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152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi celebrated



Gangtok, October 02: Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad and Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang offered floral tribute to the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at MG Marg to mark the special occasion of the 152nd birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, today.

Cabinet Ministers, Chief Secretary, DGP, Advisors, Chairpersons and Heads of Departments of the State Government also offered garlands and khada on the bust of Mahatma Gandhi.

To mark the occasion, artists of the Culture Department sang the 'Ram Dhun' and a bhajan. The Sikkim Police Band played some

patriotic tunes befitting the occasion.

After the formal event, the Governor and the Chief Minister visited the stall set up by the Urban Development Department and presented reusable cloth bags to the students, to reinforce the message of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Thereafter, the Governor and the Chief Minister inaugurated an exhibition cum-sale of handicraft and handloom products displayed by NABARD and other agencies as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Later, Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad along with Chief Minister

Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the 'Swachhahta Hi Seva' Cleanliness Drive at the premises of Ganesh Tok covering an area of approximately 100 meters.

The programme was organized by Rural Development Department, Sikkim Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (SIRD&PR) and Urban Development Department celebrating Swachh Bharat Diwas and also as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The drive was also attended by Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, MP (Lok Sabha), Chief Secretary, DGP, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries and others.

Fish Mela-cum-Bamboo Fair concludes



Gangtok, October 02: The two-day Fish Mela- cum-Bamboo Fair at MG Marg Gangtok came to a conclusion today. The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad and Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang visited all the stalls and interacted with the bamboo artisans and the fish farmers. Later, the Chief Minister graced the closing ceremony as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister congratulated the participants of the two-day fair and lauded the effort of the Directorate of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry Department and Horticulture Department for successfully bringing fish farmers and bamboo artisans from all parts of the State in a single platform where they could showcase their products and market them in the State Capital. He emphasized on the need for adequate marketing of any product in order to make it economically viable. He added that this would help the fish farmers directly interact with their customers, instead of depending on middlemen. He further said that Sikkim has enough water bodies to make fish farming a sustainable profession. He stated that Siliguri is a readymade market for fish produced in Sikkim. He urged the Department and fish farmers to explore this possibility.

The Chief Minister in his address informed that Sikkim joined the rest of the nation to launch the second part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, today. He said that the campaign was

launched by the Governor of Sikkim along the Ganesh Tok stretch, which had the participation of the Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers and senior officers of the State administration. He said that the second part of the Clean India Campaign launched on the special occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, is one of the important initiatives under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

He shared the resolve of the State Government to make the campaign a success. He announced that from January 01, 2022, there would be a complete ban on use of plastic bottles or packaged drinking water within the State of Sikkim. He appealed to the people of Sikkim to make cleanliness a way of life and strongly emphasized on use of alternate material instead of plastic. The Chief Minister went on to announce annual cash incentives for the best three Gram Panchayats and the best three urban local bodies that maintain high standards of overall hygiene. He said that these cash awards will be presented every year on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. He appealed to the people of Sikkim to pledge for a 'plastic free Sikkim'.

Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Departments, Mr. L.N Sharma, in his address attributed the success of the two-day Fish Mela cum Bamboo Fair to the vision of the Chief Minister to uplift rural economy.

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Two-Day Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organised

Gangtok, October 01: Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad inaugurated a two-day long outreach programme at Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College in Tadong, today. The programme was organised by Regional Outreach Bureau (ROB), Guwahati under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the occasion of 75 years of India's Independence.

The Governor was accompanied by Secretary, IPR Department, Mrs. Siphora G. Targain, Director, PIB Sikkim, Mr. Ajay Mhamia, Deputy Director, ROB, Mr. Arijit Chakraborty, and Principal, NBB Degree College, Professor D. Purohit, along with ROB representatives and teachers and students of NBB Degree College.

At the outset, the Governor inaugurated a photo exhibition set up by the Regional Outreach

Bureau at the auditorium premises. The Governor in his address, stated that Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is a tribute by the people to the freedom fighters and freedom movement. He said that this is a defining moment in India's journey and an opportunity to recollect the legacy handed down by freedom fighters. He paid homage to the Sikkimese freedom fighters, late Trilochan Pokhrel and late Helen Lepcha, and added that the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav mainly focuses on the youth of the country with the aim to reconnect them with the brave stories of the freedom fighters and with the sacrifices made by unsung heroes of India's freedom movement.

Secretary, IPR Department, Mrs. Siphora G. Targain, in her address, enumerated the five pillars of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations namely, struggle for independence, ideas of 75 years, achievements and

actions and resolutions of 75 years. She emphasised on the need for an awareness about these pillars among the young generation in order to inspire them to realize and move towards the dream of an Atmanirbhar India.

Director, PIB Sikkim, Mr. Ajay Mhamia, extended gratitude to the IPR Department and the press media fraternity of the State for their constant support for the coverage of various activities under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

The event was also addressed by Principal, NBB Degree College, Prof. D. Purohit, wherein he extended gratitude to the Governor for gracing the occasion as chief guest and the Regional Outreach Bureau for choosing the college as the venue for the event. The programme also featured cultural music and dance

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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

Pan India Awareness and Outreach programme held

Namchi, October 03: A Pan India Awareness and Outreach programme on the occasion of NALSA 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was held at Yangang Haat Bazar, today. This outreach programme will continue until November 14.

The programme was organized by Taluk Legal Services Committee, South Sikkim at Yangang under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority.

The programme was chaired by the Learned Panel Advocate Mr. Bhupendra Giri, staff members of the DLSA and TLSC South Sikkim, officials from Social Welfare Department and Health Department along with the Panchayat Vice-President.

The main purpose of the programme was to spread awareness about various schemes under National Legal Services Authority i.e. free legal aid, mediation, senior citizens Act, 2007, maintenance, legal literacy mission, domestic violence etc.

There were around 50 people who attended the stall. The attendees interacted with the representatives of the Departments to address their problems and to procure appropriate advice and guidance.

On October 02, District Legal Services Authority (South) and Taluk Legal Services Committee (South) Sikkim at Namchi organized Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign on the occasion of

NALSA "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" at District Court premises Namchi and Rong Ward, South Sikkim.

The purpose of the programme was to spread awareness about welfare legislations various schemes and to strengthen the community's access to the schemes being implemented by the Legal Services Authority and other Departments of the Government. The programme aimed at identifying and connecting people to welfare schemes to ensure that fruits of the welfare schemes are passed to the eligible people. The programme also looked upon understanding the legal needs of the people by

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Nar Bahadur Bhandari Jayanti celebrated

Gyalshing, October 03: The 3rd day of the Nar Bahadur Bhandari Jayanti Celebration witnessed a series of semi-finals of the respective competitions including the ongoing volleyball tournament at the Soreng playground, today.

Minister of Labour and Power Department, Mr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa graced the occasion as the chief guest while Advisor (State Scheduled Tribe Welfare Board) Mr. P.K.Subba joined him as the guest of honour. MLA, Mr. Aditya Golay, Panchayats and concerned

Officials, dignitaries from the Sub-division also attended.

Minister Mr. Sherpa in his address briefly spoke about the contributions made by Late N.B. Bhandari and the responsibilities he had taken up as the Leader of the State.

He spoke in detail regarding the Labour laws, restrictions and information on labour registration. He also enumerated the schemes and policies that are available under the Sikkim Labour Act. He talked about the importance of getting the labourers registered by the

concerned Stakeholders. He urged all the Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) to get registered in order to avail the welfare policies and schemes under the State Government. He called on all the respective SDMs and BDOs to clarify such confusion regarding worker's registration.

The Minister also highlighted some of the developmental works of the Government. The Government is

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organised

Namchi, October 02: As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), Namchi Smart City Limited organised various activities like freedom to cycle, Walkathon, marathon and painting competition at Namchi.

Walkathon for senior citizens (Age 50+) and Marathon which was open for both men and women was held on October 01. The programme saw Cyclothon for men and women, which

commenced from Central Park to Helipad.

The sports event was flagged off by Vice Chairperson Namchi Municipal Council Ms. Sabitri Tamang, CEO Mr. Thupden Gyatso Bhutia, Joint Director, Sports Department (South) Mrs. Tshering Ongmu and other officials from Namchi Smart City, Health, Police and Sports Department.

There was a painting

Marathon for Men flagged off

Gyalshing, October 02: Celebrating as a part of the ongoing Nar Bahadur Bhandari Jayanti and on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the Marathon for Men was flagged off by Advisor, Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr. M.N. Subba and simultaneously for women was done by MLA, Mr. Aditya Golay from the

Soreng Playground, today.

With the theme 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the number of registration for the respective categories were 50 each with a distance of 21 kms for Men and 10 kms for Women contingents to cover.

In the men's category, consolation prize of ₹5,000 each

competition which comprised of Inter school, college level, below 12, 12-18 and 18 above where the participants were provided with certificates and prizes.

