

Governor and Chief Minister of Sikkim Governor applauds and extend congratulations to PM of India welcomes NEP, 2020

Gangtok, August 05: The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad congratulated the countrymen and Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi on the occasion of foundation stone laying and Bhumi Pujan ceremony of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya on August 5.

The Governor's note read, "Congratulations to Prime Minister Mr. Modiji and people of the country on the historic foundation stone laying and Bhumi Pujan in Ayodhya which fullfill the cherished desire of every Indian. Ram Mandir would become symbol of cultural and national High Court of Sikkim launches e-filing

unity.'

The Governor recalled Rath Yatra across the country led by the then Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. L. K. Advani. During Yatra, Mr. Advani along with Ram devotees made brief halt at the residence at Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad at Patna said the Governor.

"Maryada Purushottam Ram's universal message of truth, justice, equality of all, compassion and brotherhood remain the guiding light for India and for the world. I hope our generation will follow the path shown by

Purushottam Ram" added the Governor. The Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang has extended his congratulations to the Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi, on the historic occasion of laying the foundation stone and Bhumi pujan ceremony of Shri Ram Janmabhumi Temple in Ayodhya.

Calling it an "extraordinarily great moment" he added that the entire global community is celebrating the occasion, as well as, Sikkim. He said that Mr. Modi

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Gangtok, July 31: The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad has applauded and welcomed the centre government moves on major reforms of education system; the new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The Governor termed the new National Education Policy as a historic reforms and regulatory framework for the education sector.

The Governor said, "the new NEP 2020 will bring a paradigm shift in our teaching and learning process and will make holistic and inclusive mode in both school and higher education with more focus for all round development of the students. This will benefit our Sikkimese students as well. It will create more opportunities for our children to explore."

He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi and the Union cabinet for this landmark decision. He said that under the visionary leadership of Mr. Modi, India's education sector is going to be effective and it is a positive step forward.

Union cabinet on Wednesday has approved the new National Education Policy which frame an overhauling the school curriculum and ushering in key reforms in higher education, he added.

The Governor mentioned that new NEP shall play an unprecedented role in the building of a new India.

Greetings

The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang has extended his warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Sikkim on the auspicious occasion of Tendong Lho Rum Faat.

Tendong Lho Rum Faat is one of the oldest festivals of Sikkim, celebrated by the Lepcha community which falls on August 8 every year. The name 'Tendong' is derived from Lepcha dialect, which translates to "the hill of the raised horn". It is said that this hill rose from the horns of a deity which saved the Lepcha tribe from the great flood. The Lepchas celebrate this occasion by offering prayers to pay their reverence to the creator for saving them.

In his greetings, the Chief Minister said, Tendong Lho Rum Faat, is an auspicious day where we all offer our prayers to the Tendong Hill, where we keep the faith alive by believing that our deities will protect us from destruction. Let us implore them for overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meeting on proper disposal of COVID-19 bio medical waste held

Gangtok: The High Court of Sikkim launched e-filing module and epayment system for the High Court and all the District Courts of the State of Sikkim on August 3. In a first of its kind for the

module and e- payment system

High Court of Sikkim, the inaugural function was held online through video conferencing. Both the modules were launched by Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim, Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, in the presence of Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Chairperson, Computer Committee, Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan.

The Advocate General of the State of Sikkim, Additional Advocate General, President, General Secretary and other members of Sikkim Bar Association of Sikkim, Judicial Officers, Officers of Sikkim State Legal Services Authorities and other dignitaries also particiated in the inaugural

and speedy dispensation of justice. Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, emphasized the importance of filing cases through electronic mode and online payment of Court fees, particularly in the present COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, in her inaugural address mentioned about the significance of e-filing and epayment and how beneficial it is to the Learned Advocates and litigants, wherein case can be filed without having to visit Court Complexes, and payment can be made online. Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, informed that e-Sewa Kendra has been established in this High Court and all the District Courts of State to facilitate e-services to all the stakeholders who do not have such facilities of their own. Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, requested the BarAssociation of Sikkim also to establish such eservices centres for their members who cannotafford to file cases electronically or pay Court fees through online mode.

