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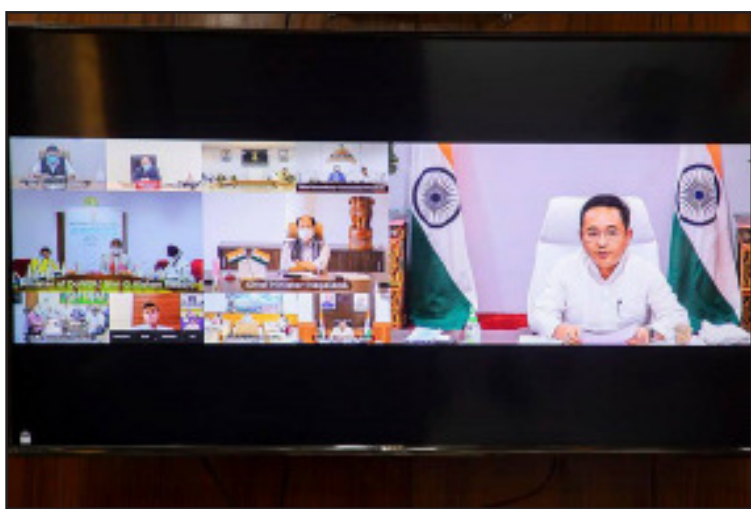
## Governor meets Governor of Haryana



**Gangtok, July 17:** The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad met the newly appointed Governor of Haryana Mr. Bandar Dattatreya and

conveyed heartfelt wishes on taking charge as the new Governor, and also invited him to visit Sikkim in the future.

## CM attends video conference with Minister DoNER (Tourism & Culture)



**Gangtok, July 15:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended a video conference chaired by the Minister DoNER, Tourism and Culture Mr. G. Kishan Reddy in the presence of the Chief Ministers of the North-east states. During the conference, several points regarding the

geographical features including measures to contain and mitigate natural calamities in the state were discussed.

Chief Minister put forth matters concerning the landscape and issues that may arise in the future and presented points on tackling it.

## Chief Minister visits Rolu Mandir

**Namchi, July 18:** The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang visited Rolu Mandir and offered his prayers for the well-being of Sikkim and Sikkimese people.

In addition, the Principal Chief Engineer, Chief Engineer (Tourism) and other officials were also in attendance and delivered a presentation regarding the

forthcoming redevelopment and construction of the Rolu Complex, Minister for Tourism, Mr. B.S. Pant was also present.

The Chief Minister stated that the area holds a great religious value and the complex will assist in its development and also serve as a tourist spot.

## Chief Minister chairs High-Level Review Meeting on COVID-19

**Gangtok, July 15:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang chaired a high-level meeting to review the COVID-19 situation in the State and to deliberate on the way ahead at Samman Bhawan, today.

The meeting had the presence and participation of Ministers, DGP, Additional Chief Secretaries, HoDs, senior Government officials, District Collectors, Chief Medical Officers, Health Department officials, ADCs (Development), and officers of the Covid-19 Management Group.

The Chief Minister issued strict directives to the District Collectors, SPs, ADC Development and BDOs to ensure that strict measures are adopted to contain the further spread of Covid-19. He called for the need to review the containment measures. He laid emphasis on home quarantine, even for people who move out of their ward or village. He urged the District Administration to review the paid quarantine facilities for people entering the State through the inter-state borders. He urged the Health Department officials to augment mass testing.

He lauded the Health



Department for successful implementation of the vaccination programme and called for additional measures to ensure 100% coverage.

The Chief Minister directed the Tourism Department to facilitate smooth movement of tourists into the State, duly ensuring that all safety measures are strictly followed. Likewise, Labour Department and Police Department were directed to strictly monitor the movement of labour force into the State.

During the interactive session that followed, the District Collectors presented the status of Covid-19 in their respective districts.

Director, Health Services, Dr. Sonam T. Ethenpa apprised about the status of vaccination and testing. He informed that mobile would be the step.

CMOs of the four districts presented the statistics and ground situation under their

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## Delta Variant confirmed in Sikkim

**Gangtok, July 19:** Out of 98 COVID-19 positive samples from Sikkim sent for Genome Sequencing, 97 samples have been detected as Delta Variant of COVID-19. This information was shared by Minister for Health, Dr. M.K. Sharma in an urgent press conference convened at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

The Minister was joined by DG-cum-Secretary, Health, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia.

