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Governor inaugurates Farmers Facilitation Centre at Leh



Leh, August 04: Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad inaugurated the SSOCA's Farmers Facilitation Center at Leh, UT of Ladakh for the benefits of the local farmers of UT of Ladakh.

The one-day programme was conducted in the Conference Hall at a local hotel, Leh by the Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA) in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, UT of Ladakh. The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad was the chief guest of the programme, whereas Lt. Governor of UT of Ladakh Mr. R. K. Mathur was guest of honour of the event. MP (Lok Sabha), UT of Ladakh, Mr.

Jamayang Tshering Namgyal, Chairman-cum-CEC, LAHDC-Leh Advocate Mr. Tashi Gyalson, along with Executive Councilor (Agriculture) Lehm Mr. Stanzin Chosphel and Executive Councilor (Agriculture) Kargil Mr. Mohsin Ali, Secretary to Governor of Sikkim Mr. Raj Yadav, Mr. Ravindra Kumar, Director DIHAR Mr. O.P. Chaurisha, CEO-SSOCA Mr. Sudhir Giri, DC-Leh Mr. Shrikant B. Suse, were also present in the event.

Farmers from Igoo and Shera villages of Leh with departmental officials of Leh

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Sikkim bags two National Teachers' Awards

Gangtok, September 05: President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind conferred the National Teachers' Awards to forty-four teachers from across the country on the occasion of Teachers' Day, in the National-level event organised in a virtual mode by the Ministry of Education, Government of India from New Delhi, today.

This year, two teachers from Sikkim Mr. Mingma Sherpa, Primary Teacher, Government Primary School Lum, North Sikkim and Mr. Prem Das Chhetri, PGT Physics, Sir Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, Gangtok, have been selected for the prestigious National Teachers' Award. They joined the event through video conferencing at NIC, Gangtok. The event was also joined by Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Mr. G.P.



Upadhyay, Secretary Mr. Anil Raj Rai along with a host of officials of the Education Department.

On behalf of the President, the Award, Certificates and Medals were conferred to the awardees by

the Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Mr. G.P. Upadhyay, today.

The President spoke in brief

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Cabinet approves and sanctions various proposals

Gangtok, September 04: A Cabinet meeting was held at Tashiling Secretariat, which was presided over by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang.

During the meeting the cabinet approved and sanctioned the various proposals:

Agriculture Department
- Administrative approval and sanction of ₹422.22 Lakh for implementing the scheme "Support to State Extension programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA)".

Education Department
- Approval to change the name of "Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Centre of Excellence" to "Netaji Subash Chandra Bose University of Excellence (NSBUoE)".
- Approval and sanction of ₹230.00 lakhs towards purchase of 10 number of College Buses for use by different Government Colleges of Sikkim.

- Approval and sanction of ₹128.44 Crores for Samagra Shiksha (Integrated Scheme for School Education) in Sikkim for the year 2021-22, as detailed in Cabinet Memorandum No. 192/ACS/EDN Dated 27/08/2021.

Finance Department
- Approval of the payment of Dearness Allowance/ Relief to the State Government employees at revised rates w.e.f. 01.07/2021.

Home Department
- Approval of the proposal

for renaming various schools of the State.

Health and Welfare Department

- Approval and sanction of ₹400.00 Lakhs for clearing outstanding payments to hospitals under Mukhya Mantri Jeewan Raksha Kosh (MMJRK).

- Approval and en bloc sanction of ₹486.00 lakhs towards payment of monthly honorarium to Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) for the financial year 2021-22.

Information and Public Relations Department

- Post facto approval and sanction of ₹80.00 lakhs for organising Sikkim Global Film Festival by Sikkim Film Promotion Board.

Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department

- Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹81,49,271/- only for purchase of 09 (Nine) Vehicles for official use.

Power Department

- Administrative approval of ₹4552.49 Lakhs only and financial sanction of ₹50 lakhs only for additional work against "Survey, Design, Supply,

Erection, Testing and Commissioning and Documentations of Electrical Network for System Strengthening and Energy Meter in four circles consisting of Singtam, Rangpo, Namchi, Jorethang, Nayabazar and Gyalshing under Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS)".

Public Health Engineering Department

- Administrative approval of ₹183.60 lakhs for "Setting up of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) for Sewerage Treatment Plants in the State" and financial sanction of ₹50.00 lakhs.

- Administrative approval of the project "Augmentation of Gyalshing Water Supply" at a total cost of ₹60.05 Crores and financial sanction of ₹30.00 Crores.

Science and Technology Department

- Approval and en-bloc sanction of ₹11.69 Crores only for implementation of Prime Minister Van Dhan Vikas Yojana

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Government of Sikkim Social Justice & Welfare Department Lumsey, Tadong

No:190/SJ&WD/2021

Dated:06/09/2021

MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to inform my fellow citizen of the State that the entire month of September is celebrated as "Rashtriya Poshan Maah" across the country since 2018 to further accelerate various activities under Poshan Abhiyaan and to create a "Jan Andolan" and "Jan Bhagidari".

We all are aware that POSHAN Abhiyaan - Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with a vision to address malnutrition. The Abhiyaan strives to reduce the level of stunting, under nutrition, low birth weight in children and anaemia in adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers as well as children through convergence of various nutrition related schemes of Social Justice and Welfare Department, Health and Family Welfare Department, Education Department, Food and Civil Supplies, Public Health Engineering, Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sectors. The month long celebration with a theme "Converging towards a healthy walk through life" aims in making people aware about the importance of Nutrition, development of Poshan Vatika and Yoga and AYUSH, Identification of Severely Acute malnourished children and Distribution of Nutrition kits.

I sincerely wish this 4th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2021, reach out to every household on the importance of nutrition in children & women and create a society free from malnutrition.

Chief Minister
(Prem Singh Tamang)

Pearls of Wisdom

Never regret anything that made you smile.

- Mark Twain

District Diary

DISHA meeting conducted



Mangan, September 06: District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held in the Conference Hall, DAC North District, Mangan today. The meeting was organised by the Office of DC (North) in coordination with Rural Development Department, which was chaired by the MP(Lok Sabha) Mr. Indra Hang Subba.

The meeting was also attended by Minister for Roads and Bridges Mr. Samdup Lepcha, Minister for Forest Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia, Zilla Adhakshya (North) Mrs. Namday Lepcha, Chairman (Sikkim Welfare Commission) Mr. Nim Tsh Lepcha, Additional Political Secretary to Chief Minister Mr. Tshering Wangyal Bhutia, SP (North) Mrs. Ongmu Bhutia, officers from various line

departments.

Mr. Indra Hang Subba directed all line departments to intimate concerned Area MLAs of all the ongoing works.

He directed Welfare Department officers to promote awareness programmes at remote areas regarding pension related schemes. He also appealed to the department heads to come up with innovative programmes for the welfare of the rural areas. He urged all the representatives and the authorities to ensure inter-departmental coordination while carrying out tasks.

Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia directed all the concerned BDOs to take up REDRH scheme seriously for early completion. He also directed department heads to depute officers for forest clearance.

Minister for Roads and

Bridges cum area MLA (Lachen-Mangan) Mr. Samdup Lepcha suggested to conduct proper programmes, implement every scheme for the development of rural areas with proper coordination with the panchayats and MLAs concerned.

Earlier, DC (North) Mr. Tenzing T. Kaleon in his welcome address highlighted about the DISHA and called for continued effort to ensure that all the schemes and programmes aimed at grassroot development are achieved in the stipulated time.

The programme also witnessed Power Point Presentation by the various departments about the schemes, data and its implementation in entire district which are Rural Development Department presented on MGNREGA, SBM, PMGSY, NRLM, PMAGY, PMAYG and NRDWP; Power Department on DDUGJY and IPDS; Social Justice and Welfare Department on PMJVK, NSAP, BBBP, ICDS and NSAP; Food and civil supplies on ONORC and PMGKAY; Education Department on Samagra Siksha and MFMS; Health Department on NHM (National Health Mission); Agriculture Department on PMKSY, PKVY, RKVY PMFBY and SHC and Urban Development Department on PMAYU and AMRUT.

Advocacy Programme under PMVDY held



Namchi, September 01: The Advocacy Programme under the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojna (PMVDY) was held on August 31 for Namchi Subdivision at the District Administrative Centre-Conference Hall. The chief guest for the programme was Additional Political Secretary (South) to the Chief Minister, Ms. Anjeeta Rajalim. Other dignitaries included officials from the line Departments and from the Implementing Department. Participants for the advocacy programme included the Team Leaders of the Van Dhan Vikas Kendras, Master Trainers under PMVDY, Presidents of the Multipurpose Cooperative Societies (MPCS), Block Project Managers/ Assistant Project Managers under State Rural Livelihood Mission and Managers/Surveyors of the Van Dhan Kendras.

The advocacy programme was part of the sensitization of PMVDY and its implementation at the grassroots level. The Team

Leaders and the Master Trainers shared their experience working under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojna (PMVDY) and how this Yojna could be a source of increasing their income through value addition of Minor Forest Produces (MFP). The officials of the Implementing Department (Department of Cooperation) gave a brief status report of the Yojna under the subdivision and the future course of action under PMVDY. The Block Project Manager highlighted how SHGs have been tied up under these Van Dhan Vikas Kendras for value addition of Minor Forest Produces. Ms. Rajalim assured assistance in the implementation of the Yojna and emphasized on how it could empower women through financial independency.

Similarly, A Sub-divisional Advocacy Programme for Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana was organised and by Cooperation Department, Rabong Sub-division, South Sikkim at the SDM Conference

Hall.

Following the launch of Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana in Sikkim on October 01, 2020 by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs and Chief Minister of Sikkim, the programme is aimed at creating awareness and garnering public support for the scheme. This scheme targets livelihood generation for tribal gatherers and transforms them into entrepreneurs. One of the main components is, 'Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) & Development of Value Chain for MFP.

The nodal agency for this scheme is Department of Science and Technology and the implementing agency is Cooperation Department. Panchayat President of Barfung Zarrong GPU, Mr. Anil Rai chaired the programme.

