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Meeting on Management of COVID-19 at Village level conducted

Gangtok, May 07: A virtual meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Rural Development Department Mr. Sonam Lama on Management of COVID-19 at the Village level, today.

During the meeting, the participants placed their grievances along with suggestions in view of tackling the untoward situation at the village level.

One of the prominent points placed was regarding the free movement of essential commodity vehicles and requirement of setting up of transit points with shelter for drivers. A request for provision of emergency vehicles in the village under the supervision of the Panchayats was also placed in the meeting. Further, it was also suggested that vaccination of employees posted in the Gram Panchayat Units to be considered irrespective of age enabling them to be confident in supporting the Panchayats towards COVID

management. Another issue raised by the Panchayats was regarding RTPCR tests, which if facilitated at places convenient for the village folks, they could avoid travelling long distances and stay away from probable contamination too.

The Minister said that all points raised have been considered and a collective decision shall be taken in consultation with the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang. He directed all Panchayats to generate awareness on COVID-19 protocol and vaccination through miking in the villages, as is being done in town. He also said that the Government has been monitoring the situation in the state and is ready to handle the situation with the cooperation of the Panchayats and Officials at the grassroot level. The Minister expressed his sincere gratitude to the Health Department, Police Department and the front line workers who have been tirelessly working for

the safety of all Sikkimense. He requested all to reach to each person in the village and give them the required support from their end and if required, get assistance from the Government too. He directed all Officers and staff of RDD to be vigilant and work sincerely for the well being and safety of the people.

Pr. Secretary, RDD Mr. C. S. Rao in his remarks suggested all Gram Panchayats to procure a mobile Sim card and activate the village Helpline by using the services of the village/ward level "COVID Monitoring Committee" constituted as per the directive issued earlier.

Earlier, Director Panchayat, Mr. Prabhakar Rai on his Power Point presentation informed the status of COVID-19 and the experiences/challenges faced during the 1st wave of pandemic in 2020 along with preparedness measures to be taken up during the 2nd wave of pandemic as per the Disaster Management Act.

Community based workforce for combatting COVID-19 in rural areas

Gangtok, May 10: The State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim has been undertaking extensive capacity-building training programme virtually with the help of the experts from the Health Department, Government of Sikkim to create a community-based workforce.

This is being arranged to better utilise the potential workforce available and promoting workforce growth in quantity and quality which will be beneficial to approach the crisis to a great extent. Along with

the efforts made by the government, public cooperation is necessary. The idea behind the initiative is to train Panchayats, VCMC, Self Help Groups, NGOs, CBOs, Teachers and youth to handle the crisis at ground zero, easing the pressure on the health workers.

In this regard, a virtual training was conducted today wherein they were informed about home-based bedside assistance, proper sanitisation methods, especially during home-based care, proper handling of bio-

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Nell Bahadur Chettri elected as Mayor of GMC

Gangtok, May 04: Mr. Nell Bahadur Chettri from Burtuk ward was unanimously elected as the Mayor of Gangtok Municipal Corporation during the election-cum-swearing-in-ceremony of 18 newly elected Councillors held at the Conference Hall of Gangtok Municipal Corporation, today.

Similarly, Mrs. Tshering Palden Bhutia from Development Area ward was elected as the Deputy Mayor.

The District Magistrate, East-cum-Presiding Officer of the swearing-in-ceremony, Mr. Ragul K. administered the oath of office to the 18 newly elected Councillors in the presence of Secretary UDD Ms. Sarala Rai, Additional District Collector (HQ) Mr. Hemant Rai, Commissioner GMC Mr. Hem Kumar Chettri and the officials of GMC. A total of 17 Councillors were present during the programme, wherein one Councillor Ms. Kala Rai had joined virtually.

Earlier, two minute silence was also observed on the demise of Councillor of Arithang II ward Mr. Raju Tamang.

It was also informed that the election for the post of five Executive Members of GMC will



take place in the second meeting of GMC.

