
9. A valid Trade License along with attested copy of clearance certificates for GST and Professional Tax must be submitted by both suppliers/firms and cooperative societies.
10. Non-Multi Purpose Cooperative Society (MPCS) bidders must enclose attested copies of their Rural DevelopmentViksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission-Gramin (VB-G RAM-G) Empanelment Certificate and Trade License, while Multi Purpose Cooperative Society (MPCS) bidders must submit their Registration Certificate issued by the Cooperation Department, Government of Sikkim.
11. Bidders must demonstrate sufficient experience in material supply and financial capability to ensure timely delivery of materials to all Gram Panchayat Unit worksites under the respective blocks/district; otherwise, their bids will not be considered.
12. Materials supplied must conform to government specifications and standard sizes, subject to laboratory testing within or outside the state.
13. Successful bidders must ensure timely supply of materials; delays will result in damage compensation equal to the losses caused to the Department. They must also attend the VB-G RAM-G Social Audit Jansunwai at the GPU compulsorily during the contract period.
14. Failure to supply materials on time or as per specifications will lead to immediate cancellation of the contract and forfeiture of the Earnest Money Deposit.
15. If the L-1 bidder fails or refuses to supply materials during the contract period for any unforeseen reason, the L-2 bidder will be allowed to supply at L-1 rates with prior approval of the competent authority.
16. Non-compliance with any of the above terms may result in outright rejection of the quotation by the District Tender Committee.
17. The Department/District Tender Committee reserves the right to accept or reject bids without assigning any reason.
18. An agreement will be drawn with the successful bidder under each district.
19. The bidders must obtain the Tender Form from the office of the concerned Additional District Collector (Development) cum-District Program Coordinator. The form shall be issued only upon production of a valid State Bank of Sikkim Chalan/Receipt of ₹ 30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand) only, deposited under Revenue Head 0515-800-01.
20. Tender Form must be issued and closed by 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 and quotations must be addressed and submitted alongwith all the required documents to the Additional District Collector (Development) cum District Program Coordinator, Mangan District by 4:00 p.m. of 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2026. The tender will be opened by the District Tender Committee at 2:00 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 in the Office of ADC(Dev) cum District Program Coordinator of the concerned district in the presence of majority of the Bidders.
21. An Earnest Money Deposit (TDR) of ₹ 250000/- Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand only from State Bank of Sikkim must be provided at the time of bidding.
22. For further details or clarification, bidders may contact the Additional District Collector (Dev) cum District Program Coordinator, Mangan District or Assistant District Program Coordinator (ADPC), VB-G RAM-G, Mangan District.

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NOTICE FOR STAKEHOLDER  
CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON  
"FORMULATION OF  
GIS BASED MASTER PLAN FOR  
NAMCHI PLANNING AREA"

The Urban Development Department intends to conduct a **Stakeholder Consultation Workshop** on "**Formulation of GIS based Master Plan for Namchi Planning Area**" under AMRUT 2.0 sub-scheme. The meeting is to be scheduled on **7<sup>th</sup> of August 2026 from 10:30 am till 5:00 pm, at Town Hall, Namchi.**

All stakeholders from **Namchi and Jorethang**, including elected representatives, officers from all line departments, institutions, technical experts and other concerned stakeholders, are requested to participate in this interactive workshop and provide their valuable inputs and suggestions. The feedback received during the consultation will be considered in the preparation of GIS-based Master Plan for the Namchi Planning Area.

The **Existing Situation and Gap Analysis Report for Namchi Planning Area** has been made available at the following link:

<https://udd.sikkim.gov.in/plandoc/it6ketqYWUDzJOddBDrinD21HsHMDwVcpKpOAhp9.pdf>

Participants are requested to go through the report prior to attending the workshop so that the discussions are more informed, meaningful and productive.

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Venue: Town Hall, Namchi

Time: 10:30 am

Joint Chief Town Planner-cum Nodel Officer  
Urban Development Department  
Government of Sikkim  
(71, II)

Before The Sub-Divisional Magistrate at  
Gangtok, Sikkim  
AFFIDAVIT

I, **CHEMI PADEN BHUTIA**, daughter of Shri. Chundi Bhutia, aged about 57 years, resident of Deorali, Gangtok Distict, Sikkim, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

1. That I am the deponent herein and well acquainted with the facts stated in this affidavit.
2. That in the Certificate of Identification (COI) issued by the Land Revenue Department, Government of Sikkim, bearing serial No.21, volume No. III under block Deorali, my name has been erroneously recorded as "**Chimi Peden Bhutia**".
3. That in my Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPCI) bearing No. CNP0106997 issued by the Election Commission of India & in my other official and educational documents, issued by the competent authorities, my name has been correctly recorded as "**Chemi Paden Bhutia**".
4. That the discrepancy in my name as mentioned above is inadvertent and clerical in nature, and I hereby affirm and declare that "**Chimi Peden Bhutia**" and "**Chemi Paden Bhutia**" refers to one person, that is myself.
5. That this affidavit is made to clarify the aforementioned discrepancy and to place on record my correct and full name that is "**Chemi Paden Bhutia**" for all legal and official purposes.
6. That this affidavit is made *bonafide*.

