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## Governor convenes meeting with officials of Rangpo Sub Division



**Gangtok, January 15:** Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad convened a meeting with officials of Rangpo Sub Division at Rangpo Tourist lodge, today.

The meeting was attended by the Rangpo Sub Divisional Magistrate, SDPO (Rangpo), MEO Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, BDO Duga BAC, MO of Rangpo PHC, DE of Power department (Rangpo Sub-division).

The Governor was informed about various state and central government sponsored developmental schemes in Rangpo Sub-division and reviewed COVID-19 situation in the area.

Earlier, the Governor performed Hawan at Kachikamakothi temple, Jalipool for peace, welfare and good health of all.

## Capacity Building Training for Tourism Stakeholders

**Gangtok, January 18:** The inaugural function of "Capacity Building Training for Tourism Stakeholders of Sikkim" organised by Travel Agents' Association of Sikkim (TAAS) sponsored by North Eastern Council (Ministry of DoNER) and supported by Government of Sikkim was held at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok, today.

The programme was chaired by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang. He was accompanied by the Cabinet Ministers, Advisors, Chairpersons, Officials and dignitaries.

In his address, the Chief Minister spoke about the State's progress in tourism sector. He congratulated TAAS for their skill developmental training to enrich the youths towards the tourism industry. He highlighted that the tourism industry should focus on rural tourism where tourists should be given the experience of rural, agricultural and traditional Sikkim. He further urged the TAAS members to continue working towards the promotion of tourism in newer and innovative ways.

The Chief Minister also mentioned that the pandemic had hampered the tourism industry to a great extent, however, since the

unlocking phase, tourism in Sikkim is gradually picking pace, he said. He stated that the State Government would help the tourism industry in every way possible and announced that budget would be allocated for the promotion and marketing of Sikkim Tourism pan- India.

The Chief Minister also informed that the flight from Pakyong to Delhi would begin from January 23, 2021 which would help in the positive promotion of Sikkim tourism.

ACS Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Dr. K. Jayakumar in his brief address mentioned the importance of tourism sector in Sikkim. He applauded the efforts of the State Government and TAAS in Sikkim towards the nurturing of tourism in the state. He also highlighted the coordination between the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department and the various associations related to tourism, which has been fruitful.

The Chief Minister was felicitated by the TAAS for his unwavering support and contribution towards the state's Tourism industry.

## Sikkim joins Nationwide COVID-19 Vaccination programme

**Gangtok, January 16:** The Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi launched the pan-India rollout of COVID-19 vaccination drive via video conference from New Delhi, today. The launching of the nationwide vaccination programme was attended by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang from the Vaccination room set up at Ayush hospital, STNM, Gangtok. He was accompanied by Minister for Health Department Dr. M. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary Health Department Mr. K. Shrinivasulu, DG-cum-Secretary Health Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia, Secretary to Chief Minister Mr. S. D. Dhakal, M.S. STNM Hospital, Dr. K.B. Gurung, DC (East) Mr. Ragul K., senior officials, doctors and staff from STNM hospital.

The vaccination programme is being done using Co-WIN app which facilitates online entry of the beneficiaries, individualized tracking of beneficiaries and real time updates for COVID-19 vaccine. This digital platform will



assist programme managers across all levels while conducting vaccination sessions.

After the inauguration, the Prime Minister in his address to the country congratulated the entire nation for the inauguration of the

largest vaccination programme in the world where almost 3 crore beneficiaries in the first phase would be vaccinated comprising of healthcare officials of both

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## CM lays foundation stone of Herbal Medical and Spiritual Healing Complex

**Namchi, January 17:** The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang laid the foundation stone of 'Herbal Medical and Spiritual Healing Complex' at Nandugaon, today. He was accompanied by Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Chairpersons, Officials, dignitaries, Chairman Commerce and Industrial Department and followers of Lovism from far and wide.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister extended his congratulations to Lovism organization for the first upcoming mega project of herbal, medical and spritual healing complex which he said shall entail modern state of art architecture while keeping in mind the divine well-being of this organization. Terming, the ceremony historic, the Chief Minister divulged that this complex will be dedicated to the people of Sikkim and its citizens. He also updated that the State Government will bring Master Godangel Guruhajur to Sikkim, and applauded the practice of Lovism which is 'Sarva Dharm' that accommodates equal treatment of all the religions thereby serving



mankind and humanity at large. The Chief Minister also emphasized that the State Government believes in strengthening secularism and promoting the spirit of equality.