Similarly, the Swearing-in-ceremony of the 10 Councillors of Singtam Nagar Panchayat and Rangpo Nagar Panchayat were also conducted at the Community Hall, Singtam. ADC East cum AMERO for Singtam and Rangpo Nagar Panchayat Mr. Tushar G. Nihare administered the oath of affirmation to the newly elected Councillors of Singtam Nagar Panchayat and Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, respectively.

Mr. Suresh Kr. Tamang from Chisopani ward was unanimously

elected as the Municipal President and Smt. Bindhya Subba from Mandir Line ward as Municipal Vice President of Singtam Nagar Panchayat. Likewise, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Khati from Mandi Bazar ward was elected as the Municipal President and Mrs. Radha Pradhan from Mining ward as the Municipal Vice President of Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, respectively. The elections were conducted as per reservation of seats in Singtam and Rangpo Nagar Panchayat duly notified vide notification of UDD.

Introductory programme of newly elected Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillors held



Gangtok, May 04: A short introductory programme was held with the newly elected Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Councillors adhering to the strict COVID protocols at Samman Bhawan, today.

At the outset, the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang paid his respects on the untimely demise of Late Raju Tamang who was recently elected as the Councillor from Arithang II ward and expressed his solace to the family and friends of the departed soul.

The Chief Minister congratulated the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Councillors for being handed the charge to lead and guide the public and assist in the upliftment of society. He also

acknowledged the Councillors for their collective support and belief in the selection process of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The non-partisan based election system has laid the foundation for aspiring future leaders to independently contest based on their ability and will to serve the people.

Highlighting the ideologies of women empowerment and upliftment of women in the state, the Chief Minister reiterated that more than 50% of the seats were reserved for women candidates with the liberty to contest on the remaining. He also mentioned the State government's intention to relentlessly work towards women

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Pearls of Wisdom

*Natural forces within us are the true healers of disease.
- Hippocrates*

“Dawai Bhi Kadai Bhi”

District Diary

Newly elected councillors sworn in

Namchi, May 04: The oath taking ceremony of the newly elected councillors of Namchi Municipal Council and Nayabazar Jorethang Nagar Panchayat was held at District Administrative Centre on May 04.

DC (South) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar presided over the oath taking ceremony of the Councillors. Following the oath taking ceremony the councillors of Namchi Municipal Council elected the Municipal Chairperson, Municipal Vice Chairperson and Member, Executive Authority. Mr. Ganesh Rai from Upper Singithang Ward, Mrs. Sabitri Tamang from Upper Boomtar Ward and Ms. Nima Choden Lepcha of Gangyap Ward were elected as Municipal Chairperson, Municipal Vice Chairperson and Member, Executive Authority, respectively.

Similarly, for Nayabazar Jorethang Nagar Panchayat, Mr. Pabitra Kumar Sharma from Daragaon Ward and Ms. Manjari Rai from Trikaleshwar Ward were elected as Municipal President and Municipal Vice-

President, respectively.

Similarly, the oath taking ceremony of Councillors of Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat was held virtually on May 04.

The house unanimously elected Mr. Devendra Prasad Sharma as Municipal President of Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat and Mrs. Laki Doma Bhutia as Municipal Vice President of the same.

The swearing in ceremony was presided over by District Collector (West), Mr. Karma R. Bonpo, who is also the District Municipal Returning Officer.

Likewise, the oath taking ceremony of the 5 newly elected councillors of 7 Mangan Nagar Panchayat took place in the District Collector's Chamber, in the presence of DC(North) cum Municipal Returning Officer at Mangan on May 04.

Mrs. Norkit Lepcha was elected as the President of 7 Mangan Nagar Panchayat (UR, W) and Mr. Ugen Palzor Kazi was elected as the Vice President of 7 Mangan Nagar Panchayat (ST).

Coordination meeting to review COVID-19 situation held

Mangan, May 04: A coordination meeting was held at the Conference Hall of DAC (Mangan) to review the situation of COVID 19 at Mangan.

The meeting was chaired by DC (North) Mr. Tenzing T. Kaleon.