Panchayat Presidents: Mr. Deo Kumar Rai (Yangang Rangang GPU-cum-BOD, SICUN), Mr. Tashi Tshering Bhutia (Bermoik Tokol GPU), Mrs. Rupa Gurung (Borong Phamtam GPU), and Ward Panchayat Mrs. Sarita Thatal (Upper Barfung Ward) and representatives from line departments also attended the programme. Master trainers and group leaders from various Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVK) were present. This programme was primarily intended for Self Help Groups (SHGs), members from all 8 VDVKS under Rabong also participated.

DC (South) leads inspection for rainfall infused damage

Namchi, September 03: DC (South) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar along with SDM Yangang, BDO Yangang, DPO (Disaster Management), AE Roads and Bridges along with other field staff inspected damages insinuated by torrential rainfall on the night of 1st and 2nd of September under Yangang Block.

The DC visited Manglee Ward where a house belonging Mr. Hari Psd Pokhrel along with Kitchen was severely damaged. The family was evacuated and shifted to nearby Mandir. It was decided that ex gratia relief would be disbursed immediately to the family. The team then visited Sirisey where formation of road had been completely washed out. JCB from NHIDCL was sought in addition to JCB of Roads and Bridges Department to clear the drain. Further, two houses at

Upper Yangang were found to be severely damaged. The families have been shifted to a safer location. The team visited Khadi Turning, Rangang where electric pole was on the verge of collapse, few houses were found to be endangered as well as Dhapper, Bhaleydunga Rope Way Project and Tselemthang Support Facility under Tourism Department. The Roads & Bridges Department have deployed 6 JCB in all the damaged location to restore traffic movement.

The DC instructed the concerned Officers of Irrigation Department, Tourism Department and Roads & Bridges Department to assess the damage and submit report on possibility and feasibility of drainage construction along the above areas.

Co-ordination meeting focusing on Borderline matters

Gyalshing, September 01: A co-ordination meeting was called at the Conference Hall of the District Administrative Centre, Rabdentse to discuss basic infrastructure facilities in Border Outposts, BOPs of 36 BN SSB on September 1.

The Additional District Collector (West) Mr. Agawane Rohan Ramesh chaired the meeting.

Mr. Ramesh suggested that priority should also be given to the smallest of the issues concerning Borderline matters, as it holds the sensitive element of National Security. He informed that the engaged departments in the course should uphold the pivotal and humongous tasks to perform and should approach in favour of the collective national interest.

Furthermore, he advised the departments to wrap up with the Action Taking Plan Report at the earliest before the end of this month for the swift and authentic work compliance in a stipulated

time frame. In case of the emerging difficulties he suggested to mention the current status of the issue and advised for writing about it directly about the concerned matter to the office of the Additional District Collector, West.

It was also informed that a joint survey shall be conducted with collaborative efforts of the both SSB and concerned departments for further assessments of the ground report. Once a month review meeting to follow up with the progress was also provisioned.

Feedback and suggestions were made by the present representatives from both 36 BN SSB, Gyalshing and 72 BN SSB, Yangtey. The concerned departmental representatives were then consulted and apprised on the various issues pertaining to the developmental perspectives in favour of the Borderline outposts situated at the Singalila Range.

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about the historical significance of Teacher's Day and also mentioned the importance of the role of teachers in one's life. He congratulated the awardees and urged them to continue working for a better future. He asked them to adopt innovative ways of teaching according to the needs and demands of the changing time.

The Additional Chief Secretary congratulated the awardees on bringing honour to the State and the Nation. He mentioned that Sikkim has been consistent in achieving more than

one award in this sector for the past few years and expressed his gratitude to the officers of the department for carefully selecting and recommending these awardees to the Ministry of Education.

A documentary film on each of the forty-four awardee teachers was also shown during the virtual award ceremony.

It may be mentioned here that the State-level Teachers' Day function has been postponed till further notice as Sikkim is currently observing three-day-long state mourning as a mark of respect to former Deputy Chief Minister of Sikkim, late Mr. P.T. Luksom.

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Reference No: 37/EXAM/SPSC/2021

Date: 03/09/2021

NOTICE

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Written and Practical Examinations for filling up various technical posts under the Department of Printing and Stationery, Government of Sikkim through direct recruitment advertised vide Adv. No. 06/SPSC/EXAM/2020 dt: 09/06/2020, 07/SPSC/EXAM/2020 dt: 09/06/2020, 08/SPSC/EXAM/2020 dt: 10/06/2020, 09/SPSC/EXAM/2020 dt: 10/06/2020, 10/SPSC/EXAM/2020 dt: 10/06/2020, 12/SPSC/EXAM/2020 dt: 15/06/2020, 13/SPSC/EXAM/2020 dt: 15/06/2020 and 14/SPSC/EXAM/2020 dt: 15/06/2020, the following candidates are hereby declared qualified and their names are recommended for appointment (in order of merit).

| DESIGN CUM LAYOUT MAN IN THE LEVEL -10 OF PAY MATRIX | |
|--|-------------------|
| ROLL NO | NAME OF CANDIDATE |
| 60 | AARADRA SHARMA |

| ASSISTANT PASTERMAN IN THE LEVEL - 09 OF PAY MATRIX | |
|---|-------------------|
| ROLL NO | NAME OF CANDIDATE |
| 2 | DIL KUMARI SUBBA |

| MECHANIC GRADE - II THE LEVEL - 09 OF PAY MATRIX | |
|--|-----------------------|
| ROLL NO | NAME OF CANDIDATES |
| 79 | JIGMEE CHEWANG BHUTIA |
| 83 | DAWA LHAMU BHUTIA |

| SALESMAN IN THE LEVEL - 07 OF PAY MATRIX | |
|--|-------------------|
| ROLL NO | NAME OF CANDIDATE |
| 62 | UPENDRA T AMANG |

| SCREENMAN- II IN THE LEVEL - 06 OF PAY MATRIX | |
|---|--------------------|
| ROLL NO | NAME OF CANDIDATES |
| 12 | NIMA DORJEE SHERPA |
| 5 | MOHAN MUKHIA |
| 9 | PUNAL LEPCHA |

| PRESSMAN- II IN THE LEVEL - 06 OF PAY MATRIX | |
|--|-------------------------|
| ROLL NO | NAME OF CANDIDATES |
| 21 | PASSANG TSHERING LEPCHA |
| 32 | PEMA ONGCHUK LEPCHA |
| 27 | POKH RAJ SUBBA |
| 20 | SUJAN CHETTRI |
| 28 | BIDESH RAI |
| 25 | DINESH RANPAL |

| BINDER- II IN THE LEVEL - 06 OF PAY MATRIX | |
|--|-----------------------|
| ROLL NO | NAME OF CANDIDATES |
| 37 | KUL BAHADUR CHETTRI |
| 38 | UMA GURUNG |
| 45 | TSHERING ONGMU LEPCHA |
| 36 | PURAN BASNET |
| 41 | MICHEAL RANPAL |

Roster point no. 05 (ST) has been carried forward due to unavailability of candidates belonging to this category

For the post of **Copy Holder**, roster point No.1 (UR) has been carried forward due to non-availability of candidate for the said post.

The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is **provisional** subject to police verification, medical fitness and verification of all required documents by the State Government.

Yangchen D. Tamang(SCS)
Controller of Examinations

R.O.NO.172/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:06/09/21

Government of Sikkim
Public Health Engineering Department

No:372/WS/PHED/E

Dated:27.08.2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Sikkim, on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, invites percentage rate tender in single cover system from an appropriate Class of Contractors enlisted with Sikkim PWD for execution of work as detailed below:

| Sl No. | Name of works | Tender value | Earnest Money deposit @ 2.5% | Cost of tender documents (Tender fee) | Completion Time |
|--------|--|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Augmentation of water supply system at Rangpo IBM area Colony, East Sikkim | ₹33,03,817/- | ₹82596 | ₹1500 | 12 months |
| 2 | Augmentation of water supply system at Rangpo Mazitar area, East Sikkim | ₹38,06,397/- | ₹95160 | ₹1500 | 12 months |

Contractors eligible for bidding may obtain the tender documents from the Assistant Engineer (Pakyong), PHED. For convenience of the participating bidders the tender forms shall be made available in the office of Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, East Sikkim. The prescribed Tender document can be obtained during the period specified from Rangpo Nagar Panchayat office on production of requisite bank receipt duly deposited in State Bank of Sikkim (non refundable) under the receipt head, Cost of Tender form:0215 WS & Sanitation:800:Other Receipt. Earnest money @ 2.5% of the tender value shall be deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim in the form of TDR or FDR in any schedule bank in favour of the Accounts Officer, Public Health Engineering Department, Gangtok. General Directions and Conditions of Contract (GDCC) as per SPWD Manual 2009 are applicable in total.

Divisional Engineer (East)
Public Health & Engineering, Gangtok
R.O.NO.165/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22 (ii), Dt:31/08/21

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No: 35/SPSC/EXAM/2021

Date: 31/08/2021

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Online Applications are invited from eligible local candidates for filling up the following posts on the temporary regular basis under the Government of Sikkim, through Direct Recruitment as under:

1. 11 (eleven) posts of Fisheries Officer on temporary regular basis in Level 10 of the Pay Matrix under Directorate of Fisheries under Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.

2. 13 (thirteen) post of Fisheries Guard on temporary regular basis in Level 06 of the Pay Matrix under Directorate of Fisheries under Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.

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.

Yours faithfully,
Joint Controller of Examination
Sikkim Public Service Commission
R.O.NO.167/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:01/09/21

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F.N. NRCO/NABARD PROJECT/2021-22/32, Dated: 13.08.2021

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (CPPP)

The Director, ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim, India, invites e-tenders through the CPPP website URL:<http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> under two bid systems (Technical Bid & Financial Bid) from eligible and qualified bidders for Construction of three (03) Polyhouses at Takshong village of Sikkim. Last date for submission of online bids :20.09.2021. For more details Interested Bidders may visit URL:<http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> or <https://nrcorchids.nic.in>.

