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## Governor attends felicitation ceremony Titan of Covid Warrior



**Gangtok, September 23:** The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad attended a felicitation ceremony "Titan of Covid Warrior" held at a local hotel, today.

The felicitation programme was organised by Lions Club of Gangtok Hill as a mark of respect towards the COVID-19 warriors

and social organisation, who have made contributions to help the victims of COVID-19 and those who suffered due to the lockdown.

The Governor spoke on the importance of organ donation and called for a nationwide movement.

He urged people to come forward to generate awareness for

this noble cause as a gesture of humanity.

He expressed to initiate an establishment of Eye Bank in Sikkim and said that organ donation especially eye donation is the biggest human service that an individual can understand in life. He encouraged people to donate eye after death. By donating eye, one not only lights up the life of a visually challenged person but also gives a new life, he added.

During the programme, 10 COVID-19 warrior from various field like Health Department, Disaster Management Department, Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Sikkim Police and Media and social organisation (Service to Mankind) were felicitated.

The programme was attended by Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Commissioner of Gangtok Municipal Corporation and other guests.

## Governor congratulates two youth for clearing UPSC

**Gangtok, September 26:** The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad congratulated the two youths from Sikkim namely, Tenzin Semkyi Ogen and Dipendra Adhikari for successfully clearing India's prestigious Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Examination.

In his message, the Governor said, "Tenzin Semkyi Ogen and Dipendra Adhikari have made Sikkim proud by their

achievements. I was elated by the news of cracking the prestigious examination. Your achievements would certainly motivate and inspire many more youths from Sikkim to go for UPSC Examination in the years to come."

The Governor congratulated to all the successful candidates for their laudable accomplishments.

## CM meets General Manager (NABARD)



**Gangtok, September 27:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang met General Manager/Officer-In-Charge, Dr. Diwakar Hegde and Asst. General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Ms. Bhama Deuri in his official residence, Mintokgang, today.

During the meeting, they interacted on subjects including Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), NABARD Infrastructure Development Assistance (NIDA), and others.

The Chief Minister acknowledged the support extended by NABARD to the State

at various levels. In addition, he stated that the State Government looks forward to working on projects related to rural tourism, fisheries, piggery, tribal development, climate change, and spring shed management. He also stated the desire to propose a project on climate change under the National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC).

The officials from NABARD informed the Chief Minister about hosting a three days exhibition/sale of Sikkimese handlooms and handicrafts at M.G Marg, Gangtok in the days to come.

## Udyami Vikas Sammelan held

**Gangtok, September 26:** Udyami Vikas Sammelan, the first rural entrepreneurs meet in Sikkim was held at St. Xavier's School, Pakyong, today. The event was organized by Sikkim Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Society (SEEDS) in coordination with an NGO called Sikkim Education Society (SES) based in Pakyong.

The event was graced by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest and had the attendance of Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Advisors, Chairpersons, ACS Tourism, Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, Deputy Mayor GMC and Councillors, Panchayats, Officers of the Commerce and Industries Department and Rural Development Department, senior officers of banks, entrepreneurs and participants of the training programme.

The Chief Minister in his address expressed pleasure to be a part of the first rural entrepreneurship meet in Sikkim. He congratulated all the participants for their enthusiastic presence.

He said that it was a special day as it opens the door for rural entrepreneurship. He thanked and congratulated the SEED Society and Sikkim Education Society for this noble initiative. He assured

every support from the State Government to take this mission forward.

He stressed the need to strengthen the belief system to achieve the goal of a self-reliant Sikkim. He elaborated that the family and society need to support and encourage a budding entrepreneur.

He urged the officers and staff of various departments to guide and encourage the local entrepreneurs and small-time business persons of Sikkim.

The Chief Minister further said that the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us a lesson to be self-reliant.

He reiterated the business opportunities that lie in sectors like agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries and dairy farming. He said that the Government has initiated measures in various other areas for the economic upliftment of the people.

He also spoke about the vision of 'One Family One Entrepreneur', 'One Family Two Cows', and 'One District One Product'.

He stated that the State Government has made concerted efforts to ensure that entrepreneurs of Sikkim are allowed to run big businesses in the State, instead of leasing it to companies from outside the State. Likewise, steps are being taken to break up large

contract works, and allot them to small contractors, he informed. He cited the example of school uniforms being stitched by Self-Help Groups and supplied through local contractors.

The Chief Minister said that the youths should inculcate dignity of labour and should not hesitate to carry out any profession. The youths should be trained in specific skills so that the State's demands are met locally.

He appealed to the local youths to come forward and benefit from the government's initiative on hydro project below 5 MW to local contractors. Further, he said that the Government has made adjustments in the Film Policy to accommodate the needs of local filmmakers.

The Chief Minister commended the efforts of the SEED Society and Sikkim Education Society and urged the participants to make the most of the training sessions. He congratulated the six rural entrepreneurs who were felicitated.

He also congratulated Ms Tenzin Semkyi Ogen of Gangtok and Mr. Dipendra Adhikari of Tashiding, West Sikkim for successfully clearing the UPSC 2020.

The Chief Minister concluded his address by

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**"Dawai Bhi Kadai Bhi"  
Get Vaccinated**

*Pearls of Wisdom*

*I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.*

- Jimmy Dean



## District Diary

### *Lamheem Diagnostic Centre inaugurated*

**Gyalshing, September 27:** Lamheem Diagnostic Centre, the first privately owned Diagnostic Centre under Soreng Sub-Division was inaugurated by MLA Mr. Aditya Golay, today. Initiated by Medical Officer (Mangan District Hospital), Dr. Abhishek Limboo, the diagnostic centre is situated at a prime location for visiting patients to have easy accessibility to the facility.

Dr. Limboo said that the diagnostic centre was the need of the hour and will fulfill all necessary testing purposes. He informed that the patients with financial problems can either get a discounted fee or can avail testing free of cost. A speciality clinic with all the essential provisions will shortly open in and around the vicinity, he added.

MLA Mr. Aditya Golay congratulated Dr. Limboo for the

initiative in providing better health services to the people. He commended the Doctor for his generosity in bestowing free and discounted fees for the economically weaker section. He stressed on the fact that, since Soreng is becoming a new district it will witness upgradation in health, education and other public services. He informed that

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### *Vanijya Utsav organised*

**Namchi, September 26:** A day-long programme, 'Vanijya Utsav', an Exporter's Conclave and Multisectoral Entrepreneurial Development on the occasion of Vanijya Saptah for the entrepreneurs of South District organised by District Industries Centre DIC (South/West) was held at DIC (S/W) Jorethang premises, today.

The programme had the presence of Chairman Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. M.B Chettri who attended the

event as the chief guest and SDM (Jorethang) Ms. Saloni Pradhan as the guest of honour. Similarly, the programme also had the presence of officials from various departments such as Agriculture, Horticulture and Cooperative Departments and members of various SHGs, Cooperatives, FPOs from various regions of South District.

Mr. M.B Chettri credited the entrepreneurs of the state as the backbone of our economy, who are the primary contributors

of economic development.

He urged the entrepreneurs, SHG members and FPO members to utilize their skill-set and tap the government programmes and initiatives to their best of the potential whereby they can be both self-reliant and self-sufficient. Furthermore, he expressed his delight upon witnessing the varied display of products in the stalls of SHGs and assured them his support and aid

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### *Exporters conclave and Multisectoral Entrepreneurial Development programme conducted*

**Mangan, September 24:** To commemorate the monumental occasion of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indian Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Exporters Conclave & Multisectoral Entrepreneurial Development was organized jointly by Department of Commerce and Industries in association with Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and Spices Board India at KVK Hall, Mangan, today.

Mr. Tshering Wangyal Bhutia, Additional Political

Secretary to the Chief Minister, North District, Sikkim inaugurated the programme. He suggested the line Departments to explain the schemes implemented by them to the students of higher class for further dissemination among their parents. He also stressed the need to issue permit for tourist at Mangan instead of Gangtok for flourishing home stay and tourism related business in North District.

Mr. Sonam Lepcha,

Additional District Collector, North District requested the entrepreneurs to avail the benefits of different schemes implemented by various Centre and State Department. in Sikkim.

Dr. T.N. Deka, Scientist-C, Spices Board briefed about the scheme details and initiatives taken by the Spices Board for export promotion activities, procedures for obtaining exporter registration and

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### *POSHAN rally at Bhanzang bazaar*

**Namchi, September 24:** POSHAN panchayat and counselling session for adolescent girls was organised at Bhanzang AWC under Namchi Rural Project.

Panchayat vice president Mrs. Doma Tamang of Maniram Phalidara GPU graced the occasion as the chief guest.

She was accompanied by ANM Mrs. Anjana Chettri of Maniram PHSC as resource person and Mr. Laxman Tamang

CDPO-cum-DPO POSHAN Abhiyaan South District.

Mr. Laxman Tamang (CDPO) spoke about POSHAN ka 5 sutras which is very importance for first 1000 days, diarrhoea management, Anemia control, Nutrition and safe drinking water and healthy food practices.

District Coordinator Mr. Sailendra Chhetri, Project Assistant Ms. Upeksha Chettri, Supervisor Bidhan Rai AAWS, AAWS, OFOJ

employees, pregnant women and adolescents girls had participated in the programme. The programme was conducted as per the COVID appropriate behaviour.

On the same day Namthang zone under Namchi Rural Project conducted Yoga session in the premises of Namthang BAC organised by supervisor Namthang zone Mrs. Sancha Maya Tamang AAWS and AAWS.

### *Training on Bee Keeping under PMVDY-ESDP*

**Namchi, September 24:** A weeklong training on Bee Keeping and Honey Processing for Salghari Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) organized by Multi Technology Testing Centre and Vocational Training Centre, College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvesting Technology-Central Agricultural

University, Ranipool-East Sikkim was inaugurated at Salghari GPU, South Sikkim, today.

The hands-on training was in continuation to the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojna (PMVDY) which is being implemented by the Cooperation

Department, Government of Sikkim.