DC (North) informed the gathering about the current scenario of COVID-19 and the preparedness in handling the pandemic by the District Administration. He informed that 9 beds are available for COVID patients in North District Hospital and in case of rise of COVID cases in the district, Zilla Bhawan Mangan and Transit guest house has been designated as a COVID care centre. There are 60-70 beds available at Zilla Bhawan. DPO (Zilla) has been appointed in charge of Zilla Bhawan COVID care centre while DFO (North) of Transit guest house will be in charge.

Forest guest house will be the care centre for Dzongu area if and when required. All primary health centres has been declared as isolation centre. Phodong Secondary School and Chungthang guest house are the COVID Care

Centre for their respective areas.

Singhik Secondary School hostel and Mangan Senior Secondary School Auditorium are the quarantine centres. At present, 85 beds for COVID patients are available in the District, he informed.

DC (North) urged all the Government official to be available on their duties in case of any emergency. PHE Department were assigned to provide water supply in the COVID Care and Quarantine centres.

CMO(North) briefed about the COVID19 cases in North District. He further said that there are 2 ICUs and 5 ventilators available in the district.

SP (North) urged the gathering to avoid unnecessary plying of vehicles. She also requested everyone to follow the new guidelines notified by the state government.

Additional Political Secretary to Chief Minister (North) suggested that Lall bazar vendors could operate on alternate days, to avoid rush and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Health and Sanitization. They are being trained to create an efficient workforce during emergencies.

The training aims to impart understanding between societies and communities so that they can support and guide each other and provide the correct information.

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Community based...

medical wastes, Do's and don'ts for Caregivers, Preventing and addressing Social Stigma, Waste Management at Household Level, Vaccination drive, Mental

Members of SF&AS express gratitude to Chief Minister

The members of the Sikkim Finance & Accounts Service heartily express gratitude to the Chief Minister for launching the Su Swastha Yojana which is probably the first State run employees Health scheme in the entire North East region. The scheme is observed to be employee centric to facilitate and improve healthcare access, quality and costs to Government employees of the State & their dependents/family.

Under this new scheme, we can now avail cashless treatment facility of up to Rs 10.00 lakhs in more than 400 +NABH accredited hospitals across the country which is one of the highest in any State run employees health service scheme. The employees now have the freedom to choose a hospital of his/her choice and the age old hassle to seek Referral certificate from the State medical board is done away with. Neither do we have to run around for reimbursement of our medical bills. In its place there is a 24 x7 help desk and call centre for assistance with an app and web portal for convenient enrolment. Further, to ensure assurance of Quality Treatment help desks are being provided in all the empanelled hospitals for support and assistance for our employees undergoing medical treatment.

The Government has been benevolent to peg the monthly premium at Rs 200/- per employee irrespective of age. For coverage of family members an additional premium of Rs 200/- per member is charged. This is surely the lowest employee contribution across all State run or Pvt. run employees health schemes in India.

For such low premium our Government employees and their families are able to access medical benefits much more than other medical insurance companies offer. Pre existing diseases are all covered, maternity benefits up to Rs 50,000/- in normal and caesarean cases, two terms IVF treatment & Emergency and Trauma cases are all covered.

Parents of Government employees can avail benefits under the scheme up-to an age of 100 years. The dependents age limit has been scaled up to 30 years from 25 years and there is no age limit for physically / mentally challenged children and unmarried unemployed dependent daughter. Furthermore, flexibility is provided to make mid-term additions /deletions of dependents on account of marriage, new born, death of member and divorce.

This is a bold and revolutionary initiative by the Government in providing the best health care facilities to its employees. We are well aware that much sweat and midnight oil has been burnt by the Government to evolve such an ideal health coverage package for its employees. The SF&AS members are overwhelmed by the concern & effort put in by our Government to provide the best health facilities to its employees.

Special mention of gratitude must be bestowed on the Chief Minister under whose direction the Su Swastha Yojana has come about. We members of SF &AS therefore stand indebted to the Chief Minister and vow to commit ardent support in ensuring that the Su Swastha Yojana is a success story in these gloomy times.

Government of Sikkim Culture Department, Gangtok-737101, Sikkim

Ref No:127/SA&M/CD

Dated: 16/02/2021

APPEAL

The State government is presently working to establish the first ever Sikkim State Museum at Gangtok. This prestigious project will celebrate and showcase the richness of our State's enduring history, distinct culture and heritage. Once established, this Museum will be a premiere destination for scholars and discerning members of society including the visiting tourists.