DEPONENT

Before The LD. Oath Commissioner,  
East Sikkim at Sikkim  
AFFIDAVIT

I, No. 3800912H, Rank RFN/GD, Name: Bal Krishna Pradhan, son of Bal Kumar Pradhan, permanent resident of Village Kingstone Aritar, Near Senior Secondary School, Tehsil Rongli, P.O.& P.S. Rhenock, Pakyong District, Sikkim - 737133 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:

1. That my correct permanent residential address is **Village Kingstone Aritar, Near Senior Secondary School, Tehsil Rongli, P.O. & P.S. Rhenock, Pakyong District, Sikkim - 737133**, and the same has been recorded in my Aadhaar Card issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India, as well as in my other relevant documents.
2. That, due to an inadvertent error, my permanent residential address has been recorded in my Service Records as **Village Rhenock Khamdong Busty, P.O. & P.S. Rhenock, District Gangtok, Sikkim - 737133**, which is incorrect.
3. That my correct permanent residential address is **Village Kingstone Aritar, Near Senior Secondary School, Tehsil Rongli, P.O. & P.S. Rhenock, Pakyong District, Sikkim - 737133**, and this affidavit is made for the purpose of correcting my permanent residential address in my Service Records and for any other official purpose as may be required.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the deponent above named, do hereby verify that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that nothing material has been concealed therefrom. Verified at on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026.

DEPONENT

Central Workshop & Stores  
Sikkim Nationalized Transport Division  
Transport Department  
Government of Sikkim  
Jalipool, Ranipool

Memo No: 505 /SNT/JPL/CS Dated :03/08/2026

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed competitive bids are invited from reputed, experienced, and eligible firms / agencies / workshops for undertaking major repair and maintenance, of Government fleet of heavy commercial vehicles comprising Buses under the SNT Division, Transport Department, Government of Sikkim.

1. NAME OF WORK  
“Re-Strengthening of Full Body of Buses with Change of Flooring and Restoration of Passenger Seats including Denting & Painting, Wiring & Running Repairs, Restoration of Air Conditioning System in AC Bus. Total Vehicles – 32 nos.”

Schedule & Financial Implications:

| SNo. | Particulars                        | Date and time                                                             |
|------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Publication of NIT                 | Between 04-08-2026 to 07-08-2026                                          |
| 2    | Tender Value                       | ₹1,25,00,000/-<br>(Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakhs only).              |
| 3    | Completion Time                    | 6 (Six) months                                                            |
| 4    | Cost of Tender Form                | ₹20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)                                   |
| 5    | Earnest Money @ 2.5%               | ₹3,12,500/-<br>(Rupees Three Lakhs Twelve Thousand and Five Hundred only) |
| 6    | Date of issue of Tender Form       | 10-08-2026 to 14-08-2026                                                  |
| 7    | Tender Submission Deadline         | 24-08-2026 (Till 11:30 a.m.)                                              |
| 8    | Date and time of opening of Tender | 24-08-2026 (12:00 noon)                                                   |
| 9    | Place of Opening of Tender         | Office of The Additional Chief Engineer, SNT, Jalipool                    |

2. Scope of Work  
The scope of work includes but is not limited to the following:  
a)Re-strengthening of Full Bus Body  
·Structural strengthening of bus body including side panels, roof, pillars, and underframe as required.  
·Replacement/repair of corroded or damaged members.  
b)Change of Flooring  
·Removal of existing damaged flooring.  
·Supply and fixing of new approved quality vinyl flooring material with anti-skid finish.  
c)Replacement of Passenger Seats  
·Removal of existing seats.  
·Supply and installation of new passenger seats as per approved design/specifications.  
d)Denting & Painting  
·Complete denting of damaged body parts.  
·Surface preparation, priming, and painting with approved paint (2k Bilux or equivalent).  
·Final finishing as per existing colour scheme of the department.  
e)Restoration of AC Components  
·Inspection, repair, servicing, and restoration of AC units.  
·Replacement of defective AC components if required.  
·Testing and commissioning of AC system to ensure proper functioning.  
All works shall be executed in accordance with technical specifications, safety norms, and satisfaction of the department.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA  
Bidders must fulfil the following conditions:  
1.The bidder must be empanelled with the Govt. of Sikkim for strict adherence to Standard Operating Procedure.  
2.Must have minimum 02 (Two) years of experience in repair and maintenance of commercial vehicles such as buses, trucks or tankers.  
3.Must have a fully functional workshop with adequate tools, equipment, and skilled manpower with safe parking facility.  
4.Must possess valid GST registration, PAN Card, and Trade License.  
5.Should not have been blacklisted by any Government Department / PSU.  
6.Must have experience of similar work with Government / PSU / reputed organizations (documentary proof required).

4. TENDER FORM  
The Tender Form may be:  
·Obtained from the office of the Additional Chief Engineer (M/S), Central Stores/Workshop, Jalipool on payment of a non-refundable fee of ₹20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) paid vide State Bank of Sikkim Challan under the chargeable head 1055-Road Transport 201-SNT-04 Other Miscellaneous Items  
·Date of sale of tender Form: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026 to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2026 (11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on working days)

5. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD)  
·Amount: ₹3,12,500/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twelve Thousand and Five Hundred only)  
·Mode: TDR/FDR  
·The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded upon the finalization of the tender. Conversely, the EMD of the successful bidder will be retained until the successful completion of the six-month warranty period following all required repairs.