Delving about this project,

the Chief Minister encouraged the Tourism and Civil Aviation department to modify and include all the facilities required by this complex, which can be an

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### Pearls of Wisdom

**"Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind."**  
- Roy T. Bennett



# District Diary

## Chief Minister tours Poklok-Kamrang constituency

**Namchi, January 15:** Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of his tour to Poklok-Kamrang constituency briefly met with the public of Mamley-Kamrang, Wok-Omchu and Tingrithang. He was accompanied by Secretaries and HoDs of various departments.

This tour has been undertaken by the Chief Minister

to express his solidarity with the people and to address the grievances and other queries of the public at large.

The Chief Minister through his detailed meeting with the masses took stock of the essential developmental projects in the constituency.

He also handed over cheques amounting to 2 lakhs

each to Safalta and Babri Self Help Group under Sikkip BAC. The cheques have been released by IDBI Bank, Jorethang branch under the scheme ‘Development through Credit’ for people who are practicing livestock farming and other allied activities.

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## Minister M.N. Sherpa interacts with public at Daramdin and Sombaria

**Gyalshing, January 15:** The Minister for Power and Energy, Mr. M.N. Sherpa interacted with the public at Daramdin and Sombaria West Sikkim, today. He was accompanied by Chairman, Sikkim Scheduled Tribes Welfare Board, DC West, SDM Soreng, BDO Daramdin,

HoDs of various departments and Panchayats at large.

The Minister urged NTPC to carry out different activities for the benefit of the local people of Salangdong.

He visited Senior Secondary School at Daramdin

and interacted with the Principal and the teachers. He also inspected the entire lab and the classrooms of the School complex and assured all necessary help for renovating the school. He visited the

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## Block Level Chief Minister’s One Mile Run 2020-21 organized

**Namchi, January 16:** Block Level Chief Minister’s One Mile Run 2020-21 was organized by P.E.T. BAC, Ms. Sobah Gurung in presence of BDO, Poklok-Nandugaon BAC, Mr. Tenzing Bhutia, today. The programme was attended by Poklok-Nandugaon Sporting Club members and school heads P.E.Ts

of surrounding areas. The main participating schools were from Nandugaon Senior Secondary School, Jorethang Senior Secondary School, Salghari, Secondary School, Denchung Junior High School, Dong Junior High School, Bhailsalgaon Junior High School, Tinik Junior High School, Nandugaon Suntaley

Primary School. There were 72 participants among the schools.

The winners and runners - up for all the catagories were given prizes, which was sponsored by Block Development Officer, Nandugaon BAC.

## ICDS Centre at Hockandang inaugurated

**Gyalshing, January 15:** The Minister for Agriculture Department, Mr. L.N. Sharma inaugurated a newly constructed ICDS Centre at Hockandang, Martam Ghaiyabari Ward, Martam Gram Panchayat Unit, today. He was accompanied by the Advisor Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Block Development Officer, Hee Martam BAC and concerned

officials.

The three roomed single storey centre with attached kitchen & lavatory, has been constructed by the Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Deptt., Government of Sikkim in convergence with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

A social worker of the

locality Mr. C.L. Sharma had donated the land for the establishment of ICDS Centre in memory of his Father Late Prasad Sharma and Mother Late Nara Maya Sharma.

Mr. L.N. Sharma also interacted with the concerned officials and assured to provide necessary requirements for the centre.

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## Minister PHE & Water Resources attends Kokfekwa Tongnam Festival 2021

**Gyalshing, January 14:** The Minister for PHE & Water Resources, Mr. Bhim Hang Limboo attended the celebration of Kokfekwa Tongnam Festival as the chief guest at Lingchom, today.

The Kokfewa Tongnam (Makar Sakaranti) marks the beginning of the New Year of the

Limboo Tribe. The origin of the celebration began during the chieftan, Yalambar Hang’s kingship and was recorded as the start of Yale Tumyen or New Year of the Yalamber Era of the Limboo community.