The Inaugural Programme was attended by Mr. Ajay Rai- Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies- Department of Cooperation, Namchi; other guest included

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### *Foundation stone laid for Rurban Community Complex and Training Centre*

**Gyalshing, September 21:** The Rural Development Department (RDD) laid the foundation stone of the Rurban Community Complex and Training Centre at Pega Gaon under the Soreng sub-division, on the occasion of

Vishwa Shanti Puja, today.

The ceremony was performed by MLA cum Chairman PAC Mr. Aditya Golay along with ADC (Dev -Soreng), SDM (Soreng), ACE (RDD), SDPO (Soreng), BDO (Soreng),

D.E and Architecture (RDD), Chairpersons and Advisors of the Government of Sikkim along with the line department Officials and Ward Panchayats.

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### *CM pays homage to Late P.T Lucksom*

**Gyalshing, September 25:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang paid homage to Late P.T Lucksom, former Deputy Chief Minister of Sikkim at his residence in 10<sup>th</sup> Mile, Chakhung, West Sikkim, today.

Late P.T Lucksom passed away on September 2 following

a prolonged illness. The Cabinet Ministers, Political Secretary, Confidential Secretary, Advisors, Chairpersons, and dignitaries from the Government of Sikkim were also present for the final prayer ceremony and paid their respects to the veteran politician.

### *MNP celebrates weeklong Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*

**Mangan, September 27:** Mangan Nagar Panchayat celebrated its first day of the weeklong celebration of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" under the "theme Kachra Alag Karo". The event was participated by Municipal President, Vice President and Councillors of Mangan Nagar Panchayat, NGOs which included Northern Riders MC, North Sikkim Youth Welfare Organization and Sai Samiti, Pentok.

Municipal President of Mangan Nagar Panchayat Mrs. Norkit Lepcha was the chief guest of the event.

Mangan Nagar Panchayat along with all Councillors, and NGOs carried out door to door awareness campaign on source segregation in and around Mangan Bazar. The event also witnessed Safaimitras creating awareness about segregation of waste at source.

During the event, Shopkeepers, hawkers, residential households and other public were sensitized to keep separate bins for dry waste and wet waste in their respective business places, homes and to keep their surroundings clean and litter free.

### *Workshop on Biomedical Waste Management under RKVY 2020-2021 organised*

**Gyalshing, September 23:** One day workshop on Biomedical Waste Management for Field Veterinarians under RKVY 2020-2021 was organised by Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services for West District at Training Hall, District Veterinary Hospital Gyalshing today.

The workshop was attended by Dr. N.M. Cintury (Additional Director, West) and all the field officers of West District. The Resource Person for was Deputy Director (Sanitation), Dept. of Health &

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### *Hands on training on Soap Making for Tanzi Bikmat VDVK organized*

**Namchi, September 23:** The inaugural function for Hands on training on Soap Making for Tanzi Bikmat Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) organized by Multi Technology Testing Centre and Vocational Training Centre, College of Agricultural Engineering & Post Harvesting Technology-Central Agricultural University, Ranipool-East Sikkim at Tanzi Bikmat GPU under the title "Enhancement of Livelihood through production of household commodities like dish soap and beauty bar" took place today.

The training was in continuation to the Entrepreneurship and Skill

Development Programme (ESDP) under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojna (PMVDY), which had commenced on August 30, 2021.

The chief guest for the inaugural programme was Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies-Department of Cooperation, Namchi Mrs. Sewan Rai; other guest included Assistant Project Manager under State Rural Livelihood Mission and Departmental Officials.

The training programme was meant for the SHG members under the VDVK and is part of the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojna.

### *Sub-division level coordination meeting held*

**Gyalshing, September 22:** A sub-division level coordination meeting was convened to discuss the celebration of 81<sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary of former Chief Minister Late Nar Bahadur Bhandari at Sarwa Jayanti Ranga Sala Manch, Government Senior Secondary School, Soreng, today. The meeting was chaired by the MLA Mr. Aditya Golay, who is also the Patron of the Organizing Committee. Present in the programme were ADC Dev-Soreng, SDM (Soreng), SDPO (Soreng), Officials from associate departments along with the HODs of Schools and Colleges and Chairpersons.

SDM (Soreng) highlighted the major points regarding the celebration such as proper maintenance of COVID Protocol, roles and responsibilities of respective committees formed etc. Mr. Binod Basnet, (Chairman-Skill Development) also addressed the gathering.

During the open house discussion that followed, appointing a liaison officer and stage capacity were discussed, manpower management with the help of CLC representatives. The house also proposed the construction of booths for the

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**Government of Sikkim  
Social Justice & Welfare Department  
5th Mile Tadong, Gangtok**

Memo No:14/GOS/SJ&amp;WD/EC/2021/302

Dated:16/03/2021

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Assistant Engineer, (East) Social Justice & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samaj Kalyan 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
1.	Construction of Juvenile Observation Home at Saureni, Assam Linzey in East Sikkim	80,93,910/-	09 months	2,02,348/-	5,000/-	Namcheybong Constituency, 29- Assam Linzey GPU, 02-Linzey Ward.

**Time Schedule is as follows:-**

1. Date for submission of applications: 23/09/2021 to 18/10/2021 (10.00am to 4.30pm )
2. Last date for issue of tender form: 21/10/2021 (10.00am to 4.30pm) .
3. Date and Time for submission of Tender: 25/10/2021 (10.00am to 1.00pm)
4. Date and Time of opening of Tender: 25/10/2021 at 2.00pm
5. Place of Tender: Gram Prasashan Kendra, Assam Linzey GPU, Namcheybong 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) Latest Income Tax clearance Certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (b) 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 (c) PAN card. The Selected bidder will have to produce valid GSTIN registration certificate before issue of work order.
4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified as above from the office of the Assistant Engineer (East) 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 schedules bank which includes in the form of temporary deposit receipts to fixed deposits receipts in favor of the Addl. Chief Engineer, Social Justice & Welfare Department, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East District, Sikkim. Tender Form shall be issued only on the production of the deposit receipt to the contractors who has obtained the tender documents, on production of 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 Gram Prasashan Kendra 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 Head of the Department/Secretary/Addl. Chief 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 thereof.
20. The Contractor has to submit the work program schedule/ bar Chart may be submitted in the initial stage.
21. The project is required to be completed strictly as per the work programme. In case of failure to achieve the progress within the 1<sup>st</sup> milestone, the contract agreement shall be terminated and taken over by the department.

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

**Assistant Engineer (East)  
Social Justice & Welfare Department  
Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, 5th Mile, East District, Sikkim  
R.O. No.216/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:22/09/2021**

**Government of Sikkim  
Horticulture Department  
National Bamboo Mission, Krishi Bhawan,  
Tadong**

Memo. No. 79/NBM /Horti.

Dated: 27/09/2021

**Corrigendum to advertisement made  
vide Memo no 53/NBM/Hort. Dated  
08-09-2021**

The Horticulture Department, Government of Sikkim with a view to provide entrepreneurship opportunities in bamboo sector had invited Expression of Interest for Project Proposals with back ended 60% (50% plus additional 10% for NE states) subsidies through banks from individual entrepreneurs/registered NGOs/SHGs/Private Organizations for the year 2021-22 for setting up following bamboo-based Micro/Medium/Big enterprises under the Restructured National Bamboo Mission in the State of Sikkim.

The eligible subsidy amount had been erroneously printed then, the same is being rectified and recirculated as under.

Sl. No.	Activities	Subsidy	Phy. Target (Nos.)
1.	Establishment of Carbonization Plant	₹15 lac or 50% of project cost whichever is less	1 (Pvt. Sector)
2.	Establishment of Livelihood Business Incubators	₹100 lac or 100% of project cost whichever is less	1 (Govt. Sector)
3.	Bamboo Furniture making	₹15 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	3 (Pvt. Sector)
4.	Fabric/ Jewellery making	₹9 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	1 (Pvt. Sector)
5.	Incense Stick Making	₹15 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	2 (Pvt. Sector)
6.	Handicrafts & Cottage Industry	₹9 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	5 (Pvt. Sector)
7.	Common Facility Centre	₹15 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	1 (Govt. Sector)
8.	Rural Haat	₹20 lac or 100 % of project cost whichever is less	1 (Govt. Sector)

The proposals after scrutiny of all relevant documents and ascertaining feasibility by a committee headed by Mission Director, National Bamboo Mission will be forwarded to Banks for granting loans. Priority will be given to those individuals/organizations having past experience on bamboo handicrafts, marketing, industrial production etc. Also the detail estimate submitted may include cost for construction of work shed / machinery certified by civil/Mechanical engineer with proper seal and signature alongwith the application and should reach the office of the Mission Director, NBM within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

After the final scrutiny of the submitted detail Project Report by the committee, agreement copy to be signed between the department official (NBM) and party willing to undertake the project. For Govt. Sector, minimum 10 years experience in Bamboo related activities like product designing, Value Addition of Bamboo and past experiences for setting up units or related activities in any other state to be submitted with details project report alongwith the application and should reach the office of the Mission Director, NBM within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice. For further enquiries, interested individuals/organizations may contact Mission Director, NBM-8145695154/7001411965-email: [nbmsikkim@gmail.com](mailto:nbmsikkim@gmail.com). The detailed guidelines are available at [www.nbm.nic.in](http://www.nbm.nic.in)

**Mission Director, NBM  
Horticulture Department  
File No: 142SBDA/HCCDD  
R.O. No.223/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:27/09/2021**

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F.No: NRCO/S/44/2021-22/39

Date: 19.08.2021

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

The Director, ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim, India, invites e-tenders through the CPPP website URL:<http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> under two bid systems (Technical Bid & Financial Bid) from eligible and qualified bidders For Repairing of Polyhouses at Pakyong and Darjeeling Campus. Last date for submission of online bids: 30.09.2021. For more details Interested Bidders may visit URL:<http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> or <https://nrcorchids.nic.in>.