6. BID SUBMISSION  
1.The tender shall be submitted in Two-Bid System:  
·Technical Bid  
·Financial Bid  
2.All bids must be submitted by 11:30 a.m. on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026.  
3.Late bids shall not be accepted under any circumstances.

7. OPENING OF TENDER  
·Technical Bids will be opened on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 12:00 noon. in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.  
·Financial Bids of technically qualified bidders only will be opened subsequently on the same date.

8. EVALUATION OF BIDS  
1.Technical bids will be evaluated based on eligibility, experience, manpower, and infrastructure.  
2.Financial bids will be evaluated based on lowest reasonable rates.

3.The Department reserves the right to negotiate rates if required.  
9. RATE QUOTATION  
1.Rates shall be quoted for the Total Repair Work to be done.  
2.Rates shall remain firm and valid for the entire contract period.  
3.No escalation shall be allowed during the contract period.  
10. PAYMENT TERMS  
1.Payment shall be made after satisfactory completion of work and submission of bills.  
2.Bills should be submitted in Triplicate.  
3.GST Clearance certificate should be submitted along with the bills.  
4.No advance payment shall be made.  
11. TIME FRAME  
1.Repair work shall be completed within the time specified by the Department.  
2.In emergency cases, vehicles must be attended immediately.  
12. PENALTY CLAUSE  
1.Delay in completion of work without valid reason shall attract penalty as decided by the Department.  
2.Poor workmanship or use of sub-standard spare parts shall lead to rejection of work and recovery of cost.  
3.Repeated failure may result in termination of contract.  
13. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT  
The contract may be terminated at any time by the Department:  
1.In case of breach of terms and conditions.  
2.For unsatisfactory performance.  
3.If the contractor is found to have furnished false information.  
No compensation shall be payable in such cases.  
14. GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS  
1.Prospective bidders may inspect the vehicle(s) at any depot of the department, subject to prior intimation of the officer in-charge.  
2.The contractor shall comply with all applicable labour laws, safety regulations, and statutory requirements.  
3.The Department shall not be responsible for any accident, injury, or loss to the contractor's staff.  
4.All tools, equipment and consumables shall be arranged by the contractor.  
5.Only genuine and approved spare parts shall be used.  
6.The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.  
7.The decision of the Transport Department, Government of Sikkim shall be final and binding.  
8.The tenderer must be a registered workshop engaged in the repair and maintenance of Government/PSU vehicles.  
9.Tenderers shall submit their tenders strictly in accordance with the prescribed proforma provided at Annexure-A along with the Tender form, duly sealed in an envelope.  
10.All old or replaced parts shall remain the property of the Department and must be returned by the firm to the Central Workshop, Jalipool, along with a detailed inventory of the replaced parts.  
11.The workshop must have adequate parking space and a suitable work area within its own premises, without encroaching upon any public place, so as to avoid unauthorized parking issues for departmental vehicle drivers.  
12.The workshop shall attend to all defects specified in the work order issued by the Department on a priority basis. Any additional work not covered under the work order shall be undertaken only after submitting a proper estimate and obtaining prior written approval from the Department.  
13.The contract shall ordinarily be awarded to the bidder whose bid is found to be responsive and who is eligible and qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the bidding documents.  
14.The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation, in whole or in part, without assigning any reason. The Department also reserves the right to renew the contract for such period(s) as it may deem necessary, subject to satisfactory performance of the contractor during the contract period.  
15.Quotations received without the prescribed earnest money deposit (in the form of TDR/FDR) shall be summarily rejected without assigning any reason. No tenderer shall have the right to represent against such rejection, even if the quotation is the lowest. The earnest money shall be forfeited if the successful bidder declines the offer or fails to accept the work for any reason whatsoever. The earnest money of unsuccessful tenderers shall be refunded within a reasonable period after the award of the contract.  
16.The Department reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time without assigning any reason by giving seven (7) days' written notice. The contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation on account of such termination.  
17.The contractor shall ensure that all vehicles sent for repair are repaired satisfactorily. If the same defect recurs within six months of repair, the contractor shall rectify the defect again without charging any labor cost or cost of spare parts.  
18.The paint quality must carry a six-month warranty. If the paint fails within this period, the contractor shall repaint the affected section of the vehicle at no additional cost.  
15. JURISDICTION  
Any dispute arising out of this tender shall be subject to the jurisdiction of courts at Gangtok, Sikkim only.

Additional Chief Engineer (M/S)  
Central Stores/Workshop  
Transport Department  
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## Quarterly review meeting on disability convenes

**Gyalshing, July 31:** Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Gyalshing, under the Rural ICDS Project, convened the Quarterly review meeting on Disability at the office of DC to review the implementation of disability-related programmes and welfare initiatives across the District.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Tenzing D Denzongpa DC Gyalshing.

The objective of the meeting was to constitute a district-level committee to facilitate the effective implementation of schemes and services for Persons with Disabilities. With the unanimous approval, the Committee was formally constituted.

DC directed the Social Welfare Inspectors to work in close coordination with the Panchayats to ensure that no eligible beneficiary is deprived of the benefits available under the welfare schemes implemented by the Department.