Tender Id:-2021_DARE_643397_1

Administrative Officer I/C
R.O.NO.169/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22, Dt:02/09/21

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

F. No.820/SPCB/3154

Dated:06/09/2021

NOTICE

This is for information of all concerned that, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has notified the revised guidelines for Idol Immersion. Idols made up of only natural, biodegradable, eco-friendly raw materials without any toxic, inorganic raw materials such as traditional virtuous clay and mud should be encouraged, allowed & promoted and dried flower components, straw for making ornaments of idols and natural resins or trees may be used as a shining material for making idols attractive.

Use of single use plastic and thermocol materials and use of toxic and non-biodegradable chemical dyes/ oil paints for painting idols shall be strictly prohibited. Enamel and synthetic dye based paints on idols are to be discouraged.

Low height and eco friendly idols (made with natural clay idols stuffed with eco-friendly food materials such as corn, spinach, wheat and vegetable powder), idols decorated with bio- degradable, organic colours and non-toxic should be used for offering in poojas to avoid impact on the environment. For the protection of the environment the Pooja Organising Committees shall procure eco-friendly idols only from the respective ULBs registered or authorized craftsman or artisans. Use of clean multiuse metallic or glass utensils is ideal choice and only biodegradable plates may be used for Prasad distribution and other purpose.

Large scale idol manufactures (atleast involved in making more than 100 idols in a day) shall obtain registration from the concerned ULBs. Pooja Organising Committees should seek prior permission from concerned ULB as the case may be providing management plan and the required provisions for ensuring safe idol immersion during festival season at least one month in advance for making necessary arrangements in consultation with the concerned departments.

For further details, please contact State Pollution Control Board, Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Sikkim, Deorali, East Sikkim.

Member Secretary,
State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim,
Department of Forest & Environment
Government of Sikkim,
Deorali, Gangtok.
R.O.NO.171/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:06/09/21

**Education Department
Government of Sikkim
Gangtok**

NIT No: 01/AE(E-I) EW/EDN/GOS

Date: 2.09.2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer (East-I), Education Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim invites sealed tenders from the eligible contractors of appropriate class for the work as below: -

| Sl. No. | Name of work | Work Value put to tender | Completion time in months | Bank receipt towards cost of tender documents | Earnest money @ 2.5% for issue of tender form |
|---------|--|--|---------------------------|---|---|
| 1. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Lt.C.S Rai Memorial Govt.Secondary School, Arithang. | Civil Work = ₹60,92,405/- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹64,130,62/- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,60,327.00 |
| 2. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Lingding Junior High School, Gangtok | Civil Work = ₹66,63,612/- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹69,84,269/- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,74,607.00 |
| 3. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Govt. Senior secondary School, Ranka | Civil Work = ₹55,39,485/- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹58,60,142/- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,46,504.00 |
| 4. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Govt Senior Secondary School, Bojoghari | Civil Work = ₹57,92,590/- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹61,13,247/- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,52,831.00 |
| 5. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Govt. Primary School at Pangthang | Civil Work = ₹52,01,431/- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹55,22,088/- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,38,052.00 |
| 6. | Construction of 4/R/SB at Pangthang Junior High School | Civil Work = ₹56,89,382/- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹60,10,039/- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,50,251.00 |

A. (1) DATES

1. Date for submission of application with bank receipt/challan for issue of tender documents: 21.09.2021.
2. Date for submission of T.D.R for issue of tender forms: 22.09.2021.
3. Date and time for submission of tender: 23.09.2021.(up to 12: 30P.M)
4. Date and time for opening of tender: 23.09.2021 (1:30 P.M)

| Sl. No. | Name of work | Work Value put to tender | Completion time in months | Bank receipt towards cost of tender documents | Earnest money @ 2.5% for issue of tender form |
|---------|---|--|---------------------------|---|---|
| 7. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Subhithang Primary School | Civil Work = ₹55,89,375/- Electrification = ₹ 3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 59,10,032 /- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹ 1,47,751.00 |
| 8. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Dongeythang Primary School | Civil Work = ₹ 56,82,578/- Electrification = ₹ 3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 60,03,235 /- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹ 1,50,081.00 |
| 9. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Sakyong Chisopani Junior High School | Civil Work = ₹ 58,03,635/- Electrification = ₹ 3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 61,24,292/- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,53,107.00 |
| 10. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Tintek Chuba Primary School | Civil Work = ₹ 56,16,239 /- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 59,36,896 /- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹ 1,48,422.00 |
| 11. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Laxminiketan Vidhya Mandir Primary School | Civil Work = ₹ 53,79,455 /- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 57,00,112/- | 12 months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,42,503.00 |
| 12. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Macheylakha Primary School | Civil Work = ₹56,65,018/- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 59,85,675/- | 12 months | ₹ 5,000.00 | ₹1,49,642.00 |

A. (2) DATES

- 1.Date for submission of application with bank receipt/challan for issue of tender document:21.09.2021.
- 2.Date for submission of T.D.R for issue of tender forms: 22.09.2021.
- 3.Date and time for submission of tender: 24.09.2021 (up to 12:30 P.M)
- 4.Date and time for opening of tender: 24.09.2021 (1:30 P.M)

| Sl. No. | Name of work | Work Value put to tender | Completion time in months | Bank receipt towards cost of tender documents | Earnest money @ 2.5% for issue of tender form |
|---------|--|--|---------------------------|---|---|
| 13. | Construction of 4Roomed School Building at BiraspatiParsai Senior Secondary School, Ranipool | Civil Work = ₹ 55,97,374/- Electrification = ₹ 3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 59,18,031/- | 12months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,47,951.00 |
| 14. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Martam Secondary School | Civil Work = ₹69,56,226/- Electrification = ₹ 3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 72,76,883/- | 12months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,81,922.00 |
| 15. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Tirkutam Primary School | Civil Work = ₹ 57,46,079/- Electrification = ₹ 3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 60,66,736 /- | 12months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹1,51,668.00 |
| 16. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building at Adampool Junior High School | Civil Work = ₹ 75,78,927/- Electrification = ₹3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 78,99,584/- | 12months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹ 1,97,489.00 |
| 17. | Construction of 4 Roomed School Building with Terracotta Roof at Lumsey Junior High School | Civil Work = ₹ 61,77,831/- Electrification = ₹ 3,20,657/- Total = ₹ 64,98,488/- | 12months | ₹5,000.00 | ₹ 1,62,462.00 |

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A. (3) DATES

1. Date for submission of application with bank receipt/challan for issue of tender documents: 21.09.2021
2. Date for submission of T.D.R for issue of tender form: 22.09.2021
3. Date and time for submission of tender: 27.09.2021 (up to 12:30 P.M)
4. Date and time for opening of tender: 27.09.2021 (1: 30P.M)

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application should invariably be signed by the contractor himself /herself. The tender documents will not be issued to person other than the INTENDING TENDERERS. The application shall be submitted in person with all required documents.
 2. The application should enclose attested copies of the (A) latest G.S.T Clearance Certificate (B) latest Income Tax Clearance certificate and (C) Validated/ Updated Contractors Enlistment Certificate along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/ updated Enlistment Certificate and other original documents during sell/ issue of the Tender Documents for verification.
 3. The prescribed non-transferable tender documents (Excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in (A) Above from the office of the Assistant Engineer, Education Department, Gangtok on production of requisite Bank Receipt/ challan duly deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim towards cost of Tender Documents (Non-refundable) under the receipt head 0202-01-101-03 other receipts.
 4. Earnest money @2.5% duly deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of T.D.R in favour of the Sr. Account Officer, (Works), Education Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim. Tender form shall be issued only to those contractors/firms who have obtained the Tender Documents.
 5. The Tender Documents including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the works superscribed on it. Supporting documents listed at S.I. No. 2A, B and C above should be enclosed with the offer.
 6. Sealed Tender may be deposited in the Tender Box in the Office of the Assistant Engineer (East-I), Education Department, Gangtok East Sikkim, on the date and within the time indicated above.
 7. A Tender Opening Committee in the presence of the Tenderers will open Tender on the Date and Time indicated above.
 8. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the General Directions and Conditions of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of Sales Tax and all other Taxes. Overwriting and corrections should be avoided and if it occurs it should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected.
 9. In case of any Discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, then the rate printed in the Schedule of Rates as per the approved estimate will be taken as correct. Decision of the Chief Engineer or the Secretary will be the final in this regard.
 10. The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change and the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the department. Claim of this account shall be as per the agreement rates and for any extra items which are not included in the Schedule of quantities at the time of tender, the rates of the SOR used in preparation of DPR i.e., the SOR of the year on which the tender is based shall be followed.
 11. Quality control and testing of material shall be done by the contractors as when required to do so. The contractor shall engage Civil Engineer at project site during the period of execution of the work
 12. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his /her risk and cost. The department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labourers at site.
 13. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should be commenced within the 15days from the date of issue of Work Order.
 14. The conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor.
 15. The contractors are required to register themselves under Rule 39 or 40(as the case may be) of Sikkim Value Added Tax Rule 2005 with Income and Commercial Tax Division of Finance Revenue & Expenditure Department and obtain the TIN number before the settlement of Bill or they must be register companies/firms registered under the companies act 1956 having valid PAN/TAN.
 16. The recoveries of Taxes and Royalties on Forest produces shall be as per the rates applicable on the date of payment notified by the State Government from time to time. In no case, the claims of the contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in the Analysis of Rates or Schedule of Rates or rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
 17. The Education Department does not accept subcontracting of the project work, however, if circumstances warrant such subcontracting, the contractors shall not sub-contract any part of the work without prior consent of the Education Department, Gangtok. Any such consent shall not relieve the contractor from any liability or obligation under the contract and he shall be responsible for the acts, defaults and neglects of any sub-contractor, his agents or workmen as fully as if they were acts, defaults or neglects of the contractor.
 18. In case the man power are required to be imported from out of State or the neighboring Countries it shall be the responsibilities of the contractor to get them registered through the Labour Department Govt. of Sikkim as per the relevant Central and State Legislation.
 19. Liquidated Damages: If the contractor fails to achieve the target or milestones fixed for the various activities (As per the work plan), the contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the Department at the rate the Chief Engineer/ competent authority finds suitable, which shall not be more than 5% of the contract value.
 20. The contractor shall do photography/video photography of the site firstly before the start of the work, secondly mid-way in the execution of different stages of the work and lastly after the completion of the work but he/she shall not disclose details of drawings furnished to him and works on which he is engaged without the prior approval of the Department/Engineer in writing. No separate payment will be made to the contractor on account of the photography/videography. The contractor shall not publish otherwise circulate without the approval of the Department which shall be treated as breach of contract.
 21. The contractor shall confine all his activities inside the allocated project area. The allocated project area implies the identified quarry, identified debris disposal site and land acquired for the project.
 22. All specification, dimension and geometries shall be verified by the contractor on the site and he shall be responsible for accuracy AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL DIMENSIONS AND LEVELS. Process quality control as well as End Product quality control both implies for achieving quality work at site.
 23. No unauthorized persons shall be allowed on the site, The contractor shall instruct all such person to keep out and shall take steps to prevent tress pass.
 24. In case of difference between other Clauses of the Agreement (and its sub-clauses) then additional conditions incorporated in the General Directions and Conditions of Contract shall supersede all other clauses.
 25. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason thereof.
 26. Expenditure involved for material testing viz., Cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of metals etc. at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed to do so.
 27. It is expected for the tenderer to have reconnoitered/inspected the site before submitting his bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.
 28. The contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Govt. and no claim will be entertained in this regard whatsoever.
 29. The cost of Stock materials and equipment supplied by the Department will be deducted from contractor's bill as per rules.
 30. In case the tender date as included above is declared the Govt. Holiday, the process shall continue in the subsequent working days.
- In case the quantum of works and specifications as prescribed in schedule of quantities or included in the work value at the time of tender deviates due to limitation of funds or otherwise this are subject to changes for which decision of the Head of the Department shall be final and conclusive.
31. In case of difference between other cases of the agreement (and its sub-clauses) then additional conditions incorporated in the General Direction and Condition of Contract shall supersede all other clauses.
 32. The rate of the earnest money which a contractor should deposit before issue of tender form is 2.50% of the estimated cost put to tender, However, all enlisted women Contractors will be exempted from TDR for participation in any contract work up to an amount of Rs. 5.00 Crore. In case of such tender being accepted, the lowest bidder (Enlisted Women Contractor) has to deposit Earnest Money @2.50% of the estimated cost put to tender before the issue of work Order, Further, if the tenderer of the above-mentioned exempted category withdraws her tender within the validity period, then the government shall without prejudice to any right or remedy, be at the liberty to debar such tenderer for participation in any future tender for a period of 01(one) year.
 33. Reference to notification no. 584/RNB/PWD/Secy Dated: 08/10/2018 the competitive bidding amongst all class IV contractors enlisted with the Sikkim public work department should be within the territorial jurisdiction of the **concerned ward** of the GPU/ULB where the work is to be executed.
 34. Reference to notification no. 66/R&B/PWD/Secy dated 08.01.2021 the tendering is to be conducted in the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-