Tender Id:- 2021\_DARE\_644538\_1

**Administrative Officer I/C  
R.O. No.221/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22, Dt:17/09/2021**



**Government of Sikkim  
Social Justice & Welfare Department  
5th Mile Tadong, Gangtok**

Memo No.462/GOS/SJ&amp;WD/EC/2021

Dated:17/9/2021

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1.	Construction of 8 R/S/B at Sonamati Senior Secondary School at Khamdong, East Sikkim.	71,86,513/-	12 months	1,79,663/-	5,000/-	Khamdong Singtam Constituency, Dung Dung Thasa GPU, Dung Dung Ward

**Time Schedule is as follows:-**

1. Date for submission of applications: 22/09/2021 to 12/10/2021 (10.00am to 4.30pm )
2. Last date for issue of tender form: 19/10/2021 (10.00am to 4.30pm) .
3. Date and Time for submission of Tender: 22/10/2021 (10.00am to 1.00pm)
4. Date and Time of opening of Tender: 22/10/2021 at 1.15pm
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14. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
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**Assistant Engineer (East)  
Social Justice & Welfare Department  
Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, 5th Mile, East District, Sikkim  
R.O. No.207/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(i), Dt:17/09/2021**

**Government of Sikkim  
Home Department  
Tashiling, Gangtok-737101**

No: Home/Confdl./117/RIMC/Part-I/2017

Dated: 17/09/2021

**Press Release for RIMC Entrance**

**Examination:DEC 2021 Press Information  
Bureau(DEFENCE WING) Government of India**

1. The Rashtriya Indian Military College is a Category 'A' training establishment of the Ministry of Defence. The College was established in 1922 with the primary aim of providing quality all round education and preparing the boys for entry into Defence Services.

2. Applications are invited for boys only for admission to Class VIII in the Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun (UK) for Jan 2022 Term which will be conducted at specified centres of respective states on 18 Dec 2021 (Saturday).

3. Entry age. Candidates (boys only) appearing for the above test should not be less than 11½ years in age and should not have attained the age of 13 years as on 01 Jul 2022, i.e. they should have been born not earlier than 02 Jul 2009 and not later than 01 Jan 2011.

4. Educational Qualification. Candidates should either be studying in Class VII or passed Class VII from any recognized school at III time of admission to the RIMC, i.e. on 01 Jul 2022.

5. Schema of Examination. The examination comprises:-

(a) Written Examination. The Examination in Mathematics (0930-1100hrs), General Knowledge (1200-1300hrs) and English (1430-1630) shall be conducted on 18 Dec 2021 Saturday. Minimum pass marks in each paper is 50%.

(b) Viva voce. The interview date will be intimated later and interview will be held for only those candidates who qualify in the written exam, Minimum pass marks in the interview is 50% and the date and venue for interview will be intimated to them by respective States by first week of Mar 2022. Intelligence, personality and communication skills of the candidates will be tested in the viva- voce.

(c) Medical Examination. All the candidates qualified after interview will undergo a medical examination at selected Military Hospitals and only those candidates found medically fit will be considered for selection and admission to the RIMC. The medical examination of the candidates forms only a part of the system of selection and does not imply the final selection.

(d) As per the Government of India, Ministry of Defence Letter No A/ 36105/GS/MT-6/D(GS-II) dated 03 Sep 2014, the wards of Central Government employees can take their exam and viva-voce at the place of posting of employee/domicile state. However, their candidature will be considered from their original domicile state. Therefore it is mandatory to get the application deposited in the same state where the exam has to be taken.

(e) The interviews will be held for only those candidates who pass the written exam. The list will be sent to the respective State Governments by RIMC after approval from HQ ARTRAC.

(f) Results will be updated on RIMC website. It is the candidate's responsibility to check the status regularly.

6. Examination Centres. Examination centres are generally located in the state capitals or in cities/towns as advertised.

7. Fee. The annual fee is presently ₹107500/- for Gen Candidate and ₹93900/- For SC/ST candidate per year. It may increase from time to time. At the time of entry, a Security Deposit of ₹30,000/- is to be made (incl in annual fee). This is refunded when the Cadet graduates from the college.

8. Scholarships. Scholarships are granted by various state Govts to meritorious students. The amount of scholarships varies from state to state and is in between ₹10,000/- to ₹50,000/- per annum. Continuation of Scholarship once granted by the state is subject to merit, income, discipline and his performance during the year.

9. Procedure to Obtain Application Forms. The prospectus-cum-application form and booklet of old question papers can be obtained from The Rashtriya Indian Military College, Garhi Canll, Dehradun, Ullarakhand, Pin- 248003 through:-

(a) Online Payment. The prospectus-cum-application form and booklet of old question papers can also be obtained by making online payment of ₹600/- for General Candidates & ₹555/- for SC/ST candidates on RIMC website [www.rimc.gov.in](http://www.rimc.gov.in). On receipt of the payment, the prospectus-cum application form and booklet of old question papers will be dispatched by Speed post only.

**Or**

(b) By Sending Demand Draft. The prospectus-cum application form and booklet of old question papers can be obtained by sending a written request with a demand draft of ₹600/- for General Candidates & ₹555/- for SC/ST candidates alongwith caste certificate in favour of "THE COMMANDANT RIMC DEHRADUN", DRAWEE BRANCH, STATE BANK OF INDIA, TEL BHAVAN, DEHRADUN, (BANK CODE-01576), UTTARAKHAND. The address should be TYPED I WRITTEN clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS with pin code and contact number. RIMC will NOT be responsible for tiny postal delay or loss in transit of prospectus call sed by illegible or incomplete address. The delay on part of postal department is not the responsibility of this institution.

10. Last Date, Applications in duplicate on prescribed form accompanied by documents to be attached with application form (Two passport size photographs, Domicile Certificate of the candidate, Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Corporation/Gram Panchayat, SC, ST Certificate and Certificate from principal of the School in original with photograph on It attested stating date of birth and In which Class Studying). Adhar Card is mandatory to be attached alongwith the application form, failing which the application will be rejected. Application form should reach the respective State Governments (As given in Guidelines to Admission) by 30 Oct 2021. Kindly not the application form must be sent to the State Govts and not to the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

**(Yadav Krishna Sharma, SGS)  
Joint Director (Confdl.), Home Department  
R.O.No.211/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(i), Dt:17/09/21**

**Government of Sikkim  
Social Justice & Welfare Department  
5th Mile Tadong, Gangtok**

Memo No.465/GOS/SJ&amp;WD/EC/2021

Dated:17/09/2021

**NOTICE INVITING 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
1.	Construction of 4 R/S/B at Dochum Junior High School, Khamdong, East Sikkim	54,35,238/-	12 months	1,35,881/-	5,000/-	Khamdong Singtam Constituency, 42 Sirwani GPU, Dochum Ward.

**Time Schedule is as follows:-**

1. Date for submission of applications: 27/09/2021 to 22/10/2021 (10.00am to 4.30pm )
2. Last date for issue of tender form: 25/10/2021 (10.00 am to 4.30pm) .
3. Date and Time for submission of Tender: 28/10/2021 (10.00am to 1.00pm)
4. Date and Time of opening of Tender: 28/10/2021 at 2.00pm
5. Place of Tender: Gram Prasashan Kendra, Sirwani GPU, Khamdong Singtam 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.
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**Assistant Engineer (East)  
Social Justice & Welfare Department  
Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, 5th Mile, East District, Sikkim  
R.O. No.208/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:17/09/2021**

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

No: 01 (A)/H&amp;FWD/EC/21

Date: 23.09.2021

**POSTPONEMENT OF e-TENDER**

Tender bearing Tender reference no. 01/H&FWD/EC/21 dated 24/08/2021 with Tender ID no. 2021\_HCHSF\_503\_1, which was uploaded in www.sikkimtender.gov.in for the following work:

Pac- kage No	Name of works	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value (₹ in Lakhs)	Bid value (₹ in Lakhs)	Cost of tender/ bid form (₹ in Lakhs)	Completion period
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Construction of Urban Primary Health & Wellness Center (UPH&WC) in Darap, West Sikkim.	7.51	300.54	0.50	18 months

is hereby postponed. The revised dates for the same is as under:

1	Last date of seeking clarification	8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021 until 1500 Hrs.
2	Last date of submission of DD and EMD in the form of Hard copy for tender fee	18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021 1600 Hrs.
3	Last date of submission of completed bids(online)	22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 till 1000 Hrs
4	Date & Time of opening of tender	22 <sup>nd</sup> November,2021 at 1100 Hrs.

All the other existing entries vide NIT no. 01/H&FWD/EC/21 dated 24/08/2021 shall remain the same.

**Sd/-  
Additional Chief Engineer  
Health & Family Welfare Department,  
Government of Sikkim  
R.O. No.218/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:23/09/2021**

**Government of Sikkim  
Public Health Engineering Department  
Gangtok-Sikkim**

N.I.TNo.:-1/NIT-I/PHED

Dated:- 17/09/2021

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Gangtok, invites percentage rate tender in single cover system from an appropriate class of contractors enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department for execution of works as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Tender value (₹)	Earnest Money deposit @2.5% (₹)	Cost of tender documents (Tender fee)
1	Construction of R.C.C Reservoir Tank at Pani House near Shiv Mandir, Gangtok, East Sikkim.	42,74,322.00 (inc 12% GST)	1,06,858.00	₹1500.00

Contractors eligible for bidding may obtained the tender documents from the office of the Assistant Engineer (Mtc-I), PHED, Gangtok. General Directions and Conditions of Contract (GDCC) as per SPWD Manual 2009 are applicable in total.

**TIME SCHEDULE:-**

- i) Date of application and issue of tender form. Application to accompany Bank receipt of tender fee. 18.10.2021 & 19.10.2021 (From 10am to 4.30 pm)
- ii) Date and Time for submission of Tender. 21.10.2021 (From 10am to 12 pm)
- iii) Date and Time of opening of Tender. 22.10.2021 (From 12 pm)

**Assistant Engineer (Mtc-I)  
PHE Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim  
R.O. No.213/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(i), Dt:21/09/2021**

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**Government of Sikkim  
Social Justice & Welfare Department  
5th Mile Tadong, Gangtok**

Memo No:464/GOS/SJ&amp;WD/EC/2021/ 145

Dated:17/09/2021

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of 6 R/S/B at Badong Junior High School, Khamdong, East Sikkim	53,23,505/-	12 months	1,33,088/-	5,000/-	Khamdong Singtam Constituency, 44 Khamdong GPU, Thangsing Ward.