The Minister informed that the random samples (98 numbers) had been sent for Genome Sequencing to National Institute of Biomedical Genomics in Kalyani, West Bengal, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2021. The Health Department received an email confirmation today that 97 samples have been detected as the Delta Variant.

He further said that it is particularly concerning for Sikkim as the rate of transmission or spread of Delta Variant is known to be multiple times higher than the normal variant, and the effect on a person is more severe. He also shared that the Delta Variant has a tendency to escape RTPCR negative report, and has to be

confirmed through a CT scan. He stressed that even minor symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately be reported to the nearest health facility.

He shared that the consistent rise in the positivity rate in the State led the authorities to send the samples for Genome Sequencing. After receiving the report today, an inference can be made that the spread of COVID-19 in the State could have been due to the Delta Variant.

Dr. Sharma said that the State Government will monitor the situation very closely and will intensify testing, tracing, treatment, vaccination, emphasis on Covid appropriate behaviour, and strict implementation of prescribed guidelines for containment areas. He said that the Health Department will immediately follow up with the 97 patients

whose samples have tested positive for the Delta Variant. He said that apart from checking their current health status and antibody surveillance, the positivity rate in their respective areas or locality would be assessed.

He said that there will not be a separate management to deal with the Delta Variant of COVID-19, but the Government will ramp up testing and tracing. He appealed to the people of Sikkim to cooperate with the Government by following all the guidelines in totality.

He informed that the efficacy of the vaccine for the Delta Variant has been proven, and urged everyone above the age of 18 years to come forward and vaccinate themselves at the earliest. He appealed to the people of Sikkim to follow all the guidelines.

### Pearls of Wisdom

*“Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans.”*

*-Allen Saunders*

## District Diary

### Milching Cows distributed under NEC Fund

**Gyalshing, July 17:** Distribution of Milching Cows in to Supplement Farmer Income Under NEC Fund for the year 2020-21 was held at Chongrang BAC premises under Yuksom Tashiding Constituency, today.

The programme was graced by the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. L. N. Sharma as the chief guest in special presence of the Deputy Speaker-cum-Area MLA Mr. Sangey Lepcha. The programme was organized by the Office of the District Collector West in coordination with the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department. It was followed by inspection of various Milk Collection Centres and Departmental infrastructures under Yuksom Tashiding.

The Minister handed over twenty cows of Jersey and Sahiwal Jersey Cross breed to the identified beneficiaries and began the distribution of 150 Cows under Chongrang Block.

The distribution programme also had the presence of Advisor Ecclesiastical Department Mr. R.S. Bhutia, Chairman Transport Department, Additional Political Secretary to CM (West); Secretary AH&VS; District Collector (West); Additional Director Feed and Fodder (HQ); Additional Director (West); Joint Director Agriculture; Joint Director Horticulture, Dy. General Manager (SMU), SDM/ BDO Yuksom, BDO Chongrang, departmental officials and panchayats.

He elaborated the farmers friendly policies and programmes and stated that all should be well aware of newly framed policies to sensitize, motivate and guide the farming community.

Correlating the distribution of Milching Cows and financial incentives of ₹8, he said that the Dairy farming has become a primary source of livelihood in

rural areas and the production of Milk has been increasing consistently and touching daily production of around 60,000 Litres per day in organised sector because of growing interest and determination amongst the dairy farmers.

He informed that the Nine Milk Collection Centres of Chongrang are being presented ₹5 lakh each for the establishment of Milk Producers Cooperative Society (MPCS), which he handed over to all concerned. He urged all committee members for proper utilisation of the provided fund with utmost sincerity to ensure quality work in construction of the MPCS.

He also threw light on the mandatory guidelines to get the registration of the identified land for MPCS in the initial stage.

He informed that marketing shall be done through registered institutions namely, FPOs, SIMFED, Denzong Agriculture Cooperative Society or in facilitation of concerned VLWs, Field Assistants and designated officials.