Assistant Engineer (East-I)

Education Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim
R.O.NO.173/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22, Dt:06/09/21

**Government of Sikkim
Health & Family Welfare Department, Gangtok**

Memo No:60/MECH/H&FW/21-22 Dated:28/08/2021

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, invites Online e-Tenders (Technical & Financial Bid) from the registered firms for "HIRING OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR MAINTENANCE OF BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT UNDER COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AT STNM HOSPITAL, SOCHAKGANG, GANGTOK".

The tender details can be viewed and downloaded from the website <https://www.sikkimtender.gov.in> for which, the bidders should have the necessary portal enrolment with his/her own Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

**Additional Chief Engineer (Mech.)
Health & Family Welfare Deptt.
R.O.NO.166/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22, Dt:31/08/21**

**Government of Sikkim
Social Justice & Welfare Department
Child Protection Scheme
Gangtok**

No: 291/SJ&WD/CPS/2021 Dated: 06/09/2021

NOTICE

Reference Employment Notice no: 215/SJ&WD/CPS/2021 dt: 30/07/2021, this is to inform the eligible applicants for the post(s) of Chairperson/Member of Child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Justice Board that the dates for interview have been fixed on 16/09/2021 & 17/09/2021 from 10.30 am onwards in the Social Justice & Welfare Department, Lumsey Tadong.

All applicants are requested to bring all the original (required) documents reference the above-mentioned employment notice.

SCHEDULE FOR INTERVIEW

| DATE | INTERVIEW FOR |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| 16/09/2021 | Chairperson, CWC/ Member, JJB |
| 17/09/2021 | Member, CWC |

**Special Secretary cum Director, CPS
Social Justice & Welfare Department
Govt. of Sikkim
R.O.NO.175/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22, Dt:07/09/21**

**Sikkim Public Service Commission
Old Tourism Complex, MG Marg
Gangtok- 737101
Fax: 03592-207572**

Email: spsc-skm@nic.in Website: www.spscskm.gov.in
Reference No: 39/EXAM/SPSC/2021 Date: 06/09/2021

NOTICE

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Vice-Voce/ Interview for filling up 20 posts of General Duty Medical Officer (Junior Grade) in the level-15 of the Pay Matrix through direct Recruitment advertised vide Adv. No. 08/SPSC/EXAM/2021 dt: 22/07/2021, the following candidates are hereby declared qualified and their names are recommended for appointment (in order of merit).

| SLNO. | ROLL NO. | NAME OF CANDIDATE |
|-------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 0077 | DR. ANURAAG KHAREL |
| 2 | 0014 | DR. BISWAS LAMICHHANEY |
| 3 | 0074 | DR. JENNIFER CAROLINE THAPA |
| 4 | 0057 | DR. SARJOY HANG SUBBA |
| 5 | 0085 | DR. RAHUL MUKHIA |
| 6 | 0043 | DR. PRANA SHARMA |
| 7 | 0053 | DR. RAJESH KUMAR SUBBA |
| 8 | 0013 | DR. NEHA SHARMA |
| 9 | 0052 | DR. BIDUT RAI |
| 10 | 0079 | DR. ASHIS GURUNG |
| 11 | 0002 | DR. NISHAMMA SUBBA |
| 12 | 0004 | DR. CHUNNEE ZANGMU BHUTIA |
| 13 | 0040 | DR. TENZING YUTCHOLA BHUTIA |
| 14 | 0012 | DR. NIPUN SUBBA |
| 15 | 0047 | DR. SWARNA GURUNG |
| 16 | 0028 | DR. TRISHALA DEOKOTA |
| 17 | 0010 | DR. SANGEY DOMAT AMANG |
| 18 | 0001 | DR. SHARAD HANG LIMBOO |
| 19 | 0009 | DR. KALZANG TOPGYAL BHUTIA |
| 20 | 0020 | DR. SANDEEP RAI |

The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is provisional subject to police verification, medical fitness and verification of all required documents by the State Government

**Yangchen D. Tamang
Controller of Examination**

R.O.NO.177/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22 (II), Dt:07/09/21

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Cabinet approves...

(PMVDVY).

Agriculture Department

- Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹649.756 Lakhs for implementation of National Food Security Mission during the current financial year.

Culture Department

- Administrative approval for the construction of New Rodhi Ghar at Chuba, Namthang-Rateypani in South Sikkim at a cost of ₹364.06 lakh and financial sanction of ₹100.00 lakh in the current financial year.

- Administrative approval of ₹243.56 lakh for construction of Sherpa Bhawan at Perbing in South Sikkim and financial sanction of ₹50.00 lakh in the current financial year.

Education Department

- Approval for upgradation of Lumsey Junior High School to Secondary level and financial sanction of ₹73.63 lakhs.

Ecclesiastical Department

- Approval and sanction of ₹50.00 lakhs as financial assistance for construction of Drolma Lhakhang at Phewa Busty, East Sikkim.

Health and Family Welfare Department

- Approval for procurement of medicines and consumables at L1 rates.

- Approval and sanction of ₹230.00 lakhs for procurement of Incinerator from the manufacturer M/S THERMAX Ltd including installation and commissioning charges.

Public Health Engineering Department

- Administrative approval of the project "Augmentation of Water Supply distribution line for IBM Colony Rangpo, East Sikkim" for ₹115.53 lakhs and financial sanction of ₹75.00 lakhs and administrative approval of the project "Augmentation of Mazitar Water Supply System, Rangpo

Nagar Panchayat, East Sikkim" for ₹113.32 lakhs and financial sanction of ₹75.00 lakhs.

Roads and Bridges Department

- Post facto administrative approval of the work "immediate restoration work along Yangang-Makha road, under Yangang Sub-Division in South Sikkim" at a cost of ₹39.84 lakh and financial sanction of ₹30.00 lakh.

Rural Development Department

- Approval and financial sanction of ₹5370.53 lakhs towards release of Grants- in- aid to Zilla, Gram Panchayats, State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) and Sikkim Rural Development Agency (SRDA) for the financial year 2021-22.

Social Justice and Welfare Department

- Administrative approval for the project sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) at a total cost of ₹964.46 lakhs and financial sanction of ₹290.04 lakhs.

- Administrative approval for the projects sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) at a total cost of ₹976.00 lakhs and financial sanction of ₹488.00 lakhs.

Tourism and Civil Aviation Department

- Approval for construction of Sikkim House at Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra and financial sanction of ₹1231.50 lakh towards land cost.

- Post facto confirmation of the financial sanction of ₹20.00 crore released in 2020-21 and financial sanction of ₹30.00 crore allocated in financial year 2021-22 for development of Eco- Tourism Pilgrimage Complex at Dodak in West Sikkim.

Transport Department

- Approval and sanction of ₹5.00 Crore for acquisition of Eighteen (18) nos of TATA vehicles T-16 Ultra-4530.

- Approval of the scheme for

implementation of "Development, Customization, Deployment and Management of State- wise vehicle Tracking Platform for Safety and Enforcement as per AIS-140 specifications".

Urban Development Department

- Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹100.00 lakh for beautification of Saraswati Mandir, 5th Mile, Tadong, East Sikkim.

- En- bloc approval and sanction of ₹1500.00 lakh to Urban Local Bodies as Grants -in -Aid for the year 2021-22.