Therefore, the Culture Department would like to appeal to everyone to extend all possible support by donating old photographs, documents and objects of historical importance for displaying in the State Museum. Credit for such donations will be displayed along with the artifacts. Further, if desired, full ownership of the artifacts may be retained by the donors themselves.

This appeal is made to citizens at large to come forward positively and Join hands to help establish the State Museum as a collaborative effort to ensure continuity of our cultural uniqueness and importance.

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RO. No.242/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:17/02/21

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No. GOS/Transport/Secy/683

Date: 10/05/2021

CIRCULAR

In view of the local driving road conditions in the State of Sikkim, it is hereby notified with the approval of the Government, that all traffic offences for violation of section 118 (driving regulations) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 shall henceforth be booked under section 177 A with the penalty of ₹ 500/- and not section 179 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988.

Secretary,
Transport Department

Government of Sikkim Office of the Superintending Engineer (South West) Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Gangtok, Sikkim

Ref no. 155 (3485) EC/DOT&CA/20-21/677(A)

Dated 10.05.2021

CORRIGENDUM

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim would like to inform that timing for submission and opening of the bid in respect to the work "Development of sector 17 & festival event ground at Temi in South Sikkim" previously published vide tender ID no 2021_TCAD_489_1, has been rescheduled in view of Covid 19 (second wave). For further information please visit the the official website www.sikkimtender.gov.in

Superintending Engineer (S/W)
Tourism and Civil Aviation department
Government of Sikkim

R.O. No. 45/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:10/05/2021

Sikkim COVID-19 Helpline Directory:

State Nodal Officer:

Dr. Yalley Chankapa DHS cum PO IDSP 8170005700
 State Ambulance SA Service: 102, 108
 State Helpline Numbers: 107,03592-201145,
 03592-205256

STNM Hospital: Contact Numbers:

Emergency for Normal Ambulance 8001803255
 Reception for Normal Ambulance 7477480566
 COVID-19 Hospital Patient for COVID Ambulance 7478223566
 Hospital Administrator for COVID Patient/Ambulance 7365861233
 Dr. K.B Gurang Medical Superintendent (Overall Incharge) 9475077687
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 Nodal Officer for Central Referral Hospital
 Dr. Sunit Kar Community Medicine 8170005700
 East District Helpline Numbers:
 Contact Numbers:
 Helpline Number 03592-204995
 District Hospital Singtam 8250757651
 Samdong PHC 7585934146/
 7908549574
 Rangpo PHC 7797888451/
 9602054497
 Sang PHC 8597087209
 Rhenock CHC 7407387140/
 7557895495
 Pakyong PHC 8768736273/
 8972483073
 Rongli PHC 9933519377/
 9711290307
 Machong PHC 7872606961
 Ambulance Service 7478223566,
 8001803255
 7365861233

COVID Care Centre
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 Sports 7001864775
 Khelgaon, Reshitang
 Mr. Chugay Lepcha, AD,
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District Hospital Singtam:

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2	Dr. Budha Tamang	9647870603
3	Dr. Subarna Khatiwada	8900528734
4	Dr. Hemant Sunar	9474353315

South District Helpline Numbers:

Contact Numbers:
 Helpline Number 9339624796, 9564226981
 8653456458
 District Hospital Namchi 9434446609
 Namthang PHC 7076433842
 Tokal Bermiok PHC 7864969915
 Jorethang PHC 9007270319
 Melli PHC 9641105644
 Ravangla PHC 8436428824
 Yang-Yang PHC 8918214808
 Termi PHC 6294211773
 Ambulance Service: Namchi/Namthang/
 Tokal Bermiok PHC Area
 9434446609
 Jorethang/ Melli PHC
 Area 9007270319

Ravangla Yangyang/
 Temi PHCArea
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 Phone Number
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 School, Hostel
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 Namchi 8016747244
 SICB, Jorethang Mr.
 Bishal Rai, Chief
 Administrator
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District Hospital Namchi:	SI No	Name of the Doctor	Phone Number
	1	Dr. S.N Adhikari	9434446609