Deputy Speaker Mr. Sangey Lepcha, mentioned that the milching cows were distributed for socio-economic upliftment of the Chongrang cluster. He also urged every beneficiary to attend training and obtain technical skills in dairy farming in order to derive maximum benefit out of the available facilities.

Secretary AH&VS Department, Dr Sangey D. Bhutia urged beneficiaries to take optimum benefit of availed facilities and informed that the department would provide training to the beneficiaries.

District Collector (West), Mr. Karma R. Bonpo marked the distribution of Milching Cows as one of the significant initiatives for the development of Chongrang block. He advised the beneficiaries to consider the

token as a component for sustainable development and not as short-term benefits, so that the block can uplifted in socio-economic dimension.

The Minister led field inspection in the Yuksom Tashiding Constituency and firstly visited Milk Collection Centre at Gerethang, followed by Labing VLW Centre. At Labing Milk Producers Cooperative Society, Mr. Sharma handed over Provisional Sanction Intimation of ₹5 Lakh to the MPCS Committee Members/Land Donor.

At Mangtabong Milk Collection Centre, the Minister handed over Sanctioned intimation of 5 Lakhs each to both Mangtabong and Mangsabong MCC.

This was followed by visit at proposed construction site of Khyongtey MPCS under Yuksom Dubdi GPU.

The team visited at Tsong Dubdi MPCS and had a brief session, wherein the demand for transportation facilities was amicably resolved to ensure delivery of collected milk at Jorethang Milk Union via Pelling.

Thereafter, at 13<sup>th</sup> Mile / Thingling Khechuperi GPU, he formed a committee for the registration of land of VLW Centre located at Thingling. Mr. Sharma also handed over a Sanctioned document of ₹5 lakh each to both Thingling and Darapthang Milk Collection Centre. Upon knowing that the centre procures around three hundred litres of Milk at Lamathang Milk Collection Centre, he assured to establish a Society House at the locality in view of dairy potential.

The inspection concluded with the visit at Melli Village Milk Collection Centre under Melli Aching GPU and Boom MPCS under Rimbi Timbrong GPU.

special pass except for police and health personnels and other Covid-19 limitation furnished by the State Government.

Furthermore, the DC also requested the health department to cover the COVID-19 vaccination drive for the left out eligible categories as early as possible.

### South district team ensured strict COVID protocols

**Namchi, July 18:** In a meeting held with DTF on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 by DAC (South), it was speculated that not following COVID-19 appropriate behaviours and guidelines set by the Government by the rural populace may be the major reasons for the spread of the virus in the rural areas. Hence, it was directed by the Chairman of DDMA, District Collector (South) Mr. Bharani Kumar to all surveillance teams of South district to ensure that people strictly follow the guidelines set forth by the Government, by frequently visiting rural areas and taking strict action against the violators so that the number of positive COVID-19 cases are minimised at the earliest.

Following the direction of DC (South) a team comprising of SP (South), ADC (South), DSO (S), BDO/Sumbuk and SHOs of Jorethang and Melli took a round of Melli Constituency on July 17. The team visited places like fair price shops, milk collection Centers, restaurants, child care centers and families performing last rites of the their deceased ones of all the six GPUs.

During the course of

interaction medical team sensitised the people about the importance of following covid appropriate behaviours, Administrative team explained to them about various DOs and DONT's as per the norms and Police team informed them about actions that would be initiated under various sections of the relevant law if violation is found. The team fined people who were found violating the guidelines and also handed a challan to Government vehicle for violating odd-even rule.

The team also visited melli check post and took stock of the entry process of tourist, labourers, local and other categories of people entering the state.

BDO (Namchi) Mrs. Babita Rai along with SHOs Ms. Dawa Lhamu Pakhrin and VCMC team contained four wards following the COVID-19 cases, namely, Upper Kopchey ward; Boomtar-Tansang; Lower Mamley and Tadong-Boomtar.

Further to strictly implement the orders, BDO (Namchi) along with her team inspected the shops of rural areas and also conducted door to door IEC in all the shops.

### Meeting with BDOs and VCMC of all blocks organized

**Mangan, July 16:** As per the direction of the Chief Minister a follow-up meeting with all Block Development Officers and Village COVID-19 Management Committees of all blocks, North District, was organized by the Additional District Collector (Development), RDD Mangan at DAC Meeting Hall, Mangan, today. The meeting was chaired by District Collector (North) Mr. Tenzing T. Kaleon.