The winners and the participants in marathon, walkathon, cyclothon were presented with certificates and prizes from Namchi Smart City Limited.

was handed over. In the women's category, consolation prize of ₹3,000 was been awarded. It was also announced that the Certificate of Participation will be handed out to only those contestants who will successfully complete the marathon within the stipulated time.

Aatma Nirbhar Bharat programme

Gyalshing, October 01: A programme of 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' with the tagline 'Future Generation Towards Better Tomorrow' under the flagship initiative 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' of NITI Aayog, Government of India and official inauguration of the month-long cleanliness movement from October 01 to 31, 'Clean India' under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India was held at the Conference Hall of the Zilla Panchayat, Kyongsa.

Additional District

Collector (West) Mr. Agawane Rohan Ramesh, chaired the meeting as the chief guest.

The meeting had the presence and participation of District Lead, Piramal Foundation, Mr. Kuntal Pal, Additional Director, Education Department, Mr. K. C Gyatso, DE, Power Department, Mr. J.P Subba, National Youth Officer, Nehru Yuwa Kendra, Mr. Dev Nepal, School Principals, Heads and representatives from the concerned departments.

ADC (West), in his address, sensitized the

importance of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat and Clean India Campaign. The sole purpose of the initiative was to make the students self-reliant and focus on the entrepreneurial values by providing them with ample opportunity and platform through, which students would gain a handy experience and make a considerable amount of leap towards building future career for themselves and job opportunities to many.

Thereafter, he drew light

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ICCC session organised

Namchi, October 03: Namchi Smart City Limited organized a session for the Councillors of Namchi Municipal Council to demonstrate the features and services of Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC) located at Parking Plaza, Namchi.

The programme was graced by the members of Namchi Municipal Council with Chairman Mr. Ganesh Rai as the chief guest. They were accompanied by CEO Mr. Thupden Gyatso Bhutia and other officials.

The session was held as a

Gandhi Jayanti Celebration observed in districts

Namchi, October 02: The South District Headquarters observed Gandhi Jayanti Celebration at District Administrative Centre, Namchi, today.

Present on the occasion were Chairman Namchi Municipal Council Mr. Ganesh Rai, District Collector (South) Mr. M. Bharani, Political

part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme to celebrate 75 years of Independence.

The officials from Namchi Smart City explained in detail the function of ICCC which will not only manage safety and surveillance of the town but shall also host smart solutions. They also highlighted the key features of the centre such as video walls for real-time monitoring, emergency response system, operations planning and many other important functions.

Secretary (South) Ms. Anjeeta Rajalim and officials and staff from various department.

Additionally, as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign', a cleanliness drive was held at the premises of DAC.

The office of ADC

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Milching cows distributed

Gyalshing, October 03: The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary in coordination with Office of DC (West) distributed twenty four milching cows and calves at the premises of SC Bhawan, Chongrang to the beneficiaries of Tsong and Chongrang under Yuksom Tashiding constituency, today.

Chairman, Transport Department, Mr. Basant Tamang graced the programme as the chief guest.

During the programme, a technical session on scientific feeding of livestock, sanitation and hygiene, common local diseases-their prevention

and control, update on ongoing FMD and Brucellosis vaccination programme in the West District was held.

The chief guest in his address suggested all to become self-reliant and to understand the dignity of labour. He also urged the people to properly utilize the benefits provided by the state government.

Additional Director (W) Dr N.M. Cintury in his address informed the farmers about the components of the scheme.

ADDO (W) Mr. Kamal Pradhan gave an extensive talk

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Cyber security awareness campaign organized

Namchi, October 01: A cyber security awareness campaign was organized by South District Police Department at Namchi Central Park, today. Advisor Skill Development Department Mr. Satish Chandra Rai was the chief guest and present amongst others were DC (South), Mr. M. Bharani, SSP (South), Mr. Thakur Thapa, ASP (South), Mr. Rinzing Rai, SDPO, SHO, officials from Police Department, banks representatives and public.

It may be mentioned that Mission SAFAI (Sikkim Against Fraud Action Initiative) for South District was officially launched by the Sikkim police which aims

to educate the masses regarding different kinds of frauds and how the public can safeguard themselves.

During the course of the programme the resource person's spoke on various topics ranging from introduction to cybercrimes and cases, preventive action and redressal to online banking frauds, overview of Mission SAFAI prevention and response to cyber and online frauds with real case studies. Additionally, a short skit on cyber and online Fraud was also presented by The Voice Club. An interactive session by the officials was also conducted at the premises.

Co-ordination meeting on month long programme Clean India conducted

Namchi, October 01: A co-ordination meeting to discuss the agendas and activities for the month long programme of "Clean India" was conducted at DAC Conference Hall, today.

The meeting was chaired by Zilla Adkshya (South) Ms. Tshering Dem Bhutai along with DC (South) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, ADC (South) Mr. Anant Jain, ADC (RDD) Dr. C.P. Rai, Youth coordinator (NYK) Mr. Muskan

Rai and official of line departments.

During the meeting, Zilla Adkshya (South) Ms. Tshering Dem Bhutia highlighted about keeping the environment clean and requested all the staff to take active part to make this campaign successful there by making South District an exemplary district.

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**Government of Sikkim
Roads & Bridges Department
Nirman bhawan**

NIT No:23/GOS/R&B(SD-IV)/20-22/36

Dated:28/09/2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Chief Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim invites sealed tenders on **ITEM RATE BASIS** under **TWO COVER SYSTEM** from eligible contractors enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department for execution of the work with details as under:-

Package 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	Strengthening, carpeting and drainage works from Setipool to Assam Lingzey Fatak (9.3 kms) in East Sikkim.	₹27.52	₹1100.75	₹1.00	24 months

The schedule for submission of completed bid document is as under:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	19/10/2021	10:00am to 4:30pm
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form	21/10/2021	10:00 am to 4:30 pm
3	Last Date and Time of submission of Pre-bid queries	10/11/2021	4:30 pm
4	Pre-bid meeting Date	12/11/2021	1 :30 pm
5	Submission of bid documents	22/11/2021	10:00am to 4:30pm
6	Opening of Technical bids	23/11/2021	11 :00 am
7	Opening of Financial bids.	The date and time shall be intimated to the qualified Bidders.	

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

1. The intending bidder must be enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department within the state of Sikkim and should be eligible as notified vide Notification No 515/R&B/PWD/Secy dated 12/06/2018 and 01/GOS/R&B/Gen/05-06/52 dated 07/12/2020.

2. The intending bidder should fulfill the following qualifying criteria for the Technical bids:

Sl. No.	Particulars
I	With experience having successfully completed one similar work costing not less than 30% of the estimated cost in the last five years.
II	Average annual financial turnover on construction works should be at least 30 percent of contract value, during the last three years ending 31 st March of the previous financial year.
III	Profit/loss account papers should be as on 31 st March of the previous financial year.
IV	Solvency certificate should be for an amount equal to 40% of the estimated cost of work.
V	Equipment's and tools proposed for the contract.
VI	Technical personnel proposed for the contract:- (A) B.E / B.Tech (Civil) =1 no. (B) Diploma in Civil Engineering =1 no.

3. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document shall not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER.

4. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the application for issue of tender documents:-

- Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. Further, it is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the tender document for verification.
- Latest Goods & Service Tax Clearance Certificate issued from the office of the Commercial Tax.
- PAN card.
- Bank Receipt in original.

5. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Sr. Accounts Officer, Roads and Bridges Department, on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State of Sikkim (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "0059-80-800.01- other receipts", during the time schedule mentioned in the NIT.

6. Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% of the cost put to tender shall be deposited in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee from State Bank of Sikkim or any nationalized bank in favor CHIEF ENGINEER, ROADS& BRIDGES DEPARTMENT. The Tender Document & Form shall be issued only on production of Earnest Money. In case of the Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding, the cost of the Earnest Money Deposit shall be governed by Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08/10/2020.

7. The soft copy of the Contract Forms, Form of Bid and Bill of Quantity (BOQ) shall be provided along with the tender documents on submission of Earnest Money Deposit as mentioned vide sl no. 6. The intending bidder shall submit his/her bid in the printed format as per the soft copy of the BOQ provided. In case the bidder submits the bids in hand written format, the same shall be summarily rejected.

8. The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own assessment before submitting the bid.

9. The intending bidder should submit his/her Technical bid & Financial bid separately in a sealed cover with name of the work and name of the Tenderer superscripted in bold letter and addressed to the o/o of the Chief Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok. The Technical bid sealed cover should contain the requisite qualification documents listed at sl. no. 2, 4, Contract Forms and Affidavit along with the cost of the bid document and bid security in original. The financial bid sealed cover should contain the Form of BID and Bill of Quantity (BOQ) in the printed format.

10. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the general direction and conditions of the contract and other laid down norms.

11. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Chief Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Gangtok, on the date and within the time indicated above.