North District Helpline Numbers

Contact Numbers:
 Helpline Number 9635833880,
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 District Hospital Mangan 9002362349
 Phodong PHC 7550919491
 Chungtang PHC 9609018058
 Dikchu PHC 8391902372
 Hee-Gyathang CHC 7289087019
 Passing dong PHC 8145111685
 COVID Care Centre Zilla Panchayat Bhawan Pentok
 COVID Care Center Nodal Officer and Mr. Pemba Lepcha (DPO) NDZP
 Phone Number 7872971552
 Ambulance Service Contact Number 9734983488
 District Hospital Mangan:
 SLNO Name of the Doctor Phone Number
 1. Dr. Rinzing. 9002362349

West District Helpline Numbers:

Contact Numbers:
 Helpline Number 8768664356,
 9635054731
 District Hospital Gyalshing 7076127404,
 9434047977
 9007191547
 Tashiding PHC 8348148689/
 9609854809
 Yuksom PHC 8388924771/
 8351012281
 Dentam 9732881996/
 8597352824
 Rinchenpong 97383747/
 9547921893
 Mangalbarey 7384337870/
 9609037091
 Soreng 9593287159/
 9832275943/
 6297103894
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 Ambulance Service 7076127404
 District Hospital Gyalshing:
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Government of Sikkim
Rural Development Department
Tashilling, Gangtok-737103, Sikkim.
E-Procurement Notice
Tender Reference NoSKPMGSY(LSB)BATCHIOnline2021

Memo NO:-14A/RDD/PMGSY

Dated: 27/04/2021

CANCELLATION OF E-TENDER

Tender bearing the above Tender Reference Number with Tender ID 2021_CESDA_108791_1 which was uploaded on www.pmgstendersskm.gov.in dated 20.04.2021 for "Construction of Long Span Steel Bridges in the State of Sikkim under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" stands cancelled as per clause 30,30.1 of ITB of the Standard Bidding Document.

Pr.Chief Engineer-cum Empowered Officer
 Rural Development Department
 R.O. No. 42/IPR/PUB/Classi(iii)/20-21, Dt:03/05/2021

Health and Family Welfare Department
STNM Hospital Government of Sikkim
Gangtok, Sikkim,737101

No 1101/STNM Dated:

4th, May 2021

OFFICE ORDER

This is to inform that the following changes to be made in the hospital due to surge of COVID 19:

1. Surgery ward to be clubbed with eye ward
 2. Burns ward to be shifted to female Ortho ward Level 5.
 3. Gastrology, Urology, Plastic Surgery ward to be shifted to Onco surgery ward (level 8- RIGHT WING)
 4. Ortho OPD to be shifted to level 5
 5. Medicine, Pediatric, Dermatology OPD to be shifted to Old STNM.
- Note: Other OPDs to run as it is.

Dr. K.B Gurung
 Medical Superintendent
 STNM Hospital

CM launches Sikkim Spring Portal & e-office and SGSP

Gangtok, April 30: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang launched the Sikkim Springs Portal www.sikkim-springs.gov.in and released the Sikkim Springs Atlas, Village Water Security Plan (VWSP) and a book on Dhara Vikas - A Climate Change Initiative in the presence of Minister for Rural Development Department, Mr. Sonam Lama, at Samman Bhawan, today. The programme had the presence of Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya, Secretaries from line departments, officers from NIC and senior officers from IT Department.

The Rural Development Department has been implementing Climate Change Adaptation Project under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) through NABARD who is the National Implementing Agency. This is one of the 23 projects sanctioned by the MoEFCC throughout the country.