The main agenda of the meeting was to share information about government's decision on strict implementation of Covid appropriate behaviours at the grassroot level.

ADC (Dev), Mangan spoke in detail about the points and decisions taken during the high level meeting on July 15 at Gangtok. He briefed the gathering about the significance of the role of Block Development Officers, as they are the medium to generate awareness among the people in the village as well as disseminate information from the government to the rural masses. He also spoke about the essential duties of BDOs in documentation, counselling and their responsibility to ensure that COVID 19 guidelines issued by the government are followed strictly.

District Collector (North) conveyed the guidelines of the Government and informed about the role of Village Covid Management Committees (VCMC). He urged them to work seriously and diligently with the aim to make North District a 'Zero Covid Zone.' He reiterated the five mantras - 'Trace, Track, Testing, Vaccination and

practicing Covid appropriate behaviours', requesting all to abide by them. He also directed to conduct IEC programmes in all sections of the society.

Suggestions from Zilla/Gram Panchayat, Block Officials and VCMC committees were also noted. The District Collector assured his support and guidance.

Block Development Officers from Block Administrative Centre Mangan, Passingdang (Dzongu) and Kabi along with the subordinate staffs attended the meeting. It also had the attendance of the Hon'ble Zilla Panchayat Members, Gram Panchayats, Village Covid Management Committees of all Gram Panchayat Units.

Similarly, North District Police team took the initiative to call a meeting with the Bazaar Committee including heads of all religious institutes. The meeting was chaired by SP (North) Mrs. Ongmu Bhutia, to discuss and follow-up on the recent developments on COVID protocols. She asked all the heads of the religious institutes/groups to avoid over crowding at their respective institutes, to strictly follow the protocols and to ensure that visitors aren't permitted in their premises.

It may be mentioned that the North District Police team have been keeping a strict check and vigil regarding covid appropriate behaviours at all times. SP (North) and her team appealed to the public at large to be conscious and cautious regarding their own health and the health of others as well.

### Co-ordination meeting of District Task Force conducted

**Namchi, July 16:** Aco-ordination meeting of District Task Force was conducted at DAC Conference Hall, today. The meeting was chaired by DC (South) Mr. M Bharani Kumar, ADC (South) Mr. Satyan Pradhan, ADC(DEV) Dr. C.P. Rai, CMO (South) Dr. D.C. Sharma, SDMs, BDOs and official of various line departments.

The DC (South) instructed

various measures to be taken up to curb the spread of positive cases in the entire district. The DC directed the officials to strictly implement the COVID-19 restrictions issued recently by the State Government, which includes ban on socio-religious activities, issuing of fine for non-cooperation of covid appropriate behaviour by the public, suspension on allocation of

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F. No: NRCO/S/10/2021-22/21

Date: 07/07/2021

#### NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER (CPPP)

The Director, ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim, India, invites e-tenders through the CPPP website [URL: http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app](http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) under two bid systems (Technical Bid & Financial Bid) from eligible and qualified bidders for Rate Contract For Supply of Chemicals, Reagents, Glassware, Plasticware & Other Laboratory Consumables. Last date for submission of online bids 19.08.2021.

For more details Interested Bidders may visit [URL: http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app](http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) or <https://nrcorchids.nic.in>.

Tender ID: 2021\_DARE\_ 637512

Arvind Chauhan  
Administrative Officer i/c

R.O. NO.108/IPR/PUB/Classi/21-22, Dated: 16/07/21

**Government of Sikkim  
Social Justice & Welfare Department  
5<sup>TH</sup> Mile Tadong, Gangtok**

Memo No: 62/GOS/SJ&amp;WD/EC/2021-22

Dated:15/07/2021

**NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER**

The Assistant Engineer, (East) Social Justice & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samaj Kaiyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East District, Sikkim on behalf of Governor of Sikkim, invites sealed tenders in percentage Rate basis from the eligible contractors of appropriate class Vide Notification No. 584/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 08.10.2018 Vide Notification No. 515/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 12.06.2018 Notification No.104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020 for the work (s) listed under:-