**Time Schedule is as follows:-**

1. Date for submission of applications: 22/09/2021 to 12/10/2021 (10.00am to 4.30pm )
2. Last date for issue of tender form: 19/10/2021 (10.00am to 4.30pm) .
3. Date and Time for submission of Tender: 22/10/2021 (10.00am to 1.00pm)
4. Date and Time of opening of Tender: 22/10/2021 at 3.00pm
5. Place of Tender: Gram Prasashan Kendra, 44 Khamdong GPU, Khamdong Singtam Constituency, East Sikkim.

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**Assistant Engineer (East)  
Social Justice and Welfare Department  
Government of Sikkim  
R.O.NO.209/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(i), Dt:14/09/21**

**Sikkim Public Service Commission  
Old Tourism Complex, M.G.Marg, Gangtok,  
Sikkim - 737101**

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No: 41/SPSC/EXAM/21

Date:23/09/2021

**NOTICE**

The written examination for filling up **07 (seven) posts of Cooperative Inspectors and 02 (two) posts of Cooperative Auditor** under Cooperation Department, Government of Sikkim through direct recruitment, as advertised vide advertisement No. 11/SPSC/Exam/2020. Dated: 15.06.2020, is hereby scheduled as detailed below;

Sl. No.	Name of Paper	Time	Date	Venue
1	Paper I	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	1. Sir Tashi Namgyal Sr. Sec. School, Dev. Area, Gangtok
2	Paper II	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm		2. Govt. Sr. Sec. Girls School, Deorali, Gangtok

Eligible candidates may download their admit cards from 27.09.2021 to 06.10.2021 (midnight) from the official website of Sikkim Public Service Commission i.e. [www.spscskm.gov.in](http://www.spscskm.gov.in). **Candidates may refer to their respective admit cards for the venue allocated to them.**

Admission to all the stages of examination for which candidates are admitted by the Commission, shall be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If, on verification at any point of time, before or after the Written Examination and during scrutiny of documents, it is found that they do not fulfil any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the examination/post will be summarily rejected by the Commission.

**(Gilbert Lepcha), SCS  
Joint Controller of Examinations  
Sikkim Public Service Commission  
R.O. No.222/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(A)(ii), Dt:27/09/2021**

**Sikkim Public Service Commission  
Olds Tourism Complex, M.G.Marg, Gangtok,  
Sikkim - 737101**

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No: 42/SPSC/EXAM/21

Date:23/09/2021

**NOTICE**

The written examination for filling up **07 (seven) posts of Inspectors of Legal Metrology (LMO)** under Legal Metrology Unit and Consumer Protection Cell under Food and Civil Supplies Department, Government of Sikkim through direct recruitment, as advertised vide advertisement No. 11/SPSC/Exam/2020. Dated: 07.09.2021, is hereby **scheduled on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**The dates for downloading Admit Card, day-wise examination schedule and details on Venue of examination shall be published at later date.**

**(Gilbert Lepcha), SCS  
Joint Controller of Examinations  
Sikkim Public Service Commission  
R.O. No.222/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(B)(ii), Dt:27/09/2021**

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**Foundation stone...**

The ADC (Dev- Soreng) said the schemes under Rurban will facilitate Center-approved Urban area policies for the rural population adding on to the existing Rural Area Schemes. He gave brief details on the existing plans of redevelopment as per the New- District formation Plans, where he guaranteed all the required support and assistance from the concerned department for faster completion of the project.

ACE (RDD) said the structure is being constructed on about 1.5 hectares of land which will facilitate all the basic needs for the public. He also urged co-operation from all the stakeholders, policymakers along with the appointed contractor for faster completion of the project.

MLA in his address

expressed his gratitude towards the local community and said that it will be the founding base for growth and progression in and around the area. He also thanked all the line departments for being patient enough to do the re-surveying of the proposed land. He reiterated that public convenience is of utmost importance and that the Government would not leave any stone unturned to deliver what has been assured. He informed that with the up-gradation of infrastructure and facilities there will be a rise in tourist inflow which will lead to more financial stability for the locals so for proper management, Township planning is a must.

He then attended a small POSHAN MAAH awareness campaign organized by ICDS (Integrated Child Development Service) volunteers at Soreng Bazar.



**\* Clean your hands properly:** Hand hygiene is critical not only for health workers but for everyone. Clean hands can prevent the spread of infectious illnesses. You should handwash using soap and water when your hands are visibly soiled or handrub using an alcohol-based product.

Office of the Mission Director  
National Health Mission, H & FW Department  
Government of Sikkim

NO: 2079/H&FW/NHM/21-22

**Employment Notice**

The National Health Mission, State Health Society, Sikkim, invites application for the walk- in- Interview from the eligible local candidates having SSC/Col issued by the competent authority to fill up the following temporary positions ( till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) under ECRP-II package at the office of JD/HR& NO/NHM.  
Last date of submission of application: 27th September 2021.

Sl. No	Name of the Post	No of Post	Essential Qualification	Desirable	Monthly Salary
1	Hub Coordinators	05	1. Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science/ electronic and telecommunication from the recognized university OR 2. Masters in Computer Applica- tion (MCA) from recognised university	Masters in Business Administration (MBA) an and experience in field related to telemedicine for one year	₹35.000/- per month + incentives as per the remoteness of location (max 10,000)
2	Telemedicines Administrators	11	Bachelors in Computer Application from recognised university		₹15.000/- per month + incentives as per the remoteness of location (max 5,000)
3	MO (telemedicines)	04	MBBS from recognised university MCI registration		₹.55.000/- per month + incentives as per the remoteness of location (max 20,000)

Dr. Madan Mani Dhakal, MD  
JD/HR&NO/NHM, National Health Mission  
R.O.NO.215/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:21/09/21

Government of Sikkim  
Public Health Engineering Department  
Gangtok-Sikkim

Memo No:W/D-I (510) PHE/21-22/58

Dated : 17/09/2021

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

For and on behalf of Governor of Sikkim, PHED invites percentage rate tender for the work mentioned below from the APPROPRIATE CLASS of registered contractors enlisted under SPWD within the territorial jurisdiction as indicated vide Memo No: 515/R&B/Secy. Dated: 12/06/2018 and having experience in such works should reach the office of the Divisional Engineer (GWS), Public Health Engineering Department, Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok East Sikkim as per the schedule given below.

DETAILS OF TENDER						
Sl. No	Name of work	Cost of work put to tender (in ₹)	Earnest Money (in ₹)	Cost of tender documents (in ₹)	Time of completion	Territorial Jurisdiction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Approach road to Rateychu water source via Akashvani under Project Sub-Division, Gangtok, East-Sikkim.	1,99,79,077.00	4,99,477.00	30,000.00	18 months	Gangtok Municipal Corporation

**TIME SCHEDULE**

- Date of submission of application with challan/Bank Receipt for issue of tender Documents (excluding tender form) : **19.10.2021 from 10.00AM to 3.00PM**
- Date of issue of tender form on submission of TDR (as earnest money) : **20.10.2021 from 10.00AM to 3.00PM**
- Date and time for submission of Tender form. : **25.10.2021 from 10.00AM to 12.00Noon.**
- Date and time for opening of tender : **26.10.2021 from 1.30PM**
- No tender shall be entertained after the expiry of the above schedule date and time.
- Tender form/documents could be obtained from the office of the Divisional Engineer (GWS).Public Health Engineering Department.

The prescribe Non-transferable tender documents (excluding the tender form) can be obtained on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State Bank of Sikkim towards the cost of tender documents (Non refundable) under the Head “**0215-01 W/S & Sanitation 800-Other receipt**” Cost of tender form” and submitted the same along with attested the copies of the following documents:-

- An application signed by the contractor for availing the Tender Documents.
- Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate.
- Latest GST Clearance Certificate.

Note: It is necessary to produce original copy of the above documents certificates for verification at the time of issue of tender documents.

Divisional Engineer  
Public Health Engineering Department  
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok  
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**Exporters conclave...**

benefits available for the registered exporters.

Ms. Marmit Lepcha, CEO, Organic Valley FPO Cooperative Society Ltd., Dzongu shared her experience and requested the participants especially FPOs & SHG members to utilize the information gathered from the meeting.

Mr. D.D. Sharma, Additional Director, Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Sikkim, Dr.Dechen O.Kaleon, Joint Director, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, North District, Mr. Sonam Dadul Bhutia, Additional Registrar, Cooperation Department North District, Mr. Enchung Bhutia, Joint Director, Agriculture, Ms.Hissay Lhamu Lepcha, Horticulture Development

Officer, Ms. Bindhya Gurung, Assistant District Dairy Officer, North District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd. And Ms. Susan Rai, Branch Manager, SISCO Bank, Mangan explained about the schemes implemented by respective departments in North Sikkim and requested the entrepreneurs to come forward to avail the benefits of schemes.

During the interactive

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**Lamheem Diagnostic...**

the State Government will provide necessary assistance to individual stakeholders who are

interested in being an entrepreneur. He also urged the youth to take this as a motivation to come forth with their own plans for businesses for community involvement for the development of Soreng.

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**Vanijya Utsav...**

particularly to the disadvantaged section of entrepreneurs who wish to establish themselves.

Ms. Saloni Pradhan urged the product manufacturers, service providers and FPOs present in the meeting to work in close contact with the department of Commerce & Industries as it would be beneficial for them to enhance their skills in the field of export. She highlighted the potential of the district to become a thriving exporter of organic products particularly spices such as ginger, turmeric and cardamom.

AD, DIC (S/W) Mr.A.D Rai gave a brief description of the event wherein he stated that Vanijya Utsav is being held across the country as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> year

of India’s Independence. He also added that the programme is being organised with the aim of promoting exports from the state, under which people are being made aware about the activities related to exports. He also emphasized that this programme, is aimed at raising awareness on how the government can help exporters at the district level, thereby increasing export potential in the district and resolving issues that exist in that area.