**Chief Engineer
Roads and Bridges Department,
Government of Sikkim**

R.O. No.227/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22, Dt:29/09/2021

**Government of Sikkim
Social Justice & Welfare Department
Welfare Division
Geyzing, West Sikkim-737113**

Ref. No.389/SJ&WD/WD/WEST

Dated:30/09/2021

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Sealed quotations are invited from Registered firms/Authorised dealers/Authorised manufacturers for the work of Tailoring and Stitching of School Uniforms for students of EMRS, Gangyap, as per the terms and conditions outlined by the Social Justice & Welfare Department outlined below. The specifications for the aforementioned work are as follows:-

TOTAL NO. OF BOYS: 191 Nos		
SL NO.	UNIFORMS	Nos
1.	Shirt (with logo on Shirt pocket)	02 per person
2.	Trouser	02 per person

TOTAL NO. OF GIRLS: 196 Nos		
SL NO.	UNIFORMS	Nos
1.	Kurta	02 per person
2.	Waistcoat	02 per person
3.	Salwar	02 per person

The Quotations should reach the Office of the undersigned by: 14/10/2021 latest before 1:00 pm and will be opened on the same day at 3:00 pm.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

* The fabric has been procured from KVIC and would be made available to the approved vendor after the quotation process has been completed.

* The supply shall be made at the assigned destination.

* The completed product supplied shall be subject to thorough inspection at destination and the materials rejected shall be returned back at the cost of the supplier.

* The Social Justice & Welfare Department reserve the right to accept and cancel the quotation without mentioning any reason thereof.

Sd/-

**Welfare Officer
SJ&WD/WD/West**

DAC Rabdentse, West Sikkim

R.O. No.232/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22, Dt:29/09/2021

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

No: 01 (A)/H&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 th November, 2021 until 1500 Hrs.
2	Last date of submission of DD and EMD in the form of Hard copy for tender fee	18 th November, 2021 1600 Hrs.
3	Last date of submission of completed bids(online)	22 nd November, 2021 till 1000 Hrs
4	Date & Time of opening of tender	22 nd 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(i), Dt:23/09/2021

**Government of Sikkim
Health and Family Welfare Department
Gangtok**

Memo No:92/MECH/H&FW/21-22

Dated:28/09/2021

RE-REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, invites Online e-Tenders (Technical & Financial Bid) from the registered firms for "HIRING OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR MAINTENANCE OF BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT UNDER COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AT STNM HOSPITAL, SOCHAKGANG, GANGTOK".

The tender details can be viewed and downloaded from the website <https://www.sikkimtender.gov.in> for which, the bidders should have the necessary portal enrolment with his/her own Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

**Additional Chief Engineer (Mech.)
Health & Family Welfare Deptt.**

R.O. No.226/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:29/09/2021

**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. The detailed guidelines are available at www.nbm.nic.in

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

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

Memo No:14/GOS/SJ&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 superscribed 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 TOR, 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 1st 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(i), Dt:22/09/2021**

**Government of Sikkim
Roads & Bridges department, Nirman Bhawan**

NIT No:25/GOS/R&B/SGT/21-22/11/plg

Dated:30/09/2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Additional Chief Engineer (N/E), Roads & Bridges Department invites sealed tenders on Item Rate basis under single bid system from the eligible contractors of Class I-B Grade enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department for the execution of the work with the details as under :-

Package No	Name of works	Cost of work put to tender (In Lakhs)	Earnest Money (In Lakhs)	Cost of tender/bid form (Rs in Lakh)	Completion period
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Upgradation and carpeting of road from Duga to Pacheykhani in East Sikkim.	₹ 715.38	₹ 17.88	₹ 0.50	24 months

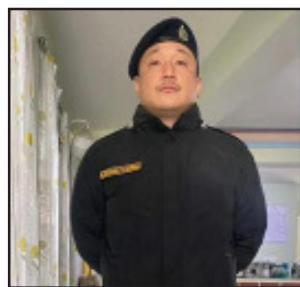
Note:- The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is exempted to 50% (i.e. Rs 9.66 Lakhs) for Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder being accepted as L1 bidder, the issue of the Work Order shall be governed by Notification No: 1 04/R&B Dated 08/10/2020.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	19/10/2021	10:00 am to 4:30 pm
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form	21/10/2021	10:00 am to 4:30 pm
3	Last Date and Time of submission of Pre-bid queries	10/11/2021	4:30 pm
4	Pre-bid meeting	12/11/2021	1:30 pm
5	Submission of bid documents	22/11/2021	10:00 am to 4:30 pm
6	Opening of bid documents	23/11/2021	11 :00 am

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

- The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document shall not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER.
- The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the application
 - Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. Further, it is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification
 - Latest Goods & Service Tax Clearance Certificate along with GST Registration Certificate issued from the office of the Commercial Tax
 - Professional Tax Clearance Certificates issued from the office of the Commercial Tax.
 - PAN card.
 - Bank: Receipt in original.
- The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Sr. Accounts Officer, Roads and Bridges Department, on production of requisite Bank: Receipt of the State of Sikkim (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "0059-80-800.01-other receipts", during the time schedule mentioned in the NIT.
- Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% of the cost put to tender shall be deposited in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee from State Bank of Sikkim or any Nationalized bank in favor of the Sr. Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the same. In case of the Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding, the cost of the Earnest Money Deposit shall be governed by Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08/10/2020.
- The soft copy of the BOQ shall be provided along with the tender documents on submission of Earnest Money Deposit as mentioned vide sl no. 4. The intending bidder shall submit his/her bid in the printed format as per the soft copy of the BOQ provided. In case the bidder submits the bids in hand written format, the same shall be summarily rejected.
- The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.
- The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer in the BOQ provided should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the general direction and conditions of the contract and other laid down norms. Supporting documents listed vide SI No. 2 should be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Additional Chief Engineer (N/E), Roads and Bridges Department, Gangtok, on the date and within the time indicated above.
- The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes in vogue.
- Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
- Tenders will be opened by the Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
- In case of any discrepancy in the specifications printed in the BOQ issued with the tender documents, specifications as per approved Schedule of Rates-2020 will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final.
- The Department reserves the rights to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
- Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his/her own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labourer at site.
- The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
- All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- The recoveries i/c deduction of taxes and duties as applicable shall be as per the rates notified by the Government from time to time and as applicable on the date of payment.
- 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.
- In case the man powers employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
- The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken up at least of three stages during the construction period. i.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.
- Quarrying of non-stock materials shall be allowed only from designated/approved quarries.
- The specifications in execution of the works are to be followed as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).
- Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any act of negligence and shall bear the responsibility to repair/restore such damage.
- Expenditure involved for material testing, cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed by the concerned authorities.
- The cost of stock materials and bridges parts if any supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractors' bills as per the prevalent recovery rate.
- Defect liability period for the pavement work shall be for a period of five years which shall not cover the damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides etc.

**Additional Engineer (N/E)
Roads and Bridges Department,
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
R.O. No.233/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22, Dt:01/10/2021**

SANGSINGMA YAMBOK

Sangsingma Yambok of Late Leewang Hang Subba, P.I AHTU (Anti Human Trafficking Unit-Sikkim Police), who left for his heavenly abode on September 29, 2021, falls on October 09 2021.

We request family, friends and relatives to kindly join us in remembering him and offering our prayers for the departed soul, knowing that he will forever live in our hearts.

Venue: Khamdhak Yok, near Lingchom School, West Sikkim

Bhagi Man Subba (father): 9434063009

Karma Mingure Doma (mother): 8768977890

Tegha Hangma Subba (sister): 7076580232

Rajani Rai (wife): 8436000616

LOST

Mr. Harka Bahadur Rai s/o Mr. Suk Man Rai r/o Melli Aching under 10- Rimbi Timbrong G.P.U. lost his (COI) Vol No. X SI.No.142 if found please contact nearest Police Outpost or may contact :9064922097.