Sl. No	Name of work	Value put to Tender (in ₹)	Completion Time, (in months)	Amount of Earnest Money @2.5% For issue of tender form (₹)	Amount of Bank receipt for cost of tender documents (₹)	Constituency GPU/Ward
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Extension of Playground and Construction of Pavilion & Gallery at Central Pendam S.S.S in East Sikkim	95,70,238.00	18 months	2,39,256.00	5,000.00	Central Pendam GPU. 18 <sup>th</sup> West Pendam Constituency

Time Schedule is as follows:-

1. Date for submission of applications: 16.07.2021 to 11.08.2021 (within office working hours)
2. Last date for issue of tender form: 13.08.2021 (within office working hours)
3. Date and Time for submission of Tender: 17.08.2021(10.00am to 1.00pm)
4. Date and Time of opening of Tender: 17.08.2021 at 2.00pm
5. Place of Tender: Central Pendam GPU, 18<sup>th</sup>West Pendam Constituency East Sikkim.

Note: The details of tender documents including tender form can be obtained from the office of the Assistant Engineer- East) SJ&WD on production of receipt of deposit made to the respective GPU.

**CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:**

1. Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.
2. The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER.
3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) Valid GSTIN Registration Certificate, (b) Latest Income Tax clearance Certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (c) Validated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, and Professional Tax Clearance Certificates along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification (d) PAN card.
4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in (As above from the office of the Divisional Engineer of Social Justice & Welfare Department, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East District, Sikkim, on production of receipt deposit to the revenue of the respective GPU for cost of tender documents.
5. Earnest Money Deposit @2.5 % in the State bank of Sikkim in the form of deposit receipt of scheduled bank which includes in the form of temporary deposit receipts to fixed deposits receipts in favor of the Sr. Accounts Officer of the Department Tender Form shall be issued only on the production of the deposit receipt to that contractors who has obtained the tender documents, on production of toward deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.
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 SL3 (a), (b) and (c) above should be enclosed with the offer.
7. Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the concerned GPK on the date and time indicated above.
8. Tenders will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderer on the date and time indicated above.
9. The Tendered should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes and Levies. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/ Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
10. In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender document, 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 Add. Chief Engineer cum Secretary/Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
11. The Work Value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any extra claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
12. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to laborer at site.
13. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
14. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. The contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Government and no claim shall be entertained in this regard whatsoever.
18. The rate quoted shall be inclusive of prevailing taxes.
19. The department reserves the right to reject the incomplete tender without any reasons there-off.
20. The Contractor has to submit the work program / bar Chart may be submitted in the initial stage.

Note:-It is requested to forward the bill in the office of the undersigned for settlement of payments please.

Sd/-

**Assistant Engineer (East)  
Social Justice & Welfare Department  
Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey,  
5<sup>th</sup> Mile, East District, Sikkim**

R.O. NO.105/IPR/PUB/Classi/21-22(ii), Dated:15/07/21

**Government of Sikkim  
Tourism and Civil Aviation Department**

Memo No:GOS/DoT&amp;CAV/55(14)96/348/DOT&amp;CAV

Dated: 15/07/2021

**Expression of Interest  
for  
Financial Bids**

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, the Tourism & Civil Aviation Department invites the Financial Bids for leasing of Norkhill Hotel at Gangtok from the prequalified bidders as per the Expression of Interest (EOI) for pre-qualification of bidders published vide R.O No. 58/IPR/Pub/ Classi/21-22. The intending prequalified bidders may visit Sikkim Tourism website [www.sikkimtourism.gov.in](http://www.sikkimtourism.gov.in) for details.

**Joint Secretary (Assets)  
Tourism and Civil Aviation Department  
R.O. NO.104/IPR/PUB/Classi/21-22, Dated:15/07/21**

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## e-abkari Software launched

Gangtok, July 16: MLA cum Advisor, Excise Department, Mr. Em Prasad Sharma, digitally launched e-abkari Software at Samman Bhawan, today.

The event had the presence of Secretary, Excise Department, Mr. Kuber Bhandari, Sectary, CMO, Mrs. Tenzen Kizom, Commissioner, Excise Department, Mrs. Binita Chettri, SIO NIC Gangtok, Mr. Birendra Chettri and officials from NIC and Excise Department.

