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Governor releases his three books in Patna



Patna, July 31: Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad released his three books, titled 'Smriti Sakshya- Mera Jeevan Aviral Ganga', 'Gangarpan' and 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- My 75 Memorial', at Babu Auditorium in Patna, today.

Governor of Bihar Mr. Phagu Chauhan, Chief Minister of Sikkim Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, Cabinet Ministers of Bihar and Sikkim and National President BJP Mr. J.P.

Nadda were also present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang in his address said that Governor's humility and devotion towards the nation is commendable. He has been a great source of guidance for the State Government, stated the Chief Minister. He also expressed his delight to be a part of the event.

CM and Cabinet Ministers visit Mahabodhi temple



Patna, July 30: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang along with Cabinet Ministers visited the holy Mahabodhi (Mahavihara) temple at Bodh Gaya, today.

During the visit, the Chief Minister offered prayers for the welfare of Sikkim and sought blessings on behalf of the Sikkimese people.

On the same day, the Chief Minister and other dignitaries visited and inspected Sikkim Temple house at Bodh Gaya.

Chief Minister directed the concerned officials to draft the renovation plans for the complex which can be used by the Sikkimese pilgrims and devotees visiting Bodh Gaya.

Sarathi Samman Diwas 2022 observed

Gangtok, July 27: Commemorating the contribution of the driving community of the State, Sarathi Samman Diwas 2022, formerly called Chalak Diwas was observed with grandeur at Khelgaon, Resithang, today.

The programme organised by Transport Department was attended by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest along with Minister for Transport Department Mr. Sanjit Kharel. Speaker SLA, Deputy Speaker, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Advisors, Chairpersons, and officials from the Transport Department along with drivers and associations from across the State were also in attendance.

Chief Minister extended his best wishes to the driving community of the State and announced that the State Government would officially declare the term 'Sarathi' for drivers with reference to the charioteers in the Hindu epic Mahabharata. He announced that



July 27 will be declared a restricted holiday dedicated to drivers from 2023. He stated that the State Government would establish the Sikkim Sarathi Welfare Board consisting of 19 members representing different drivers associations for the welfare of the

driver's community. The Chairperson for the Board shall be a member of the driver association with one Member Secretary from the Transport Department, he added.

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FLFS 20th Foundation Day Celebrated

Gangtok, July 26: The 20th Foundation Day Celebration of Former Legislators' Federation of Sikkim (FLFS) was organised at Manan Kendra, today. Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the event as the chief guest.

The programme also had the presence of former Legislators of Sikkim and MPs. On the occasion, the first and second-term MLAs and MPs were honoured for their services to the State. The MPs who were felicitated on the occasion were Mr. Pahalman Subba, Mrs. Dil Kumari Bhandari, Mr. Nandu Thapa and Mr. Solomon Saring.

The Members of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly who served the first Assembly since 1975 were also felicitated on the occasion namely; Mr. Mohan Gurung, Mr. Ram Chandra Poudyal and Mr. Nar Bahadur Khatriwada.

Likewise, the MLAs who served in the second Assembly were also felicitated, namely; Mr. Padam Lal Gurung, Mr. Samten Tshering Bhutia, Mr. Dadul Bhutia, Mr. Dougal Pintso Bhutia, Mr. Athup Lepcha, Mr. Mohan Prasad Sharma, Mr. Khada Nanda Upreti, Mr. D.B. Thatal and Mr. Sonam Tshering Bhutia.



As a special gesture, the wives of former MLAs (1st and 2nd Assembly) who passed away were felicitated by the Chief Minister. On the occasion, the Executive Members of Former Legislators'

Federation of Sikkim also felicitated the Chief Minister.

Chief Minister in his address commended the Former

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Pearls of Wisdom

*"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
- Mother Teresa*

Meeting for celebration of State Level Tendong Lho Rum Faat held

Namchi, July 28: The first review meeting with line departments for the celebration of State Level Tendong Lho Rum Faat 2022 was held at Nali Partam, Lingee, today.

Present during the meeting were President Renzong Mutanchi Ringmom Kurmom (RMRK) Mr. O.T. Lepcha, Additional Political Secretary (East) Mr. Tshering Wangchuk Lepcha, ADC (Ravangla), SDPO (Ravangla), officials from various line departments and members of Sikkim Lepcha Youth Association

and RMRK.

President Mr. O.T. Lepcha urged the officials and the stakeholders to work in coordination for the successful organization of Tendong Lho Rum Faat, 2022. He updated the officials to identify and mobilise the stakeholders and ensure active participation for the celebration.

APS Mr. Tshering Wangchuk Lepcha briefed about the traditional aspects of the festival and the endeavours of

State Government for the upgradation of the diverse communities in the State. He also acknowledged the efforts put by various individuals and volunteers for their active participation.

It may be mentioned that the annual celebration of Tendong Lho Rum Faat will be held at Nali Partam, Lingee on August 08 and 09, 2022. This year Tendong Lho Rum Faat is being celebrated under the banner of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Independence Day Celebration football tournament kicks off

Mangan, July 28: The Independence Day Celebration football tournament in the memory of Lt. Chodup Lepcha (Ex-Panchayat) kicked off at Naga ground, today.

The programme had the presence of Minister for Roads and Bridges Mr. Samdup Lepcha as the chief guest accompanied by Chairman Primitive Tribe Welfare Board-cum-President

Sikkim Lepcha Association Mr. Chewang Norbu Lepcha, Chairman Social Welfare, APS to CM North, MNP President, Councillors, and officials, Head Boongthing (Boongthing School, Naga) and Miss India Exquisite 2022 Ms. Susang Sherpa.

Also present were Zilla Members, Gram Panchyats of Ringhim Nampatam, Singhik

Sentam GPU, Toong Naga GPU, Forest Officials, Teachers, students and public.

The inaugural match was played between Kazor and Pageong. The chief guest also handed over an appointment letter to Head Boongthing. Cultural performances and rhymes were also presented by students of St. John's International school Naga.

Awareness Programme on Public Distribution System organised in Soreng

Soreng, July 26: As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the office of the Civil Supplies under the department of Food and Civil Supplies in coordination with SISCO Bank organised an awareness programme on Public Distribution System at Soreng Bazar Haat Ghar, today.

The programme was attended by Zilla Panchayat Mr. Bhakta Prashad Sharma as the chief guest accompanied by Panchayats, SDM Soreng, DCSO, officials from line department and SISCO Bank along with local vendors including government fair price shop owners.

Zilla Panchayat shared few grievances put forth by the shop owners and addressed issues that were causing hindrance in doing business.

He urged the department officials and local vendors to work in tandem in providing uninterrupted services to the consumers.

SDM stressed on the importance of following proper COVID-19 protocols while carrying out their business. Highlighting the issue of distribution of schemes, he said that the concerned officials should segregate genuine beneficiaries. He advised the shop owners to be aware of the legal provisions while discouraging the practice of unfair pricing.

Resource Person spoke extensively on the Consumer Right Act, 2013 stating that the Act provides entitled schemes and benefits to all valid citizens. He also highlighted few of the benefits under the Public

Distribution System and emphasised on delivering the consumption of safety food products for the consumers by the vendors.

Earlier, AD (Civil Supplies) informed about National Food Security Act, 2013, PMGKAY and One Nation One Ration Card and encouraged the public to be aware about the schemes.

Manager, SISCO Bank briefed about the concept of practicing Common Service Centre in Government Fair Price Shops in order to provide maximum facilities to the consumers. Enumerating all the facilities that can be catered through CSC, he informed that proper training will be conducted to the service providers by the bank.

Legal literacy programme on gender issues organised

Namchi, July 25: A legal literacy programme on gender issues organised by Kurukshetra Self Help Group in collaboration with Sikkim State Commission for Women under the aegis of Department of Justice (DISHA), Ministry of Law and Justice was held at Yangyang, today.

The objective of the programme was to sensitise the participants on various laws pertaining to women and children like protection of women from domestic violence, protection of children from sexual offences, trafficking etc. The programme was attended by the members of 20 SHGs, students of Yangyang Junior High School, teachers and ASHA workers.

Member, Sikkim State Commission for Women Mrs. Tennila Bhutia also the chief guest of the programme urged the participants to actively involve in the developmental process of the society, state

and nation as a whole. She highlighted various aspects of women empowerment and encouraged them to share services of organisations like Women Commission, One Stop Centre, District Child Protection Officers, Protection Officers to fight against various social evils against women and child.