Commerce and Industries Department

- Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹ 3,33,08,027/- for implementation of Skilled Youth Startup Scheme.

- Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹2,67,85,745/- for implementation of PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme.

Culture Department

- Administrative approval for the construction of a Community Centre at Tarku, South Sikkim at a cost of ₹841.16 lakh and financial sanction of ₹100.00 lakh in the current financial year.

- Administrative approval for construction of Rodhi Ghar at Sichey at a cost of ₹529.18 lakh and financial sanction of ₹50.00 lakh in the current financial year.

Education Department

- Approval and sanction of ₹72.9049 Crores towards construction of four room school buildings in 105 numbers of Government schools in four districts of Sikkim.

Health and Family Welfare Department

- Approval for preparation of DPR by the Skyline Infra-world Private Ltd for establishment of State of Art 500 Bedded Multi Super Specialty Cancer Institute at Jorethang, South Sikkim.

**Government of Sikkim
Health and Family Welfare Department
Gangtok.**

memo No: 77/MECH/H&FW/21-22

dated: 06/09/2021

TENDER NOTICE

The Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim invites Online e-Tender (Technical and Financial bids) from registered firm (Manufacturers/authorized dealers/Indian subsidiaries/direct importers) for the "SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF EQUIPMENTS & INSTRUMENTS FOR SUPER-SPECIALITY DEPARTMENT"

The tender details can be viewed and downloaded from the website <https://www.sikkimtender.gov.in> for which, the bidders should have the necessary portal enrolment with his/her own Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

**Addl. Chief Engineer (Mech.)
H & FW Deptt.
Govt. of Sikkim**

R.O.NO.179/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22 (II), Dt:07/09/21

**Department of Information and Public Relations
Government of Sikkim, Tadong, Gangtok
ATTENTION**

Instances of non-receipt of Sikkim Herald in various Departments have been reported even though the same are being delivered by the Department regularly.

In view of above, it is proposed to deliver the Sikkim Herald to a designated delivery point in different Departments through a designated contact person (Nodal Officers) which will facilitate in keeping track of regular delivery of Sikkim Herald to them.

Although some Departments have already complied, there are still few Departments who have still not designated a Nodal Officer for the same. Kindly intimate the name, designation and contact number (both landline & mobile) of the Nodal Officer who will be responsible for receipt of Sikkim Herald in their respective Departments at the earliest to the undersigned.

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Know Your Administrators Part-III

1. Mr. M. Bharani Kumar (IAS)
DC (South), Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department

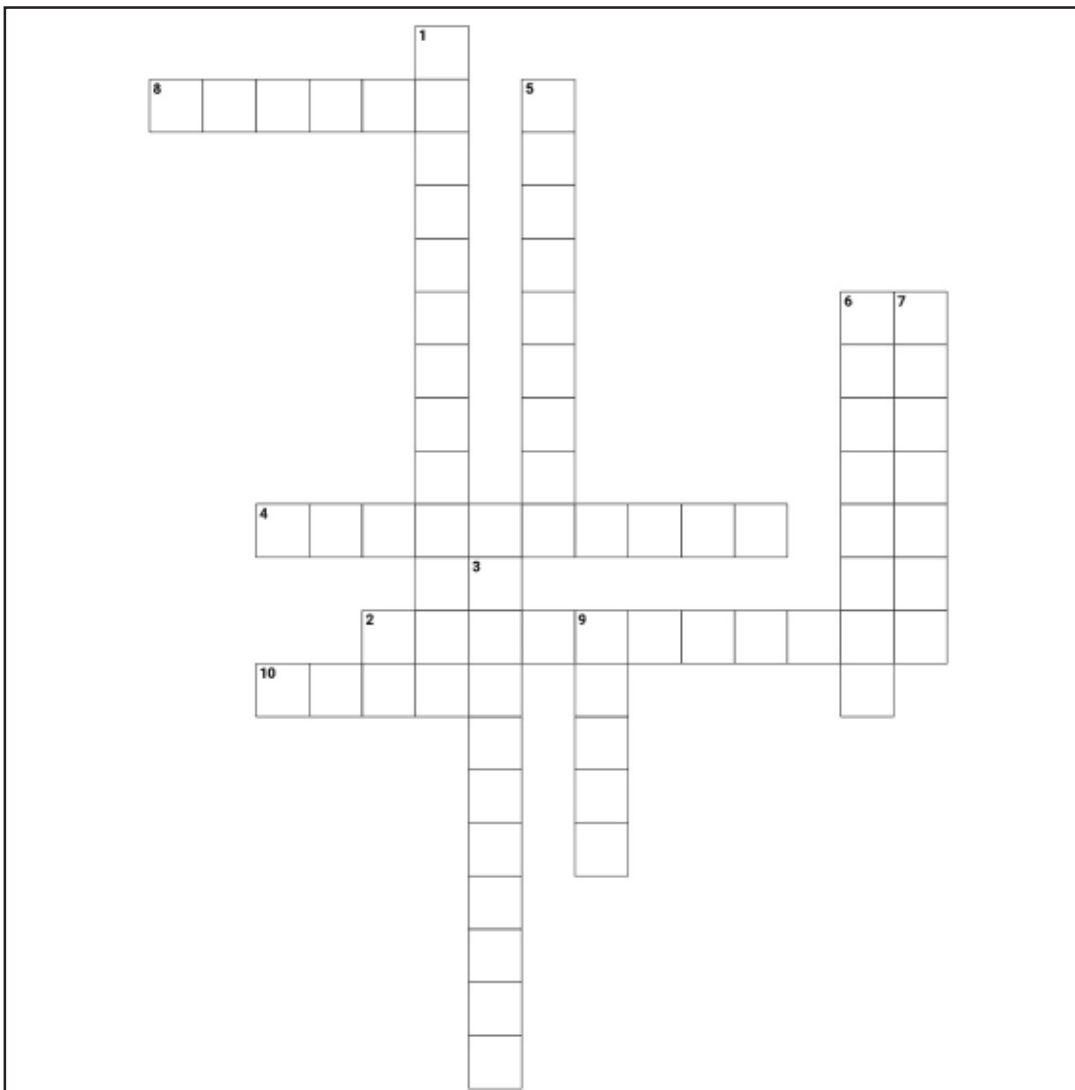
2. Mr. Tushar Gajanan Nikhare (IAS)
ADC (East)

3. Mr. Agawane Rohan Ramesh (IAS)
ADC (West)

4. Mr. Anant Jain (IAS)
ADC (South)

5. Pari Bisnoi (IAS) Batch 2020 Trainee Officer under
Probation- East District

Crossword



Across

- 2. Festival celebrated to pay homage to Mount Kanchenjunga in Sikkim
- 4. Flower locally known as "Christmas Flower"
- 8. Teesta joins with River in Bangladesh
- 10. The oldest monastery in Sikkim

Down

- 1. Monthly magazine that was the first news outlet for the masses in Sikkim.
- 3. The legislature of Sikkim
- 4. Second capital of the former Kingdom of Sikkim
- 5. Sikkim is the largest exporter
- 6. Dynasty regarded as the founder of the Kingdom of Sikkim
- 9. Flower on the Emblem of Sikkim

Answer

Across: 2. Panglhapsol, 4. Poinsettia, 8. Jamuna, 10. Dubdi

Down: 1. Kanchenjunga, 2. Unicentral, 5. Rabdentse, 6. Cardamom, 7. Namgyal, 9. Lotus

National

'Y-Break' at workplace to reduce stress and improve productivity

New Delhi, August 05 (PIB): The weeklong celebration of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by the Ministry of Ayush culminated at a high with a webinar on the utility of the Yoga Break App, which saw the participation of experts and enthusiasts from across the country.

Inaugurating the webinar, Minister of State for Ayush and Woman & Child Development, Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai, said, "Yogasananas in the Y-Break protocol open up the chest cavity and help the cardiovascular system. I hope people across India in the workplace will adopt this simple and effective protocol to reduce stress and improve productivity.

The webinar on the utility of the Y-Break App saw huge participation of Yoga practitioners. There were technical sessions on how the Yoga protocol – Asanas, Pranayam and Dhyana – help people refresh, de-stress and re-focus on work at their workplaces in just five minutes.

Organised to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's independence in August 2022 by the Government of India, the Azadi Ka Mahotsav will continue the entire year. The Ministry of Ayush was allotted a week, from August 30 to September 5, to organize various activities, during which the Union Ayush Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, the Minister of Ayush, along with four other union ministers launched the Y-Break mobile app in a glittering ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan on September 1.

Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, said the Government of India had recently issued a circular to all employees to do five minutes of yoga in the offices. "Employees work in an atmosphere of tension. That's why yoga is necessary in their life. Many meta-analyses have found that yoga is the best way to stay physically fit. People who are physically active throughout the day get the same benefits as exercise," he said. Y-break will prove to be a big step in relieving stress and it is the medium to give maximum benefit in the shortest possible time.

In his welcome address, Dr Ishwar V. Basavaraddi, Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga said it was time to look at the utility of the app for different sectors and the people working in them. "With the Y-Break app and the Common Yoga Protocol, we will take Yoga to every doorstep."

The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), an autonomous body working under the Ayush Ministry, and reputed Yoga institutes namely, Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram, Chennai, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belurmath, Kolkata, NIMHANS, Bengaluru,

the Kaivalyadhama Health and Yoga Research Center, Lonavla and Heartfulness Institute have played a prominent role in developing this app.

The technical session that followed the speeches saw experts emphasizing the impact of the Common Yoga Protocol on people of different age groups and professions.

Swami Atmapriyananda, Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Belur Math, Kolkata, said he was reminded of the Upanishads when he saw the Y-Break app. "Swami Vivekananda took yoga to the west. Yoga has become very powerful and effective but it is not very easily accessible to the common man. The beauty of India is that every aspect of our life is constantly immersed in yoga."

Dr. Pratima Murty, Director National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru, said the celebration of Amrit Mahotsav was successful as it brought the ancient tradition of Yoga in synergy with technology.