The event was virtually joined by Director General, NIC, New Delhi, Dr. Nita Verma, SIO NIC West Bengal, officials from four districts of Sikkim, team of officers of Headquarters and vendors who are instrumental in generating revenue and press and media personnel joining from National Information Centre, Gangtok.

Mr. Em Prasad Sharma, extended gratitude on behalf of the Chief Minister to the Excise Department, NIC Sikkim and NIC West Bengal for the contribution, comprehension and co-ordination to launch the e-Abkari software in Sikkim. He mentioned that through this initiative, Excise can administer service to all taxpayers and stakeholders, which will be more user-friendly and efficient, thereby promoting ease of doing business.

He said that it would enable the general public to apply and renew their license from the comfort of their homes, thus, reducing the risk of exposure to corona virus. He mentioned that the Chief Minister has taken a personal interest in expanding NIC from District Centres to Block Level and has also written to the Prime Minister for the requisites support. He also requested the DG NIC to extend all support to the State Government in this regard. He said that Chief Minister has mentioned that mini data centre for the State Government is on the verge of completion and with these data centres, the State will have no difficulty to start and launch many projects of National and State importance.

He mentioned that Excise Department, in spite of the lockdown has managed to generate sustainable amount of revenue of which ₹206.03 crores in terms of excise duty and ₹6.04 crores in terms of education, for the year 2020 to 2021.

He said that he vendor commission has been increased from 5% to 7%, which will increase the profit of the vendors and motivate them to increase the volume of their business. He also mentioned that licenced microbreweries incentives have been increased, which will enhance the revenue of the state and provide employment opportunities. He informed that Excise Department is also promoting home-made wines and traditional drinks, which are mostly consumed by the tourists in homestays across the state. These drinks are produced by the

locals from available agricultural produce, and will ultimately upgrade the rural economy of the State.

The Advisor said that e-Abkari aims to significantly reduce service delivery time for State excise related service and provide uniform and unified service experience to all the stakeholders.

Director General NIC, Dr. Nita Verma provided a brief background of NIC Sikkim. She mentioned that over the years NIC Headquarter has worked very closely with the State Government and extended support not only in expanding infrastructure, but also developing several IT solutions to the State Government in its digital initiatives. She extended her full support from NIC's.

She mentioned that the e-Abkari software, is one of their flagship product, derived by NIC West Bengal, under the guidance of West Bengal State Government. She informed that over time it has evolved into a standard product and has been used by many states. She informed that the e-Abkari software is basically focused on managing excise, and bringing transparency and accountability in the system as the complete supply chain is detectable. She said that on one hand it helps the State Government in maximising revenue and increasing compliance, and on the other hand it enables ease of doing business for all the business set-ups in Sikkim. She mentioned that e-Abkari has all the best features of a digital software like connected voice systems, connected with QR code, it is also connected to the State Government receipt portals and banks for transactions. She assured that with the support of NIC West Bengal and proactiveness of NIC Sikkim on the ground, e-Abkari will be implemented in a full-fledged manner in Sikkim.

She concluded her address by extending her gratitude to the Chief Minister for his support in all of NIC projects and assured to continue working hand-in-hand with the State Government in its digital transformation journey.

It is to be mentioned that the benefits of the e-Abkari project are- a simple, transparent, arear-free business driven process involved, which will allow easy participation of stakeholders in full advantage. The process will be largely benefitted by the public in terms of non-requirement of frequent visits to the office for service delivery. It integrates seamlessly with prevalent systems and devices.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by the Secretary, Excise Department, Mr. Kuber Bhandari.

A presentation on e-Abkari software by SIO NIC Gangtok, Mr. Birendra Chettri was also made during the programme.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
DISTRICT & SESSIONS COURT NORTH SIKKIM AT MANGAN**  
Ref. No. 779/D&SC/N/Mangan Dated: 16.07.2021

**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up the following vacant posts of ministerial staff under the Establishment of the District & Sessions Court, North Sikkim at Mangan, purely on temporary basis.