Centre Administrator, One Stop Centre who was also the Resource Person Ms. Sangita Gurung highlighted various forms of domestic violence and the role of One Stop Centre in providing services including legal, shelter, medical and counselling to the victims/survivors of domestic violence.

District Child Protection Officer, Namchi, also Resource Person Ms. Roshnila Gurung highlighted on various provisions of POCSO Act, sexual offences, rescue and rehabilitation mechanisms for

child victims of sexual offences. She further emphasised on social and community responsibility for protecting children from such kinds of offences. Issues of mental health affecting the children and adults were also discussed.

Senior Journalist, Mr. Nirmal Manger spoke on the menstrual hygiene and its management and urged the participants to openly discuss about the issue concerning menstrual hygiene.

Member Secretary Mrs. Yousa Lachenpa highlighted the objective of the programme conducted at regular intervals under the aegis of Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India. She urged the participants to avail various schemes of the government implemented for the welfare of the women and children.

Co-ordination meeting for celebration of Independence day held

Mangan, July 28: A co-ordination meeting to discuss and finalise preparatory measures for the celebration of Independence day 2022 and implementation of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was held at DAC Mangan, today.

The meeting was convened by DC Mangan Dr. A.B. Karki in the presence of ADC Dev. (Mangan and Chungthang), SDM Mangan, CEO Education, and HoDs of line departments.

The meeting discussed matters regarding the

implementation of proper flag protocol, GPU wise provision of flag, finalisation of Independence Day celebration in the district, assigning various duties to the respective departments and committee formation.

DC briefed them about the proper protocols to be followed wef. August 01-15 for Independence Day celebration and implementation of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign and urged the officials to take up their respective duties with sincerity.

Bijli Mahotsav organised

Namchi, July 25: As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Ministry of Power in association with Namchi District Administration, Power Department, and NHPC Ltd. organised 'Bijli Mahotsav' at Community Hall Ravangla, today.

The programme had the presence of Area MLA Barfung Constituency Mr. T.T. Bhutia as the chief guest along with DC (Namchi), ADC (Namchi), SDM (Ravangla) BDO (Ravangla), PCE and DE (Power Department), senior officials of NHPC Ltd. and Power Department.

The programme was also attended by Zilla Panchayats, Panchayats, students of Jawaharlal Nehru Vidhyalaya, Ravangla and Namchi Girls Senior Secondary School and public.

The MLA acknowledged the efforts and initiatives undertaken by both the Central and State government in transforming the nation from a power deficit to power surplus country in energy sector and urged everyone to be aware about energy conservation.

DC encouraged everyone to switch towards renewable sources of energy and suggested the department to look into the feasibility on the use of rooftop solar panels on a pilot basis in urban areas. He encouraged the students to delve into the scope of renewable energy sector as it provides a sustainable job opportunities in the future.

PCE Power Department informed about various achievements made by the State in the power sector. He also briefed about the flagship schemes and initiatives such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and the Integrated Power Development Scheme launched by the Central and State governments for the

benefit of electricity consumers. He gave an overview of the advantages of installing prepaid smart electricity meters in the urban households and highlighted the roles and changes needed in consumer's behaviors to reduce the dependency on electricity usage.

During the programme, the beneficiaries gave feedback on major flagship schemes, namely, DDUGJY and IPDS. Various cultural programmes, screening of short films and plays on the energy conservation were a part of the programme.

Similarly in Mangan, the 2nd day of Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya- Power @2047, Bijli Mahotsav under the banner 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was observed at Sonam Choda Lepcha Memorial Secondary School, Lingdong, Upper Dzongu, today.

The programme had the presence of Chairperson, Women Commission, Ms. Chungkipu Lepcha as the chief guest along with Panchayats, SDM Dzongu, General Manager, DGM Teesta V NHPC, BDO Passingdang, SE Power, officials from line departments, staff and students of Lingdong School.

Chairperson, Women Commission talked about the importance of electricity in the development of the State and mentioned the need to inculcate energy conservation habit for sustainable development. She to make everyone aware about the number of POCSO cases in the district and stressed the students to sensitise on the ill effects of social media platforms.

DGM, Teesta V NHPC, briefed on the achievement of the power sector, schemes and available incentives.

The programme also had cultural and Nukkad Natak performance by the students.

Preparatory meeting on Independence Day Celebration held

Namchi, July 26: A preparatory meeting regarding the Independence Day Celebration 2022 was held at the Conference hall of DAC Namchi, today.

The meeting was chaired by DC Namchi Mr. Bharani Kumar, SP Namchi, ADCs (Namchi), SDM (Hq.) and HODs from various line departments.

DC Namchi requested the line department officials to be prepared for their roles and responsibilities for the celebration, in an efficient manner and also assigned duties to the respective departments. He also briefed the officials regarding the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign in the State.

**Tourism and Civil Aviation Department
Government of Sikkim
Tadong, Gangtok**

Memo No.155(37)/EC/DT&CA/WD/20-21/165TD

Dated:26/07/2022

INVITATION FOR BIDS

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer, (South/West) Tourism and Civil Aviation Department invites sealed tenders from the eligible contractors of appropriate class, II B of the State for the work listed under:-

Sl No	Name of Work	Value put tender (₹)	Completion Time, (in months)	Amount of Bank receipt for cost of tender documents (₹)	Amount of Earnest Money @2.50% For issue of tender form (₹)
1	Development of Tourist Infrastructures at Okhery, Soreng District in West Sikkim.	₹2,47,56,800/-	12 Months	₹30,000/-	₹6,18,920/-

A. TIME SCHEDULE

- Last date and time for submission of application with Bank Receipt : 29.08.2022 (from 10.00 hrs to 15.00.00 hrs.) for issue of Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form)
- Date and time of issue of Tender Form : 01.09.2022 (from 10.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs. (on submission of TDR)
- Date and time for submission of Tender : 05.09.2022 (from 10.00 hrs to 12.00 hrs)
- Date and time of opening of tender : 05.09.2022 (1300.00 hrs. onwards)

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Tender is open only to the eligible contractors (II B)/firm of appropriate Class and the area is within the territorial jurisdiction of the constituency where the work is to be executed vide notification no:01/GoS/R&B/Gen/2005-2006/109(A)/Plg. Dated: 28-09-2021.

2. The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER. The application shall be submitted initially for each work listed above with all required documents

3. The applicants should enclose the attested copies of (a) Latest Income Tax Clearance Certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (b) Valid /Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, and (b) professional Tax Clearance Certificate along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the Original validated / updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.

4. The prescribed non-transferable tender documents (Excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in (As above from the office of the Superintending Engineer S/W Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, on production of requisite Bank receipt of the State of Sikkim towards cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable) under the **receipt head 1452 Tourism 800 other receipt** Cost of Tender Form" to the Chief. Accounts Officer/ Account Officer concerned.

5. Earnest money Deposit @ 2.5% in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedules Bank which includes deposits in the form of temporary deposit receipts or Fixed deposits receipts only in favor of the Chief Accounts Officer/Account Officer of the Department, Tender Form shall be issued only on production of the deposit receipts to that contractors/firm who has obtained the tender Documents, on production of deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.

6. The Tender Documents including the Tender Form with quoted rate offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderer and the name of the work superscripted on it. Supporting documents listed at SL 3 (a), (b) and (c) above should be enclosed with the offer.

7. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the office of the Superintending Engineer,(S/w) Tourism and Civil Aviation Departmen (on 01-09-2022 from 10.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs).

8. Tender will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderer on the date and time indicated above.

9. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of the Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/ Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.

10. In case of any discrepancy in rate (s) printed in the schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, rates as per approved schedule of Rates with be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/Head of the Department will be final in this regards.

11. The Work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any extra claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.

12. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to laborers at site.

13. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of Work Order.

14. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement of is entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deduction from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.

15. The contractor shall ensure the safety for deployed laborers at work site and will provide all the equipments for them.

16. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

17. Indirect Tax Matters

(a) The work value includes GST at the rate applicable on the date of estimate. The tax amount so computed is subjected to change in event of change in rate of tax application on the date of time of supply of work contract service.

(b) The successful bidder shall have to furnish certificate of GST registration along with valid NOC issued by Commercial Taxes Division for obtaining the work order.

(c) GST shall be deducted at sources at the rate of 2% (1 + 1) of the bill value at the time of payment including advance payment. Adhoc payment, provisional payment etc.