He emphasised the need to

expedite the enrolment of eligible beneficiaries for the Unique Disability Identity (UDID) Card at each Gram Panchayat Unit through active coordination with the Panchayats. He observed that collective efforts and a positive societal attitude towards Persons with Disabilities are essential to ensure that welfare services reach every eligible beneficiary in a timely and equitable manner.

Ms Gunjan Rai Deputy Director-cum-CDPO, Social Welfare Inspector presented the agenda of the meeting where she highlighted the progress achieved during the previous quarter, challenges encountered in service delivery and the measures required to further strengthen coordination among the concerned departments and agencies working for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities.

The discussion centred on the interventions required to improve service delivery by ensuring equitable access to

welfare benefits for all eligible beneficiaries. Members also deliberated on the challenges affecting implementation and explored measures to strengthen inter-departmental coordination for the timely and effective delivery of services.

The quarterly review meeting also served as an important platform for strengthening inter-departmental coordination, identifying priority areas requiring immediate attention, and reaffirming the collective commitment to promoting the inclusive development, welfare and well-being of persons with disabilities in Gyalshing District.

The meeting was attended by CMO Health and Family Welfare Department Gyalshing, Dy Director-cum-CDPO Women Child Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department Gyalshing, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department Gyalshing Advocate, Psychiatrist District Hospital Gyalshing and others.

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## Governor completes...

working in close coordination with the Government for the State's overall development.

Mr MN Sherpa Speaker SLA congratulated Governor on completing two successful years in office. He commended the Governor's visionary leadership, his commitment to environmental conservation and support for the border security forces.

He also highlighted the Governor's efforts in transforming Lok Bhavan into an accessible, public-centred institution and expressed gratitude for his continued guidance towards peace, cultural preservation, sustainable development and good governance in the State.

Mr Sonam Lama Minister for Ecclesiastical Department congratulated the Governor on completing two years in office and appreciated his guidance.

Highlighting Sikkim's natural beauty, peaceful environment and growing national recognition, Minister said that under the leadership of Governor and Chief Minister, the State is progressing steadily towards

achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 well ahead of schedule.

Mr Arun Kumar Upreti Minister for Cooperation Department congratulated the Governor on completing two years in office. He acknowledged the Governor's humility, dedication to public service and initiatives to develop Lok Bhavan into a centre for social harmony, youth development and cultural promotion while maintaining close coordination with the Chief Minister.

During the programme, Mahamandaleshwar Swami Advaitananda Giri Founder and Chairman of the International Meditation Foundation, Santa Monica, USA, delivered a discourse on spirituality and human values. Speaking on the two paths of sannyas, he said that one path is to live in the Himalayas in isolation, while the other is to serve society selflessly. Referring to Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur as an example, he said that serving people is also a path to spiritual fulfilment. He described Sikkim as one of India's happiest States. He also said that as Artificial Intelligence continues to advance rapidly, it is equally important to uphold human values and holistic development.

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## Two new...

Consultant, OSDs and other dignitaries to work in close coordination to ensure the successful conduct of the

programme.

He further emphasised that the selection of beneficiaries and award recipients must be undertaken with the highest standards of fairness, transparency and impartiality.

The Chief Minister stressed

that the Aama Samman initiative is a sincere expression of the State Government's gratitude and respect for the mothers of Sikkim, whose love, sacrifice, and dedication continue to strengthen families and contribute to the overall progress of the State.

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## Governor joins...

Education) and Ms Sarika Pradhan Secretary, Social Welfare Department, officials, teachers, students, National Service Scheme

volunteers, and MY Bharat volunteers.

During the programme, the Governor administered the pledge, calling upon participants to abstain from drug abuse and to actively promote the message of a drug-free society in schools, colleges, and communities. He

stated that the pledge marked the beginning of a sustained 100-week nationwide campaign, expressing confidence that the collective resolve taken on the occasion would continue to strengthen the vision of a Nasha Mukta Bharat.

## DC Soreng chairs meeting of DLZC

**Soreng, July 29:** Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng chaired the meeting of the District Level Zoonotic Committee (DLZC) at DAC Soreng, today.

He also presided over the meeting of the District Registering Authority for the Registration of Clinical Establishments and reviewed implementation of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 through a meeting of the District Level Committee.

DC emphasised the need to ensure adequate safety measures and protective equipment for all frontline workers engaged in public health and veterinary services. He directed all concerned departments to strengthen inter-departmental coordination, enhance surveillance and reporting mechanisms, and intensify public awareness campaigns on zoonotic diseases and biomedical waste management.

He further instructed the Committee to conduct at least one comprehensive inspection every year of all registered Government and private clinical establishments to ensure compliance with statutory norms and quality standards.

Stressing on the importance of preparedness, he urged departments to maintain readiness for timely response to disease outbreaks, ensure proper disposal of biomedical waste, organise regular capacity-building programmes for healthcare personnel and submit periodic compliance reports for effective monitoring and review.

Dr Smriti Rai, CMO (Soreng) highlighted the importance of creating awareness among public and frontline workers on zoonotic diseases, referring to the experiences of COVID-19 and avian influenza cases reported in the District. She stressed the need for continuous sensitisation programmes and greater community participation through coordinated efforts among line departments under the One Health approach.