Details are as under:

1	2	3	4	5
S.N	Name of Post	No. of Post	Pay in the Pay Matrix	Requisite Qualification
1	Stenographer	01 (one)	Level 10 Cell 1 in the Grade III Pay Matrix	1. Bachelors Degree from the recognized university 2. Shorthand speed shall be 60 w.p.m 3. Typing Speed 35 w.p.m. 4. Certificate of 1 year Diploma in Computer Application.

The eligibility criteria, educational qualification and conditions are as under:-

- Candidate must be a citizen of India.
- Age of the candidate must not be less than 18 yrs and not more than 30 years as on **20.08.2021**. Relaxation of the upper age limit will be permitted as per Sikkim Government Establishment Rule 1974 for candidates belonging to Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe, Other Backward Classes or Ex-servicemen and governed by Notification No. M(5)/(55)/GEN/DOP/PT-III DATED 03.07.17 for candidates belonging to all communities of State of Sikkim.
- Candidates fulfilling the above criteria and desirous of sitting for the interview may submit his/her application addressed to the Ld. District and Sessions Judge, North Sikkim at Mangan along with certified copies of the following:
  - Attested copies of Qualification Documents as listed in column five of the above table under head "Requisite Qualification"
  - Attested copy of Birth Certificate.
  - Bank draft of ₹.50/-** (non-refundable) drawn in favour of the Ld. District & Sessions Judge, North Sikkim at Mangan.
  - 2 nos. of passport size photographs.

**Applications received without supporting documents will be rejected summarily.**

- Candidates in Government service are to apply through proper channel.
- No T.A and D.A will be paid for appearing in the interview.
- For details interested candidates may visit <https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/mangan>
- Last date for receipt of application is **20.08.2021**

**Administrative Officer**  
**District & Session Court (E&N)**  
**Gangtok**

**R.O. NO.107/IPR/PUB/Classi/21-22, Dated:16/07/21**

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### Chief Minister...

respective jurisdiction.

Director General of Police, Mr. S.D. Negi and Special DGP, Law & Order, Mr. Akshay Sachdeva provided their inputs during the meeting.

DG-cum-Secretary Health, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia summed up the present scenario from the medical point of view. He shared statistics from the past few months and presented a comparative report. He also apprised about the steps being taken to enhance the existing health infrastructure, especially testing laboratories. He also presented the status of vaccination in the State.

Director, Panchayat, RDD, Mr. Prabhakar Rai presented a brief report of the activities being carried out by rural development functionaries to contain Covid-19.

DIG Range Mr. Prawin Gurung appealed to the line departments and concerned agencies to coordinate and cooperate with the Police for enforcement of the laid down rules and guidelines.

ADCs (Development) of all the four districts also placed their

feedback and suggestions.

M.S. STNM Hospital Dr. K.B. Gurung gave a brief outline of the case load in the Hospital and the level of preparedness.

General Manager, SNT, and Member COVID-19 Management Group, Mr. Karma Namgyal Bhutia presented the status report of the availability of medical Oxygen in the State. He also provided a brief background of the accomplishment of the State Government in commissioning the required medical Oxygen for the State.

After detailed discussion, the following broad decisions were taken:

- Complete ban for one month would be enforced on all socio-religious and entertainment related activities like marriage, pujas and birthday parties and other get-togethers, both in urban and rural areas.

- Keeping in view the present situation, the practice of serving food and beverages during funerals and last rites will be restricted.

- IEC and mass awareness on COVID Appropriate Behaviour will be upscaled. It was decided to enforce strict penalties on people and establishments violating Covid-19 guidelines.

- The meeting also decided to put a complete end to the practice of issuing special permits, other than for health and police personnel.

- Police will strictly enforce the odd-even rule for vehicles without any exception.

- After reviewing the containment measures, the meeting decided that henceforth, if any person in a ward or village tests positive, the entire ward will be declared a containment zone and strict measures will be enforced to prevent further spread. In case of urban or semi urban areas or towns, the entire building will be contained.

- Any relief work, social or medical service should compulsorily be routed through the District Collectors.

- Only in-house puja or rituals will be allowed in religious places. There will be complete ban on visitors to any religious place or institution.

The meeting concluded with the concluding remarks by Principal Secretary, Home Department, Mr. R. Telang. He thanked the Chief Minister for his guidance and for the timely decisions.

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