It is relevant to note that by the introduction of e-filing module and e-payment in all the Courts of the State of Sikkim, the litigants and their Learned Advocates will be able to file cases from the convenience of their home or office. However, for using the e-filing module, it is necessary for the litigants and Learned Advocates to register themselves the portal in <u>https:/</u> efiling.ecourts.gov.in/sk/. Similarly, Court fees, fines and other judicial deposits can now be paid online through SBI e-pay, using their debit/credit cards or other multi-payment options. The link of both the modules

are available in the website of the High Court of Sikkim https:// hcs.gov.in. The e-filing and epayment module is citizen centric and will provide easy access to justice for the litigants.

session from their respective remote locations, through video conferencing.

Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj in his address Pradhan. highlighted the importance of ICT and how it could be useful in easy

The welcome address and vote of thanks during the inaugural function was delivered by Mr. Karma W. Bhutia, Registrar General and Central Project Coordinator.

Preparatory meeting on State level **Independence Day Celebration held**

Gangtok, Aug 03: Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta chaired a meeting to discuss the arrangements to be made for the upcoming State level Independence Dav Celebration,today.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Home, Mr. R. Telang, DGP, Heads of Departments, DC East, SP East and senior officers of various line Departments.

Considering the prevailing situation and the safety

protocol to be followed, it was decided that the State level function will be held at Manan Bhawan Gangtok. It was decided that the function will be held on a smaller scale with limited invitees, but with the same zeal, enthusiasm and nationalistic fervour as it is celebrated every year. The event will be streamed live through various digital platforms to reach out to people across the State.

The Chief Secretary allocated work to all concerned

departments with a directive to complete all necessary arrangements within the stipulated time.

per national As guidelines on Independence Day Celebration issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the Celebration will be held at the State, District, Subdivision and Panchayat level, duly adhering to all the COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Gangtok, August 1: A meeting was held in the Conference Hall of Forest Department today to discuss on the proper disposal of COVID-19 biomedical waste being generated from various Quarantine Centres, STNM hospital and district hospitals as per the proper Government guidelines and standard protocols.

During the meeting, various solutions in order to align safe management practices for waste generated in the hospitals and various centres was also

deliberated upon, as it is one of the key elements that contributes to the overall health protection and safety of everyone. The meeting had a detail discussion on the management of these biomedical waste, which requires proper attention to avoid any adverse health issues.

Similarly, the current requirements of staff in the hospitals and proper management to overcome such future situations was also discussed.

Pearls of Wisdom

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

-Albert Einstein

District Diary

Krishi Loan mela meeting held

Namchi, August 06: A District Level preliminary meeting with all the Bank Managers was held at the Conference hall of DAC, Namchi, today.

The main aim of the meeting was to address the issues related to Krishi Loan Mela and it's affiliated schemes for the banking sector in South District.

DC(South) Mr. Ragul K while addressing the gathering urged the banks to work in coordination with the concerned department for the successful implementation of schemes under the department in the district. He also urged that Kishan Credit Card (KCC) and other allied schemes shall be availed across the district for cash crops. He requested that effective mechanism should be instilled by the concerned department for the distribution of any kinds of schemes in the district.

Lead Bank Chief Manager Mr. Gopal Lama highlighted various guidelines of banking sectors for the subsidy of loans to farmers. He informed that 900 forms has been distributed to the

beneficiaries of the district. In addition, the state government has also allocated 50 crores for agriculture and other allied sectors for upliftment and development of farming practices. In which, the state government is also providing 50 percent subsidy to various farmers in bee keeping, fisheries and piggery farming. He also requested them to provide special attention to the farmers loan and support for the development of agriculture sector in the state as the State Government has assured full backing for the sector.

AGM (RBI) Mr. Namcho informed that till date a total of 2045 applications has already been distributed for the Krishi loan credit. He added that such scheme aimed towards the upliftment of farmers will boost in producing the various farm based products. He said that the support from the banking sector towards the agricultural sector is always welcomed. He requested to provide awareness on KCC and other State Government schemes for ample knowledge and effective working of the banking sector. Additional Director (AH/ VS) Dr. Mala Bajgai apprised about the Kishan Loan Mela's objective which is to revive the economic condition of the general masses during this time of COVID-19.

She also highlighted on the procedure of the allocation of forms and detailing of required documents to fulfill criteria for this loan.

This loan maybe applied in various sectors like Agriculture/ Horticulture/Animal Husbandry, Bee Keeping, Groceries, Spa, Parlour, Fast Food, Restaurant and in other primary sectors. The bankable loan amount has been set up as 1.60 lakh for now with bank end subsidy and is collateral free. Each Constituency is expected to get one hundred beneficiaries from this scheme so that many people can reap the welfare from it.