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

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

Dated: 04/09/2021

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 31st 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 Application (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(i), Dt:21/09/21**

**Sikkim Public Service Commission
Old Tourism Complex, M.G.Marg, Gangtok,
Sikkim - 737101
Fax: 03592-207572.**

Email: spsc-skm@nic.in Website: www.spsc-skm.gov.in
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 th 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.spsc-skm.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)(i), Dt:27/09/2021**

**Sikkim Public Service Commission
Olds Tourism Complex, M.G.Marg, Gangtok,
Sikkim - 737101
Fax: 03592-207572.**

Email: spsc-skm@nic.in Website: www.spsc-skm.gov.in
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 24th 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)(i), Dt:27/09/2021**

**NON - JUDICIAL
BEFORE THE OATH COMMISSIONER EAST SIKKIM AT GANGTOK
AFFIDAVIT**

I, **Ambika Biswakarma**, daughter of Shri Suresh Biswakarma (kami), aged about 21 years, Hindu By Faith, resident of Deorali under P.O. Deorali and P.S Gangok, East D4strict of Sikkim, East Sikkim, do hereby declare and affirm on oath as follows:-

1. That "Late Aita Bir Kami" is my real and natural "Great Grand Father".
2. That my aforesaid Great Grand Father name has been recorded as "Aita Bir Kami" in his Sikkim Subject vide registration bearing serial No. 237 Vol No. XVIII under Block Tingmoo, South Sikkim, issued by Secretary Land Revenue Department, Government of Sikkim.
3. That inadvertently my said Great Grand father's name has been recorded as "Aita Bahadur Kami" in the Certificate of Identification of my late Grand father bearing registration serial No. 15010/DCE 237 Vol No. XVIII under Block Tingmoo, South Sikkim, issued by District Collector East and same name has been also recorded in my father's Certificate of Identification bearing registration serial No. 2865/DCE 237 Vol No. XVIII under Block Tingmoo, South Sikkim, issued by District Collector East.
4. That this affidavit is made to affirm on oath that person by the name and title of "Aita Bir Kami" and "Aita Bahadur Kami" denotes and refer to same name of one person i.e my Late Great Grand Father.
5. That this affidavit is made bonafide

**Ambika Biswakarma
Deponent**

VERIFICATION

I, The above deponent do hereby state that the statement made in above paragraphs are true to the best of my knowledge and nothing false material has been concealed therein. And I sign on this affidavit on this **04th day of October, 2021**, at Gangtok, East Sikkim

**Ambika Biswakarma
Deponent**

Identified by me:-
**Suresh Biswakarma(Kami)
Deorali Bazar**

BR. NO. 2122N-11044-3752 Date: 06/10/2021

Vide Notification No: 17/HCS/30/09/2021

**NON - JUDICIAL
BEFORE THE OATH COMMISSIONER EAST SIKKIM AT GANGTOK
AFFIDAVIT**

I, **Prasansa Biswakarma**, daughter of Shri Suresh Biswakarma (kami), aged about 19 years, Hindu By Faith, resident of Deorali under P.O. Deorali and P.S Gangok, East D4strict of Sikkim, East Sikkim, do hereby declare and affirm on oath as follows:-

1. That "Late Aita Bir Kami" is my real and natural "Great Grand Father".
2. That my aforesaid Great Grand Father name has been recorded as "Aita Bir Kami" in his Sikkim Subject vide registration bearing serial No. 237 Vol No. XVIII under Block Tingmoo, South Sikkim, issued by Secretary Land Revenue Department, Government of Sikkim.
3. That inadvertently my said Great Grand father's name has been recorded as "Aita Bahadur Kami" in the Certificate of Identification of my late Grand father bearing registration serial No. 15010/DCE 237 Vol No. XVIII under Block Tingmoo, South Sikkim, issued by District Collector East and same name has been also recorded in my father's Certificate of Identification bearing registration serial No. 2865/DCE 237 Vol No. XVIII under Block Tingmoo, South Sikkim, issued by District Collector East.
4. That this affidavit is made to affirm on oath that person by the name and title of "Aita Bir Kami" and "Aita Bahadur Kami" denotes and refer to same name of one person i.e my Late Great Grand Father.
5. That this affidavit is made bonafide

**Prasansa Biswakarma
Deponent**

VERIFICATION

I, The above deponent do hereby state that the statement made in above paragraphs are true to the best of my knowledge and nothing false material has been concealed therein. And I sign on this affidavit on this **04th day of October, 2021**, at Gangtok, East Sikkim

**Prasansa Biswakarma
Deponent**

Identified by me:-
**Suresh Biswakarma(Kami)
Deorali Bazar**

BR. NO. 2122N-11044-3751 Date: 06/10/2021

Vide Notification No: 17/HCS/30/09/2021

POSHAN Maah 2021 concludes

Gangtok, September 30: Minister for Social Justice and Welfare Department Dr. M.K. Sharma graced the closing ceremony of POSHAN Maah 2021, today.

The programme was organized by Social Justice and Welfare Department. The theme of this year's POSHAN Maah Abhiyaan "Converging towards a healthy walk-through life."

POSHAN (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition) Maah is a month-long nutritional month celebrated every year in the month of September. The main objective of the programme is to improve nutritional outcomes for children, adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers by leveraging technology, a targeted approach and convergence. This year India also celebrates Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to ensure speedy and intensive outreach in remote parts of the country.

Minister Dr. M.K. Sharma, in his speech said that the vision of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi should not be limited to the month of September but should remain consistent over a long period of time. He applauded the field activities of Anganwadi workers and hoped for improvement in three areas which are anaemia detection, immunization and anti-natal check-ups. He stressed on the importance of consuming local healthy foods for holistic nutrition which will always be available throughout the year for the Sikkimese people and such choice will also have a sustainable effect on the long run.

Calling the Maah POSHAN Kranti through Jan Andolan, he said that there should be participation of all sections of society and co-ordination of all the line departments of the Government to make the campaign a huge success.

Secretary, SJ&WD, Mr. Tshewang Gyachho stressed on the importance of Anganwadi workers towards primary children. He also said that our responsibility towards malnourished children, pregnant mothers and lactating mothers is not over until each house is free of malnutrition and it should continue throughout the year.

Principal Director, Social Justice and Welfare Department, Mr. Phuchung Bhutia, gave a brief highlight on activities of POSHAN

Maah through a power point presentation. Assistant Director, Nutrition Cell, Social Justice and Welfare Department, Mrs. Jyotsna Khatiwada, talked about ingredients and composition of special food for SAM (Severely Acute Malnutrition) children.

Brand Ambassador, Olympian, Padmashree and Arjuna Awardee, Mr. Tarundeep Rai, expressed gratitude on being the brand ambassador of POSHAN Maah and congratulated all the members of ICDS centres and SJ & WD in Sikkim.

A recipe booklet named "Healthier Today" was also released. Awards were also handed out to various individuals for their participation on POSHAN Maah events.

On the same day, POSHAN MAAH was also observed by AYUSH Standalone hospitals, AYUSH Co-located facilities at all District Hospitals and at PHCs and CHCs with the theme "Yoga And Ayush for Nutrition".

The AYUSH Doctors spoke about the importance of Nutrition for healthy living and how YOGA can help an individual to bring balance at mental, physical and spiritual level with the target group being pregnant ladies, adolescent girls and college students.

Along with the observation at various AYUSH facilities, Doctor for YOGA and Naturopathy went as a Resource person for the POSHAN Abhiyan Programme organized by the Social Justice and Welfare Department and by Regional Ayurveda Research Centre, Tadong.

Similarly, in Gyalshing, the closing ceremony of the State-level month long Rashtriya Poshan Maah (Nutrition Month) on the theme "Converging towards a healthy walk through life" 2021 was held at the Community Center, Gyalshing. District Collector (West) Mr. Karma R. Bonpo was the chief guest.

Addressing the house, DC (West) highlighted the main role and responsibilities of Anganwadi workers. He also stressed on need of good nutritional diets during the initial 1000 days of children's life. He also stressed on the importance of nutrition in lives along with maintaining good nutrition and health by consuming nutritional diets. In addition, he said that the children in the age group of 0-8 years is crucial

because at that time they are at the stage of developing and urged all the workers to seek for good nutritional diets at the centres. He suggested seeking for green vegetables instead of prepackaged food to maintain good health.

He also suggested to promote nutrition gardens at the premises of Anganwadi Centres and asked to inform concerned panchayats. He urged all the Anganwadi workers to carry out all the activities in the best possible manner to uplift the centers and village. DC also congratulated all the workers for their efforts during the whole month and asked to do better works in the days to come.

District Coordinator/Poshan Abhiyaan, Mr. Sangay Tamang gave an overview of the activities conducted in the district throughout the month. The highlight of the programme was the distribution of certificates and cash prize to the winners of Essay and Drawing competition which was held during the entire month.

The event also witnessed the Poshan Pledge taking ceremony which was administered by the District Collector.

The closing ceremony of a month long programme of Rashtriya Poshan Maah was organized by the Women and Child Welfare Department at the Swarna Jayanti Ranga Manch, Soreng. While celebrating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the theme this year was 'Sahi Poshan, Desh Roshan'.

Welcoming the guests and official dignitaries, ICDS supervisor (Soreng), Mrs. Chandra Kala Lucksom gave an overview of the importance of the scheme and the programme. She informed that the programme is mainly to eradicate malnutrition and appropriate well being of lactating mothers along with proper child development. Launched as a flagship programme by the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi in 2018, the scheme focuses on holistic nourishment of new born, adolescent girls and boys and new lactating mothers, she added.