Mr. Limboo congratulated the committee for hosting such an inspirational event. He

emphasised on the importance of celebrating the festival and ecouraged all to practice the culture and tradition . He also urged the youth to preserve and conserve their culture, language and literature, so that the plurality and diversity remains embedded

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## Preparatory meeting for Republic Day celebration in West

**Gyalshing, January 13:**A preparatory meeting for the Republic Day celebration was convened by District Magistrate (West), Mr. Karma R. Bonpo with all the Heads of the department & officials of West District at the Conference Hall of West District Zilla Panchayat, Kyongsa, today.

The main function will be held at the premises of District Administration Centre, Rabdentse. Keeping in view of the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, Republic day will be

celebrated as per the guidelines and advisory.

Mr. Bonpo said that while organizing various programmes and activities in the District, it is imperative to follow certain preventive measures such as maintaining social distance, wearing masks, proper sanitization, avoiding large congregations etc.

Only limited programmes will be performed, which includes unfurling of the National flag, playing of National Anthem and

presentation of Guard of honor by the Sikkim police. Cultural show and patriotic songs will be presented by school students and the celebration will also witness felicitation to the frontline workers and best employee of the departments.

The DC assigned various responsibilities to departments and instructed the concerned HODs to undertake the responsibilities efficiently.

## Programme on ‘National Youth Day’ held at Dentam

**Gyalshing, January 12:** A programme on ‘National Youth Day’ was held at Dentam Senior Secondary School with the motto ‘Vitalise with the energy and push the limits by

channeling youth power’, today. MP (Lok Sabha) Mr. Indra Hang Subba was the chief guest.The programme also had the presence of DC (West), Mr. Karma R.Bonpo.

The MP (Lok Sabha), in his address informed about the importance of youth in nation building process and drew light on the significance of the

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## Skill Based Training on Agriculture Tools Making and Repair held

**Gyalshing, January 16:** The ten-day Skill Based Training on Agriculture Tools Making and Repair was held at Bermiok Community Centre, Hee Bermiok.

The valedictory programme was graced by the Minister for Agriculture Department, Mr. L. N. Sharma as the chief guest. A total of 41 trainees attended the skill based training programme.

Mr. Sharma, underlined

the objectives of the state government to make farmers more skilled and technically efficient. The state government has been working tirelessly to strengthen the economy of rural population. He encouraged the participants to come forward to establish agricultural tools repairing centre and assured support from the government. He also handed over certificates to the participants.

## Cleanliness drive carried out at Namchi Central Park

**Namchi, January 16:** Under the direction of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang a cleanliness drive was taken up in Namchi Central Park, today. Present during the drive were (MEO, Namchi) Mr. Lakpa Sherpa, SHO (Namchi) Mrs. Dawa Lhamu Pakhrin and the staff of Namchi Police Station. The drive

is a joint initiative which has been conducted by Namchi Municipal Council alongwith shopkeepers of Namchi bazar.

The main objective of the Cleanliness Drive is to inculcate the values of living hygienic environment and also to keep the surrounding clean.

## Training programme on Bamboo Handicraft for Farmers/Artisans

**Gyalshing, January 15:** The Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Mr. L.N. Sharma inaugurated a Training programme on Bamboo Handicraft for Farmers/Artisans at Hee Martam Block

Administrative Centre, today.

The 20 day long training programme is being organised by the Department of Horticulture, under National Bamboo Mission. A total of twenty trainees have been

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## Aatma Nirbhar Sikkim launched at South district

**Namchi, January 15:** “Aatma Nirbhar Sikkim” a joint initiative of District Administration, Namchi and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Namchi was launched at all blocks headquarters of South Sikkim, today. After the successful implementation of the pilot programme in November, 2020 in which three schools from

Namchi participated, the programme was launched at the district level in which at least one school participated from each of the eight blocks of South district. In total, nine schools from across the district have participated in this three-day inter-school competition

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## Banpala Sheep distribution in Chuba-Perbing GPU

**Namchi, January 13:** The department of AH & VS, South distributed 120 Banpala sheep, basically for wool & meat production in Chuba-Perbing GPU, based on agro-climatic condition. The area is known for Angora farming and the wool of both the species would be blended for production of

garments of export quality including mats, in the production of which, the local artisans are already trained for.

The sheep was brought from across the border through Chiwabhanjyang Pass fulfilling all the formalities required at the international border duly complying with Covid protocols.