AD, Spices Board of India, Mrs. R. Reshmi threw light upon the schemes of Spices Board of India.

The programme also saw an interactive discussion between the participants and organizers of the event. It may also be added that the same event for West district organised by DIC (S)W Jorethang was held at Nayabazar with the same agenda and objective.

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**Training on...**

Assistant Project Manager under State Rural Livelihood Mission, faculties from CAU-Ranipool, leaders and members of Salghari VDVK.

This training is aimed at

enhancement of skills for farming of bee by the SHG beneficiaries under the VDVK and is part of the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojna, a flagship programme of Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs-Government of India.

session, the resource persons clarified the queries raised by the participants.

A exhibition was held in the same venue, where four SHGs namely Saknoon SHG; Pema SHG; Bayul SHG and Noom Amu Sakchum SHG and three Cooperatives viz., Organic Valley FPO Cooperative Society Ltd.; Passingdang Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.; Naga Namgore Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. exhibited their

products.

Mr. Nandalal Chettri, Project Manager, Bhavishya Bharat, Singhik moderated the session and briefed the activities undertaken by them in Sikkim.

Earlier, Deputy Secretary, Commerce and Industries, Mr. Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia delivered a welcome address and briefed the background of the Exporters Conclave.



## 5-day Training-cum-Workshop concludes

**Gangtok, September 22:** The 5-day training-cum-workshop held on Ease of Doing Business at the Conference Hall, Paryatan Bhawan in collaboration with National Informatics Centre (NIC) concluded, today. Seventy participants from fifteen Departments and State Agencies participated in conceptualizing, designing and developing digital software applications for performing operations online and for providing of services, convenient for the industries, establishments and firms investing and operating their businesses in the State of Sikkim.

The workshop was expanded to include citizen friendly, roll out of online services which will enable rural public to

approach nearby citizen service centres and submit their applications for obtaining various certificates, licences, registrations or services under Government schemes. Discussions on the importance of transformative initiative for services to be delivered online on digital platform for industries, firms, entrepreneurs, enterprises and societies in the course of their establishment, conduct of operations, submitting compliances and pursuing their mandate for providing products/ services and contributing to the economy of the State was the objective of the workshop.

The training-cum-workshop concluded with the Departments presenting their Road-Map for

implementation of Ease of Doing Business and delivery of services online on digital platforms before Chief Minister via Video Conferencing. Senior Officers from National Informatics Centre (NIC), Mr. Deepak Mishra, Dr Seema Khanna and Mr. R.S Mani shared their perspective in which EoDB agenda can be implemented using the Services plus platform of NIC. It was followed by distribution of Certificates for the attainment of Level- 1 competency standards for EoDB implementation. Medhari Skills University also participated by sharing their inputs and offering a post graduate level MBA course in Enterprise Operations Management for interested Officers.

## Two-day Vanijya Utsav commemorated

**Gangtok, September 21:** A two-day programme of Vanijya Utsav, a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, with the theme “India as the Rising Economic Force” was inaugurated at the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms, today.

The event had the presence of Advisor, Department of Commerce and Industries Mr. Kado Tshering Namka, Chairman Mr. Man Bahadur Chettri, Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. H. K. Sharma, Director (MSME) Mr. M. Ravikumar, Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Kolkata, Mr. Amit Sharma and other dignitaries.

Mr. Namka congratulated

the Self Help Groups for successfully exhibiting their stalls. He assured that he would act as a bridge between entrepreneurs and the government and provide them with the required aid and support.

Mr. Chettri spoke about self-reliance for the development of the State. He urged individuals to avail the benefits of the schemes that have been provided by the government.

Mr. Sharma spoke about the objective of selecting ten entrepreneurs and training them to become exporters within two years. He also mentioned different cash crops that have been assigned district wise, namely Ginger (South), Dalle (East),

Cardamom (North) and the cultivation of vegetables (West).

Mr. Amit Sharma DGFT highlighted the potential of the State as an exporter of organic products, which could go on to become the trademark for the State. He also mentioned that the aspirants can avail the benefit of different schemes by applying online.

The Spices Board distributed cheques to ten farmers of the state. Representatives of SHGs and different sectors of the industry also shared their experience and suggestions during the programme.

## Stakeholders’ consultation meeting held

**Gangtok, September 21:** A stakeholders’ consultation meeting was held at Soochana Bhawan to discuss the draft of two important documents viz. ‘Social/Digital Media Advisory’ and ‘Guidelines for Empanelment of Digital Media with the IPR Department, today.

The meeting was chaired by Secretary, IPR Department, Mrs. Siphorah G. Targain, and was attended by Director, IPR, Mrs. Benu Gurung, SP Crime Mr. Tenzing Loden Lepcha, representatives of Press Club of Sikkim and Journalist Union of Sikkim and Press Information Bureau, representatives of digital media houses, and IPR Department officials.

The Advisory lays down safety tips for all social media users and also talks about provisions laid down under the Information Technology

(Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, of the Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India dated 25th February, 2021, the Code of Journalistic Ethics prescribed by the Press Council of India, the IT Act, 2000, as well as relevant sections of the IPC. Likewise, the Empanelment Guidelines lays down the parameters of empanelment of digital media houses with the State IPR Department.

Secretary, IPR Department, said that the Advisory is an attempt of the State Government to bring about decorum in the digital media space, duly acknowledging the fundamental right of every citizen to express freely. It is imperative that people are made aware of the pros and cons of social media and thus have a safe online

experience, she added.

Director, IPR Department, said that the Department realizing the importance of these documents, started working on the drafts in the year 2019. Finally, after a round of consultation with the stakeholders and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the draft has been finalised. The meeting was the last of such consultations, after which the documents would be submitted for Government approval.

Superintendent of Police, CID, welcomed the initiative of the Department and placed his suggestions, especially with regard to the Advisory. The representatives from the media presented their perspectives on both the documents and placed their suggestions.

## Minister Karma Loday Bhutia attends Investors meet

**Guwahati, September 24:** Minister of Forest and Environment Department, Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia along with Principal Secretary, Mrs. Bharati and Sr. Engineer, Department of Mines and Geology Mr. Saran Shilal, attended the “Investors meet” on “Exploration and Production Investment Opportunities” in the North Eastern Region on September 24 at Guwahati, Assam.

Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia, highlighted the Government’s intention to work towards

achieving and reaffirming Sikkim’s and India’s’ collective commitment to making India Atma Nirbhar by exploring the possibilities of investment opportunities in a sustainable manner. He underlined the basic socio-cultural structure, the topography, the state’s strategic location vis-a-vis Sikkim’s potential for oil and gas exploration.

Mrs. Bharati, Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Government of Sikkim, highlighted the unexplored

natural resources of Sikkim. She also highlighted the Ease of Doing Business initiatives taken up by the State including implementation of Su Swastha Yojana.

Present in the meeting were Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, GoI, Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, GoI, Mr. Rameswar Teli, Chief Ministers and senior officers from North Eastern states.

## Sensitization programme Pilot on Formulation of Local Area Plan held

**Gangtok, September 24:** A sensitization programme “Pilot on Formulation of Local Area Plan” was held at the Conference Hall of Gangtok Municipal Corporation, today.

The programme was organized by the Urban Development Department under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).

Minister for UDD Mr. Arun Upreti graced the programme as the chief guest. The programme was attended by Mayor (GMC), Mr. N.B Chettri, Secretary Urban Development Department Mr. M.T. Sherpa, Municipal Commissioner Mr. Hem Kumar Chettri, Principal Chief Town Planner Mr. Sonam Dadul Bhutia, Councillors GMC, officers from line Departments, Gangtok Municipal Corporation, and Urban Development Department.

The Minister said that the Atal Mission Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) launched by the Government of India under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is a programme that is designed for providing basic civic amenities with infrastructure development that has link to the provision of better services to the people.

He said that components like construction works, influx of population is a matter of concern and this type of Centrally sponsored scheme for Urban Development helps the State to formulate infrastructures in a well-planned manner.

He stated that problems like water supply, sewerage, urban transport, parks etc are the matter of concern to the quality of life and the department must come up with a neat plan so that it is sustainable.

He outlined that the resources must be utilized for the development of the State. He urged all the members to give their inputs, which would be helpful in the planning process.

He apprised that Government of India has recognised the work of the Department and has sanctioned the Local Area Plan for the State.

The Minister further said that one must think for long term development and should focus on the problems that might come up in future. He urged the Department to work in coordination with the departments for the concerned Local Area to make it successful.

State Mission Director, who is the Secretary of Urban Development Department gave a brief overview on the Pilot Plan under AMRUT Mission.

He informed that there are eleven reforms to be implemented under, which sub-components of fifty-two milestones are to be

achieved. These reforms not only include the transformation of infrastructures but also planning of Human Resource Development, Capacity Building and planning process of the AMRUT Schemes in the right way.

The Secretary further said that when it comes to the transformation of a local area in a random way it becomes chaotic, and therefore one of the important requirements in the formulation of this plan is the usage of Geospatial database GIS.

He stated that AMRUT was implemented in five hundred cities and that Sikkim has been successful in its initial performance, the Central Government had approved the State with 25 Local Area Plan (LAP) scheme. The LAP area located within the core area of Gangtok city covers an area of 390 hectares.

He said that all the area comes under GMC ward and that all the Councillors must work in coordination with the concerned departments to achieve the target given by the Ministry of Housing and Urban, Government of India.

He further highlighted about the Retro Fitting Plan on how a development without plan becomes suffocating and how a master plan can decongest it.

He concluded by saying that these types of sensitization programmes are much needed and with the formulation of Pilot on Formulation of Local Area Plan, Gangtok under AMRUT is a small initiative towards infrastructure development in a sustainable way.

The main objectives of the pilot sub scheme are as follows:

1. Retrofitting of the area by a way of redevelopment and upgradation of infrastructure or public facilities.
2. To address the lack of public infrastructure and services by preparing a new layout with enhanced infrastructure.
3. Enhancing the public space and areas under roads by enabling development of the existing built-up environment.
4. Supporting Value Capture techniques to finance infrastructures investments.
5. Creating enabling legal framework where required.
6. Training and certification of planners at city and State level to ensure the above strategies.