(d) The amount of GST payable over and above the amount deducted at the rate of 2% at source should be paid at the time of filling return for the month/ quarter of the date of bill or invoice as per the GST rules.

(e) All payment shall be released on furnishing of valid NOC issued by Commercial Taxes Division

18. The company must be a registered company/Firm registered under the Companies act, 1956, having valid Pan Card and TIN. The Contractors are also required to submit PAN NO as per provision of Indian Income Tax Act, wherever applicable.

19. The recoveries of Income Tax and Royalties on Forest produces shall be as per rates notified by the Government form time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in Analysis of Rates or Schedule of Rates or Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.

20. In case of carriage of Non Stock Materials, if these materials are available at site or are actually transported from a lesser distance than indicated in the schedules, the department shall pay the carriage as per actual proof of carriage supported by permits issued by Forest Department indicating the quarries which is required to be submitted by contractor with bill, not exceeding the rates as incorporated in these schedules. The contractors are required to submit necessary documents to fulfill the claim of payment for carriage of Non Stock Materials.

21. Mobilization advance shall be given as per paragraph 24.6 of the Sikkim Public Work Department Manual and General Conditions of Contract subject to availability of resources duly obtaining concurrence from planning and finance and approval of the Government.

22. Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled the appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.

23. In case the man power employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.

24.The Department also reserves the right to increase, decrease, alter or modify the item or works as indicated in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.

25. Use of explosives shall be regulated as under:

a). Transportation, handling, storage and use of explosive (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the provision of the India Explosive Act and General Guideline, Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.

b) The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works department or any other competent authority shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storages, handling, and use of explosives at all times. Proper daily record of receipt and issue of explosives shall be maintained by the contractor.

26. The contractor shall also make arrangement to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period i.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.

27. Quarrying of stones shall be allowed only from designated approved quarries. Where work of Water Bound Macadam, Wet Mix macadam is involved, Binding materials shall strictly be in accordance with the specifications, both in quality and quantity. Work such as compaction, consolidation and stabilization etc., will be required to be done on trial stretches to ensure that materials, procedure and equipments are producing the desired result.

28. Damages to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good the damages.

29. Expenditure involved for material testing, cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangement accordingly as and when instructed to do so.

30. It is accepted that the tendered has inspected the site before submitting his bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tendered should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.

31. The contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Government and no claim shall be entertained in this regard whatsoever.

32. The cost of stock materials supplied from the departmental store will be deducted from the contractor's bills as per rules.

33. If any litigation/arbitration arise, the matter shall be resolved within the jurisdiction of Gangtok District, East Sikkim.

**Superintending Engineer(S/W)
Tourism and Civil Aviation Department
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok. (1166)**

**Office of the Divisional Engineer
Roads & Bridges Department
Government of Sikkim, Gyalshing Division**

Memo No. 97/R&B/WD-I/Gyl

Date:18/07/2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

With reference to 18/GOS/R&B/(GYI)/22-23 Dated: 31.05.2022 Divisional Engineer(I), Gyalshing Division, Roads & Bridges Department Government of Sikkim invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of **Class III** Grade enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No. 515/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 12/06/2018, for Construction of following steel bridge through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of **Gyalshing District, Sikkim..**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of work put to tender	Earnest Money 2.5%	Cost of Tender Documents	Completion Time
1	Construction of Steel Bridge along Gyalshing-Lingchom Road at Tikjeck in Geyzing, Gyalshing District in Sikkim.(15m length)	₹1,33,60,343	₹3,34,009	₹30,000	18 months

Time Schedule:

Sl. No.	Date of Submission of application with bank receipt for issue of Tender Documents (Excluding tender form)	Date of issue of tender form on submission of TDR (As Earnest Money)	Last date of submission of tender form	Date & Time of opening of Tender	Tender Venue
1	25/07/2022 From 10:00 am to 4:30 pm	27/07/2022 From 10:00 am to 4:30 pm	17/08/2022 Till 12:00 noon	18/08/2022 At 1:30pm	At office of the Divisional Engineer;Roads & BridgesDepartment; Gyalshing, Sikkim

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:

- Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Gram Panchayat Unit and Urban Local bodies Area with the territorial jurisdiction in Gyalshing District.
- The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would be invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted initially for each work listed above with all required documents.
- The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate along with the application along with the attested copy of COI, Aadhaar card, Voter card and residential certificate of the Panchayats of the Concerned GPU (b) GST Clearance certificate. It is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.
- The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in (As above from the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Gyalshing Division, on production of requisite Bank Deposit slip in favour of R&B Department vide BR Head "0059-80-800-01" cost of Tender Form (Roads & Bridges).
- Earnest money deposit @ 2.5% in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedule Bank which includes deposits in the form of temporary deposit receipts (TDR) in favor of the Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges, Gyalshing, West Sikkim. Tender form shall be issued only on production of toward deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.
- The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it, supporting documents listed at Sl. No. 3(a &b) along with other relevant documents be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Gyalshing Division, on the date and within the time indicated above.
- Tenders shall be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
- The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the general Direction and Conditions of the Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
- In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
- The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account is entertained whatsoever. If any claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
- The Department reserves the rights to hold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are not produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
- Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labours at site.
- The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the issue of the work order.
- All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- The recoveries of Royalties on Forest Produce shall be as per rates notify by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in the analysis of rates or Schedule of Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
- Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
- The Department also reserves the right to increase, decrease, alter or modify the item of works as indicated in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
- In case the man powers employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighbouring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them registered with the labour department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
- Use of explosives shall be regulated as under:
 - a) Transportation, Handling, storage and use of Explosives (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the India Explosive Act and General Guidelines, Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.
 - b) The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works department or any other competent authority shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage; handling and use of explosives shall be maintained by the contractor.
- 22. The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period. i.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.
- 23. Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good the damages.
- 24. It is accepted to the tenderer to have inspected the site before submitting his/her bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.
- 25. The cost of stock materials supplied from the Department store will be deducted from the contractors' bills as per rules.

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No:38/SPSC/EXAM/2022

Date: 25/07/2022

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Online Applications are invited from eligible local candidates for

1. Filling up of **06 (six)** posts of **Medical Officer (AYUSH)** in Sikkim State AYUSH Service on **temporary regular basis in the Level-15** of the Pay Matrix under Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, through **Direct Recruitment**.

The candidates are advised to visit the Sikkim Public Service Commission website for detail Advertisement, eligibility conditions, and Scheme of Examination etc. at www.spscskm.gov.in. Any further Instructions/Corrigendum/Addendum/Rejection List would be uploaded only on the Sikkim Public Service Commission website.

**Additional Secretary
Sikkim Public Service Commission
(1159, i)**

**Sikkim Public Service Commission
Old Tourism Complex, M.G. Marg, Gangtok, Sikkim-737101**

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No: 40/SPSC/EXAM/2022

Date: 26/07/2022

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Online Applications are invited from eligible local candidates for filling up of **50(fifty)** posts of **Assistant Revenue Surveyor cum Chainman** on **temporary regular basis in the Level-7** of the Pay Matrix under the Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Government of Sikkim, through **Direct Recruitment**.

The candidates are advised to visit the Sikkim Public Service Commission website for detail Advertisement, eligibility conditions, and Scheme of Examination etc. at www.spscskm.gov.in. Any further Instructions/Corrigendum/Addendum/Rejection List would be uploaded only on the Sikkim Public Service Commission website.

**Joint Director
Sikkim Public Service Commission
(1161, i)**

**Roads & Bridges Department
Government of Sikkim
Gangtok**

Memo No.30/GOS/R&B/GEN/SE/NE/22-23/25

Date:25/07/22

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer(N/E), Roads & Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, invites sealed tenders on percentage rate basis under single bid system from the eligible contractors of **Class II grade** enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No: 515/R&B/PWD/Secy, dated 12.06.2018, 556/R&B/PWD/Secy dated 28.08.2018 and 584/R&B/PWD/Secy dated 08/10/2018, 625/R&B dated 07.10.2004, for the "Construction of steel bridge over Rani khola towards Adampool crematorium shed Neopaney gaon in East Sikkim"

The details of works and time schedule are as under:

Sl. No	Name of work	Cost of work put to tender (in ₹)	Earnest Money @2.5% (in ₹)	Cost of tender documents (in ₹)	Completion Time
1	Construction of steel bridge over Rani khola towards Adampool crematorium shed Neopany gaon in East Sikkim.	3,95,34,000.00	9,88,350	50,000.00	24 months

Note: The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is exempted to 50% (i.e. ₹4,94,175) for Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder being accepted as L1 bidder, the issue of the Work Order shall be governed by Notification No.104/R&B Dated 08/10/2020.