"Yoga is very useful for people who are otherwise healthy, as it improves the mental and cognitive ability and reduces anxiety. There are many researches that have proved yoga and its effects on depression, anxiety and even schizophrenia. It not just restricts to the physical benefits but tremendously affects cognition in a positive manner," she said.

Subodh Tiwari, CEO, Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute, Lonavala, Mumbai, shared his experience with the Y-Break trials. He said that Yoga was a profound science and beneficial but required efforts to take it to places where the practice hasn't started.

"We started the trial of the Y-break protocol in six offices in Mumbai for 15 days and to my surprise, after the 15 days were over most corporates carried forward with taking yoga breaks at their offices. That gave us a very important insight about the effectiveness of this Y-Break app in corporate and office spaces," he said.

The webinar saw the participation of eminent experts of Yoga, Yoga enthusiasts across India and abroad, students from different Ayush colleges, Government and private sectors, modern medicine, allied sciences, media persons and IT professionals.

Other programmes organized by the Ministry during the week-long celebration include the drive to cultivate medicinal plants in 75,000 hectares of land across the country, distribution of medicinal plants to households, and webinars to propagate the Ayush System and its role in combating COVID-19, among others. These activities will continue till August 2022.

Rashtriya Poshan Maah inaugurated

Gangtok, September 01: A month-long event, Rashtriya Poshan Maah with the theme, 'converging towards a healthy walk-through life', was inaugurated at the Conference Hall of the Social Justice and Welfare Department (SJ&WD), today.

Minister for Social Justice and Welfare Department, Dr. M.K. Sharma graced the occasion as the chief guest, along with Mayor (GMC) Mr. Nell Bahadur Chettri, Panchayat Adhyaksha (East) Mr. Samsheer Rai Zilla, Secretary SJWD and the Brand Ambassador of Poshan Maah for the State, Mr. Tshewang Gyachho, Arjuna Awardee and Padmashree Tarundeep Rai, and officers from various departments.

Dr. M. K. Sharma, highlighted the importance of Poshan Maah as a medium to promote awareness about the importance of the initial days in the life of a mother and a child. He stressed about malnutrition and how it affects children and urged the Zilla Adhyaksha, the Mayor and the Anganwadi Workers to take steps to detect and identify malnourished children vigilantly.

He also mentioned that initiatives should be taken at individual level, and added that establishing Nutrition Gardens would contribute not only in providing food with proper nutrients but also help impart a healthy environment for the mother and the child. He also emphasized the importance of Ante Natal Check-up to monitor the growth of the mother and the child.

Earlier, Secretary Mr. Tshewang Gyachho welcomed the guests and briefly talked about the various activities that would be conducted for the duration of four weeks of the month of September. He urged that a competitive ground be made in the form of slogan writing competition, quiz competitions etc at the Municipal Level, in ICDS and various such platforms to promote Poshan Maah/ Matru Vandana Yojna during the first week. Activities to inculcate yoga practices under AYUSH, campaign related to Nutritional Kit and the identification of malnourished children and providing them the help and support will also be held in the following weeks.

Similarly, Mr. Tarundeep Rai spoke on the importance of proper nutrition for the mother and also for the child's development. He emphasized on activities such as creating a kitchen garden as an alternative to keep the mother and the child physically and mentally fit. He thanked the Anganwadi workers for the work they are doing.

HOD Medicine, SMIMS, Dr. Dechenla Tshering Bhutia highlighting the importance of nutrition during the first 1000 days for a child's growth and brain development briefed about the programme packages of Interventions for the first 1000 days for health, nutrition and development. Later, a short video skit with a message on Poshan Maah was presented by the

officials of the Social Justice and Welfare Department.

A district level opening ceremony of Poshan Maah was observed at DAC (East) on September 02. The Poshan Pledge was administered by DC (East) Mr. Ragul K in presence of Zilla Adhyaksha East, Mr. S.S. Bokhim.

The programme was attended by officials and staff of DAC and Zilla Adhyaksha Office along with DPO Poshan Abhiyaan, East, CDPO Gangtok, and District Co-ordinator POSHAN (East).

In Namchi, Poshan Maah was launched by Vice Chairperson Namchi Municipal Council Ms. Sabitri Tamang at DAC, Conference Hall. She was accompanied by DC (South) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, ADC (South) Mr. Anant Jain, AWW Workers and officials from Social Justice Empowerment and Welfare Department.

Ms. Sabitri Tamang spoke about the importance of 'Poshan Maah' and it's benefit particularly towards women and children. During the course of the launching programme hand washing technique was also demonstrated by the Aganwandai Workers. An array of nutritional food supplements aimed for health benefits of women and children was also displayed. It was also informed that September 01-07, Matru Vandana Saptah will be observed.

Similarly, in Gyalshing the State-level Rashtriya Poshan Maah (Nutrition Month) was organised by the Social Justice and Welfare department at Zilla Panchayat Bhawan Kyongsa.

The programme was chaired by Chairman PHE, Mr. Hari Narayan Subedi, SDM HQ Gyalshing, Mr. Sontosh Alley. Present amongst others were the CDPO (West) along with other officials from various departments.

Mr. Subedi spoke of the objective to encourage people's participation for addressing malnutrition amongst children and women with a targeted approach to ensure health and nutrition and attaining a malnutrition free India.

CDPO (West) Mr. H.B Shanker highlighted the aims and objectives of Poshan Abhiyaan and major measures taken by the department in implementing the Poshan Maah. He further highlighted on the four pillars of Poshan Abhiyaan which included intersectoral convergence for better service delivery, use of technology (ICT) for real time growth monitoring and tracking of women and children, intensified health and nutrition services.

A month long drive of Rashtriya Poshan Maah, a scheme under the National Nutrition Mission, commenced at the SDAC Conference Hall, Soreng.

The annual programme was organised by the Soreng Rural Project under the Social Justice and Welfare Department.

The chief guest for the occasion was the Sub Divisional Magistrate (Soreng), Mr. Ranjan Rai.

Program Assistant Manager, Mrs. Ambika Chettri provided an in-depth information regarding the scheme and its importance.

A financial aid of ₹5000/- in three installments are given to the identified beneficiaries. Those who do not possess any form of Identification proofs may acquire a Non-Objection Certificate or GPU memo number issued by the concerned ward panchayat, she informed.

SDM (Soreng) in his address, said that the State Government has been successful in providing promising schemes and policies especially to those who are living at the fringes of the society. He informed that such strategies related to Nutrition awareness is being carried out across the country up to grass root levels while providing adequate support.

A month long celebration of Poshan Maah under POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched at the Conference Hall of DAC, Mangan on September 01, along with a week-long programme of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Saptah by Social Justice and Welfare Department, North District. The programme was launched by the chief guest, Zilla Adhyaksha (North), Ms. Nimday Lepcha. She was accompanied by Additional District Collector (North) Mr. Sonam Lepcha, CDPO cum DPO (SJ&WD, North), Mrs. Lhanzey Donka Denjongpa, Nutrition Inspector, District Coordinator (POSHAN), Project Assistant, staff and Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) of Mangan Tribal Project.

The programme started with the DPO highlighting the features of POSHAN Maah and its importance and a Pledge Taking Ceremony. The Nutrition Inspector gave a brief on the National Nutrition Week, and its objectives. The theme this year is 'Feeding Smart Right from Start'. He laid down the importance of Exclusive Breastfeeding for children below six months for a healthy start.

ADC (North) also addressed the gathering by talking about the importance of AWWs in creating awareness for a healthy and malnutrition-free state and how women is involvement, especially the AWWs has added to Women Empowerment.

The Zilla Adhyaksha encouraged the AWWs to continue with their work in creating awareness in their respective areas and also encouraged participation of the Panchayats and the locals.

The programme also saw performances by Anganwadi Workers of Mangan Tribal Project wherein they presented a song on POSHAN Maah and the importance of nutrition, healthy diet and gender equality among children. The AWWs also performed a roleplay in which they spoke about protein rich foods, healthy and balanced diet.

Simultaneously, POSHAN Walk/Rally was organised from Community Center to DAC Complex by DPO, AWWs and the staff of Mangan Tribal Project.

2nd Board meeting of Sikkim Film Promotion Board held

Gangtok, September 01: The 2nd Board meeting of Sikkim Film Promotion Board was held at the chamber of Chairperson (SFPB), Ms. Pooja Sharma at Manan Kendra, today. The meeting had the presence of Secretary, IPR, Mrs. Siphorah Targain, Director, IPR, Mrs. Benu Gurung along with other board members.

Director, IPR Department welcomed all and highlighted the need for the creation of a single-window system to simplify and facilitate the film shooting process in the state.

Ms. Sharma informed about the proposal on setting up of Eco-Heritage Film City at Yangang and

added that Sikkim is a natural set for film production and has great potential to stand out as a leading shooting destination in the country. The Eco Heritage Film City will create employment opportunities for the people of Sikkim, she said.

She also informed that the Eco Heritage Film City project idea has been put forth to MOS DONER (Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region) by the Minister IPR, Mr. L.N. Sharma.

Film Policy, grant in aids, Sikkim Global Film Festival and other specific agendas were also discussed.

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Governor inaugurates...

and Kargil district was present in the programme. Officials from DIHAR, KVKs and SKUAT were also present in the programme.

Secretary Agriculture Mr. Ravinder Kumar welcomed all the dignitaries, guests and farmers from two districts of Ladakh and briefed about the activities done under the organic farming project in Ladakh by the Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA). MP (LS) Mr. Jamayang Namgyal informed about the initiation of the Mission Organic Development Initiative (MODI) in Leh district since 2019. He also made emphasis on conversion of entire UT into Organic UT by 2025. He praised the work done by SSOCA in UT of Ladakh and expressed gratitude to Governor and Sikkim Government and assured this association would go long way.

Mr. Tashi Gyalson briefed about the existing scenario of agriculture in Ladakh focused on sustainable farming system for future. He requested the Governor of Sikkim to allow the team of His Council i.e. LAHDC-Leh and also LAHDC-Kargil to visit Sikkim in December 2021 to see the commendable job done by Sikkim in Organic Agriculture field.