A power point presentation was made by Nodal Officer AMRUT Mrs. Yogita Rai and the presentation was further continued by Smt Barsha Gurung Nodal Officer Local Area.

Thereafter, the programme continued with a Review of Local Area Plan by Level Committee members.

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## Seminar on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace organized

**Gangtok, September 24:** A one-day seminar on “Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013” was organized by Sikkim State Commission for Women, funded by National Commission for Women at Gangtok, today.

Deputy Mayor GMC Mrs. Tshering Palden Bhutia was the chief guest and was also attended by the Chairperson, Sikkim State Commission for Women, Mrs. Chungkipu Lepcha, Secretary, Social Justice and Welfare Department, Mr. Tshewang Gyachho and members of the Commission.

The participants also had members of the Self Help Groups from all four districts.

The Chairperson informed the participants about the role of the State Commission for Women and the activities taken up by the Commission. She further highlighted that the Women Commission would be engaging SHGs in the state to reach out to the grassroots level in creating awareness camps on gender-related issues. The target group would be members of the SHGs, students and community

members.

Secretary, Social Justice and Welfare Department emphasized upon the significance of conducting the training of SHG members from various districts as it would generate knowledge and information on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act 2013. He encouraged SHG members to utilize the knowledge gained from such training and further disseminates the knowledge at the grassroots level and respective village and highlighted on the various benefits being provided to the old aged, widows, disabled persons and unmarried women under the social welfare scheme in the department.

Resource Person, Director, Martha Farewell Foundation Mrs. Nandita Bhatt highlighted the importance of the sexual harassment of women at workplace act units provisions. She further shared the landmark judgment of Visakha guidelines on the sexual harassment of women at the workplace and the case of Bhanwari Devi, which led to the sexual harassment law in India. The other Resource Person Smt. Archana Chettri, Clinical Psychologist spoke on

“Psychological Perspective of Sexual Harassment of Women” and various mental health issues such as anxiety-related stress and depression. She further mentioned that incidents of sexual harassment of women can cause biological, psychological, social and economic changes in individual stress-related disorders like eating disorders, insomnia, lack of focus, sadness, suicides and dropping out of work etc. Ms. Archana further emphasised that yoga, meditation, breathing exercises and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy can be utilized by an individual to reduce their stress level and create wholesome mental well being in oneself.

Pamphlets on domestic violence acts and sexual harassment of women at the workplace both in English and Nepali were released by the Chief Guest and members of the Women’s Commission and also distributed among the Self-help groups to be disseminated further at the grassroots level.

The seminar concluded with answers and question sessions followed by the vote of thanks by Ms. Nawamit Lepcha, Member of the Commission.

## Demo Van-cum-Mobile ATM launched

**Gangtok, September 24:** Chairman Sikkim State Co-operative Bank Ltd. (SISCO) Mr. Dup Pintso Kaleon launched and flagged off the “Demo Van-cum-Mobile ATM” at MG Marg, today. Managing Director of SISCO, Mrs. Pema Chemzom, D.G.M SISCO, Mr. R.L Sharma, A.G.M SISCO, Mr. Deepak Tewari Mr. Diwakar Hegde General Manager, NABARD, Mrs. Jabi Thapa, RCS, Co- operation Department and other dignitaries were also present. The event was jointly funded by SISCO Bank and NABARD under FINANCIAL INCLUSION FUND (FIF).

The launching programme was followed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting which was held at a local hotel in the capital. The meeting was attended by the Board of Directors, Special invitee and members of Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies (MPCS).

Mrs. Pema Chenzom, MD of

the bank stated in her address that the main aim of the bank is to make people financially literate. It was also informed that the SISCO Bank will launch a mobile application soon. There are 176 MPCS and 21 more were launched today. Through the help of NABARD, SISCO will also open the Rural Mart soon which will help uplift the rural people.

The bank has also done the rebranding of the logo which was officially launched today at the meeting by the Chairman SISCO.

The Chairman in his address presented the Annual Budget of the bank. This is the first time in Sikkim that a mobile ATM service is being launched to render service to the people. SISCO is not only reaching to agriculture or other small state business but also promotes sports as well, he added.

Cash Kendra was also launched today by the Chairman SISCO, Secretary Co-operation

Department and General Manager NABARD.

General Manager NABARD said that SISCO is the best performing co-operative in the entire North-east region. He stated that NABARD is also performing well. He assured that NABARD will provide full support to the bank in the coming days which will ultimately help the rural areas.

The bank is providing loans to the people and thus helping them improve their financial status.

SISCO Bank felicitated the best performing previous year MPCS through appreciation letter and cash amount to Luing Perbing MPCS Ltd ₹50,000; Rakdong Tintek MPCS Ltd ₹40,000 and Ravang Sangmo MPCS Ltd ₹30,000

SISCO bank also felicitated the NABARD General Manager for their immense support to the bank for the upliftment of the society.

## IPR deptt drafts guidelines for State digital media houses

**Gangtok, September 24:** The District Industries Centre (East/ North) organized “Exports Conclave” in the Conference Hall of Commerce and Industries Department (Udyog Bhawan), today.

The conclave was graced by Advisor, Department of Commerce and Industries, Mr. Kado Tshering Namka. Deputy DGFT, Kolkata, Mr. Amit Sharma also joined the conclave through video conference.

The programme commenced with the inauguration of Exhibition Stall by the Advisor (C&I).

Mr. Namka encouraged the youths to take up entrepreneurship and help the state achieve its goal of becoming

self-reliant. He briefly talked about the Sikkim Youth Start-up Scheme (SYSS) and its importance and also talked about various alternatives that are available for the youth, who are interested in entrepreneurship. He urged the participants to spread awareness.

The Director of MSME, Department of Commerce and Industries Government of Sikkim Shri M. Ravikumar made a brief presentation on the role and importance of MSME, followed by a video conference with Deputy DGFT, Mr. Amit Sharma.

The Deputy Director (Spice Board), Mr. M.S Ramalingam, in his detailed presentation, exhibited what one can do when starting an exporting business. He talked

about the various steps in the process such as registration, sourcing of products, minimum quantity for exports, pricing etc.

Ms. Abigail George Lama introduced WICCI- Sikkim Chapter, which aims to support enterprising women of the State. The organization collected ₹50,000 in its fundraiser campaign during the second lockdown, which helped women from North and West districts receive sanitary pads.

SDM (Gangtok) Mr. Robin Sewa highlighted the need for better communication in public offices. He ensured optimum support to the entrepreneurs and youths from the DAC office.

## CM chairs meeting for Yangyang Film City and Global Film Festival 2021

**Gangtok, September 22:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang chaired a meeting regarding the proposed Film City at Yangang, and the Global Film Festival scheduled for the month of December 2021, at his official residence in Mintokgang, today.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr. B.S. Panth, Advisor, IPR Department, Mr. Birendra Tamling, Chairperson, Sikkim Film Promotion Board, Ms. Pooja Sharma, Secretary, IPR Department, Mrs. Siphorah G. Targain, Principal Chief Engineer, Tourism and CA Department, Mr. Prakash Chettri, Director, IPR

Department, Mrs. Benu Gurung, and other officials.

A detailed presentation on the project was made before the Chief Minister where he appreciated the efforts of both the Departments and the Sikkim Film Promotion Board, and suggested ‘Eco Heritage Film Village’ as the nomenclature for the upcoming infrastructure.

The Chief Minister also released a book titled ‘Sikkim - 100 Film Shooting Destinations’, compiled by the Sikkim Film Promotion Board. A documentary film ‘Bhumchu’ produced by the IPR Department was also screened on the occasion.

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emphasising on the importance of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ commemorating the 75 years of India’s Independence. To mark the important nationwide campaign, he urged every individual and organisation in Sikkim to carry out a massive cleanliness drive in their respective areas on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 02. He added that there will be an award for the largest plastic collection on that day.

Minister for Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. B.S. Panth said that the Government has created an enabling environment for established and upcoming entrepreneurs to grow in their respective fields. He said that the Government has assigned SEEDS as a consultant to handhold the entrepreneurs especially to deal with official formalities. He welcomed all the aspiring entrepreneurs to take the benefit of the schemes of the Government.

Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. H.K. Sharma briefed about the key schemes and activities being implemented by the Department.

Chief Coordinator, SEEDS, Mr. Raj Lama in his address gave a brief background of SEEDS and shared the vision of the Society and the idea behind organizing this event. He expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for his patronage and constant encouragement. He outlined the idea of ‘One Family One Entrepreneur’ envisioned by the Chief Minister, which is a first of

its kind in the country. He said that today’s programme is an attempt to translate this vision into the rural areas of Sikkim.

Mentor, SEEDS, Mr. Lakpa Moktan was also felicitated by the Chief Minister.

One of the highlights of the event was the felicitation of six self-made rural entrepreneurs who have brought an impact in their respective fields.

Two books published by Sikkim Education Society were also released by the Chief Minister.

He launched a website ([www.sikkimentrepreneur.org](http://www.sikkimentrepreneur.org)) prepared by the SEED Society. It is a comprehensive online portal for entrepreneurs in Sikkim. Mr. Bikash Basnet, IT Head of SEED Cell, made a brief presentation to explain the features of the portal.

Another initiative of SEED Society called ‘Sikkim Entrepreneur Card’ was launched by the Chief Minister.

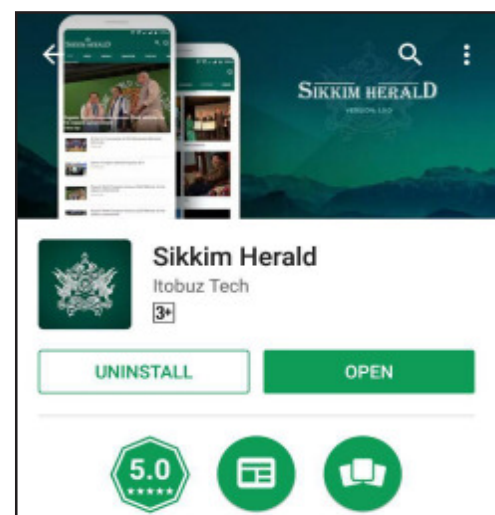
As a token, two entrepreneurs from Pakyong were presented the Sikkim Entrepreneur Card by the Chief Minister.