TIME SCHEDULE

1.	Date of Submission of application along with Bank receipt	10-08-2022
2.	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form on Submission of Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5%	17.08.2022 (10:00 am to 4.00 pm) at the office of Superintending Engineer(N/E), Roads and Bridges Department.
3.	Last Date and time for submission of tender bid documents	24.08.2022 till 12:00 pm , at the office of Superintending Engineer(N/E), Roads and Bridges Department.
4.	Opening of Tender bids	24.08.2022 (2pm) at the office of Superintending Engineer(N/E), Roads and Bridges Department.

Bidding documents may be obtained from the Office of Superintending Engineer (N/E) as per the above Schedule.

**Superintending Engineer(N/E)
Roads & Bridges Department
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok**

R.O. No.96/IPR/Pub/Classi/22-23, Dt:25/07/2022 (1162, iii)

**Government of Sikkim
Public Health Engineering Department
Namchi-South Sikkim**

Memo No:37/PHED/South

Dated:27/07/2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Divisional Engineer (South), Public Health Engineering Department, invites sealed percentage rate Tender from the eligible contractors of appropriate class of registered contractors enlisted under SPWD of the state within the premises of GPU/ULB in the jurisdiction as indicated vide Notification No. 556/R&B/PWD/Secy, dated 28.08.2018 and having experience in such works should reach the office of the Divisional Engineer, Namchi Public Health Engineering Department, in south Sikkim as per the schedule given below.

No	Name of work	Value put to Tender (₹)	Earnest Money@ 2.50% (₹)	Bank Receipt Towards Cost of Tender Form.(₹)	Completion Time (in Month)	Eligibility of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Augmentation, Extension and restoration of RWMs for water Supply to Naya Bazar and Jorhang from Chumbong source, in south Sikkim.	1,07,84,420.00	2,69,610.00	30,000.00	18 months	Class-III Contractor of jurisdiction of Naya Bazar- Jorhang GPU/ULB (Under Zoom Salghari Constituency)

Time Schedule

1.	Date of submission of application with Bank Receipt of ₹30,000/-	05/08/2022 from 10.00AM to 3.00PM
2.	Date of issue of Tender Form on submission of TDR (As Earnest Money)	12/08/2022 from 10.00AM to 3.00PM
3.	Date and time of submission of Tender Documents	22/08/2022 from 10.00AM to 12.00 Noon
4.	Date and time of opening of Tender.	22/08/2022 at 1.30 PM

No tender shall be entertained after the expiry of the above schedule date and time. Tender form/ documents could be obtained from the office of the Divisional Engineer, Namchi Public Health Engineering Department, in South Sikkim.

The prescribe Non-transferable tender documents (excluding the tender form) can be obtained on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State Bank of Sikkim towards the cost of tender documents(Non refundable) cost of tender form and submitted the same along with attested the copies of the following documents.

- An application signed by the contractor for availing the tender documents.
- Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate.
- Latest GST Clearance Certificate obtained from Commercial Taxes Office.
- Production of requisite Bank Receipt duly deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim, towards the Cost of Tender Form (Non Refundable) under the Receipt Head, "0215-01-800-others receipt water supply & sanitation cost of Tender Form to the Account Officer (PHED)

Note: It is necessary to produce original copy of the above documents certificates for verification at the time of issue of tender documents.

**Divisional Engineer, (South)
Public Health Engineering Department,
Government of Sikkim, Namchi.
R.O. No.98/IPR/Pub/Classi/22-23, Dt:27/07/2022 (1165)**

**Urban Development & Housing Department
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok**

Ref. No. T(1755)UDD/TP/E/2020/683

Dated:29/07/2022

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)

On behalf of Governor of Sikkim, proposals are invited from firms/agencies for Prospective Bidders Meet for "Development of Cable Car as Public Transport for Gangtok on DBFOT (PPP) mode". The EOI document will be available for download at www.udhd.sikkim.gov.in from 09.08.2022

Secretary, UDD

R.O. No.101/IPR/Pub/Classi/22-23, Dt:29/07/2022 (1163)

**Department of Health & Family Welfare
National Health Mission
District Health Society
District Hospital, Gyalshing
West Sikkim**

Memo No.136/H&FW/NHM/W/2022-23

Dated:27/07/2022

**NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION/
TENDER**

Sealed quotations are invited from the local registered & eligible suppliers for the supply of following items for District Hospital Gyalshing under District Health Society - National Health Mission (NHM)/ 15th Finance Commission/RKS:

- Office Equipments/furniture& Fixtures
- Office consumables, Lab Consumables & Stationeries
- Medical/Lab Equipments, IEC Materials & Instruments
- Medicines & Consumables-JSSK.Emergency, Mental Health and PMJAY.
- Printing-JSY Format, JSSK Referral slip, JSSK Medicines etc.

Interested firms may apply in writing to obtain the quotation form from DPMU Office (NHM), District Hospital Gyalshing on production of the following documents:

- * Valid registration certificate and Trade License, registration of GST.
- * Tax clearance certificates

The complete quotation be reach at the office of the CMO (W), District Hospital Gyalshing within the date and time, mentioned below.

- The date of issue of the form: 3/8/22 to 13/8/22
- Last date of submission the complete quotation:17/8/22
- Opening of the quotations: 18/8/22

District Health Society (W) / undersign reserve to full right to accept or reject any or all quotation/tender without assigning any reason thereof.

For more details contact:9735993218-FLC (W)/7384337870-DNO-CPHC (W).

**Chief Medal Officer (W)
District Hospital Gyalshing
West Sikkim
(1164)**

Bijli Mahostav organised in Gyalshing and Soreng Districts

Gyalshing, July 28: District Administrative Centre, Gyalshing in coordination with Power Department, Gyalshing and NHPC Ltd. organised a programme to mark the 'Bijli Mahostav', an event under the 'Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047' at the Auditorium of Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Kyongsha, today.

The programme was a part of the ongoing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- India @75'.

Zilla Adhyaksha, West Mrs. Devika Subba attended the event as the chief guest along with Chairman, SIDICO and Chairman, PHE as the guest of honour. DC (Gyalshing), SSP (Gyalshing), President Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat and officials of Power Department, Gyalshing, SDM Hq, DPO, Principal, staff and students were also in attendance.

Chief guest in her address expressed gratitude to the organising committee for making her a part of the event. She informed that various events are being organised under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and applauded the cultural extravaganza and Nukkad Natak showcased during the programme.

DC Gyalshing raised some key points regarding excessive use of internet/mobile phones and its adverse effects on physical and mental well being. She called upon the students to make positive use of the internet through digital libraries and resources.

She informed the gathering about the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign and its importance and informed that everyone must responsibly participate in the campaign as per the National Flag code. She encouraged students to participate in the relay rallies, quiz, essay and debate competitions and requested the teachers to disseminate the message and take up the matter with dedication in the spirit of national importance. She highlighted a list of activities to be taken up starting from 1st of August to culminate on the 15th. She also informed that the flags will be soon handed over to BDOs and MEO for further distribution.

Vigilance Officer, NHPC Mr. Sanket Ranjan informed that Bijli Mahostav is a platform to showcase various reforms and initiatives taken both by the Centre and State Government for the future course of energy security.

SE (Power) Mr. Jiwan Thapa expressed gratitude towards the Government of India, District Administration and NHPC on shouldering the responsibility of celebrating Mahotsav in a befitting manner. He briefed the status of the Power department in Sikkim since its inception. He highlighted the development of different power plant projects in Gyalshing district. He also

informed about the PPP mode which is initiated by the government to regenerate and rejuvenate the stagnant power plants of the state through public participation mode.

During the event, short films on various government schemes under the Ministry of Power, Government of India was screened. The cultural programmes and Nukkad Natak were also organised and performed by the students to make people aware about the impact of household electrification, consumer rights etc.

Similarly, District Administrative Centre, Rabdentse in association with NHPC celebrated the 'Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047' Bijli Mahotsav as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, at the Auditorium of Government Senior Secondary School Pelling.