Mr. R.K. Mathur also made emphasis on growing organic produce in UT of Ladakh. He advised for production of organic crops on large scale for better marketing opportunities. He thanked Governor of Sikkim for his visit to Ladakh and for inaugurating the Organic Farmers Facilitation Centre In Leh and Kargil districts and requested for more cooperation from Sikkim in future.

The Governor in his speech briefed about the work done in Sikkim under organic farming and Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA). He informed about the benefits

of Organic farming to the farmers of Ladakh in terms of better price of their produce as well as increase of tourism sector which contributes in the economy of the state. He said Sikkim is the role model for this and Green Himalayan Economy is the mantra of present time. He informed about the various initiatives taken by Sikkim Government from providing ₹8/- per litre subsidy to the Dairy Farmers and celebrating Gwala Diwas. He stated that with this initiative taken by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang the milk production has increased from 35000 litre to 55000 per litre per day. He wished for better association of SSOCA, Govt of Sikkim and UT of Ladakh for this noble cause and invited the team of UT of Ladakh to Sikkim for better understanding and visiting the organic field of Sikkim.

PGS-Green certificates were distributed to the farmers of Igo and Shera Villages of Leh district. In this programme an appreciation certificate with a mementos was also awarded to four persons including MP (Ladakh) for his visionary initiative towards organic farming and certification in Ladakh, Mission Director (MODI) cum Chief Agriculture Officer Mr. Tashi Tsetan for his contribution in implementation of organic farming project in UT of Ladakh, CEO SSOCA Mr. Sudhir Giri for his exemplary work in Organic Certification, establishing and taking SSOCA to new height and overall management and work in the field of organic farming not only in Sikkim but in UT of Ladakh and lastly to Quality Manager/Addl Director SSOCA Ms. Binita Chhetri for her overall contribution, commitment and dedication in the operations of Organic projects and for her legal expertise in Organic Field not only in Sikkim and UT of Ladakh but also in other parts of India.

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Chief Minister meets various Union Ministers

New Delhi, September 01: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang called on Union Minister of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Mr. Giriraj Singh in New Delhi.

The Chief Minister acknowledged the continuous development made by the Rural Development department in progressively changing the rural landscape and added that the programmes and schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj have assisted in enhancing the conditions in the rural areas and have tremendously benefitted the state and improved the living conditions.

He placed a detailed proposal for strengthening the Rural Development sector and Panchayati Raj institutions and requested the consideration of the proposals to ensure continued and sustained growth.

The Chief Minister also called on the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar. He thanked the Union Minister for the support extended to the state through various incentives and schemes. He added that Sikkim being a certified organic state has set a precedent in the nation and is providing consultancy to Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh.

He sought the support of the Ministry for extending benefits/ financial assistance under the Large Area Certification (LAC) under the scheme Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) in Sikkim and added that the state government will be submitting a concept note on Organic Nutrient Support to the farmers in the coming days. He also requested the consideration of the proposal to encourage and assist the farmers of Sikkim.

Mr. Prem Singh Tamang wrote to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing several matters related to Sikkim.

The Chief Minister expressed his gratitude for the support rendered to the state for various development projects, especially in terms of connectivity. He acknowledged the assistance provided for the recommencement of the airport facilities and informed about the progress of the work on the railway front. The main agenda of the proposal was the construction of bridges that have crossed their lifespan and are in dilapidated condition. As roads are the primary source of transport and connectivity, he stated that the need for extending and improving them is essential, which will also be beneficial in terms of Defence and transportation of essential equipment.

Acknowledging the above factors, he requested for the consideration of the Prime Minister for approval and sanction of 51 bridges as per the revised enclosure.

Likewise, the Chief Minister called on the Union Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries Mr. Parshottam Rupala in New Delhi on August 31.

Extending his congratulations to the Union Minister for his elevation to the Cabinet rank in the Union government, the Chief Minister informed about the dairy and piggery incentives provided by the state government and briefed the Union Minister regarding its features. He also mentioned that the state government is looking forward to commencing with similar incentives in poultry and fisheries both.

Speaking about various pending proposals and matters,

he requested the Union Minister for his intervention in releasing the funds for implementing the schemes within the financial year. These include the proposal for poultry farming, various schemes and proposals of the National Livelihood Mission and others. Further, he also mentioned the additional proposals submitted to the Ministry for consideration.

The Chief Minister also put forth the proposals submitted by the Directorate of Fisheries, Government of Sikkim for promoting fisheries under Prime Minister Matsaya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and sought the consideration of the Union Minister. The Union Minister has assured to look into the matter and continue to assist the state.

Similarly, Chief Minister called on the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Mr. Mansukh Mandaviy in New Delhi on August 31.

The Chief Minister informed about the enhancement of medical seats (50 free seats and 30 full payment seats) reserved for the Sikkimese students in Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences (SMIMS) and sought the approval of the Union Minister for the proposal before the commencement of the academic session. He also cited various correspondences from the state government and SMIMS to the National Medical Commission (NMC) regarding the subject.

Further, he informed that SMIMS is fully prepared to meet NMC requirements at the Letter of Permission (LOP) stage and requested for conducting the NMC inspection for LOP at the earliest. Mr. Mamdaviy assured to look into the proposal and deputize officials for the immediate inspection of SMIMS for an early resolution.

aim and objectives of Sikkim Garib Awaas Yojana. She also stressed the commitment of the State Government to bring about qualitative improvement in the housing status of the poor.

ADC (Dev) East, Mrs. Radha Pradhan highlighted the importance of the scheme.

Beneficiary Radhika

Chettri from Sumin Linzay was given an assurance for the completion of house at the earliest.

It may be mentioned that as of now 347 houses under SGAY have been completed and a total of 3050 houses will be completed within the stipulated time of 12 months.

Milk collection centre set up at Sang MPCS

Gangtok, September 03: Under the direction and supervision of District Collector (East), Mr. Ragul K, a milk collection centre was started in Sang Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd (MPCS), Beng Phegyong, GPU. It may be mentioned that Beng Phegyong GPU, East Sikkim is adopted by Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad.

The training, technical support, and equipment was provided by Sikkim Milk Union

(HO) and was implemented in coordination with the Department of Cooperation (East).

Sang Milk Producer's Cooperative Society was inaugurated by the Chairman, Department of Cooperation, Mr. B.B. Chettri on September 02, which was attended by Panchayat, Officials from Department of Cooperation, Sikkim Milk Union (H.O), Managing Committee and

Managers of Sang Multi-Purpose Cooperative and Dairy Farmers of Beng Phegyong GPU.

The Chairman congratulated the society and wished them success in their new endeavour and assured assistance. He also extended his gratitude towards the Panchayats for their support in strengthening and promoting awareness of the cooperative movement.

National Level Virtual Meeting held

Gangtok, September 06: The Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Mr. L.N. Sharma attended the National Level Virtual Meeting chaired by the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Mr. Parshottam Rupala, through a video conference, today.

The virtual meeting was also joined by the Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Sikkim, Dr Sangey D Bhutia, Director (Animal Husbandry) Dr BM Chettri, Director (Planning & Feed & Fodder) Dr. Ghana Shyam Sharma, Additional Director Dr Sanjay Gazmer, Additional Director (Piggery Development) Dr Sharman Rai; Additional Director (Feed & Fodder) Dr Karma T. Bhutia, Additional Director (Veterinary Services) Dr. Sonam P. Bhutia and officials from NIC, Gangtok.

The meeting mainly focused on the nation wide implementation of newly revised and realigned schemes under the Ministry of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, for next five years, starting from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Mr. Sharma expressed gratitude to the Ministry for organising the National Level Virtual Meeting after framing the newly revised guidelines. He put forth his suggestions for conducting research work to bring out improved version of vaccine in combating prevailing Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). He applauded the newly initiated launching of Mobile Vaccine programme and further urged to allocate fund on special ground to reach the far flung areas in all districts of Sikkim. He also requested the Union Minister to enable NABARD by strengthening the loan releasing capacity for the financial benefits of the farmers. Mr. Sharma threw light on the state's particularities on nature of expensiveness and high price

cost in distribution of machinery equipment and urged for consideration of distinct factors in allocating the fund.

He spoke on the recent development in dairy sector in Sikkim and informed on the sharp rise witnessed in the production of milk after the initiation of financial incentives of ₹8/per liter by the state government and further urged the Union Government to extend cooperation in providing financial assistance. He highlighted the significance of yak in the himalayan region and urged for its protection and conservation.

Mr. Parshottam Rupala, acknowledged the active participation of all states and UTs and further assured to cogitate on the suggestions and issues put forth by the participants. He underlined the vision of the Government in bringing expected changes in the field and urged all states/UTs for implementation and absolute monitoring of all schemes. He also added that the states have pivotal role in fulfilling the objectives of the schemes with effective implementation. The programme was also addressed by the Union Minister of State (MoS) Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan.

A booklet on Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics-2020 and NLM Portal was also launched by the Minister Mr. Rupala followed by a brief presentation of CMD/CEO of SIDBI on Online Application Workflow and related aspects.

Earlier, the Joint Secretaries, Cattle and Dairy Development, National Livestock Mission and Livestock Health & Disease Control, briefed on their respective revised and realigned schemes and policies framed for the implementation in various states and Union Territories of India.

SSLSA organises sensitization programme

Gangtok, September 03: Under the directions of Acting Chief Justice of High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai and in pursuance to the directions of Supreme Court of India contained in Re: Inhuman Conditions in 1382 Prisons Writ Petition (s) (Civil) no (s).406 of 2013, a sensitization programme on the functions, duties and responsibilities as also the rights of prisoners for the Senior Police Officers of both the Jails (State Central Prison Rongyek and Additional District Prison Namchi) along with Additional Superintendent of Police and Sub-Divisional Police Officers of all the 04 Districts of the State was organised by Sikkim State Legal Services Authority via virtual mode.

26 Officers comprising of

District Additional Superintendents of Police and Sub-Divisional Police Officers from all the four Districts including State Central Prison, Rongyek, East Sikkim at Gangtok and District Prison, Boomtar, South Sikkim at Namchi, participated in the sensitization programme.