Mr. Rewaj Chettri, Coordinator, SEEDS, explained the initiative and its objectives.

Cheques for Sikkim Youth Start-up Scheme were presented to beneficiaries by the Chief Minister. Likewise, cheques were presented as seed capital to various Self-Help Groups.

The second part of the programme comprised of break-away training sessions on various sectors for the participants mainly from Namcheybong, Rhenock and Rongli constituencies. Successful entrepreneurs and experts facilitated the sessions.

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## Two books Bigyapan' and 'Silam Sakma'released

**Gangtok, September 25:** Minister for Urban Development Department Mr. Arun Upreti released two books titled 'Bigyapan' and 'Silam Sakma' written by Mr. G.S. Subba in a function held at Nepali Sahitya Parishad, today.

'Bigyapan' is a collection of 36 small poems in the Nepali language and Silam Sakma is a collection of Limboo poems and songs.

Likewise, the programme also saw the felicitation of the Founder of Ram Gauri Sangrahalaya, Rhenock, Mr. Ganesh Kumar Pradhan.

The programme also had poetry recitation by a few poets, and two dance performances by local artists.

Minister Mr. Upreti, lauded the effort of Nepali Sahitya Parishad in providing a platform to budding writers and poets. He said

that in this age of digital news and information, it is even more important to preserve the culture of reading and writing books. The Minister assured his support to all the endeavours of the Parishad in days to come.

The programme was also addressed by President, Nepali Sahitya Parishad, Mr. Rudra Poudyal.

## Minister L. N. Sharma visits Model Cluster of Organic Farming and inaugurates Seabuckthorn Processing Unit

**Leh, September 25:** Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Departments Mr. L. N. Sharma visited the Model Cluster of Organic Farming sponsored by INM Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India in Partapur Village in Nubra Block of Leh District in the UT of Ladakh, today.

He acknowledged the exemplary model in terms of cultivation, production and applauded the farming practice. Mr. Sharma also interacted with the farmers and took stock of the entire working mechanism in setting up of a model cluster, output orientated round the year. He expressed his desire to adopt techniques and farming methodology in transforming the currently improving farming scenario in rural areas in Sikkim.

He also shared his valuable inputs and the farming friendly policies framed by the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang.

Mr. Sharma also distributed Bio-Inputs to Panchayat

Sarpanch, Pratapur. The villagers and panchayat members have expressed their sincere gratitude for distributing bio-inputs and addressing their issues.

Dr. S. Anbalagan, CEO, SOFDA also addressed the queries regarding organic farming and practices.

CEO, SSOCA Mr. Sudhir Giri thanked Minister Agriculture Mr. L.N. Sharma for sharing his valuable inputs and explaining about various initiatives taken by the Government of Sikkim. He thanked all the local farmers for their efforts and participating in organic mission of Ladakh. He expressed gratitude to Mission Director Mr. Tashi Tsetan for his active work in Model Clusters. Mr. Giri also expressed gratitude to the INM Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India and Prime Minister of India for giving Model Clusters in Leh District.

Earlier, on September 24, Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma inaugurated Seabuckthorn Processing Unit in Diskit area of Nubra Block in Leh District.

The processing unit

includes local entrepreneurs consisting of three members. They had established the unit for the local farmers and promoting Seabuckthorn in Nubra Valley. It is known that Nubra Valley in Ladakh has plenty of Seabuckthorn and as per research and statistics, only 5-10% is collected and processed. As per data, UT of Ladakh can do the business of 300-400 crores, if Seabuckthorn is properly collected, processed and value addition is done.

It is pertinent to mention that Seabuckthorn has very high medicinal value and is rich in Vitamin C and has anti-cancer properties and can help to fight various diseases.

Mr. Sharma appreciated the work done by SSOCA on request of the Processing Unit members, he directed SSOCA to take the organic certification work immediately and certified the Forest area from where the raw materials are collected. He assured to provide full cooperation and support for all schemes under Ministry of Food and MSME.

## Minister L. N. Sharma visits Nurla Village

**Leh, September 24:** Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Mr. L. N. Sharma visited Nurla Village in Leh District, today. He had an interactive session with the local Organic Farming community.

Minister Mr. Sharma, who is on a weeklong tour of Union Territory of Ladakh is being accompanied by the CEO, Sikkim Organic Farming Development Agency (SOFDA) Dr S. Anbalagan and CEO, Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA) Mr. Sudhir Giri, and Quality Manager SSOCA Ms. Binita Chettri.

It may be mentioned here that the SSOCA, a Sikkim Government undertaking agency, is conducting Organic Certification Activities in the Leh/Ladakh regions.

The Minister appreciated

their determination and further paid gratitude on behalf of the Sikkim Government for adopting the organic farming methodology in practice.

He also advised to constitute Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) so as to connect and motivate all farming members towards a common goal of an organic certified region. Further, he highlighted various provisions, guidelines and benefits of forming FPOs. He also mentioned that the SOOCA is working relentlessly for organic certification of the area and the Sikkim Government has always been ready to provide necessary technical expertise for the farmers of the region, he added. He also spoke on the possibilities of increasing the productivity in the Dairy Sector and shared several success stories and impressive

growth indicators in Dairy sectors in the state with the launching of exemplary financial incentives as envisioned by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang.

He shared his happiness on seeing women participation in notable numbers and in turn spoke about the practice of gender equality and women empowerment in the state of Sikkim.

CEO SSOCA gave a brief background about the area and the progress in Khamtsi block. Project Officer SSOCA Dr. Angmo Leh presented a detailed report about the project. Progressive Women farmers of villages also gave their progress and shared their experience on organic farming.

CEO SOFDA Dr. S. Anbalagan, highlighted input management and various aspects of organic farming and its benefits.

Festival in Florence, Italy and the Cine Making International Film Festival 2021 at Dhaka, both in the month of December 2021.

It may be mentioned here that a special screening of the documentary film was organized for the Chief Minister at Mintokgang on September 22.

## Minister L.N. Sharma visits Kargil

**Kargil, September 25:** Minister of Agriculture Horticulture and Animal Husbandry, Mr. L. N. Sharma visited Fruits Growers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society Kargil at Bethang Shilikchay and interacted with the local farmers.

The Minister inspected the apricot dryer machine processing unit and also interacted with the local farmers.

The concerned officers apprised the Minister about the various products including apricot jam, tomato puree, apricot oil, apple products and other allied products being produced by the society.

The Minister said that apricot and apple products of Kargil have the potential to be taken to the national and international markets. He directed the CEO of Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA) Mr. Sudhir Giri and Quality Manager Ms. Binita Chhetri to collaborate with the Horticulture and Agriculture Department Kargil to conduct survey of soil testing for organic certification.

Minister Mr. Sharma also visited Apricot Processing Unit at Kargil.

Minister Mr. L. N. Sharma held a meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC, Kargil Mr. Feroz Ahmad Khan at the Conference Hall Baroo, Kargil on September 24.

The meeting was organised to share the success stories of Sikkim in becoming cent percent organic state and the post declaration farmers friendly policies and programmes initiated by the state government.

Mr. Sharma congratulated UT Ladakh for going organic and stressed on the slogan that agriculture is future and future is agriculture should be imbibed seriously. He threw light on the significance of agricultural farming for the existence of human society as a sustainable source of livelihood. He also underlined recent developments

made by the state government to benefit farmers of Sikkim.

The Minister said that all possible support will be extended to LAHDCs and advised them to visit Sikkim for empirical study and receive guidance on organic farming. He said that the purpose of organic farming should be to increase the value addition of the product and anticipated that Sikkim and Ladakh share similar, topographical features, religious and cultural values and organic farming will further make this bond stronger.

CEC Mr. Feroz Ahmad Khan said that sustainable economy is the key and the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us that agriculture can be the best option to achieve sustainable economy. He added that incorporation of technology in agriculture is necessary for enhanced productivity and in the coming times with the collaboration of LAHDCs and the Sikkim Government as per the MOU signed, Ladakh will be an organic UT by 2025.

CEC Mr. Khan further stressed on inter-exchange of resource persons by the Government of Sikkim and the LAHDC Kargil for better understanding of the newer technologies and suggested for exposure tour of a team of officials from Kargil to Sikkim.

DC Kargil Mr. Santosh Sukhadeve said that organic farming is already in practice in Kargil, however to achieve 100 percent in organic farming the guidance and support of the Sikkim Government would be necessary.

Director Animal Husbandry UT Ladakh and the officers of Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal & Sheep Husbandry also shared their experiences and suggestions.

CEO SSOCA Sikkim Mr. Sudhir Giri and CEO SOFDA Sikkim Dr S. Anbalagan gave the presentations about the success story of Sikkim in achieving organic farming and also shared their suggestions and experiences.

## CS Gupta calls review meeting on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

**Gangtok, September 22:** Chief Secretary Mr. S.C Gupta chaired a meeting to review the activities accomplished and proposed activities under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in the State of Sikkim, at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

Mr. Gupta highlighted the importance of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the activities expected from each Department, as per the directives of the Government of India. He said that the objective of this meeting is to draw up a calendar of proposed events department wise over the next eleven months. The activities should be sent to the Culture Department which is the Nodal Department. He highlighted the five key areas of the campaign, viz. freedom struggle, ideas at 75, achievement at 75, action at 75, and resolve at 75.

Special Secretary, Culture Department, Mrs. K.D. Rechung made a detailed presentation describing the campaign and the priority areas to be covered. Thereafter, all Departmental Heads presented the activities carried out in the respective departments so far under AKAM and future calendar of events. They also shared their ideas and suggestions. Each Department was directed to organize at least one iconic event every month under AKAM for the next eleven months.

The meeting was attended by Heads of Departments, Officers of Culture Department, and Rajya Sainik Board. The meeting was also joined by the District Collectors of all the four districts through video conferencing.