The programme had the presence of President Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat Mr. Devendra Sharma as the chief guest accompanied by Nodal Officer, General Manager, NHPC Mr. Binod Shenoy, DC Gyalshing, SDM Gyalshing, Additional Chief Engineer Power, Gyalshing, Superintending Engineer Power, Divisional Engineer Power, Chief Education Officer Gyalshing, DSP Gyalshing Principal Pelling SSS, President and members of PTDA, District Lead NITI Aayog, representatives from concerned departments, Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat, Yangthang GPK, Lingchom Tikjya GPK among others.

President GNP applauded the initiative of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang for the people centric programmes and emphasised on the benefits of cleanliness and adverse effects of inappropriate waste management.

DC Gyalshing spoke about implementing the Government schemes properly and called upon NGOs to work in tandem with the departments. She urged students to disseminate information about 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign in their surroundings and urged them to adhere with the guidelines of the campaign.

GM NHPC briefed on eco-friendly development plans and informed on various initiatives of Central and State government. He also threw light on KUSUM Yojana and deliberated on 'One Nation One Grid One Frequency', with helpline number 1912 for assistance.

A Power Point presentation on various schemes by Ministry of Power, Government of India and Power Department, GoS Solid Waste Management and Sustainable Environmental Practices by TIEEDI 'Take It Easy, Easy Does It' was also presented.

Nukkad Natak on 'How energy transformed Human Life'

and 'Journey of Village Electrification' was showcased along with colourful cultural performances by the students of Government Senior Secondary School, Pelling.

Films on various schemes of MoP, GOI and Title 'Gao Gao Bijli' 'Consumer Rights' was screened during the programme.

Similarly, in Soreng, Department of Power celebrated the 'Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @ 2047' under the aegis of Ministry of Power, New and Renewable Energy, as a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at the Auditorium of Soreng Senior Secondary School on July 28.

MLA Mr. Aditya Golay attended the programme as the chief guest along with Panchayat President, SDM (Hq.), SDPO, BDO (Soreng), Principal (SSSC) officials and staff from Power Department, beneficiaries, students and public.

MLA in his address stressed on the initiative of the Government in providing sufficient power to every household and asked the people to prevent the misuse of power and energy. He reiterated the disadvantages of energy waste and its repercussion and advised the students to be proactive in saving electricity, being cautious against fraud and consumer rights. He also encouraged them to take part in AKAM activities that are being organised throughout the district.

Additional Chief Engineer cum Nodal Officer (SDA) Mr. Pemba Lepcha informed that the event is being celebrated throughout the nation with a vision of India for 2047 in Power and Renewable Energy while the country marks 100 years of Independence. Terming the celebratory event as Bijli Mahostav, he highlighted the key achievements of the power sector and the unprecedented growth shown over the past few years. He also enumerated all the schemes and initiatives that have been implemented. He applauded the Government's vision to provide clean and uninterrupted energy and also informed about the department's scheme for C and D category employees, which enables them to avail a loan up to ₹ 1 lakh to buy any energy efficient 5 Star graded appliance, with SISCO bank as the disbursing agency.

The students of Government Senior Secondary School, Soreng performed skits on Prepaid Smart Meters and Consumer Rights.

The department also showcased videos on Universal Household Electrification Programme, One Nation One Grid, Consumer Rights, Renewable Energy and Capacity Addition during the programme.

Workshop on Animal Husbandry sector organised

Gangtok, July 28: A workshop on Development Through Credit on animal husbandry sector was organised by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department (AH&VS) at the Training Centre of Sokaythang, today.

The workshop was attended by Secretary, AH&VS, Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, General Manager RBI, Principal Director AH&VS, DGM NABARD, Lead Bank Manager, Officers of the Department of AH&VS and Fisheries representative from the Commerce and Industries Department, SIDBI and over 30 bank officials from different national banks.

Secretary AH&VS stressed the need for credit support in the animal husbandry sector and appraised the bankers about the credibility shown by the animal husbandry farmers in repaying the loan. He emphasized that the future of animal husbandry depends on the interest generated among the farmers in up scaling their activities and to peruse animal husbandry activities in an entrepreneurial and commercial mode by shifting it from the traditional way of animal husbandry farming. He informed that the State

Government is providing necessary support to the animal husbandry farmers through subsidies, price support and market linkages to their products. He called upon the bankers to extend support to the farmers of the State and assured departmental support to the bankers.

Dr. B.M. Chettri briefed that the workshop was conducted for knowledge sharing and sensitisation of bank and department officials on animal Husbandry sector and to address the issues of credit support to the farmers. Various animal husbandry schemes of the Central and State Government related to credit linkages, criteria, modules, processes, and documentation of AH loan including National Livestock Mission was also presented by the experts.

Discussion regarding credit linkage schemes between the bankers and departmental officers was held wherein the status of various loans on livestock farming was reviewed.

General Manager RBI assured that RBI will take all efforts to resolve the issues and facilitate the process of the sanction of pending animal husbandry loans in the State.

Independence Day football tournament 2022 kicks off at Rangpo

Pakyong, July 28: The Independence Day football tournament 2022 kicked off at Rangpo Goli Ground, today. The tournament is being organised by Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC) Rangpo 2022, in collaboration with Rangpo Nagar Panchayat.

Chairman, Sikkim Housing and Development Board, Mr. Karma Tashi Bhutia attended the programme as the chief guest along with OSD to CM, Mr. Bhanu Pradhan as the guest of honour. Councillors, RNP officials from

various departments, school students and public were also in attendance.

The inaugural match was played between PFA Central Pandam and KFA Siliguri.

The programme also featured traditional dance performed by the students. The tournament features 20 teams with a knockout format. The winner of the tournament will receive ₹3 lakh cash prize and the runner up with a cash prize of ₹2 lakh, respectively.

DC Gangtok chairs meeting of CAB

Gangtok, July 27: District Collector Gangtok Mr. Ragul K chaired a meeting of the Child Line Advisory Board (CAB) at his office, today.

Present in the meeting were ADC Gangtok, ASP Gangtok, officers from various line departments, and representatives from Child line Gangtok, a National NGO supported by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.

The main agenda of the meeting was to reconstitute a Child Line Advisory Board for Gangtok District after the establishment of Pakyong District.

DC in his address assured cooperation and said that the Officials need to understand their roles and responsibilities regarding childcare and child welfare. He also asked all HoDs to implement and sensitise the public about the Helpline from their respective offices and areas of

jurisdiction.

Coordinator Child line Gangtok, Mr. Kamal Lamsal highlighted the agendas of the meeting. The points for review and consideration included the mass publicity of child helpline number - 1098, pasting of childline-1098 logo/stickers in the transport vehicles, permission for cooperation and support from the Police department in case intervention to the Child line team members, request for conducting awareness programme in Government Schools, ICDS and Colleges, support from Labour department regarding intervention in child labour, and many pertinent issues related to child welfare and protection.

The members shared their opinions for framing future strategies and action plan for eliminating problems related to child trafficking, child labour, child abuse, and other similar issues.

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Officials of LR&DM Deptt. visits landslide area at Khamdong

Gangtok, July 29: Relief Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department Mr. Anil Raj Rai along with Director Sikkim State Disaster Management Department visited the landslide area at Khamdong.

Addl. Secretary, SSDMA, Training Officer, SSDMA, BDO

Khamdong and technical team of BAC and SSDMA were also present during the inspection.

Relief Commissioner assured the affected public that the mitigation measures will be done immediately in collaboration with Geological Survey of India. The BDO was directed to prepare a detailed assessment report of the

landslide areas in coordination with SDM, Gangtok and submit the report at the earliest. He also mentioned that the affected should be immediately shifted in nearby safer locations. It was suggested that public should avoid visiting the landslide areas and Police personnel were asked to regularly monitor the site.

Chief Secretary chairs preparatory meeting for State level Independence Day celebration

Gangtok, July 29: Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta chaired a preparatory meeting for the State level Independence Day celebration at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

The meeting had the

presence of heads of all departments, the Home Department and officers of the army. The meeting discussed in detail the roles assigned to each department.

Chief Secretary said that the

event will be organised on a larger scale in line with the ongoing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. He urged all the departments to give their best in making the event a grand success.

Team led by Minister L.N. Sharma attends inaugural programme of Biofach 2022

Germany, July 28: Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Departments Mr. L.N. Sharma and delegation from Sikkim attended the inaugural programme of Biofach 2022 at Nuremberg, Germany on July 26.