During the meeting, Dr Eden Jamyang Bhutia, DSO (District Hospital Gyalshing), presented an overview of the zoonotic disease situation in Soreng District. She briefed on the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the District Level Zoonotic Committee, which include advising district authorities on zoonotic disease prevention and control, identifying priority zoonotic diseases, coordinating with the State-level Committee,

strengthening inter-sectoral networking, and promoting the responsibilities of all departments under the One Health approach.

Based on the data from August 2025 to July 2026, she informed that the district recorded 50 cases of scrub typhus, 846 dog bite cases, 15 snake bite cases, and 507 cases involving other animal bites. She emphasised the importance of surveillance, timely reporting, and coordinated response to minimise the public health impact of zoonotic diseases.

Dr Kunzang Palmu Bhutia Joint Director (AH&VS), made a presentation on avian influenza, explaining its causes, modes of transmission, clinical signs observed in affected birds, and the extent of the outbreak in the district. She also highlighted the importance of surveillance, biosecurity measures, early detection, and prompt reporting to prevent further spread of the disease.

Mrs Sabitri Gurung Joint Director (Sanitation) presented on the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016. She explained that the rules were introduced to strengthen infection prevention and control, improve occupational safety, protect the environment, and streamline biomedical waste management practices. She outlined the committee's responsibilities, including monitoring the implementation of the Rules, reviewing segregation, collection, transportation, treatment and disposal of biomedical waste, ensuring the availability of colour-coded bins, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other waste management materials.

The meeting also reviewed the roles and functions of the District Registering Authority for Clinical Establishments. The committee discussed its mandate to process applications for registration and renewal of clinical establishments, verify compliance with prescribed minimum standards, conduct inspections whenever required, monitor registered establishments, review cases of violations and recommend appropriate action, maintain records of registered clinical establishments, and ensure effective implementation of the Clinical Establishments Act and Rules.

The meeting was also attended by ADC (Dev), ASP (Soreng), MEO (SNP) and others.

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## Training session on AgriStack held

**Pakyong, August 3:** A training session headed by Mr Sabindra Rai ADC Hq on AgriStack for Revenue Officers, Revenue Inspectors, Head Surveyor and Revenue Surveyors of Pakyong District was held at DAC Pakyong, today.

The training aimed to familiarise the officials with AgriStack Farmer Registry Mobile Application and the process of linking verified farmer details with land records through the digital platform.

Mr Bikram Rai Joint Director, IT Department, informed that AgriStack serves as a unified digital platform that integrates verified farmer, land and crop data to enable transparent and efficient delivery of Government services, agricultural advisories, subsidies and other farmer-centric benefits. In addition, he also delivered a presentation on 'Sikkim's AgriStack Journey: Advancing Digital Agriculture' and

highlighted the State's Digital Agriculture Mission, which focuses on developing Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) under AgriStack initiative through three key components, namely; the Farmer Registry, Geo-referenced Village Maps and Digital Crop Survey (DCS).

The presentation also emphasised on detailed technical workflows and current implementation progress of these systems in Sikkim. Furthermore, he briefed on the current progress of AgriStack implementation in Pakyong district and informed that a total of 11,360 farmers have been registered under the Farmer Registry.

Additionally, Mr Harka Lamichaney Assistant Director, IT Department, presented a live demonstration of the application and conducted a hands-on session on approval workflow, familiarising the participants with its operational procedures.

## Political parties briefed on progress of Electoral Roll Revision in Gyalshing

**Gyalshing, July 31:** Mr Tenzing D Denzongpa, District Collector-cum-District Election Officer (DC-cum-DEO) Gyalshing chaired the weekly coordination meeting with representatives of recognised political parties to review progress of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of the Electoral Roll in Gyalshing District.

The meeting commenced with deliberations on the status of claims and objections received from each Assembly Constituency (AC) of the District. Representatives of the recognised political parties were informed of the progress made in processing applications received under the revision exercise.

The status of Hearings conducted in respect of No Mapping cases during the period from July 16 to July 28 was also reviewed, and was informed of the prescribed guidelines being followed for the disposal of such cases.

The meeting further deliberated on status of hearings pertaining to Logical Discrepancies in the District, which commenced on July 29 and are scheduled to be completed by August 14. As this period is crucial to ensuring the accuracy and integrity of the electoral roll, representatives were briefed on the

ongoing verification process and mentioned about the prescribed schedule for the disposal of identified cases.

During the interaction, the DC-cum-DEO addressed the queries raised and reiterated the importance of close coordination among all stakeholders involved in the revision process to ensure transparency, accuracy and timely completion of the electoral roll revision. He also urged political party representatives to continue extending their cooperation by assisting eligible electors in resolving their pertinent issues to complete entire revision process in stipulated timeframe.

The District Election Cell reaffirmed its commitment to conducting the revision process in a fair, transparent and participatory manner, in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India, through its weekly coordination meetings with recognised political parties in the District.

The meeting was attended by ADC (Hq) Gyalshing, SDM (Hq) Gyalshing, Officials of District Election Cell (DEC) Gyalshing, representatives of the recognised political parties in the district and officials of District Election Cell, Gyalshing.