## BHUMCHU documentary film to be screened at various International Film Festival

**Gangtok, September 23:** BHUMCHU-The Drops of Eternal Life, a documentary film produced by the Information and Public Relations Department was screened at the prestigious Lift Up Sessions (Pinewood Studios, UK) on September 20. The festival will screen the film again on October

04.

Likewise, the documentary film was screened at the Noble International Film Festival and Awards, Bangalore on September 21.

Further, BHUMCHU has been selected for screening at 21 River to River Florence India Film



## Governor visits NIT

**Gangtok, September 21:** Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad visited Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (NIT), Deorali, where he was received by Minister for Culture Department Mr. Samdup Lepcha, Director of NIT, Mr. P.W Rinzing and other officials.

Governor stressed on research for Ayurveda and other traditional systems of medicine as

there has been an increase in popularity and usage of Ayurveda form of medicine worldwide. He also assured possible support for further development of the Institute and interacted with the officials and staff of the Institute.

Later, Governor along with Minister, Secretary, Raj Bhavan visited Herbal medicine manufacturing unit of NIT.

## Review meeting of SGAY conducted

**Gangtok, September 27:** A review meeting of Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana (SGAY) was conducted at Pakyong Block Administrative Centre (BAC), today. Area MLA Mr. Em Prasad Sharma graced the occasion as the chief guest. The programme was attended by Rhenock MLA Mr. Bishnu Khatiwada, Gnathang Machong Incharge Mr. Tshering Bhutia, ADC Development Pakyong Mr. Tenzing Denzongpa along with few other dignitaries.

A total of 152 beneficiaries are under Pakyong BAC, out of which, 140 houses have done site levelling and protective wall works, 117 houses have casting and column work, 86 have phase III beams slab, brickworks etc, 35 have sanitation water supply works etc. The beneficiaries present expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang for the SGAY scheme as a token of care towards the genuine

people. Those beneficiaries whose houses have not started have also put their grievances over road connectivity and transportation.

However, the Project Manager Mr. Sujan Lama assured to complete and take over the work from the beneficiaries, if they were facing such problems. The Project Manager also informed about the SGAY scheme of the State Government and apprised that out of 3050 houses, 860 houses have been completed so far all over Sikkim.

MLA Mr. Em Prasad Sharma asked the Project Manager to take up the SGAY scheme seriously as per the direction of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang and complete the work within March 2022.

MLA Rhenock Mr. Bishnu Khatiwada suggested that such meetings should be organised quarterly so that the work could be done in a smooth manner.

## SJ&WDeptt organises Orientation Programme

**Gangtok, September 27:** Social Justice and Welfare Department organised a “Orientation Programme on 21 types of Disabilities, Evaluation and Procedure For Certification Of Various Disabilities” at CRH Manipal 5<sup>th</sup> mile, today.

Joint Secretary, Social Welfare Division cum Nodal Officer for Persons with Disabilities, Mr. Abinash Rai, Joint Commissioner Technical for Persons with Disabilities Social Welfare Division, Dr. M.B Chettri, Special Educator, Social Welfare Division, Mrs. Gayatri Thapa, Clinical Psychologist Social Welfare Division, Ms. Archana Sharma, Unique Disability Identification with Persons with Disabilities (State Coordinator), Mr. Sameer Pradhan Dean (SMIMS), Dr. Muralidhar V. Pai, HoD Orthopaedic Department, Dr. Papanaik, Faculty SMIMS,

Students from different disciplines SMIMS were present.

Joint Secretary, briefed about The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016. He stated that a person with benchmark Disabilities is the one with not less than forty per cent of the specified disability as certified by the certifying authority. He also highlighted the infrastructure development for the overall care and development of people with Disabilities. He emphasized on the importance of being empathetic towards people with disabilities by the general population.

Joint Commissioner Technical for Persons with Disabilities, briefed about the 21 Disabilities in detail. He stated that scientific guidelines should be followed by the population, as a good society is always disabled-friendly.

## Minister L.N Sharma visits DIHAR Leh

**Ladakh, September 27:** Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture Deptt, Mr. L. N. Sharma visited Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR), DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Leh, UT of

Ladakh on the last day of his five day tour of Ladakh, today.

He was welcomed by Director DIHAR, Col. Amit and Senior Scientists.

## World Tourism Day 2021 celebrated

**Gangtok, September 27:** World Tourism Day 2021 was celebrated at the Paryatan Bhawan, today. The theme for the event was “Tourism for Inclusive Growth”.

Gangtok MLA-cum-Advisor, Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mr. Y.T Lepcha graced the event as the chief guest. The programme had the presence of ACS Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Dr. K. Jayakumar, Secretary, Tourism Department Mr. Kuldip Chettri, Chairman STDC Mr. Lukendra Rasaily, Tathangchen Councillor Mrs. Pema Lhamu Lamtha, Department officials, dignitaries, and tourism stakeholders.

The function commenced with the inauguration and inspection of the stalls displayed at the entrance of the Department by the chief guest.

Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr. Kuldip Chettri spoke on the theme of World Tourism Day 2020-Tourism for Inclusive Growth. He highlighted the socio-economic impacts from the pandemic on tourism and called upon the urgency of mitigating the impacts on livelihoods. He also announced the release of Asset Management Manual and Sikkimese Cuisine and Annual Magazine- IHM Khangchendzonga.

Mr. Y.T Lepcha in his address extended gratitude to the department officials for their

relentless service and lauded the state government for the development as programme being implemented for the welfare of the people. He also assured to work in alignment with the Central Government for the benefit of the State.

ACS, Tourism and CA Department, Dr. K. Jayakumar stressed on the significance of World Tourism Day and highlighted on the achievements of the Government. He mentioned that there has been tremendous growth and achievement in the tourism sector. He also outlined the State’s achievement where East district has been marked as the best performer in meeting the sustainable development goals in Niti Aayog’s first edition of North Eastern Region (NER) District SDG Index Report. Speaking about sustainable tourism, he stressed on making optimum use of resources, and working on Tourism development in harmony with economic preservation. Highlighting on the growth of the Tourism sector over the years, he stated that the department is now focusing on rural tourism and aims to focus more on cultural exchange and constructing viable long-term operations.

A brief power point presentation was made by Deputy Director Mr. Kazi Sherpa, focusing on adventure tourism potential in Sikkim. The presentation

highlighted the training and skill courses introduced on three sections of adventure tourism, i.e. air, water and land. He also mentioned Paragliding courses for beginners and advanced pilot training courses in the State, taking tourism in Sikkim and North East States to the next level. He also stressed on the need for good internet connectivity to further boost the tourism sector.

Chairman, STDC, Mr. Lukendra Rasaily in his address touched upon the infrastructural growth that the Department has seen over the years. He emphasized on the need for a Tourism Recovery Mission aiming at reviving the tourism industry. He also stated that ‘Visit Sikkim-2023’ has been proposed by the state government and they are working towards making Sikkim an all-season tourism destination.

A felicitation programme was also held wherein Certificate of Appreciation was handed over to COVID warriors, Certificate of Excellence were given to two students of IHM, followed by the Certificate of Meritorious Service for the retiring officials of the Department. Later, release of Annual Magazine and Asset Management Manual and Sikkimese Cuisine was done by the Chief Guest and other guests. The function also had enthralling traditional dance performances by Ganesh Vandana Group.

## Interactive session of Zilla Panchayat Members (East) and Panchayat Presidents held

**Gangtok, September 27:** An interactive session of Zilla Panchayat Members (East) and Panchayat Presidents with the Directorate of Panchayati Raj, RDD, was held at the Conference Hall of Zilla Panchayat Bhawan Sichey, today. The meeting was chaired by Zilla Panchayat Adhyaksha (East), Mr. Shamsher Rai.

Adhyaksha (East) said that the Constitution of India has entrusted in them the powers to exercise and to perform different works at their ward level and are responsible for identifications or selection of particular developmental works that needs to be done for the benefit of people.

He stated that till now all the elected members have been working uniformly under the Panchayati Raj System.

He outlined that the primary objective of all the elected members of Zilla Panchayat and Gram Panchayat is to increase democratic participation, better articulate local needs and priorities and to ensure more efficient use of local resources along with greater accountability and transparency.

During the interactive

session, various queries were laid down by the members of Panchayat and Zilla Panchayats, which were addressed by Director Panchayati Raj Mr. Prabhakar Rai and recommended an appropriate plan of action that can work best for the interest of the citizens of the State.

Earlier, Director Panchayati Raj Mr. Prabhakar Rai gave a brief description between Gram Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat members. He laid down various key notes under the 15<sup>th</sup> State Finance Commission Tied and Untied Grants 2020-2021. He shared about the Untied Grants under Zilla and Gram Panchayat that can be utilized regarding storm water drainage under their territorial constituency, immunization of children, prevention of malnutrition, repairing and construction, maintenance of village road, construction and maintenance of street lights (solar), construction of crematorium, wifi network, establishment and maintenance of library, playground or children’s parks, keeping a track of village market (haath), collection and disposal of waste management.

He further shared that the

work under Sikkim Biodiversity Management Act PBR1 and PBR2 allows both Gram and Zilla members to work together so that it can be completed within the specified time and that there is a Penal provision under this Act which is applicable to both the elected members.

Mr. Rai informed Flagship Programmes under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and shared about different upcoming flagship programmes, the e-Gram Sabha portal, and awareness on Gram Sabha Schedule.

He also emphasised that all the elected members of Gram and Zilla Panchayats should work together with proper resource planning as they have a huge responsibility for economic development and for the well being of the citizens of the State.

Earlier, the programme began with the welcome address by District Planning Officer, EDZP, Mr. Sonam Gyatso Bhutia.

The programme was also attended by Upadyaksha EDZP Mrs. Sharmila Chettri, Joint Project Director EDZP Mr. Dilliram Sharma, and officials from line departments.

## Minister M.N. Sherpa attends region wise meeting

**Gangtok, September 23:** Minister for Energy and Power Department, Mr. M.N. Sherpa attended the region wise meeting through video conference chaired by Union

Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India, Mr. R.K. Singh, today.

The meeting was joined by Power Ministers of the North East

States and was convened to discuss the recently launched Reforms-linked Results-Based Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme.

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