He was accompanied by Secretary Agriculture, CEO, Sikkim Organic Farming Development Agency (SOFDA), Senior officials from the Department of Agriculture

SIMFED, SSOCA, and President of Kisan Morcha.

The delegation attended the 'Organic Hero' programme wherein the current 'One world award' winners from Tanzania and Denmark were recognized.

The Minister participated in the panel discussion on 'organic agriculture in the global South-commitments and action from ministerial perspective' along with

Ministers from Germany and Tanzania and representatives from Argentina.

The delegation visited stalls and explored wide range of exhibitors, innovations and trends. The delegation exchanged ideas with the representatives of industry and small business owners to understand the current trend and opportunities in the organic sector.

DC Gyalshing chairs meeting on Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

Gyalshing, July 28: DC Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda chaired a review meeting of District HoDs regarding the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign which is a part of ongoing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at the Conference Hall of DAC Gyalshing, today.

On the instructions issued vide Circular No.03/Home/2022, dated:28/07/2022, DC informed that in order to mark the 75th Independence Day, a nationwide campaign under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is being organised to encourage citizens to hoist the National Flag at their homes w.e.f. 13th-15th August 2022 and that the flags must also be hoisted at offices,

banks, commercial establishments besides putting them up on vehicles.

She further explained that one must log on to www.harghartiranga.com and pin their locations after taking selfies with the National Flag. Usage of the hashtag [#harghartiranga](https://twitter.com/harghartiranga) in all social media handles like twitter, facebook, instagram and whatsapp was also stressed upon. The short documentary film prepared by IPR was also screened for the participants.

It was also informed that the commercial establishments at Gyalshing Bazaar would be procuring the flags and hoisting them along with PTDA at Pelling town, while for households and

offices the Culture Department would provide the flags.

DC further explained in detail the stipulations of the National Flag Code and said that the District Administration has translated the FAQs on Flag code in local languages for the benefit of public which would be extensively shared through media.

Thereafter, a detailed action plan circulated by Home Department was also shared wherein it was explained to earmarked duties and responsibilities of officers of concerned departments/agencies. Participants were also given a flag for live demonstration.

Awareness and sensitisation programme on IVFRT organised

Mangan, July 29: The concluding day of awareness and sensitisation programme on Immigration, Visa, Foreigners, Registration and Tracking System (IVFRT) for hoteliers and homestay operators organised by Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, under the banner 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was held at Zilla Bhawan, Mangan, today.

The programme was chaired by Special Secretary Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Ms. Karma Youtso accompanied by Sr. CHA, Deputy Director, Tourist Officer, Hospitality, Officials and staff from TIC Mangan, official from FRO, President Indigenous Lepcha Association,

stakeholders from various hotels and homestays of Mangan District.

The programme commenced with the welcome address by TO Vijeta Chettri, followed by address of SR. CHA. Mr. Vikash Rai on registration, renewal process, rural tourism and importance of IVFRT. APPT presentation on IVFRT was presented by FRO official Mr. Eleazor Rai.

The programme witnessed an open interaction, wherein difficulties of network connectivity were highlighted by the stakeholders in view of the remoteness of places which included Dzongu, Lachen and Lachung.

Special Secretary in her

address appealed the participants to try and use IVFRT portal despite the difficulties they face. In case of total failure of internet connectivity, they can fill the form manually if required, for no interruptions in data collection. Further, she also assured that the department will look into the problems faced by the stakeholders.

AD Adventure Mr. Manoj Chettri highlighted the safety and security measures on tourism industry in Sikkim and also informed regarding the upcoming tourism guide training registration process and its importance.

Press conference on Milawat Se Mukti Abhiyan held

Gangtok, July 29: A press conference on 'Milawat Se Mukti Abhiyan' (Freedom From Adulteration Campaign) was held at the chamber of PDHS II, Health Secretariat, today.

The conference was chaired by MD, PhD. Principal Director, Health Services, also FASAI in charge Dr. Tekendra K. Rai. Joint Commissioner Food Safety, Deputy Director and Designated officer Food, State IEC Officer and Health educator were also in attendance.

Principal Director, Health Services, also FASAI In-Charge informed that 'Milawat Se Mukti Abhiyan' is a fortnight campaign on the adulteration of edible oils, which will start from August 01-August 14 2022, covering 14 towns. Eight samples of edible oils per town will be collected and sent to a laboratory for food value analysis. He stated that during the

campaign, an officer from the food safety cell would visit different towns which include Phodong, Jorethang, Singtam, Mangan, Gyalshing, Dikchu, Melli Bazar, Naya Bazar, Gangtok, Pakyong, Namchi, Dentam, Rangpo and Ravangla.

He further informed that samples collected will be sent to the laboratory for data analysis and fourteen parameters like the presence of hydro cyanide acid, the refractive index of the products, fatty acids contents, iodine value etc., would be checked. He urged the consumers to look for AG mark and only opt for products supported with a FASAI Logo. The conference was called to raise awareness about Adulteration in edible oils.

It may be mentioned that for any food-related complaint or enquiry, one can dial at 6295494264.

Two ICDS centres inaugurated

Gyalshing, July 29: Two ICDS centres at Limbang and Lasso wards under Chongrang block were inaugurated by Deputy Speaker-cum-Area MLA Mr. Sangay Lepcha in the presence of Advisor Ecclesiastical Department Mr. R.S. Bhutia and DC Gyalshing District Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda, today.

Also present were Panchayats, SDM Yuxsom, DPO DM, BDO Chongrang, and dignitaries of Chongrang block. Additionally, the houses severely damaged by landslides occurred recently were also inspected.

DC along with Panchayats, SDM, BDO, DPO and inspected the progress of other ICDS centres under Chongrang block, sanctioned under the NEC Project. The team also visited the Veterinary Centre under Arithang ward. DC assured to take up restoration works under mitigation funds.

The team also visited Resource Recovery Centre of Gerethang GPU, where the DC suggested that plastic shredder and baling machines would simplify processes of waste management.

Independence Day celebrations 2022 organised at Soreng

Soreng, July 30: Independence Day celebrations 2022 organised by the District Administration Centre, Soreng in collaboration with Singling Sporting Club commenced at Senior Secondary School Playground, Soreng, today.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Mrs. Sarda Tamang Golay as the chief guest, in the presence of MLA Soreng Mr. Aditya Golay, MLA Salghari-Zoom, MLA Rinchenpong, Chairpersons, Advisors, retired Army personnel, dignitaries and locals. The highlight of the celebration is the Independence Day Football Tournament which kick started from today.

MLA Mr. Aditya Golay congratulated the people and the officials under Soreng district for hosting the maiden Independence Day celebration and informed that Sikkim is celebrating 47 years of statehood after becoming a part of India.

MLA Mrs. Sunita Gajmer

also enumerated some of the schemes launched by the Government to bring about social and economic welfare of the State.

ADC Mr. Dhiraj Subedi spoke on the significance of the celebration and elaborated on the achievements and success stories of athletes, entrepreneurs and other personalities. He urged everyone to be a part of AKAM celebrations and Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

The inaugural match was played between Mazitar Sporting Club (Sikkim) and XI GRRC (Lucknow) wherein, the Mazitar Sporting Club stood victorious. A cash prize of ₹5000 was presented to the first goal scorer of the day.

It was informed that a total of 16 teams will participate in the football tournament, wherein, the winning team will be awarded with a cash prize of ₹5 lakh and the runners-up team with ₹3 lakh, respectively.

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Milching cows distributed at Bengthang

Pakyong, August 01:Fourteen milching cows with calves were distributed through CSR initiated by Teesta Urja Ltd. in coordination with Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Pakyong at Bengthang Pacheykhani, Rhenock Constituency, Pakyong District.

The programme had the

presence of MLA Rhenock constituency Mr. Bishnu Kumar Khatiwara, DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chophel, Panchayats of Pacheykhani and Bhasmey ward, Joint Director (AH&VS), Dr Anjala Pradhan, Deputy Director (AH&VS) Dr Kinchokla Bhutia and Deputy Director (AH&VS), Dr Chandrawati Gautam along with

government officials.

Each Fourteen beneficiaries received one milching cow with calf 100 kg feed (2 bags), 5 kg mineral mixture, 10 litre milk can and one year insurance coverage.

It may be mentioned that on July 25, an awareness programme on dairy farming was conducted at ADC Conference hall, Pakyong.