## Annual Gram Sabha of Lachen Dzumsa conducted

**Mangan, January 12 :** The annual Gram Sabha of Lachen Dzumsa under Chungthang block was conducted at Dzumsa House, Chungthang, today. The meeting was chaired by the Pipon, Mr. Sonam Gyatso Lachenpa. It also had the presence of ADC (Development), BDO (Chungthang), Block and GPU officials, representatives from Forest, Social Welfare, Education and other line departments along with representatives of WWF, ECOSS, NGOs and the local

residents.

The meeting was held for finalizing various works to be executed under Gram Panchayat Development Fund (GPDF) for GPU/Block for the financial year 2021-2022.

The senior representatives of WWF also screened a special audio/visual presentation on tracking and cataloging of animals like snow leopard, tigers and various other exotic mountain species within the jurisdiction of Lachen.







## Sensitization workshop on COVID-19 Vaccination held

**Gangtok, January 13:** A Media and Health Officials sensitization workshop on COVID-19 Vaccination, organised by the Department of Health and Family Welfare Department, in collaboration with UNICEF and National Health Mission, was held at a local hotel in Sichey, today.

The workshop had the presence of DG-cum-Secretary Health Department, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia, Medical Superintendent STNM Hospital and CRH, Health Officials and media personnel.

A detailed presentation on COVID-19 Vaccination was delivered by Director/State Immunization Officer, Dr. Phumzay Denzongpa, wherein she apprised the gathering about the arrival of 12,500 doses of Covishield vaccine from Serum Institute of India, in Sikkim for the launch of COVID-19 vaccination.

Dr. Denzongpa informed that the vaccination drive would be carried out in sequential groups, first of which will be availed by the Health care workers, second group will consist of all the frontline workers and the third will be prioritised groups of people aged above 50 years and below 50 years with comorbidities. She also informed on the database of beneficiaries who have registered to avail the vaccine as of 12.01.2021 and the allocation for the same. She informed that two members of Rapid Response Team from WHO and WCO India have been deployed to assist and oversee the vaccination drive in Sikkim.

It is also to be mentioned that the dry-run of COVID-19 vaccination in Sikkim has already been completed.

During the workshop, Communication Plan for COVID-19

vaccination was made by DHEO STNM, Mr. Sonam Gyatso Bhutia, wherein he emphasised the importance of “Appropriate Message on Appropriate Platform”. Dr. Sonam mentioned the vital role that the media plays to deliver credible news to the general populace. He also mentioned that the impact of fake news is immense and that fact-checking of fake news and hoax is mandatory through various fact-check portals to curb misinformation.

DG- cum- Secretary Health, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia in his address thanked the media for their co-operation from the start of the pandemic until now. He sought team work from health department, all the line departments and the media to continue proper dissemination of information to create mass awareness.

## National Youth Day observed

**Gangtok, January 12:** The Sikkim Government Law College observed National Youth Day, commemorating the 158th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, based on this year’s theme “YUVAA”, in a virtual mode, today. It was organized by the Department of Political Science, Sikkim Government Law College. Principal Dr. T. D. Lama was the chief guest. The Dean of Students Dr. Dilip Pandey, Assistant Professors and all students of Sikkim Government Law College

attended the programme.

Asst Professor Sikkim Govt. Law College Ms. Palmu Kaleon, delivered the welcome speech, highlighting on important aspects of Swami Vivekananda’s work, focusing on his concept of humanism based on spiritual upliftment of mankind, his message for youth, whom he called as his workforce to realize his dream of making India a developed nation.

The Principal in his speech congratulated the students and teachers for successfully

organizing the Webinar and motivated the students to organize and participate in more in such knowledge enriching fruitful programmes in the future, so that every student can benefit and develop confidence within them to take up challenges.

The webinar ended on a positive note with the Pledge taken by the students to strive towards path of excellence, service to mankind and constantly walk on ethical and honest path of progress.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of SICUN held

**Gangtok, January 12:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of Sikkim State Co-operative Union (SICUN) was held at the conference hall of SICUN, in Assam Lingzey today.

Chairman, SICUN, Mr. L.P. Kafley, in the presence of the Board of Directors, members and representatives from SICUN and other line departments, chaired the meeting.

Mr. Kafley, sought for confirmation of minutes of the previous board meeting held on 8th October, 2020 which was followed by a review session over the action

taken on the agenda of the aforementioned meeting.

Various issues pertaining to SICUN were discussed at length. Proposals were put forth for conducting trainings as per the training calendar 2021-22 and mobilizing resources for fulfilling requisitions of other departments for training at SICUN.