## Minister Tshering Thendup Bhutia inaugurates newly established School library at Topung Govt PS

**Gyalshing, July 30:** Mr Tshering Thendup Bhutia Minister-cum-Area MLA Yuksom-Tashiding inaugurated a newly established school library at Government Primary School Topung under Yuksom-Tashiding constituency in Gyalshing District, today.

The library is established by the School Management Committee (SMC) with support of villagers and well-wishers of the area.

Addressing the gathering, Minister congratulated the school for establishing its own well-equipped library and emphasised that access to a library is essential for both academic growth and the overall development of students. Stressing the importance of cultivating reading habits from an early age, he encouraged students to make reading a regular part of

their daily lives. He noted that the library would enable students to expand their knowledge beyond classroom learning.

Highlighting the State Government's commitment to strengthening the education sector, the Minister spoke about various welfare initiatives introduced for students, including financial support and scholarship opportunities for pursuing higher education in leading institutions across India and abroad.

He added that students from economically weaker sections now have greater opportunities to pursue professional courses such as medicine, engineering, aviation and other fields, with the State Government extending every possible support to help them achieve their aspirations.

Earlier, Headmaster-in-

Charge briefed on the school's academic and co-curricular activities aimed at the holistic development of students. He expressed gratitude to all organisations, stakeholders, well-wishers whose support made the establishment of the school library and other developmental initiatives possible.

Mr Tashi Wangdi Bhutia Assistant Director Education Department, Panchayat President Mr Mangal Rai and other dignitaries also addressed the gathering.

On the occasion, Appreciation certificates, mementoes and tokens of gratitude were presented to officials and individuals who had contributed towards the development of the school.

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## Indo-China...

role as a strategic gateway for trade, tourism and regional connectivity.

He said that the resumption of border trade, alongside the successful revival of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through the Nathula route, reflects the growing significance of the border pass as a hub for trade, tourism, cultural exchange and spiritual connectivity. He added that the Government of Sikkim, under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, remains committed to strengthening infrastructure, promoting entrepreneurship and creating sustainable economic opportunities for the people.

Highlighting the benefits of the trade route, Minister said that it will provide registered traders with a valuable platform to market Sikkim's handloom products, handicrafts, organic produce and other notified commodities. He further informed that the Commerce and Industries Department has submitted a proposal to the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Government of India, seeking the inclusion of additional tradable items and an increase in trade volume to create greater opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, concerned Ministries, Army, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Customs authorities, Sikkim Police, District Administration and all stakeholders for facilitating the resumption of border trade, he reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to strengthening the Nathula Border Trade as a key driver of economic growth, employment generation and prosperity for the State.

Ms Pamin Lepcha MLA-cum-Advisor described the resumption of Indo-China Border Trade through Nathula Pass as a historic milestone that revives the region's rich legacy of trade,

cultural exchange and economic cooperation. She said that the reopening holds special significance for the people of Gnathang and the surrounding border villages, acknowledging their resilience and contribution to safeguarding the nation's frontiers under challenging conditions. Emphasising the need for inclusive growth, she urged the concerned authorities to ensure that the benefits of border trade primarily reach genuine border residents and small local traders. She stressed that the Standard Operating Procedures should be implemented in both letter and spirit so that local traders, transporters, labourers, entrepreneurs and youth emerge as the primary beneficiaries.

Presenting a brief report on the resumption of the Indo-China Border Trade through Nathula, Ms Karma D Youtso, Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, said that the trade has resumed after a six-year hiatus. Following communications from the Government of India late last year, infrastructure repair works were undertaken on a war footing to ensure readiness for the trade season.

She said the reopening marks a significant milestone reflecting the commitment of both the Government of India and the State Government to strengthening border trade, advancing regional connectivity, promoting socio-economic development, particularly in border villages and fostering peaceful cooperation in the region. She added that the resumption also carries significant economic potential by providing opportunities for local entrepreneurs and other stakeholders. Secretary further informed that following the declaration of Nathula and Sherathang as plastic-free zones, a notification has been issued urging all stakeholders to carry back plastic waste after use.

The ceremony also witnessed the distribution of Border Trade Passes and allotment orders for cafeterias to beneficiaries by the dignitaries. It may be mentioned that Renqinggang,

located in Yadong County, about 16 km from Nathula Pass on the Tibet Autonomous Region side, serves as the designated trade mart for Indian traders. Similarly, Sherathang Trade Mart serves as the designated trade mart for traders of Chinese nationality under the bilateral border trade arrangement.

It may be recalled that India and China signed the Memorandum on Expanding Border Trade on June 23, 2003, permitting the use of Nathula for border trade between the two countries. Nathula is the third border trade point between India and China, the other two being Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Shipki La in Himachal Pradesh.

The modalities governing border trade are laid down in the Memorandum on the Resumption of Border Trade signed in December 1991 and the Protocol on Entry and Exit Procedures for Border Trade signed in July 1992. The provisions of both agreements are applicable to trade through Nathula.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Ms Choden Gyatso Special Secretary-cum-Director, Commerce and Industries Department, while the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr Gopal Chettri Joint Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department.