Team led by SDM Pakyong inspects affected landslide areas

Pakyong, July 30: SDM Pakyong Mr. Tshering Norgyal Theengh and his team inspected the affected landslide areas under Pakyong, today.

Site Engineer, Roads Department was instructed to clear the debris at Pachey Khola once the slide becomes stable. An ex gratia of ₹1,01,900/- was disbursed to Mr. Raja Pradhan of Dhanuke, as his house was completely damaged.

Full damage assessment for

Mr. Padam Pradhan and Mr. Raja Pradhan was done by the officials of Buildings department in the presence of NHIDCL officials.

NHIDCL has been asked to clear the debris at various slides along the Rorathang - Pakyong Highway and provide protection walls to prevent further damage. Further, NHIDCL was also directed to start the restoration work at Rorathang Bazar Jhora on top priority.

SDM Pakyong directed the

Forest department to identify trees posing threat to the commuters. Major slides have also occurred at a few houses in Rai Gaon ward, Namcheybong wherein, tarpaulins were distributed and were provided assurance for the protective walls under NC. He requested the line department officials, NHIDCL, DRA and NDRF to be vigilant during monsoon and also directed the BDO's to coordinate with ward Panchayats in mitigating the disaster, if any.

Culture Deptt.organises programme under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Gangtok, July 31: An open competitions on patriotic song and poetry was organised by the Culture Department under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign in the banner 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Manan Kendra, today.

The programme had the presence of Special Secretary, Culture Department Mrs. K.D.

Rechung, officials and staff from Culture Department. Also present were teachers and students from different schools.

Judges for the patriotic song and poetry competitions were President Nepali Sahitya Parishad Mr. Rudra Poudyal, retired Teacher, Palzor Namgyal Girls School Mr. Shyam Pradhan and

Assistant Professor, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College Dr. Tek Bdr. Chettri.

18 participants presented their songs and poems in Nepali and Hindi languages during the competitions for which, the prize will be distributed on August 15, 2022.

DDMA organises awareness programme

Gangtok, July 29: District Disaster Management Authority, Gangtok, in coordination with Sneha Kinetic Power Project Limited, under the banner of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' organised an awareness programme, rally and mock drill on disaster management at the dam site of Sneha Kinetic Power Project Private Limited (SKPPL) 96 MW Dikchu HEP, Lingdok, today.

Zilla Panchayat Lingdok

Nampong GPU Mrs. Devika Khatiwara attended the programme as the chief guest along with Panchayats, teachers from Lingdok SSS, students, Police personnel from Lingdok OP, officials and staff from SKPPL and DDMA, Gangtok.

The programme included activities like the blowing of siren indicating the release of water as per the laid down SOP. Students were made aware of the water

discharge protocol. A mock drill on earthquake, an exercise on fire fighting and the display of safety equipment were carried out. The students were briefed about various hazards and necessary precautions.

Deputy Director DDMA, Gangtok, conducted a debriefing session followed by a painting and essay writing competitions.

Programme on LaQshya External Assessment for Labour Room and Maternity Operation Theater held

Gyalshing, July 29: A two-day programme on LaQshya External Assessment for Labour Room and Maternity Operation Theater of District Hospital Gyalshing under National Quality Assurance Programme (NQAP) commenced today.

The first day of the programme was conducted at the Conference Hall of District Hospital Gyalshing supported by Maternal and Child Division/RCH of Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim.

The programme had the presence of CMO Gyalshing Dr. Bikash Pradhan, Additional Director cum State Nodal Officer, NQAP Dr. Baroon Subba, Ex-Principal Chief Consultant Dr. Rebecca Lama, District Medical Superintendent Dr. Namgay Bhutia, State Quality Consultant Mrs. Madhu Mishra, (UNICEF) Dr. Rinzing Bhutia, Doctors, Nurses and ASHAs.

Dr. Sulbha Swaroop

(Lucknow) and Dr. Sandip Kumar Natwarlal Naik (Gujarat) were the External Assessors deputed from National Health System Resource Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

District Medical Superintendent presented an overview of District Hospital Gyalshing after being implemented the LaQshya programme through Power Point presentation wherein, the Assessors raised queries concerning to deliveries during emergencies and availability of required medicines. He mentioned that the District Hospital Gyalshing has already been certified under LaQshya through virtual external assessment.

External Assessor Dr. Naik stated that the quality improvement is the main aspect of assessment, where he expressed that the team have done their level best to contribute towards the hospital.

At the beginning of the

assessment, the Assessors jointly inspected the Maternity Operation Theater, Labour Room and Triage Room of hospital and put forth their suggestions in achieving the desired outcomes.

Additional Director cum State Nodal Officer, NQAP Dr. Baroon Subba stated that once the Labour Room and Maternity OT of DHG is assessed by External Assessors, the process of National Certification will be started. If the Labour Room and Maternity OT qualifies and receives National Certification, the departments of DHG will be incentivised with 3 lakh each annually for three years after which, the same process of accreditation will be repeated before expiry of the certification, he added.

It may be mentioned that the District Hospital Gyalshing has become the state's first hospital to get in the LaQshya programme.

Grand finale of Bijli Mahotsav organised

Namchi, July 30: The grand finale of Bijli Mahotsav in Sikkim organised by the Ministry of Power in association with the District Administration, Power Department and NHPC Limited under the banner 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was organised at Government Girls' Senior Secondary School Namchi, today.

The programme was attended by MLA-cum-Advisor, Power Department, Mr. Pintso Namgyal Lepcha as the chief guest along with PCE-cum-Secretary, Power Department, Executive Director NHPC and CPSE State Nodal Officer, DC Namchi, Senior officers of NHPC and other dignitaries.

Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the participants and beneficiaries from over 100 districts across the country through virtual mode and interacted with the beneficiaries of various schemes in the power sector. He also launched the

Ministry of Power's Flagship Reform Based Distribution Sector Scheme, aimed at improving the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of distribution companies. It was also proposed to provide 25 crore smart prepaid meters to consumers all over the country.

The PM also launched the National portal for Rooftop Solar, which will enable online tracking of the process of installation of rooftop solar plants, starting from registering the applications to release of subsidy in residential consumers (beneficiaries) bank account after installation and inspection of the plant.

The estimated capacity under National solar rooftop programme is 4000 MW, a major step towards realising the solar rooftop potential of the Nation and will contribute towards India's target to produce 500 GW energy through non -fossil fuels committed in COP-26.

Independence Day Knockout Football Tournament 2022 organised

Pakyong, August 01:The Independence Day Knockout Football Tournament 2022 organised in memory of late Hari Maya Sharma Dulal in coordination with Pakyong Sporting Club, kicked off at Xavier's School ground, Pakyong, today.

The programme was attended by Area MLA Mr. Em Prasad Sharma, Advisor- Food and Civil Supplies, Chairman, OSD Agriculture, DC Pakyong, ADC

Pakyong, SDM Pakyong (Hq.), officials, Police personnel and public.

Two matches were played between Chujachen Sporting Club vs. UKSC Kurseong and Pakyong United Sporting Club vs. Refill Boys Gangtok. A total of 26 teams will participate in the knock-out tournament and the winners will receive prize of ₹3 lakh and ₹2 lakh for the runner up, respectively.

Minister L.N. Shrama meets Consul General of India Munich

Munich, July 31: Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments Mr. L.N. Shrama met with the Consul General of India, Munich, Mr. Mohit Yadav on July 28.

During the meeting, the Consul General expressed that Sikkim has huge potential in the field of organic farming and tourism. After the COVID -19 pandemic, the German population has began consuming more of alternate medicines and organic foods and commodities like spices have huge market opportunities in Germany, he added. He suggested that Sikkim should participate in the next edition of the Biofach at Nuremberg, Germany with all the commodities available and the Consulate will assist in identifying potential importers.

It was suggested that all certification compliances will be addressed in the meantime to

enable participation in the next edition of Biofach. He also mentioned that the Germans show keen interest in adventure sports like skiing, trekking and cycling which has huge potential that needs to be explored. He said that the Consulate can help identify companies that can develop these activities in the State. The other areas of cooperation could be in education, skill development and investment. A virtual meeting between the Government of Sikkim and the concerned stakeholders of the German will possibly be arranged, affirmed the Consul General.

The Minister said that he would discuss with the concerned Departments to take matters forward and assured that the Government will take necessary steps to begin trade in organic commodities from Sikkim.