The meeting also saw the launch of Annual Credit Plan 2020-21 of Sikkim. An open discussion between the members of bank representatives and the concerned officals was also held.

Sikkim Livestock Processing & Development Corporation Limited (Government of Sikkim Undertaking) Krishi Bhawan, Tadong, East Sikkim-737102 Ref.No.11/SLP&DC/2020-21 Date:03/08/2020 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sikkim Livestock Processing & Development Corporation Limited (SLP & DC Ltd.) (A Government of Sikkim undertaking), Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services invites e-tender for appointment of a turnkey contractor for establishment of a modern abattoir (multispecies) at Gyaba, Gyalshing, West Sikkim.

The Notice Inviting Tender along with details will be available on official . website of the Government of Sikkim <u>www.sikkimtender.gov.in</u> w.e.f. 10.08.2020.

Dr. Madan .S. Shanker Managing Director (SLP&DC Ltd) R.O.No. 47/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21 dt:04/08/2020

ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids Pakyong - 737 106, Sikkim, India Tel. No: 91-03592-267033(AF&AO), Tel.No.91-03592-267032(AO) Website:<u>http://www.nrcorchids.nic.in</u>,

Email: <u>nrcorchids96@gmail.com</u> F. No: NRCO/S/15/2020-21/399 Date:10.07.2020

Notice Inviting E-Tender (CPPP)

The Director, ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim invites e-tender through the CPPP website, <u>URL:http://eprocure.gov,in/eprocure/app</u> under two bid system (Technical Bid& Financial Bid) from eligible and qualified bidders for Annual Rate Contract for supply of Cocochips and Cocopeats. Last date for submission of online bids <u>30/08/2020</u>. For more details interested Bidders may visit: <u>https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app</u> or <u>https:nrcorchids.nic.in/index.php/en.</u>

> (Arvind Chauhaan) Administrative Officer I/c R.O.NO.46/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:04/08/20

Government of Sikkim Health and Family Welfare Department Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok Notice

Mr. Bhaichung Bhutia, Medical Attendant, Barapathing PHSC under Machong PHC, Health & Family Welfare Department absenting himself from his *duties* without information, prior permission or sanction of leave from the competent authorities with effect from 10thSeptember, 2018.

Mr. Bhaichung Bhutia, Medical Attendant is hereby directed to report to duty immediately failing which disciplinary proceedings will be initiated against him without further notice.

All his friends, relatives and well wishers 'are requested to convey him the contents of this notice and advise him to report to duty immediately.

> Sd/-Under Secretary to the Government Health & F.W.Department R.O.NO.40/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:21/07/20

Government of Sikkim commerce and Industries Department

n of Proposal for Preparing el Upgradation Plan (SLUP) vited to undertake a detailed study for preparation radation Plan"(SLUP) to make a detailed proposal One Product approach of PM Formalization of sing Enterprises(PM FME Scheme) by the Ministry Enterprises, Government of India. The One District ch is targeted to promote one product for a district ctive the focus of the scheme on perishables i.e neat, etc. The SLUP to be completed by 4 month ap out the details of ODOP product in each district etails of units, workers, level of processing able, gaps and what work should be done under e gaps including infrastructure, hygiene standards nding, etc. The Terms of Reference for SLUP in obtained from the MSME Division, Commerce & artment, Government of Sikkim, Udyog angtok, East Sikkim or through email. to undertake the SLUP would be selected after ocedure as per the norms of Govt. of Sikkim. The to be submitted to the office of Director, MSME tries Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Udyog Bhawan by 31st of August, 2020.

Prayers offered on the eve of Tendong Lho Rum Faat

Namchi, August 07: On the eve of the auspicious occassion of Tendong Lho Rum Faat a traditional prayer by the bongthings was held at Namchi bazaar, today. The prayers were conducted with the support of members from South Renzong Mutanchi Rong Tarjum (RMRT).

Advisor (RMRT) Mr. S. J. Lepcha informed that this year this ceremony is being observed keeping in view the norms laid out by the State Government due to the ongoing pandemic. He added that Tendong Lho Rum Faat is one of the oldest traditional festival celebrated by the Lepcha community. Mr. Lepcha informed that the members of RMRT will be heading towards Tendong Hill, wherein a full fledged prayers and obeisance will be performed tomorrow for the well being of all sentient beings and to keep the world safe from COVID-19. It maybe mentioned that this year Tendong Lho Rum Faat will be celebrated in a very small scale and as per the guidelines of the State Government at Tendong Hill which is located at 2640 meters (8660 ft) from the sea level and is 7 kms uphill from Damthang bazaar. The prayer will be done in the presence of the pious stone "Lungchok" installed at the hill.