The three-year project has been able to address key concerns in water sectors for 76 Gram Panchayat falling under 13 blocks of South and West District. The project was implemented in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, and all wage component under the project were funded under the MGNREGA while the material, planning and research component was funded under NAFCC. A detail assessment and planning exercise through Village Water Security Plan (VWSP) has been completed along with mapping of more than 2500 springs. Dhara Vikas work or the Artificial recharge of springs, revival of dried-up lakes and geo-hydrology study to under the ground covering more than 500 hectares has also been taken up under the project. A total of 1380 number of 10,000 litre Individual Household Water storage tank, 109 no of Community Reserve tanks. Total of 2598 hectares of horticulture development and 2500 hectare of fodder plantation have been completed. The Project is in its closing phase with a one year no cost extension granted due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The website was developed by Rural Development Department in coordination with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Pune. More than 2500 springs of Sikkim have been mapped in the website and Mobile Android application called "Sikkim Dhara Suchana" have also been developed by CDAC Pune for Sikkim which is linked to the portal. All details of the springs, data entry, mapping now can be done remotely using a mobile device through this mobile application and this can be sent to the server/portal. Also, for 74 drought prone Gram Panchayats falling South and West District, a comprehensive Village Water Security Plans has been prepared. The plan attempts to look at the Climate Change Vulnerability in water sector for the Gram Panchayat, water budgeting

and a strategy to address the same. A details Water Resource Map of each Gram Panchayat Ward has also been prepared and digitized which shows the water distribution pattern from source to the household level, type of water connection (permanent/temporary), water storage facilities, vulnerable household who do not have access to any of such facilities. These maps have been developed into a Village Atlas for easy reference to address the problem in the near future.

The reviving of the drying up lakes, springs has been the focus area under the project, a total of 500 hectares of Dhara Vikas / artificial recharge work have been taken up under Kaluk, Soreng, Sumbuk, Namthang, Namchi and Gyalshing Block. Hill top dried up lakes are being revived through these initiatives.

Chief Minister during the launching programme stressed on the need to take up more water conservation work in the rural area. Ensuring rural water security is the most important mandate that Rural Development must pursue. He also lauded the department for initiating work in the Climate Change area and further directed that this should be just the beginning and work should be carried out consistently.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mr. C.S. Rao, wherein, he gave the brief outline of the Climate Change initiatives. This was followed by a detailed presentation by Special Secretary cum Project Director, RDD Mrs. Sarika Pradhan.

The Department has expressed gratitude to Chief Minister and Minister, Rural Development Department for guiding and supporting the project.

Similarly, Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang launched the e-Office and Sikkim Government Services Portal (SGSP) developed by the Information Technology Department, Government of Sikkim at Samman Bhawan, today. The two IT projects are aimed at creating paperless administration and increasing overall efficiency in governance.

Additional Director, IT Department, Mr. Sonam Tashi Wangdi made a power point presentation to explain the new initiatives of the Department. He said that e-Office is a step towards digital administration, aimed at enhancing transparency, increasing accountability, ensuring data security and integrity, bringing about transformation in work culture and ethics, encouraging work from home culture, and putting a check on missing files. He informed that the Department of IT has completely transformed itself into an IT-enabled Department. He further informed that the East District Collectorate has made a huge progress in this area. He informed that the e-Office initiative will be implemented phase-wise, and will gradually

cover the entire State. He also highlighted the ongoing initiatives and future plans of the Department.

Mr. Wangdi also explained about the other innovative project launched by the Chief Minister, titled the Sikkim Government Services Portal (SGSP). The portal has a unique feature of Single Sign On (SSO) which allows the user to avail any e-services offered by the Government of Sikkim with a single login credential. At present, there are e-services which are implemented by the various departments for the user to access those e-services they require to register in all the portals which in turn generates separate login credentials for the individual user. Subsequently, the user has to remember the credentials for all the e-service portal. With the SSO technology, the user has to register only once and access any e-services of the Government. It also allows the user to track all the applications submitted to the various department from a single portal. At present, 13 e-services are being offered through this portal and efforts are being made to integrate the e-district services.

The Chief Minister in his address congratulated the Department of IT for accomplishing the two important projects aimed at enhancing transparency and accountability in the administration. He stressed on the importance of IT in present times and urged the Department to continue with the same zeal. He said that the Government is in the process of extending IT enabled services to the Sub Divisions through better connectivity. While pointing out the problem of files missing from various Departments, he stated that the practice of hand-to-hand movement of files should stop immediately, and added that proper official procedure should be followed. The Chief Minister urged the Officials of IT Department to gear up for the "Government at the Doorstep" programme envisaged by the Government.