Among those present at the inaugural ceremony were Mr Samdup Lepcha Minister for Social Welfare Department, Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa MLA-cum-Advisor, Mr Sonam Venchungpa MLA, Press Secretary to the Chief Minister, Advisors, Chairpersons, Mayor GMC, Secretaries and Heads of Departments, OSDs, Director, FT (S&MT) Division, Department of Commerce, Government of India, along with ADC Gangtok, Police personnel, officials from various departments, officials of the Army and Paramilitary forces, representatives of the Indo-China Border Traders Welfare Association, Nathula Border Trade Welfare Association, traders and other stakeholders.



## Capacity Building-cum-Orientation programme for newly elected Councillors of ULBs held

**Gangtok, August 3:** Capacity Building-cum-Orientation programme for newly elected Councillors of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of Sikkim was held at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

The programme organised by Urban Development Department (UDD) was attended by Mr Bhoj Raj Rai Minister for Urban Development Department as the chief guest and Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa MLA-cum-Advisor as the guest of honour.

Minister congratulated the newly elected Councillors emphasising the pivotal role of Urban Local Bodies in effective grassroots governance and delivery of essential civic services. He urged the Councillors to work with integrity, transparency and public responsibility in close coordination with the State Government and departmental officials to accelerate urban development and improve the quality of life of citizens.

MLA-cum-Advisor highlighted the importance of strengthening the knowledge of newly elected Councillors on municipal laws, administrative procedures and development programmes. He encouraged the participants to utilise the knowledge gained for effective governance and sustainable development of their respective ULBs.

Mr Jitendra Singh Raje Commissioner-cum-Secretary, UDD, described Councillors to be the vital bridge between the Government and people. He stressed the importance of responsible leadership and judicious exercise of constitutional powers, while highlighting the Department's continued focus on capacity building through training programmes, exposure visits and systemic reforms for improved governance and service delivery.

Ms Srijana Rai Chief Accounts Officer UDD, delivered a presentation on Municipal Finance and Grants, covering sources of funding for ULBs, including the 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Grants, State Finance Commission Grants, State Government funds, Government schemes and own-source revenue. She highlighted key principles of sound financial management and financial discipline.

Mr Hemant Rai, Special Secretary-cum-Director, Municipal Affairs, UDD gave a presentation on Municipal Administration, covering the evolution of Urban Local Bodies in India, the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, relevant provisions under Part IXA of the Constitution, Article 243W and Twelfth Schedule. He also highlighted key compliance measures and essential fact checks for Municipal Executive Officers.

Mr Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia, Special Secretary-cum-State Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission, UDD, delivered a presentation on Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 1.0 and 2.0, covering sanitation, IEC, capacity building, used water management and solid waste management. He emphasised four-stream waste segregation and the role of Councillors in promoting cleanliness. The performance of ULBs under Swachh Survekshan and the State-level Cleanest ULB Awards were also highlighted.

Mr Karma Bhutia Additional Chief Town Planner, UDD, delivered a presentation on Town Planning and Regulations, covering relevant provisions of the Sikkim Allotment of House Sites and Construction of Buildings (Regulation and Control) Act, 1985, the Sikkim Building Construction Regulations, 1991, and Sikkim State Site Allotment Rules, 2012. He also briefed on ground rent, site salami, regularisation fees, Right to Information Act, 2005, and land records. Progress under the Sikkim Urban Garib Awas Yojana, including completion of 502 individual houses and ongoing construction of social housing flats was also highlighted.

Ms Jerusha Shrestha Joint Secretary UDD, delivered a presentation on Trade Licences and AMRUT, covering the scope and requirements of trade licences, applicable fees, application procedures, hawkers licences, validity and renewal, and provisions relating to seizure and imposition of fines. She also highlighted the implementation of AMRUT 2.0, including SWAP progress and AMRUT MITRA initiative.

Mr GL Meena Joint Secretary, Municipal Affairs, UDD, delivered a presentation on the

Roles, Responsibilities and Powers of Councillors under the Sikkim Municipalities Act, 2007. He explained the functioning of Executive Authority, Area Sabhas, Subject Committees and Adhoc Committees, Councillors' rights and accountability mechanisms. The presentation also covered Municipal functions, environmental infrastructure, public health, planning, regulation, licensing and statutory decision-making. He further highlighted the WISE Ranking methodology, ward-wise solid waste management performance of Gangtok Municipal Corporation, PM SVANidhi performance and ULB-wise progress.

Mr Gary Chopel Municipal Commissioner, Gangtok Municipal Corporation, gave a presentation on the Initiatives, Innovations and Reforms of Gangtok Municipal Corporation, highlighting e-governance, waste management, circular economy initiatives, public parks, citizen-friendly offices and the 'Governance at Doorstep' initiative. He also introduced the 'Safa Gangtok' mobile application for tracking garbage collection vehicles and requesting on-demand waste collection. The proposed RePurpose Park at Martam landfill, including waste treatment and circular economy facilities was also showcased.

The programme also witnessed the official launch of logos of the newly constituted Soreng Nagar Panchayat and Pakyong Nagar Panchayat by Minister Mr Bhoj Raj Rai. The event further featured experience-sharing sessions, wherein Councillors from various Nagar Panchayats shared their achievements, experiences and suggestions.

The programme was also attended by Mayor and Deputy Mayor GMC, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of Namchi Municipal Council, Presidents and Vice Presidents of all seven Nagar Panchayats, Councillors representing all Urban Local Bodies of the State, Advisor GMC, Chairperson, Urban Development Department, OSD, UDD, senior officers and officials of the Urban Development Department and Municipal Executive Officers (MEOs).