Government of Sikkim Health and Family Welfare Department <u>Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok</u> Dated: 5th August, 2020

No.1491/H&FW;

<u>WALK – IN - INTERVIEW</u>

I. Eligible candidates having following qualifications and possessing the requisite documents may walk – in for interview for filling up following postson contractual basis foran initial period of 03 (three) yearsat Radiotherapy Unit, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, East Sikkim.

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01	Medical Physicist / Radiation Physicist / Radiological Physicist		i). a post graduate degree in Physics from a recognized university;ii). a post M. Sc. diploma in radiological/ medical physics from a recognized university; andiii). An internship of minimum 12 months in a recognized well-equipped radiation therapy department.ORi). a basic degree in science from a recognized university with physics as one of the main subject;ii). a post graduate degree in radiological/ medical physics from a recognized university; andiii). An internship of minimum 1 months in a recognized well-equipped radiation		Invitation State Leve Proposals are inv of "State Level Upgra under One District (Micro Food Process	
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For any enquiry please call at 9593977946 or mail at directormsmecni@gmail.com

> Director, MSME. R.O.NO.50/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:07/08/20

Gangtok (Friday) August 07, 2020

Government of Sikkim Office of the Divisional Engineer South District Zilla Panchyat Namchi

Ref.No:-09/DE/SDZP(S)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

N.I.T. No:- 458/DE/SDZP

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, <u>Divisional Engineer, South District Zilla Panchayat, Namchi,</u> invites sealed tenders on percentage basis from the eligible registered Contractor of South District, enlisted as CLASS-III Vide Notification No. 515/PWD/R&B dated. 12/06/2018 having adequate resources & experience in similar Civil Constructional Works from South District for the following works.

SI No		Estimated cost (In)	Value put to Tender (In)	Earnest Money @ 2.5 % of tender value (In)	Cost of Tender Form (In)	Completion Time (In Month).
1.	Augmentation of RWSS from Jaubari to Lower Kamrang, source Pachey under Poklok Kamrang Constituency in South Sikkim.	3,20,82,000/-	1,02,08,000/-	2,55,200/-	30,000/-	24 months

TIME SCHEDULE: -

i)	Date of submission of application with Bank Receipt/ Challan for issue of Tender Documents	:- 17/08/2020
ii)	Date of issue of Tender Form	:- 17/08/2020
iii)	Date and time of seeking clarification	:- 19/08/2020 up to 16.30 Hrs
iv)	Date and Time of submission of Tender Document	
	including Tender Form	:- 20/08/2020 up to 13.00 Hrs.
V)	Date and Time of Opening of Tenders.	:- 20/08/2020 after 14.00 Hrs.

Conditions of Contract:-

1. Tender is open only to the eligible Registered contractor of eligible class of respective Territory under South Sikkim.

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

3. The applicant should enclose attested copies of the (a) Latest Income Tax Clearance Certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (b) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate and Professional Tax Clearance Certificate along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original Certificate after accepting the Tender GST (Goods & Service Tax).

4.The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Document (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified above from the office of the <u>Divisional Engineer</u>, <u>SDZP (South)</u> RDD, Namchi, on production of requisite Bank receipt of the state of <u>Sikkim</u> towards the cost of Tender Document (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "cost of Tender Form", **Head of account (0515-15 & other Rural Development Programme, 800 other receipts)**.

5.Earnest money deposits 2.5% in state bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Scheduled Bank in the form of temporary deposits receipts in favour of the Sr. Accounts Officer, SDZP/RMDD, Namchi. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the deposit receipts who have obtained the tender Documents.

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

7. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender/box in the Office of the **Concerned Divisional Office**, **South District Zilla Panchayat**, **Namchi**, on the date and within the time indicated above.

8. The Tenderers should sign on every page of the Tender Documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and conditions of the contract and other laid norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of all other Taxes and Levies. Overwriting and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.

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

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

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

12. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should be commenced within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.

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

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

15. The recoveries of Income Tax, GST and Royalties on Forest produces shall be as per the rates notified by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of

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Date: 04/08/2020

Dated:-04.18.2020

payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in Analysis of Rates or Schedule of Rates or Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.