Speaking on the occasion, the Child Development and Protection Officer (Soreng), Mrs. Gauri Tamang thanked her fellow co-workers for their positive and tireless efforts in completing the Poshan Month. She appreciated door-to-door campaigns done by the AWWs wherein they

demonstrated the proper way to sanitization and effective technique to cook nutritional food. She informed the gathered audiences about the usage of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) app. She said that depending upon the information provided by the app, they were able to provide adequate nutritious food to those children within the 6 zones under the Subdivision. Displaying a slide show, she presented all the activities done throughout the month by the Department with the help of Anganwadi Workers (AWW).

An awareness skit regarding the dangers of practicing at-home childbirth without proper sanitization and equipment rather than at a proper medical facility was displayed by the AWWs. The Skit also exhibited the risks of becoming an underage mother and a decline in infant mortality rate. Through this, they informed that there should be a gap of at least 3 yrs between each childbirth.

Mr. M.N Subba stated that through this programme he too was enlightened about the importance of healthy childbirth and stronger new mothers. He also talked about the advantages of following organic and leafy green vegetable diets especially in this age where we are drawn towards unhealthy junk.

The programme also included felicitation of the Anganwadi Workers from their respective zones for their relentless efforts in bringing awareness especially during the pandemic. While the Best Supervisor was awarded to Mrs. Chandra Kala Lucksom. The function ended with an awareness song performed by the AWWs.

Likewise, in Namchi, the closing ceremony of Poshan Maah was held at the Conference Hall of Namchi Municipality council. The programme was graced by the Additional Political Secretary Ms. Anjita Rajalim and other officials.

Addressing, the gathering Child Development program Officer (South) Mr. Laxuman Tamang presented a brief report on Poshan Maah. He gave a brief background about this Maah being celebrated across the country during the month of September. He added that this year, a total of 1197 activities were done

successfully and competitions were held under Poshan Maah, which included essay and painting.

Doctor Neelima Thatal (Ayush), spoke on the importance of nutrition for healthy living. She also suggested to practice yoga to stay mentally and physically fit.

ADC (South) Mr. Anant Jain highlighted the various activities conducted during the Poshan Maah in the state such as online yoga, reduction in low birth child and various other important nutritional education.

A painting competition and essay was also organized by the department.

In Mangan, the closing ceremony of Rashtriya Poshan Maah was organised by the Social Justice and Welfare Department on a theme "Converging towards a healthy walk through life" at the Conference Hall.

MLA Dzongu cum Advisor Power Department Mr. Pintso Namgyal Lepcha was present as the chief guest.

The MLA in his address said that the North District has done tremendous work throughout the month-long campaign. He thanked respective department, Anganwadi Workers and Asha Workers for their diligent work and creating awareness among the public on Poshan Abhiyaan.

DPO (North) Poshan Mrs. L.D. Denzongpa highlighted on the Poshan Maah and CDPO Dzongu spoke about Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and the importance of the first 1000 days of a child. The Social Justice and Welfare Department organised the felicitation, prize distribution and Baby Box distribution to beneficiaries.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Ms Renamit Lepcha, Mr. Tshering Pintso Lachungpa, Ms Eden Lepcha, Ms. Gyalmu Tamang, L.S recording studio and Mr. Tashi Lachungpa for their outstanding contribution during Poshan Maah celebration. Mangan Tribal Project, Dzongu Tribal Project and Chungthang Tribal Project were also felicitated. The Chungthang Tribal Project was announced as a Best Performing Project out of 13 Projects.

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Nar Bahadur...

also focusing on improving the tourism sector for more local financial stability, he said. He briefly stated about the new district formation in Soreng and how it will benefit the local communities of Soreng, Rinchenpong, Daramdin and nearby areas. He expressed his gratitude to the MLA Mr. Aditya Golay for being the formidable force behind the District formation.

He concluded his speech addressing issues regarding power and electricity in urban and rural areas and the

Government's initiative to solve major electricity problems.

Similarly, the 2nd day of the Bhandari Jayanti Celebration witnessed cultural programme and Inter-school Nepali Debate Competition along with Volleyball matches on October 02.

Political Secretary to CM, Mr. Jacob Khaling was the chief guest for the day.

Mr. Khaling stated that the event holds significance as it is a day to remember the contributions made by the former Chief Minister Late N.B Bhandari as well as to honour and pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 152nd Birth Anniversary.

He spoke extensively on

the hardships and struggles of the Nepali Rashtriya Bhasa Parishad, under the leadership of the late Bhandari, which has given us a national identity. He emphasized youth empowerment and said that schools must lay a strong foundation for learning and growth. He appealed to the teachers to enhance the young minds with matters that are relevant and transcends beyond religion, caste and societal unjust.

He also spoke on the formation of the two new districts.

Earlier, an Open Marathon for both Men and Women was organised.

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Pan India...

addressing their legal problems and giving appropriate legal advice.

The programme was launched by the Chairman, DLSA (South) Mr. Jiwan Kumar Kharka in presence of the Ex-Officio Chairperson, TLSC Yangang, Ms. Jwala D. Thapa, Learned Advocate Ms. Kamala Gurung, Para-Legal Volunteers Mr. Chandra Bdr. Rai and Ms. Sangay Doma Sherpa and Staff members of the DLSA and TLSC South Sikkim.

There were around 48 people who attended the programme and were benefited.

The attendees interacted with the representatives of the Departments to address their problems and to procure appropriate advice and guidance.

Similarly, Taluk Legal Services Committee organized Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign at Jorethang Sub-division in South at Jorethang Haat Bazar in coordination with the SSLAS District Court premises, Namchi Kitam, District Court premises and Upper Rayoung Busty, South Sikkim.

There were around 30 people and 25 people of Kitam and District Court premises and Upper Rayoung Busty, respectively who attended the programme and were benefited.

Rakdong Tintek starts home delivery of essential certificates

Gangtok, September 28: Rakdong Tintek BAC started the exercise of home delivery of essential certificates and other services to the doorsteps of the general public.

A team from the BAC led by BDO Rakdong Tintek, concerned Panchayat (Shelay ward) and GPU Staff visited Paksham village and Dhakal Gaon in Shelay ward under Tumin GPU and issued various certificates to the public on the basis of the necessary documents submitted by them, today.

In addition to the issue of Certificates, awareness on benefits from MGNREGA, SBM and other

schemes under Rural Development were also informed to the public and verification was done to provide such benefits under these existing schemes.

As informed by the BDO, such exercise will be continued in the coming days in areas, which are far-flung (from BAC and GPUs) and areas from where the general public faces difficulty in getting vehicles to reach the offices.

The Community Certificates, Renew of New employment cards, Unmarried certificates and Income Certificates were issued/renewed and handed over to the applicants.

Orientation programme for certification of various disabilities

Gangtok, September 28: The Social Justice and Welfare Department organized a "orientation programme on 21 types of disabilities, evaluation and procedure for certification of various disabilities" at STNM Hospital, today.

Joint Secretary-cum-Nodal Officer for Persons with Disabilities, Social Welfare Division, Mr. Abinash Rai, Joint Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Technical), Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Dr M.B. Chettri and Unique Disability Identity (UDID) State Coordinator Mr. Sameer Pradhan was the Resource Persons for the programme.

The participants for the programme included the Director (STNM), Director (Clinical), Chief Consultant (Psychiatry), Psychiatrist, Counsellors (Psychiatry), Clinical Psychologists, Medical Specialist (Orthopaedics), Medical Specialist (Medicine), Consultant (Medicine), Medical Doctor (ENT) and Nursing Staff and Nursing Educators from Medical Specialists (Medicine) Medical Doctors and Nursing Staff from different departments of the hospital such as Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology, Oncology, Neurology and Senior P&O Technician from DDRC.

Joint Secretary in his address briefed about "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) ACT", 2016. He spoke about the inclusion of 21 types of

disabilities in the ACT and also highlighted the penalties one has to face, if a person with disability is denied basic rights as mentioned in the 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 and also highlighted that no person having a disability percentage less than forty per cent should be denied a disability certificate by the Medical Authority. He also highlighted that the infrastructure development should be there for all Persons with Disabilities in all government buildings and public places such as Hospitals and commercial establishments. He emphasized on the importance of being empathetic towards people with disabilities by the general population and priority should be given by the hospitals regarding treatment of Persons with Disabilities and senior citizens.

Joint Commissioner (Technical) for Persons with Disabilities, briefed about the 21 Disabilities in detail. He also spoke in detail about the Guidelines for assessment of all 21 types of disabilities and how the Medical Authority / Medical Board should give the percentage as per the guidelines specified in the RPwD ACT 2016.

The RPwD ACT, 2016 and the Guidelines for Assessment were handed out to the participants followed by a feedback session from the participants.

Minister L. N Sharma concludes Ladakh visit

Siliguri, September 29: Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments Mr. L. N. Sharma arrived at Bagdogra, after a weeklong tour of Union Territory of Ladakh and New Delhi.