Additional Inspector General, Jail and Correctional Services, Bihar, Patna, Mr. Rupak Kumar was the Resource Person who apprised the participating Officers about the functions, duties and responsibilities and also the rights of prisoners.

Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia in his welcome address delineated the purpose of conducting the Training-cum-Sensitization Programme.

NITI Aayog meeting held

Gangtok, September 03: A meeting with NITI Aayog was held at Samman Bhawan, today, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang in presence of the Member NITI Aayog-Professor Ramesh Chand, Advisor NITI Aayog Dr Prem Singh, Chief Secretary Mr. S. C. Gupta, Addl. Chief Secretary -cum-Development Commissioner Mr. V. B. Pathak, Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, HoDs and other officials of Government of Sikkim.

The Chief Minister extended his warm greetings and welcomed the dignitaries. He mentioned the recent Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) rankings of all the 120 districts of the North-Eastern states, where Sikkim performed exceptionally well and the East district ranked 1st among all the districts. He also reiterated the recent decision of the central government to grant an Independent BSNL Telecom Circle for Sikkim and thanked the Prime Minister and the Union Minister of Communications, Electronics and Information Technology- Mr. Ashwini Vaishnav and the Government of India.

The Chief Minister placed the development strategy, goals and challenges of Sikkim requiring immediate attention. In terms of finance, he stated that Sikkim came under tremendous stress in 2019-20 due to a sharp decline in central tax transfer and flow of resources through grants, seeing a decline of 18% in the revenue receipts amounting to Rs 1080 crores as a result of the pandemic.

To augment the finances, he mentioned that the state government had proposed for levy of cess on pharma companies, hydroelectricity corporations and after consideration by the Group of Ministers, had recommended a Special package of assistance and sought their support in this matter. Similarly, to combat the decline in revenue due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, he also requested the

Government of India for a special one-time grant of Rs 700 crores.

He highlighted the efforts of the state government to strengthen the health sector in the state. He briefed the gathering regarding major changes brought to this sector including the increase in the budgetary allocations for medicines and consumables, recruitment of Medical Officers, upgrading of Oncology department, Establishment of Medical College, Dialysis Centres in District Hospitals, Intensive Care Units, Super Speciality Outreach Programme in Districts, upscaling of Namchi Hospital in South District to a three hundred bedded hospital among others.

Similarly, in the area of Education, he stated that the state government stands firm in its resolve to transform Sikkim into the "Education Hub of the Country" and briefly spoke about the "Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University of Excellence" being established at Chakung, West Sikkim.

Likewise, in the agriculture and allied sectors, he re-emphasised the State Government's commitment to make Sikkim self-sustainable, self-reliant and to realise the goal of doubling farmers' income as envisaged by the Prime Minister.

Further, the Chief Minister stated that the State Government has introduced historic price support in the scheme Mukhya Mantri Krishi Atma-Nirbhar Yojana for twelve crops, vegetables and fruits like large cardamom, ginger, turmeric, buckwheat, kiwi, orange, etc. He mentioned the state government's initiative of Milk Production Incentive Scheme for the organized sector and the first Piggery Production Incentive Scheme with an incentive of Rs 5,000 per pig for a maximum of three breeding stock.

He also requested for support from the NITI Aayog and the Central government regarding the Skilled Youth Start-up Schemes in terms of financing from the

nationalised banks.

Highlighting the need for an export-oriented industry, empowered Organic Food Park-cum-Free Trade Warehousing zone, Special Economic Zone offering common third-party logistics and supply chain infrastructure such as organics only processing and warehousing, he proposed for these facilities to be set up and lay the foundation for transformational sector growth. He mentioned the State government's policy to cultivate year-round agriculture, horticulture crops and sought support for creating water sources and water harvesting structures for irrigation, stating that it will help in reducing the difficulties of the local farmers.

The Chief Minister said that he looked forward to continued cooperation from the NITI Aayog in achieving the common goal of higher progress and sustainability.

In the Power Point presentation, the detailed status of progress, outcome, losses, dividend, comparison, remarks and future plans in addition to many other points were presented.

During the discussion, Development of infrastructure like Cable Car Projects, Sevoke-Rangpo Railway project, the extension of railway line up to Gangtok and onward, Organic farming, subsidies for organic farmers, the release of balance, Special Plan Assistance (SPA) were also discussed. It was also appealed to the NITI Aayog and the Central Government that in some situations, population and area ratio may not fit with the criteria of NITI Aayog, hence in accord to the region, he requested special consideration for the benefit of the people. The representatives of NITI Aayog have assured to render support and put forward the matter to the Ministry of DONER and the Union Government wherever necessary.

Chief Minister holds high-level meeting with Education Department

Gangtok, September 02: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang called for a high-level meeting with the Education Department at Mintokgang, today. The meeting had the presence of the Minister for Education Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha accompanied by Secretary Mr. Anil Raj Rai, Special Secretary (Administration) Mrs. Hondala Gyalsen, Secretary (SSTRB and Director Elementary Education) Mr. Bhim Thatal, Joint Secretary (Administration) Mrs. Lakhi D Bhutia and Deputy Controller of Exams (SSTRB) Mrs. Asha Khatri.

The meeting discussed that the Department has received numerous applications from persons who could not fill up the online application for the walk-in-

interview of Ad-hoc teachers owing to the poor internet connectivity in the far-flung areas. It has therefore, been decided that an online application portal for Adhoc teachers of all categories from September 03, 2021 till September 15, 2021 will be initiated. The applicants can apply offline at their respective District Education Offices during the stipulated time.

Further, walk-in-interviews for the posts of Post Graduate, Graduate, Primary, Physical Education and Pre-Primary and Language Teachers on Adhoc basis are scheduled w.e.f. October 03, 2021 onwards and will be taken up by Sikkim State Teachers Recruitment Board (SSTRB). The

SSTRB will conduct these walk-in-interviews for the appointment of all categories of adhoc teachers in a phased manner.

It has been decided that the walk-in-interview will be conducted centrally at SSTRB Conference Hall, Syari, Gangtok by the SSTRB in order to have smooth and quick results. Once the teachers are recruited after interview, there will be no further interviews for these selected candidates. They will continue working for 08 (eight) years. Meanwhile, in the event of any vacancy arising due to retirement or any other reasons, the SSTRB will further conduct such interviews on a yearly basis.

Education Deptt.convenes press conference

Gangtok, September 06: The Education Department, convened a press conference today to address the issue of the ongoing protest by a group of ad-hoc teachers in the State capital.

The press conference was addressed by the Minister of Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, along with Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya, and Secretary, Sikkim State Teachers' Recruitment Board (SSTRB) Mr. Bhim Thatal.

Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya maintained that the Government has a clear intention of bringing about a systematic change in the education system in the State. He said that the recent policy decision of the Government regarding the appointment of teachers on ad-hoc basis has been designed for the welfare of the teaching fraternity. As per the new decision of the Government, a mechanism has been devised for the recruitment of eligible teachers on ad-hoc basis, who will automatically be regularised after completing eight years of service. He added that this new system will do away with the previous process of yearly extensions. He added that the teachers will receive their full salaries even during winter vacations and festivals. Hence, once the teachers are appointed after qualifying the recruitment process, their jobs are secure, and there will be no re-interview for these lot of selected ad-hoc teachers, he reiterated.

The ACS cited the following reasons for the delay in conducting the interview:

1. The SSTRB has invited applications for the walk-in interview to be held from 3rd October, 2021, onwards. In order to provide opportunity to all and to ensure that no one is left out, an online application portal through the Department's website and offline application receiving mechanism at the district level has been provided for the applicants to submit their documents till 15th September 2021.

2. The SSTRB is also conducting two more interviews, that of the post of Headmaster of Secondary Schools and for the post of Assistant Education Officers. The interviews for these two posts will be completed within the month of September and the results would be announced before the interview of the ad-hoc teachers. Results of these two interviews will provide a further clear picture of the vacancy in the

respective subjects. Therefore, these two interviews are being conducted before the interview of the adhoc teachers so that more ad hoc teachers' vacancies arising subsequently could be filled up at one go.

3. It has been communicated earlier that the SSTRB is a statutory and legally empowered body to conduct interviews of teachers. It follows the NCTE norms and all other stipulated norms and guidelines. Much emphasis is laid on scrutiny of documents, which is a time-taking and cumbersome exercise.

Minister Mr.Kunga Nima Lepcha explained the new policy decisions regarding the appointment of teachers on adhoc basis. He appealed to the protesting teachers to call off their protest and make the most of the opportunity provided by the Government. He urged them to compile and submit their documents for scrutiny at the earliest. He reiterated that the Government has taken this decision for the long-term welfare of the teachers. He further explained that this appointment will guarantee them a secure career and they will be regularised automatically after completing eight years of service. The eight-year period, in administrative parlance, is like the probation period, he explained. He further informed that to ensure quality education, the service of those who have served as ad-hoc teachers for a good number of years will be given weightage during the interview, in addition to their performance in the interview.

Mr.Bhim Thatal gave a brief report of the interviews conducted by the Board in recent months and updated about the interviews lined up. He assured that the SSTRB will complete the interviews of Headmaster and AEO in the stipulated time, before conducting the walk-in interview of teachers on ad-hoc basis from 3rd October onwards. He informed that the Board will conduct the interviews in a phased manner on all days of the week, except festivals. He added that all efforts would be made to expedite the process. He also informed that the scrutiny of documents will also be carried out in the respective districts to ease out the load on SSTRB and to speed up the process. He appealed to the aspiring candidates to submit their documents at the earliest. Programmes aimed at grassroot development are achieved in the stipulated time.

Minister L.N Sharma calls on MoS Development of NE Region

New Delhi, September 01: Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, Mr. L.N Sharma called on the Minister of State (MoS), Development of North Eastern Region and Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, Mr. B.L. Verma at New Delhi.

The Minister apprised the MoS Mr. B.L. Verma on the unique

existence of a wide range of natural diversity, enormous tourism potential and scope of establishing the state as a film shooting destination. He put forth a proposal for the establishment of Eco-Heritage Film City in Sikkim.

The Minister of State Mr. B.L. Verma assured support for the accomplishment of the project.

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