Road Safety Awareness programme organised

Pakyong, July 29: Motor Vehicle Department, Pakyong conducted a Road Safety Awareness programme at Pachey Senior Secondary School and St. Xavier's School under Pakyong district, today.

The programme was attended by the principals, teachers, students and officials

from the department.

RTO Pakyong Mr. P.R. Dulal explained in detail about road safety and the , law of Good Samaritan. He added that everyone must be aware of traffic signs and road rules to ensure lower chances of accidents. The awareness videos on road safety was also screend in the programme.

National Flag hoisted at CM residences

Gangtok, August 01: Residences of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang hoisted the National Flag under 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under the banner 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', today. His private residences located at

Lumsay, Gangtok, Tinzir, Namchi and Singling will hoist the flag for the next 15 days. The Chief Minister has appealed every Sikkimese to hoist National Flag in their respective homes until Independence Day 2022.

Sensitisation programme on sexual harassment of women at work place organised

Gangtok, July 29: A sensitisation programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act 2013 under the banner 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', was organised by Women and Child Development Department at Manan Kendra, today.

Minister for Women and Child Development Department Dr. M.K. Sharma attended the programme as the chief guest along with Secretary CMO, Mrs. Tenzing Kizom, Secretary Women and Child Development, Mrs. Ganga Pradhan, Special Secretary, Principal Director ICDS, Additional Advocate General and government employees from various departments.

Minister in his address said that the topic was contextual and meaningful to the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', theme drawing parallels to India as the Motherland and that one should respect the country and the women, both. He stated that a country or a place where a woman is not respected would never flourish and one should create an environment of home and family at the workplace and with colleagues. He stressed on self-advocacy and being aware about the progressive growth towards empowering women and eradicating gender inequality.

Secretary Mrs. Ganga Pradhan said that constant input and dissemination of information would be effective in combating

the issue. She urged that misconduct in workplace is supported by the government service rules, and making oneself and the perpetrator aware of one's right is self-advocacy for self-defence.

The first woman Additional Advocate General of Sikkim, Dr. Doma T. Bhutia, spoke on the legal perspective detailing laws that protect and assist women in distress. She spoke about the stigmas and fears attached and also provided a brief history about the Vishaka Guidelines, which were promulgated by the Supreme Court in 1997 and superseded in 2013 by the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace ((Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act. She explained about the ways and forms of sexual harassment and urged everyone to try and keep evidence when any incident occurs, as laws need proof. She said that being assertive and aware makes a difference and one must be loud and clear about it.

Paralegal Worker, OSC South, Ms. Aeromeena Lepcha briefed on the functioning of One Stop Centre, which is holistic in nature wherein trained professionals provide assistance and direction to women in distress. The Women Helpline Number is 181.

The programme concluded with a short video providing data and statistics on harassment and a message of collective responsibility in battling the issue.

Board meeting of SLPDC held

Gangtok, July 29: The Board Meeting of Sikkim Livestock Processing and Development Corporation Ltd. (SLPDC) under Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services was held at AH&VS Hq., Gangtok, today.

The meeting was chaired by the Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Dr. P. Senthil Kumar and attended by General Manager, NABARD Mr. Sanjay Kr. Gupta and other officials.

Secretary Animal Husbandry suggested in bringing all the Government slaughter houses of the State under the management of SLPDC with minimum operational standards and hygiene. He directed officials to prepare a project proposal under RIDF to seek funding from NABARD through State Government to strengthen with required facilities. He also directed

the management of SLPDC to expedite the Mellidara Poultry Processing Unit within three months to benefit the poultry farmers and consumers of the state. He asked the management of SLPDC to operationalise the pork slaughter house and improve functional status of other slaughter facilities at Majhitar.

Managing Director Dr. Sunita Joshi Gajmer made a detailed presentation on the status, progress and future plans of the SLPDC activities including the slaughter house at Majhitar, Melli and Gyaba. Many crucial activities for the SLPDC were unanimously approved during the meeting. The board also reviewed the ongoing projects of Modern Abattoir at Majhitar, Mellidara and Gyaba, Gyalshing and assessed needs for support from Government to complete the same. The board discussed in detail

various measures to be adopted to achieve the objective of providing quality animal protein needs to the people of Sikkim in the days to come.

GM NABARD indicated the scope for financing through Rural Infrastructure Development Fund.

Director, AH, and Addl. Director, Quality Control of the AHVS suggested measures to resolve various issues relating to slaughter in the State.

It may be mentioned that SLPDC was established in state during 1988-89 under Sikkim Companies Act, 1961 with the objective to provide quality animal protein to the people, to provide a strong marketing support to Animal Husbandry farmers and develop a firm meat sector in the state through establishment of scientific and hygienic slaughter facilities.

SIRD& PR conducts three-day training

Namchi, July 29: State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Sikkim conducted a three-day training of Trainers on the improvement of the Panchayat Financial System from July 27-29, 2022 at Karfector, Jorethang.

The inaugural function on July 27 was chaired by Director (Accounts), RDD Mr. Raj Narayan Pradhan, Director SIRD&PR Mr. Bishal Mukhia, officials of the Finance and Accounts Division, RDD and SIRD&PR.

The training was conducted as per the direction of the Government of Sikkim with the support of the Finance and Accounts Division, Rural Development Department. The programme was organised to create a pool of Master Trainers for imparting training to functionaries of PRIs for strengthening the financial management system at the Gram Panchayat level. The trained Master Trainers will impart training to the Village Administrative Assistants (VAAs) and the Panchayat Account Assistants (PAAs) of all Gram Panchayat Units of Sikkim. The training shall be conducted

in cascading mode from August 2022 onwards. Accounts Officers, Panchayat Coordinators, Field Facilitators and a few selected Panchayat Account Assistants participated in the training programme.

Director (Accounts) Mr. Raj Narayan Pradhan, the Lead Resource Person of the training imparted information on different topics and guided other resource persons. The sessions were also attended by Chief Accounts Officer, Sr. Accounts Officer, Accounts Officer, Sr. Accountant and Panchayat Coordinator from Rural Development Department. He stressed on maintaining uniformity in financial accounting procedures and practising a healthy accounting system. He also highlighted issues and challenges in terms of financial management at the GP level.

The training were imparted on topics like the Sikkim Financial Rule, Fund Flow Mechanism, Budget Preparation, Books of Accounts, Tender Procedure, Audit Procedure, GST and Taxation, E-gram swaraj etc.. Hands-on sessions and group activities were also included.

Director, SIRD and PR

highlighted the objective of the training programme and the importance of financial management at the Gram Panchayat level. He stated that strengthening the financial system at the Gram Panchayat level would lead to the strengthening of the Panchayati Raj Institution.

The valedictory function was chaired by Director (Panchayat), Rural Development Department and attended by Director (Accounts), Rural Development Department, Director, SIRD&PR, and the officials of the Finance and Accounts Division, RDD and SIRD&PR on July 29.

Director (Panchayat) highlighted the importance of maintaining uniformity in an accounting system and stated that functionaries at the Gram Panchayat office should have clarity on their roles and responsibilities. He informed that the books of accounts should be uniform, and the formats provided by the department should be followed by all Gram Panchayats. He further urged all participants to cooperate in achieving the objective of the training programme.

Awareness programme on Cyber Security and Emerging Technologies organised

Gangtok, July 28: One day awareness programme on 'Cyber Security and Emerging Technologies' was organised by Sikkim Government Law College in coordination with National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) Gangtok under Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), Government of India at Moot Court Hall, Sikkim Government Law College, today.

The session witnessed the participation of Principal Dr. T.D. Lama, Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Dilip Pandey, Teaching Faculty and Students of Sikkim Government

Law College.

Principal, Sikkim Government Law College, in his address emphasised on the significance of cyber safety in the present world modern and the need to be aware and sensitised to protect from cyber crimes.

Scientist-D/Joint Director, NIELIT, Government of India, Mr. Khagendra Sharma also the Resource Person informed about internet and its risks, cyber crime and attacks, the measures to ensure cyber safety and security. It was followed by discussions on Digital Forensic and Emerging Technologies, which according to

him had been specially included in the session taking into consideration its utility and importance for law students. The session was an enlightening one followed by the interactive session and during which various questions were raised by the students pertaining to cyber crimes and safety like cyber terrorism in dark web, security issues with VPN etc.

Earlier, a welcome address was delivered by Asst. Professor, S G L C - c u m - P r o g r a m m e Coordinator Dr. Binita Pradhan.