During his visit to the Leh District, Union Territory of Ladakh on September 23, he met the Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Leh Mr. Tashi Gyalson.

He met the progressive farmers at Nurla, Khaltsi block on September 24.

On the same day, he met the Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil Mr.

Feroz Ahmed Khan, the Executive Councillor for Agriculture Mr. Mohsin Ali and Executive Councillor for Cooperative Mr. Syed Abbas. He also visited Horticulture Farm and Apricot processing unit in Kargil.

The Minister also inaugurated Seabuckthorn Processing Unit in Nubra valley in Leh District and held a meeting in border village Pratapur, Diskit.

At New Delhi on September 28, the Minister convened a National Level press conference regarding the upcoming second edition of Sikkim Global Film Festival.

Review meeting on SGAY conducted

Gangtok, September 28: A review meeting on the status of Sikkim Garib Aawas Yojana (SGAY) was conducted at Parakha Block Administrative Centre (BAC), today. Area Incharge Gnathang-Machong Mr. Tshering Bhutia graced the occasion as the chief guest. ADC Development Pakyong Mr. Tenzing Denzongpa along with few dignitaries was also present.

It was informed that there are 56 beneficiaries under Parakha BAC and also apprised on the status and progress of these

houses. Three houses belonging to Mohan Rai, Tensung Bhutia and Ram Bahadur Chettri have not been started yet.

During the interactive session, it was noticed that Mohan Rai's and Tensung Bhutia's houses were facing problems due to carriage and transportation to which it was decided that the Mungipa Trade Link will take up their construction works and be completed by March 2022. The problem faced by one beneficiary, Ram Bahadur Chettri was also settled and the construction work

would be started immediately.

The beneficiaries present expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang for providing with SGAY scheme as a token of care towards the genuine people.

Mr. Tshering Bhutia extended gratitude to the Chief Minister for this noble initiative and also asked the beneficiaries and Panchayat members present to work in coordination for its timely completion.

Amrit Bharat CSR Summit held

New Delhi, September 28: An Amrit Bharat CSR Summit was held at Sikkim House, New Delhi, chaired by the Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, Mr. L. N. Sharma.

Also present on the occasion were the CEO, CSR Authority of Sikkim Dr. Madhukar Gupta, the Resident Commissioner Sikkim House, Mr. Ashwini Chand, and Commissioner Project and Investment Ms. Mrinalini Shrivastava.

The meet was attended by leading PSUs and corporate houses and NGOs including NHPC, REC Foundation, RITES, ECGC, Bharat Petroleum, NBCC, Rosemerta Technologies, Emergency Medical Service providers, Arohan, PRADAN amongst others.

The discussions were held on potential CSR support areas in Sikkim. The commitments of varied nature of funding and other support were made in the sectors

of health, nutrition, education, women and child development, rural livelihoods and development. New sectors of films on cultural propaganda, eco-tourism promotion, cattle rearing, water harvesting and others were added for support under CSR.

The meeting ended with an invitation to lead actors and stakeholders for active participation in the development of Sikkim.

Felicitation programme for school toppers EMRSs Sikkim 2021 organised

Gangtok, September 28: The felicitation programme for school toppers of Class-X/XII of EMRSs, Sikkim 2021 was organised by the Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Society of Sikkim, Social Justice and Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim at Janta Bhawan, today.

Minister of Social Justice and Welfare Department, Dr. M.K. Sharma, graced the occasion as the chief guest in the presence of Secretary, Social Justice and Welfare Department, Mr. Tshewang Gyachho, District Collector (West) Mr. Karma R. Bonpo, Additional DC (North) Mr. Sonam Lepcha, and Assistant Collector (East), Ms. Pari Bisnoi, along with Principals and students of EMRS Gangyap, Swayem, Parkha and Suntalay.

Secretary, SJ&W Mr. Tshewang Gyachho, recounted the difficulties that the EMRS schools had to face during their initial years and applauded their perseverance in overcoming all the obstacles despite various limitations. He congratulated the students for their glorious achievements and exhorted them to traverse beyond the traditional career options. He also stressed on the need to improve school enrolment by harnessing strategies that will help accentuate the enrolment percentage.

The Minister Dr. M.K. Sharma in his address

congratulated the school toppers of EMRS Gangyap and Swayem for excelling in the board examination during the academic year 2020-21 and encouraged all the students to reach high and be critical thinkers to achieve their personal best every day. He also extended gratitude to the principals, teachers, school staff and the entire workforce behind the EMRS Society of Sikkim for their dedication, passion and commitment towards the development and progress of the students even amidst difficult challenges posed by the COVID-19 situation in the State.

Stressing on the current transition to digitalization in the education sector, he urged the teaching staff to facilitate innovative strategies of teaching to engage children thus revamping the teaching-learning approach altogether.

Encouraging students to overcome any fear or anxiety concerning science and math, Dr Sharma said that these courses require strong observation and the right mindset and that it is the responsibility of the teachers to help them overcome their fear while developing and exercising fun and interesting lesson plans to help the students succeed in these fields. He also dwelled upon various new avenues created in these fields today for the students to explore their passion.

Dr. Sharma reaffirmed the State government's commitment and full support towards the holistic development of the students as well as the infrastructure and various other components of EMRS Sikkim. He also congratulated the EMRS Society, Sikkim and the SJ&W Department for organizing this unique and one-of-its-kind felicitation programme dedicated to EMRS Sikkim.

The function was also addressed by DC (West) Mr. Karma R. Bonpo, wherein he gave a brief report on the infrastructure development at EMRS Gangyap while placing forward various issues about the upgradation of the EMRS schools in Sikkim. He extended gratitude to the State Government and the SJ&W Department for streamlining the school funding system and urged for their continuous support in introducing innovative initiatives to be undertaken by the EMRS Society for further growth and progress of the students.

The event also featured a cultural extravaganza presented by the EMRS students and gratitude speeches delivered by two school toppers, each from EMRS Gangyap and EMRS Swayem. The principal of the EMRS North district also gave a motivational speech during the event.

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Co-ordination meeting...

Further, DC elaborated about the "Clean India" Programme. He said that this programme is aimed at creating awareness, mobilization of people and ensuring their involvement in the clean India campaign. He stated that people from all

segments of society, Government organization including PRI's and Non-Government Organization should take active part so as to create awareness and feelings of pride among citizens to keep their surrounding clean and waste free.

Youth Coordinator Mr. Muskan Rai highlighted the objectives of the "Clean India" campaign and informed that this

Clean India programme is an initiative taken up by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GoI. The main aim of this programme is to make the country free of single use plastic by 2022. He added that "Clean India" programme shall function as People's Movement by involving them as "Jan Bhagidari" so as to propagate the mantra of "Clean India: Safe India".

International Day for Older Persons organised

Gangtok, October 02: On the occasion of the International Day for Older Persons, a programme was conducted in the Conference Hall of BAC Raktong Tintek, under the aegis of the Social Welfare Department, to felicitate the senior citizens availing Old Age Pensions and also new Pensioners above the age of 70.

The meeting was chaired by the BDO, Raktong Tintek along with the Panchayat Presidents and Panchayat from different GPUs under Raktong Tintek block, Panchayat Inspectors, Inspector, Social Welfare Department and Compounder, Samdong PHC.

A total of 12 existing pensioners and 7 new OAP Pensioners were felicitated and distributed of New Pension books. Masks and Sanitizers were also distributed to all the elderly people.

Medical checkup of the senior citizens was also done by the Health Department representative, Samdong PHC. Later in the day, a team from BAC and Health department personnel visited the Lee All Old age home in Raksay Kedangthang and felicitated the occupants and distributed Masks. Medical Check-up for Blood Sugar and BP

test was also conducted.

Similarly, the International Day for Older Persons was celebrated at BAC Khamdong on October 02.

The programme had the presence of BDO Mr. Tikendra Sharma, accompanied by Welfare Inspector, Medical team of Khamdong PHSC and Senior citizens of Khamdong block.

During the programme, BDO Khamdong highlighted on ways to develop digital equity across all ages and the role of senior citizens in the society. The medical team also organized medical check-ups in the block.

Education Deptt Signs MoU with 17000 Ft Foundation

Gangtok, September 28: As the Central Administration in the State of Sikkim is completely committed to the universalization and quality of elementary education and school infrastructure, it has partnered with 17000 Ft Foundation, a not-for-profit organization working with a mission to develop high altitude frontier communities into self-sustaining, resilient and thriving regions.

17000 Ft Foundation has impacted over 200 remote frontier villages of Leh and Kargil Districts in Ladakh by improving infrastructure and learning resources in their government Elementary Schools, thereby reducing the exodus of young children to faraway towns, leading to strengthened families, educated communities, and a resilient, self-sustaining region.