## Namchi hosts Sarathi Sammellan 2025-2026

**Namchi, August 2:** In line with the vision of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, to build an 'Addiction-Free Sikkim and a Mentally Healthy Sikkim', Sarathi Sammellan 2025-2026 was organised at PM SHRI Girls' Government Senior Secondary School, Namchi, today.

The programme organised under Sarathi 1.0 with support from Titan Company Limited, aimed to promote positive behavioural change, mental well-being and social responsibility among children, youth and communities through sustained engagement with schools and villages.

The key objectives of the initiative included reducing substance misuse at the school and community levels, promoting mental well-being and inculcating moral values among children and youth.

Mr Satish Chandra Rai MLA graced the occasion as the chief guest and was accompanied by Mr Rohit Raj Maharaj Advisor to CM-cum-Chief Resource Person for Sarathi Organisation, along with Ms Anupa Tamling District Collector Namchi as the guest of honour.

MLA in his address, commended the Sarathi 1.0 initiative for creating awareness on substance abuse prevention and promoting mental well-being among the youth. He stated that the future of Sikkim rests in the hands of its youth and urged them to lead healthy, disciplined and purposeful lives guided by strong values, greater vision and meaningful ambitions.

Encouraging the youth to channel their energy towards education, innovation, sports and community service, MLA called upon every young individual to become a responsible citizen and contribute towards building a stronger and more progressive society.

He further urged to work collectively in making Namchi a model of development, discipline, compassion and excellence. He remarked that every citizen has an important role in shaping a vibrant and successful district through active participation and a shared sense of responsibility.

He lauded the District Administration, line departments, educational institutions, community organisations, volunteers and all stakeholders for their dedicated efforts in implementing various developmental and social welfare initiatives. He appreciated their unwavering commitment towards the well-being of the people and the overall progress of the State.

Mr Rohit Raj Maharaj Advisor to CM stated that the Sammellan reaffirmed the collective commitment towards realising the Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang's vision of an 'Addiction-Free Sikkim and a Mentally Healthy Sikkim'.

He said that Sarathi 1.0, has

become a people-centric initiative promoting positive behavioural change, mental well-being and social responsibility among children, youth and communities. Emphasising that the fight against substance abuse required collective action, he highlighted the progress achieved under the programme across the State.

Sharing the achievements, Advisor to CM informed that Pakyong District has trained 76 teachers, 126 student Counsellors and 38 Sarathi Club members, while Soreng District has conducted multiple training batches involving 28 teachers and 28 select students per cohort. He further stated that Namchi District has trained 34 teachers from 17 Senior Secondary and Secondary Schools, along with 16 Sarathi Club members. He also noted that the Sarathi Samaj initiative had mobilised 117 community members in Pakyong, 98 in Soreng and 90 in Namchi to strengthen local anti-addiction efforts. Additionally, 37 ASHA workers in Soreng and 25 in Pakyong had been trained to support community-level substance abuse prevention and intervention.

Speaking on the State Government's vision, Advisor to CM said that the Chief Minister aspired to build a 'Sunalo, Samriddha ani Samarth Sikkim', where development is driven by healthy, educated and empowered citizens. He remarked that Nasha Mukta Sikkim is not merely a campaign but a social movement encouraging every individual to make responsible choices and become an ambassador of positive change.

Encouraging the students, he urged them to stay focused on their goals, uphold strong moral values and remain free from drug abuse, adding that the choices they make today would shape the future of Sikkim. He also appreciated the dedicated efforts of teachers, parents, SHGs, AWWs, community leaders and Sarathi volunteers in nurturing a safe and supportive environment for the younger generation.

The programme further featured the felicitation of Mr Bishnu Prasad Sharma APS to Chief Minister, Ms Anupa Tamling DC (Namchi), Mr GP Sharma Chief Education Officer (Namchi), Department of Police and Department of Social Welfare, in recognition of their outstanding commitment to public service, community welfare and the successful implementation of the Sarathi initiative.

As part of the programme, prizes were also distributed to the winners of the Reels and Skit Competitions conducted under the themes 'Nasha Mukta Sikkim Starts from Me' for Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and 'Choices That Change Us-One Decision Can Destroy You, One Decision Can Define You' for school students.

## DLIC reviews irrigation plan and JJM progress in Mangan

**Mangan, August 4:** Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan-cum-Chairperson (DLIC) chaired a meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) on District Irrigation Plan (DIP) under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana Har Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY-HKKP) and District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) at the Conference Hall of DAC Mangan, today.

The meeting was attended by Mr Karma Thendup Bhutia

ADC (Development), DE, Water Resources Department, Joint Director, Agriculture, representatives from RDD Mangan and officials from the concerned departments.

During the meeting, the Committee reviewed proposals under PMKSY-HKKP, examined irrigation projects submitted by Water Resources Department and discussed their inclusion in the approved District Irrigation Plan. The implementation status and

progress of DWSM/JJM across BAC Mangan, Kabi, Chungthang and other project areas were also reviewed with emphasis on inter departmental coordination and resolving field level issues. The meeting concluded with directions to all departments to ensure the timely implementation of irrigation and drinking water projects through effective coordination and proper documentation.