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

17. Mobilization advance shall be given as per paragraph 24.6 of the Sikkim Public work Department Manual and General Conditions of Contract subject to availability of resources.

18.Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules. 19.In case of the man powers employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighbouring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.

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

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

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

23. It is accepted to the tenders to have 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.

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

25. The cost of stock materials supplied from the department store will be deducted from the contractors' bills as per rules.

(Divisional Engineer) South District Zilla Panchayat Namchi, South Sikkim.

R.O.NO.48/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:06/08/20

Chief Secretary chairs State Task Force meeting

Gangtok, Aug 01: Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta today chaired a meeting of the State Task Force to deliberate on the revised guidelines issued by the Home Department on 31.07.2020, which will come into force from 3rd August, 2020.

The Chief Secretary reiterated that the revised guidelines are explicit and have been prepared after thorough deliberation.

The Chief Secretary stressed on a few points in the guidelines and directed for strict vigilance and monitoring.

He reiterated that the guidelines clearly speak about unlocking phase at the local

level. He said that movement of vehicles and people will continue to be restricted beyond the stipulated local area. This should be rigorously enforced, he stated.

It was clarified that twin townships such as Rangpo-Mamring, Singtam-Adarsh Gaon, and Jorethang- Naya Bazar will be considered as one local area subject to regulations relating to containment zone.

The Chief Secretary stressed that the guidelines aim at restriction of unnecessary movement, and allowing necessary movement within permissible limits. The idea is to facilitate gradual resumption of economic activities, he said.

The meeting discussed the detailed SOP regarding the inter-state movement of essential commodities vehicles, and the safety protocol to be followed by the drivers and helpers.

It was directed to ensure strict monitoring and tracking of these vehicles for which a system will be established to be operational from August 3.

The meeting also discussed the latest SOP issued by the Health Department regarding prescription of home quarantine for those having adequate Isolation facilities, after recommendation from the medical team.

IPR Exclusive

Significance of Tendong Lho Rum Faat

Tendong Lho Rum Faat is one of the most auspicious and significant festivals of the Lepcha community of Sikkim. It falls during the month of August every year.

The legend says that Tendong Hill saved the Lepcha tribe from the ravages of deluge caused by the continuous rain which drowned the entire State. As the lower region started to flood causing loss of life and property, the Lepchas started to ascend the Tendong Hill and thus the entire community was saved.

The Lepcha community consider this ancient festival as a solemn occasion to pay respect as well as an endeavour to give back to mother nature. On this day, grand festivities are held at Tendong Hill in South Sikkim to pay reverence to this hill. During the festivities, the people belonging to the Lepcha community make a model of the mountain in their homes and worship it.

The day also symbolises the tradition of living in harmony with mother nature. It also sends a message to the people to protect, preserve and celebrate mother nature in all its varied forms.

A Message on

SJA organises deliberation on local laws of Sikkim

Gangtok: Sikkim Judicial Academy organised a deliberation on some of the local laws of Sikkim for the Learned District Judges on July 18 through Video Conference facility.

The Resource Person for the Workshop was Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Judge-incharge, Sikkim Judicial Academy Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan. The topics covered were "The Legal and Historic perspective on The Sikkim Subject Regulation, 1961, The Sikkim (Citizenship) Order 1975, Statutory orders issued under the Citizenship Act, 1955 and The Adaptation of Sikkim Laws (No.1) Order 1975".

Deliberation was also made on "Laws regarding issuance of Certificate of Identification namely the Notification No.66/ Home/95 dated 22nd November, 1995., Notification No.57/Home/96 dated 27th September, 1996, Notification No. 04/Home/ 2006 dated 25.01.2006, Notification No.119/Home/2010 dated 26.10.2010, Notification No.16/ Home/2014 dated 03.03.2014 and Corrigendum No. 49/ Home/2014 dated 30.05.2014". "Laws relating to marriages and Registration in Sikkim were also discussed especially the Rules to provide for Registration and Solemnization of a Forum of Marriage in Sikkim, 1963

and The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955." The "Effects of nonenforcement of Special Marriage Act, 1954" was also discussed.

While discussing The Sikkim Subject Regulation, 1961, the Resource Person informed that the Regulation has been repealed after Sikkim merged with India. Further people who were left out from the Regulation were added in the Citizenship Act. Resource Person also discussed the difference between Sikkim Subject and Certificate of Identification. He urged the participants to go through the recent judgment of the High Court of Sikkim in Yogen Ghatani v. State of Sikkim (Writ Petition (C) 66 of 2016 dated 20th February 2020 which discusses in detail the laws relating to Certificate of Identification, Sikkim Subject, etc.