As part of the partnership, 17000 Ft. Foundation will be transforming a pilot set of

Government Schools in the physically remote and network shadow areas in the State of Sikkim with child-friendly school infrastructure and improved learning resources, including a specialized digital learning solution designed for off-grid and off-network regions. The Foundation will also be building the capacity of teachers and mobilizing the community into taking a more active role in their children School.

The Education Department will support and advise the 17000 Ft Foundation by ensuring effective and adequate participation through joint monitoring, performance reviews, and timely feedback.

Mr. Sandeep Sahu of the Foundation said that the Indian Himalayan region, though strategically crucial, is one of the most under-served areas, due to challenges of geography and low impact numbers. He also expressed his confidence that this

partnership will channelize CSR support to develop the remote schools of Sikkim and transform these remote and isolated border schools.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Mr. G.P Upadhyaya mentioned that reaching out to the children of the elementary level at remote places is a great challenge and this partnership will surely support enhancing learning levels among the schools of far-flung areas of Sikkim.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Director, Mr. Sandeep Sahu, on behalf of the 17000 Ft. Foundation and Special Secretary and Director, Elementary Education and SPD, Samagra Shiksha Mr. Bhim Thatal.

Mr. Bhim Thatal officially handed over the MoU to Director - 17000Ft Foundation, Mr. Sandeep Sahu.

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Two-Day...

presented by the cultural troupes of the ROB, Guwahati.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Deputy Director, ROB, Mr. Arijit Chakraborty, wherein, he briefed the audience about various initiatives and activities undertaken in the State of Sikkim under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav-75 years of India's Independence.

On the occasion of the 152nd Gandhi Jayanti, Minister of Information and Public Relations Department, Mr. L. N. Sharma, launched the Clean India Swachhta Abhiyan at Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College premises in Tadong on October 02.

The launching ceremony was a part of the concluding day of the two-day long outreach programme organised by Regional Outreach Bureau, Guwahati under

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Aatma Nirbhar...

on the three day long Inter School Food Stall Competition, in which 29 Senior Secondary Schools from the entire District would participate. Simultaneously, the competition is set to be held from October 08 to 10, at the concerned Block Bazaar areas with each team

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the occasion of 75 years of India's Independence.

The Minister along with Deputy Director, ROB Mr. Arijit Chakraborty, Director, PIB Sikkim, Mr. Ajay Mhamia, and Principal, NBB Degree College, Professor D. Purohit, paid floral tribute to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi at the College auditorium in the presence of staff and students of NBB Degree College and Gangtok Municipal Corporation representatives.

Minister Mr. L.N Sharma urged all to follow Gandhi's path of non-violence, equality, communal harmony and mutual respect.

Emphasising on the inclusion of agricultural activities in both school and college curriculum, Mr. Sharma said that the COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the importance of the agriculture sector because of its

consisting of ten students and two Nodal Teachers, he informed.

He also motivated and encouraged the attendees the contesting students to enjoy, learn and reap valuable experience from the provided platform and adhering to the COVID-19 appropriate protocols and also urged them to ensure a sense of cleanliness and hygiene practices.

potential to support economic growth and create employment opportunities. Youth are the future of our nation and their active participation in exploring various agricultural avenues will contribute to the socio-economic development and prosperity of the State and the nation as a whole, he stated.

Mr. Sharma added that the State government has been executing various welfare schemes for a wide cross-section of society to achieve holistic development of the State and thus urged the youth to come forward and avail benefit from the various government launched welfare schemes.

A quiz competition and extempore speech competition was also held for the students. The Song and Drama Division of ROB Guwahati presented cultural shows that included dance forms of Assam, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra.

Further, he announced that one student after shortlisting and interview would be selected to attend 'Dubai World Expo 2020', which has been commenced from October 01, 2021 and will continue till March 31, 2022, through NITI Aayog, Government of India. He even informed about the free coaching opportunity provided by BYJU India for 30 eligible competent students and 10

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Fish Mela...

He said that schemes like 'Mukhya Mantri Matsya Palan Yojana', 'Mukhya Mantri Krishi Atma Nirbhar Yojana', and 'Mukhya Mantri Pashu Dhan Yojana' are schemes conceived by the State Government to achieve the goal of Atma Nirbhar Sikkim. He extended his gratitude to all the participants of the two-day Fair and wished them well in their future endeavours. He also thanked and lauded the effort of the departmental officers and staff. He concluded his address with the slogan - "Future is Agriculture and Livestock".

On the occasion, the participants were presented awards and certificates of participation by the Chief Minister.

During the programme, a brochure of Product Incentive Schemes (PIS) under Animal Husbandry and Horticulture Departments was released by the chief guest. Similarly, in a first of its kind initiative, 'Regu Fish Ecotourism' was officially unveiled by the Chief Minister, reinforcing the potential of Regu in East Sikkim as a hub for fish eco-tourism. Likewise, a local product called 'Fish Flavouring Agent' developed by Namcheybong Fresh, a rural entrepreneurial venture initiated by Mr. Dewaker Basnet and his team was launched on the occasion by the Chief Minister.

The programme was also addressed by Secretary, Horticulture Department, Mrs. Yashoda Bhandari, and Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dr. Sangay D. Bhutia.

Earlier, a brief report of the two-day Fair was presented by Director Fisheries, Mr. N. Jaswant.

Earlier, on October 01, the second Fish Mela-cum-Bamboo fair organised by the Directorate of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, in collaboration with the National Bamboo Mission, Horticulture Department was inaugurated by Minister for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Mr. L.N Sharma, at New Market.

Minister Mr. Sharma graced the inaugural function as the chief guest. He was joined by MLA, Gangtok Constituency, Mr. Y. T. Lepcha along with Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Mr. A. K. Yadav, Chairpersons, Advisors and

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Milching cows...

on clean milk production, milking techniques and hygienic milk transportation etc.

SDM (Yuksom) in his students from economically lower income generating families for JEE and Medical Entrance Test, which will be availed after the examination and selection process of the interested candidates.

heads of departments of the State Government.

The aim of the fish mela is to showcase and promote the fisheries industry for holistic nourishment through fish consumption and production. The fish festival helps to create avenues for the farmers to display and sell locally produced fish, as well as develop an understanding and conservation of freshwater resources.

The event aims to introduce the fishermen to the general public and to promote fisheries and bamboo entrepreneurs in Sikkim. A total of 52 numbers of fish and bamboo entrepreneurs/farmers are displayed and sold their products in the programme, which includes fresh locally produced fish like Trout, Grass Carp, Amur Carp, ornamental fish, various value-added fish products, etc, along with bamboo products made by local entrepreneurs.

The Minister in his address mentioned that after the success of the first fish mela that was held in April, 2021, Directorate of Fisheries received another grant from National Fisheries Development, Hyderabad for organizing the Second Fish Mela on the occasion of the Poshan Abhiyaan Celebration, 2021. He mentioned that under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, the first fish Mela was a grand success, and the fishermen sold fish worth ₹ 10,40,000/- approximately.

The Minister mentioned that the Fish Mela is the first of its kind in the State and in its second edition, the government has included National Bamboo Mission, to promote bamboo entrepreneurs and artisans to display and sell their products in the Bamboo Fair. He stated that hosting this fair is not only a medium to market products but also to encourage the youth of Sikkim to pursue fish farming and bamboo entrepreneurship, and generate employment in the said field, which is unique and has great potential for the market locally and globally.

He also encouraged the youth to pursue careers in agriculture, livestock, fisheries and dairy sector, for a sustainable business route towards Aatmanirbhar Sikkim and self-sufficiency in the true sense. He appealed to the general public to come forward to support the fish farmers and bamboo artisans during this two-day day event.

address encouraged the farmers to increase milk production thereby uplifting their economic status and create a brand for the concerned block in terms of milk and poultry production and bee keeping.

In addition, he also suggested for showcasing the other flagship schemes alongside 'Aatma Nirbhar Sikkim', Nasha Mukth Bharat Abhiyan, Clean India Campaign and Poshan Abhiyan.

Chairperson SFPB calls on Union Minister for Tourism and DONER

New Delhi, September 29: Chairperson Sikkim Film Promotion Board Ms. Pooja Sharma called on the Union Minister for Tourism and DONER, Mr. G. Kishan Reddy at his Office in New Delhi, today.

Chairperson Ms. Pooja Sharma on behalf of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang extended an invitation to the Union Minister for attending the second edition of Sikkim Global Film Festival as the chief guest on December 10.

Ms. Sharma submitted the proposal and apprised the Union Minister about the proposed Eco-Heritage Film Village in Yangang, South Sikkim. She also presented Union Minister the location catalogue titled "100 film shooting destination in Sikkim".

The Union Minister accepted the invitation. He assured to extend all possible help for the development and promotion of Film Tourism in Sikkim.

Residential refresher course for Lab Technicians/Paravets concludes

Gangtok, October 01: The five-day residential refresher course for Lab Technicians/Paravets concluded at Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Training Centre, Sokaythang, today.