Mr. Kafley, urged all to take proactive measures for the upgradation of the Centre in order to kick start trainings on a full scale at the earliest. He also suggested compiling an annual report that

would share the achievements of SICUN along with the success stories of beneficiaries.

In addition, the House also informed that SICUN would be establishing awards for best performing co-operative society, in three categories namely MPSCS, Milk Producer and Others.

The various criteria for these awards will be decided upon and unveiled during the next Annual General Meeting proposed to be held in the first week of May, 2021.

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### Sikkim joins...

government and private health care system. The Prime Minister also expressed his gratitude towards the vaccine researchers and their unhindered dedication towards making it available to the public in a short time. He thanked the healthcare officials, the frontline workers and essential service staff for keeping the country safe from the pandemic.

He also remembered the sacrifices of the healthcare professionals who sacrificed their lives while serving the country during the pandemic. He mentioned that the first beneficiaries would be the healthcare professionals as a mark of respect for their contribution towards the country and appealed the public to not believe in rumors

but have faith in the healthcare facilities available in the country.

The Prime Minister reminded, the people that two doses of the COVID vaccine are very important. Experts have said that there should be a gap of minimum of 28 days between both vaccinations and also informed that the vaccination programme would continue in a phase wise manner where all would be incorporated gradually.

After the launch programme, the Chief Minister formally inaugurated the vaccination drive.

In his brief interaction with the media, the Chief Minister urged the people of Sikkim not to believe in rumors and fake news and requested the people to support the state through their positive response to the vaccination programme. He informed that the State of Sikkim would follow similar

phasewise distributions of vaccine like the Central bodies.

Director Clinical and HOD Medicine, STNM Hospital and Nodal Officer Centre of Clinical Excellence, COVID-19 Incharge Model Treatment Center, Dr. Suresh Madan Rasaily was administered the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, followed by other Health care workers and professionals. An observation room has also been set up wherein the vaccinated people will be kept for half an hour for observation.

As per the information received from the Health Department, a total of 100 people would be vaccinated on the first day. For the inaugural day, two session sites were identified in the state namely, Ayush Hospital, STNM, Gangtok in East Sikkim and Gyalshing District Hospital in West Sikkim.

## Final publication of Electoral Roll released

**Gangtok:** The Election Commission of India conducts Special Summary Revision every year for updation of Electoral Roll. This year the pre-revision activities started from August 10, 2020 and the actual revision commenced from November 16, 2020 to December 15, 2020 with final publication slated on January 15, 2021.

The final publication of Electoral Roll w.r.t 1.1.2021 as the qualifying date was released today by the Joint Chief Electoral officer (Sikkim), Mrs. Pema Lhaden Lama, SCS in the presence of representatives of recognised political parties.

A soft copy of the Final Roll

was handed over to the representatives of recognized political parties.

Final Roll reflected 2.18% net increase in the final roll from the draft electoral roll published on 16.11.2020.

The total number of electors after final publication stands at 4,36,635, Male: 221721, Female: 214914

This year saw an enrolment of 6075 new voters in the age group of 18-19 years and a total of 1973 service voters have also been enrolled so far.

There has been a total addition of 12517 voters and deletion of 3210 voters during this revision.

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### CM lays...

exemplary model healing complex in the state. Moreover, he added that Akhand Jyoti will be built, if land will be available under the guidance of the tourism department.

He also announced that from January 23 onwards Spice Jet will offer direct air connectivity from Pakyong airport to Delhi, for which he expressed his gratitude to State Tourism and Civil Aviation Department as well as the Central Government.

Speaking during the occasion, Minister for Tourism, Mr. B. S. Panth said that this area will be developed into a tourist place, wherein the the enormous opportunity of health and spiritual tourism will be explored. He further urged the local youth to be pro

active in transforming the locality into a tourism destination comprising of health and spirituality and assured support to them.

During the course of the programme, Master God Angel Guruhajur virtually blessed the gathering and thanked the state government for taking the initiative to establish the first complex of Lovism Organization.

Principal Chief Engineer, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr. Prakash Chettri shared the technical report regarding the upcoming construction which will involve various categories like entry gate, Lovism Herbal Garden, Nirvanik Ashram, Aamasha Healing Centre, quarters, multipurpose hall and other amenities. He informed that first phase of the construction is in process and this plan will spread across 4.78 acres of land.



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