Earlier, Officials of the IT Department and East District Collectorate were felicitated by the Chief Minister as an acknowledgment for their exemplary work towards the implementation of e-Office Project in the State.

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Introductory programme...

empowerment and safety, and provide an impartial and congenial environment for them. He also stated that the Government is committed to promoting the women, safeguarding their rights and supporting them in their endeavours.

The Chief Minister urged the Councillors to be people-centric and soft-spoken and work as a team to achieve their outcome, as their goal remains the same, that

Su-Swastha Yojana launched

Gangtok, April 29: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang formally launched the Su-Swastha Yojana under Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, at a function held at Manan Kendra, today.

The Su-Swastha yojana is the flagship programme of the State Government and is a cashless scheme. It aims to provide Government employees the access to qualitative cashless healthcare service in empanelled hospitals across the country, and covers up to Rs 10 lakhs for the government servants and their dependent family members by paying a nominal premium.

While rolling out the Su-Swastha website and enrolment portal, the Chief Minister highlighted the efforts taken by the State government to improve the health sector in the State. He said that the Su-Swastha Yojana is an initiative undertaken by the State Government to provide health insurance to the government employees of Sikkim. With rising medical expenses, health insurance has now become imperative. The cashless health insurance basically removes the hassles of having to pay cash at the hospitals of the insured person(s) in the time of need, thereby focusing more on treatments, he added. He also urged the Government employees to avail the health insurance scheme implemented by the State Government.

The Chief Minister further added that healthcare has become top most priority of every individual. He also said that unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 has caused massive distress to thousands across the globe. In the same manner, he also appealed the people to adopt the core value of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour at all times and avoid unnecessary movements to curb the transmission of virus.

The Chief Minister stated that the Government has stood by its commitment to strengthening

the health sector and has set a benchmark in many sectors with different initiatives and successful implementation of various schemes and programmes. He also outlined various measures undertaken in the health sector to augment the facilities and provide a better health care services to the people of the State by setting up of dialysis centres in the districts, tertiary Cancer Care Centre in STNM Hospital, Viral lab testing etc. He also pointed out various medical facilities established at the district level as well to deal with medical emergencies in these trying times.

The Chief Minister also lauded the efforts of the concerned departments who have been selflessly dedicating themselves towards ensuring the safety and security of the people.

He also directed the SWADHI health private limited, also a service provider of the scheme to monitor, support and assist the insured persons to avail the facilities.

In his address, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, Dr. M.K. Sharma threw light on healthcare services provided in the State. He also highlighted on Su-Swastha yojana, which is an easy and affordable medical insurance scheme meant for government employees of the State.

Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department Mr. K. Srineevasulu in his welcome address also spoke in detail about the State Government far-sighted vision in providing health care services to the people.

During the course of the programme, two employee beneficiaries were also distributed a token of Su-Swastha Health Card Day the Chief Minister.

In the programme, CEO SWADHI Dr Parbin Moktan presented a power point on Su-Swastha Yojana.

Earlier, Chief Minister also inaugurated the Su-Swastha Yojana Facilitation Centre situated at the first floor of Old S.T.N.M Hospital in Gangtok.

Oxygen concentrators provided to PHC

Gangtok, May 08: As per information received from DG cum Secretary Health Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia, two oxygen concentrators are being provided to each PHC and one in each ward of the District hospitals. 'We have already received 250 concentrators and also received 60 more yesterday', he added.

The Government is setting up 2nd oxygen plant 200 litres per minute at STNM hospital. The Hospital is getting the plant from the Government of India by the end of this month where civil work is

complete. The State Government have also proposed Oxygen plant 200 litres per minute for Gyalshing District Hospital as well.

Likewise, 500 vials of Remdesivir from Sun Pharma have been received today and 240 vials have been given to STNM Hospital. The Government has also received 60 oxygen concentrators, out of which 15 each have already been issued to Namchi District Hospital and Singtam District Hospital today itself, informed DG cum Secretary.

is the welfare of the society. He especially appealed to them to be sensible and compassionate

towards the needy and always be available to help them.

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