The programme was graced by Minister for Animal Husbandry Mr. L.N. Sharma.

The programme also had the presence of Advisor of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Dr. B.M. Chettri, Director of Animal Husbandry Mr. Durga Prasad Pradhan, Joint Director (Training & Extension) Dr. Indira Subba, Additional Director (T&E) Dr. Sanjay M. Gajmer and other

officials of Animal Husbandry Department.

During the programme, the trainees were presented the Certificates by the chief guest. The Minister in his address congratulated the trainees on the completion of their training. He urged them to utilise training experience and work to implement them in their respective districts.

Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Dr. Sangay D. Bhutia, appealed to the trainees to share their knowledge to the villagers and guide them as a paravet when required.

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Gandhi Jayanti...

(Development) Ravangla in collaboration with various offices in the SDM Office Complex Ravangla and BAC Ravangla celebrated 152nd Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti in the office compound as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and Clean India programmes.

Similarly, in Gyalshing, the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed at District Administrative Centre, Rabdentse. To mark the Gandhi Jayanti, as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav a cleanliness drive (Safai Abhiyaan) was organised in the premises.

The programme began with the offering of khada on the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at District Administrative Centre, by the District Collector (West) Mr. Karma R. Bonpo and officers of the district.

The District Collector in his brief address informed that under the direction of Central and State Government, Safai Abhiyaan will be carried out in all official establishments. Further, he also urged everyone to carry forward the ideals of the Father of Nation. Similar programmes were also held in other parts of the district.

Later, ADC (West) in his concluding remarks suggested to conduct cleanliness drive every last thursday of the month and to make it a continuous process.

Likewise, the 152nd Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated at Chungthang Sub-Division. The

programme was graced by the Minister for Roads and Bridges cum Area MLA Mr. Samdup Lepcha as the chief guest. He was accompanied by ADC (Dev) Chungthang, SDPO Chungthang, SHO and officials from various line departments. A massive cleanliness drive was conducted in the North District on the theme of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrating the 75th year of India's Independence.

The cleanliness drive was also conducted in the Office premises and in market places.

Likewise, the People's Plan Campaign 2021 was also launched by conducting a special Gram Sabha at Chungthang GPU, Lachen Dzumsa, Lachung Dzumsa and Ship Gyer GPU, which was attended by the Papon, Panchayats, ADC Development and other officials of BAC.

At Mangan, the 152nd Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated in the chamber of DC North Mr. Tenzing T. Kaleon. He was accompanied by ADM (North) Mr. Sonam Lepcha, SDPO Mangan, DFO (T) and Social Forestry, Officers from various line departments. The programme began with the offering of khadas and lighting of lamps at the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi.

Later, a cleanliness drive took place in the entire DAC complex, Mangan Food Godown, North District Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, and Teesta Urja Limited premises.

Similarly, DMS (North) Mr. Rinzing Doma Bhutia and health staff also conducted a cleanliness drive in entire Mangan Hospital premises.

Minister for L.N. Sharma convenes National level press conference

New Delhi, September 28: Minister for Information and Public Relations Department, Mr. L.N. Sharma along with Advisor, IPR Department, Mr. Birendra Tamling and Chairperson Sikkim Film Promotion Board, Ms. Pooja Sharma convened a National level press conference to brief the media about the upcoming second edition of Sikkim Global Film Festival to be held in Sikkim. The press conference was held at Old Sikkim House, New Delhi, today.

Minister Mr. L. N. Sharma informed that the second edition of Sikkim Global Film Festival is scheduled to be held from December 10 to December 14. He said that Sikkim is making its strong presence as a sought after destination for film makers from India and abroad. He said that the upcoming film festival will offer a wide ambit of activities and engagement for film makers.

Chairperson, SFPB, Ms. Pooja Sharma stated that Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang has always given importance to the promotion of Sikkim as a film shooting destination and a potential film tourism hub. He has laid great emphasis on providing ample opportunities to the film

makers and artists of the State as well as the country. The Chairperson informed that the State Government launched Sikkim Film Policy last year to ease the process of filmmaking. She stated that the five-day event will have inauguration ceremony, felicitation programme, movie screening, producers and investors meet, fashion show and cultural exhibition, master class with national and regional level film technical experts, evening cultural programmes, art performances and recce at proposed Eco- Heritage Film Village site at Yangang, South Sikkim and Tsogmo Lake. The film festival will also have International and National filmmakers participating in it. She announced that the entries are open for Feature Film Screening, Tribal and Regional Film competition, Short Film Competition, 1 Minute video competition - theme: Global peace and 5 Minute video competition - battling the Pandemic.

She urged budding filmmakers to get their film recognized and accelerate their career as filmmakers by participating in the competition. For submissions of the movie,

interested parties may log in to www.sikkimfilmboard.org The last date of the entries is November 15. The rules for the competitive movie is that all films must carry English subtitles, films not certified by CBFC can also be submitted, films made in past 3 years and short film should not exceed 30 minutes.

She invited the film makers from India and abroad to participate in this film festival. To encourage the film makers the State Government would provide a subsidy of ₹20 lakhs in cash and kind to the local film makers and a subsidy of ₹1 crore in cash and kind would be given to the national film makers. She also stated that the subsidy would be given only if they fulfill the criteria, i.e. 75% of the shooting should be done in Sikkim and 50% of cast and crew should be locals.

Earlier, Minister Mr. L. N. Sharma, Advisor Mr. Birendra Tamling and Chairperson Ms. Pooja Sharma showcased the location catalogue titled "100 Film Shooting Destinations in Sikkim" to the media which was recently launched by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang.

Sensitization programme on municipal solid waste management

Gangtok, September 28: The State Pollution Control Board - Sikkim organized a sensitization programme on municipal solid waste management at the Conference Hall of Gangtok Municipal Corporation, today. The programme which was organized for Councillors of East and North District Urban Local Bodies saw the participation of Mayor and Deputy Mayor (GMC) as well as Councillors from Rangpo, Singtam and Mangan Nagar Panchyat.

The programme began with a welcome address by Member Secretary, SPCB Mr. Gopal Pradhan. He briefed about solid waste management and its handling and emphasized on the role of community participation in managing solid waste. He also appealed to the Councillors to work in tandem with SPCB to make Sikkim a plastic free state, and educate the mass on segregation and safe waste disposal. He stressed on the need to eradicate the NIMBY principle (Not In My Back Yard) in terms of waste management, because making disposal of various wastes that is generated has become one of the most urgent and difficult problems. He also appealed to the councilors to initiate 'Safai Abhiyaan' on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 02 in their respective

wards. The drive will help them trace the use of plastic waste and generate a data graph.

A brief Power Point Presentation was made by Joint Director, SPCB Mr. Kusum Gurung on topics covering the Waste Management Rules 2016, waste hierarchy, waste regulation and waste management challenges. She appealed to the Councillors to ensure the three essential components of environmentally-responsible consumer behavior i.e. reduce, reuse and recycle in their respective wards. She emphasized on the importance of segregation of wastes into biodegradable, non-biodegradable and domestic hazardous wastes by the waste generator and how this facilitates waste management at subsequent stages in landfills.

Executive Environmental Engineer, (SPCB) Mr. Ranjan Rai also made a presentation highlighting the duties of the Urban Local Bodies and Panchayats for Waste Management. He stressed upon the various guidelines that needs to be adopted and how community participation has a direct bearing on efficient waste management. He provided a glimpse into the technologies for waste management available, which ought to be introduced for

minimization of waste entering landfills.

Mr. Ritesh Gurung of Central Pollution Control Board's Regional Directorate, Shillong discussed some of the best practices adopted in the North-East Region.

Mayor GMC Mr. Nell Bahadur Chettri in his address thanked the SPCB for the sensitization programme and vouched to put the theory into practice.

The participants interacted and discussed various aspects of waste management and practical problems encountered in waste management in their local bodies and options to deal with these.

It may be recalled that the Central Government has imposed a ban on certain single use plastics by its recent amendment of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

Chief Scientific Officer (SPCB), Mr. B.K Chettri proposed the vote of thanks.

Earlier, waste dealers from various wards were felicitated under the 'Kachra Alag Karo Abhiyaan'. Waste management workers from different wards were presented with khadas and memento for carrying out best practices as to manage solid waste effectively in the society.

The Sports and Youth Affairs Department and Mangan Sporting Club organised CM One Mile Run on the theme of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and Fit India Run, which was participated by NCC and NSS volunteers (Boys and Girls).

Cycling from Mangan to Lachung by the cyclist CMO (North) Dr. Tempo T Kaleon, Dr. C.S. Rai ENT Surgeon and Dr. Buddha Tamang Medical Specialist was conducted to promote Fit India Movement. The event was graced by

Additional Political Secretary to CM (North) Mr. Tshering Wangyal Bhutia .

A special Gram Sabha on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti was conducted in Dzongu Passingdang BAC.