While discussing the Laws relating to marriages and Registration in Sikkim, Resource Person informed that the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 was extended and enforced to Sikkim from 28.01.1931. The Hindu Marriage Act was enforced only on 01.05.1989. Prior to this the Chogyal of Sikkim had promulgated the Rules to provide for Registration and Solemnization of a Forum of Marriage in Sikkim, 1963.

As per these rules, anyone can get their marriage registered. The Rules are exhaustive and covers issues such as Divorce, restitution of conjugal rights, etc. Further the Government of Sikkim vide Notification No.367/LR dated 09.08.2007 made it compulsory to register all marriages which take place between citizens of the country in the State under this Rules. Mr.Pradhan also informed that the customary laws of each community is required to be codified. So far in the State only the customary laws of the Nepalese community have been codified. The customary law of the Bhutia community and the Lepcha Community is still in the draft state.

With regard to the extension of the Special Marriage Act, 1954, to Sikkim, it was informed that vide a Central Notification dated 09.10.2019 the Act has been extended to the State of Sikkim but the same shall be enforced "on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint." However, till date no such notification has been issued by the Central Government.

There was a healthy discussion and interaction throughout the programme.





Shri Prem Singh Tamang, Hon'ble Chief Minister,

Shri B. S. Panth, Hon'ble Minister, Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Sikkim

The "National Handloom Day" is observed throughout the country on 7th August to commemorate the proclamation of the Swadeshi Movement which was made on 7th August 1905 in the meeting held at Town Hall, Kolkata. The day is celebrated to generate awareness about the importance of Handloom industry as part of our rich heritage and culture, which will help promote Handloom products and lead to increase in income of the weavers as well as enhance their confidence and pride.

The State Government envisages to develop villages into Handloom and Handicrafts Cluster and integrate them as prominent tourist destinations. The handloom industry is a source of livelihood to a large section of rural population particularly to the women and BPL families and contributes positively not only for income generation, but in keeping alive the ethos of our rich tradition and history.

29 new positive cases of COVID-19 reported

on August 06

Gangtok, August 06:Total New 3 cases from 3rd Mile Bojoghari Sun Pharma, Rongli Chujachen and Rhenock have tested negative on RTPCR.

Covid-19 Positive Cases Reported till 8am of 6.8.2020=29.

Out of 346 samples tested on RTPCR, 27 samples tested positive.

Likewise, out of 80 samples tested on Rapid Antigen Testing, 2 samples tested positive.

Breakup of Test Results on RTPCR: 19 positive cases from Chanatar.

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2 reported from Postal Colony above TNA.

1 reported from a paid quarantine centre.

2 cases Mankind Pharma Limited, South Sikkim.

It was reported that all the samples from Sunder Resort Facility quarantine centre, SICUN,

Similarly, 2 have tested positive through Rapid Antigen Testing.

Total Active Cases = 475.

Total Cured & Discharged = 353. Total Deaths = 1.

Cumulative Total = 829.

Information

The Department of Food and Public Distribution, Government of India has allotted additional rice and chana under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for the months of July, 2020 to November, 2020 @ rice 5(five) kgs per person per month and chana @1(one) kg per house hold per month.

The foodgrains mentioned above are meant for distribution to the beneficiaries under Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority House Hold (PHH) categories free of cost.

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is a widely respected national and global leader, who has brick by brick brought transformational changes in the country. The foundation stone will remain and sustain as a mark of insurmountable cultural unity and a solid consolidation of national power.

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In the field of Education, the Chief Minister also applauded the Central Government for presenting a State- of- the -Art National Education Policy after a long interval. He mentioned that the coming generations will benefit

from the progressive, liberal and indigenous policy, boosting their knowledge scale, competitive spirit, scientific temper, employment opportunities and technological development.

In a separate letter, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang congratulated Mr. Yogi Adityanath, the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. He affirmed that the foundation stone laying and bhumi pujan ceremony will add an extraordinary chapter in the spiritual, secular and religious history of our country.

Concluding the letter, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang praised Mr. Yogi Adityanath in transforming Uttar Pradesh into a vibrant, welldeveloped state and a leading light in India's federal structure.

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