Chief Minister chairs State Task Force meeting

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Sikkim Bags Two National Awards for Teachers, 2020

Review meeting on PMKSY held

Sangtum town bags 1st Rank in State and 3rd Rank in NE Zone under Best Sustainable City category

Gangtok, August 24: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang chaired a meeting of the State Task Force at Samman Bhawan, today. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary and Heads of concerned Departments, DGP, ADGP, Chairperson and Member of the State Health Technical Committee, and CMO officials.

The meeting was convened to take stock of the present situation and to deliberate on the issues that needed urgent attention, particularly about the recent guidelines received from the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding inter state movement of people and vehicles.

After detailed discussion, the following decisions were taken in the meeting:

1. It was directed that suitable action be taken, after examining the reply to the show cause notice issued to Secretary IT for allowing meetings in violation of guidelines. It was informed that the Police has already registered a case against the concerned IT professionals from outside.

2. Strict action to be taken against the Management of the Pharmaceutical company, whose employees (29 of them) had recently flown from the company guest house where they had been kept under quarantine. It was emphasised that the responsibility of ensuring compliance of all the prescribed guidelines by the workers would be given the charge of the company.

3. The Three-Member Fact Finding Committee constituted to examine the recent incidents in CRH, Manipal to submit their report at the earliest.

4. The Health Department to thoroughly examine the reported incidents of medical negligence at STNM Hospital recently and called for immediate action against the defaulters.

5. Keeping in view the surge in COVID-19 cases especially from the Pharmaceutical companies in the State, the meeting decided to identify quarantine centres exclusively for the employees of these companies returning from other States. It was decided that the cost of the accommodation, food and testing should be borne by the company. The same would also apply for labour contractors bringing labour force from other States.

6. Movement of Pharmaceticals employees to be regulated from home to company and back and they should follow strict home quarantine protocol.

7. Returnees who are Sikkimese locals would be screened at the borders and sent for home quarantine if they meet the criteria. A constituency level committee would be set up under the supervision of each BDO to ensure that all the guidelines of home quarantine are adhered to. ASHA workers would be given the charge of the company.

Officials of the Government in all the Districts of Sikkim have been selected by the State’s Selection Committee, candidates were shortlisted by the 36 State & UT Selection Committees and 7 Organisation Selection Committees through Video Conferencing. The Jury considered the presentations made by all shortlisted teachers and after detailed deliberations recommended the names of the 45 teachers and 02 from special category candidates for the National Awards to Teachers, 2020.

It may also be noted that the competition has no quota system and hence the number of awards not allotted to any of the States. Yet, Sikkim has been able to bag two awards out of the total three nominations which could be sent.

The candidates nominated by the States and UTs had made their presentation before the jury on August 11, 2020, virtually from the NIC Gangtok. Before that, 03 candidates were shortlisted by the State’s Selection Committee, headed by ACS Education. There is a nominee of the Government of India also in the Committee.

Out of the total 45 teachers selected from all over the nation.
Nama, August 24: An emergency meeting was convened at BAC Conference Hall, Namchi for all the bank managers of South District regarding the Credit loan mela inaugural function to be held on 29th August 2020, wherein the Chief Minister has given his consent to grace the occasion as the chief guest of the day.

The meeting was chaired by the Additional Director (South, AH & VS) cum Nodal Officer of the Scheme. Other dignitaries present in the meeting were AGM (RBI), Lead Bank manager, JD (Horticulture), JD (Agriculture), DDIM (NABARD) and Credit Linkage facilitator.

During the meeting, it was discussed that since 13 branches have loan sanctioning authority they were further directed to sanction loan and the cheques, which would be handed over by the beneficiaries through the hand of the Chief Minister on August 29. It was informed that a total of 900 forms have been distributed all over the district covering all the constituencies.

Further, a brief meeting was held in the chamber of District Collector, South which was attended by the Nodal officer, AGM (RBI) and Bank manager.

During the course of the day, the Head of the Department, Roads & Bridges Department, Departments of Rural Development, Roads & Bridges Department, Industries, Agriculture, Horticulture, Education, Rural Sanitation, Rural Development Department, and other relevant departments discussed major subjects.

Mr. Abhishek Kharel visited and was apprised about the various activities including plantations, painting and essay competitions were participated by students and public alike formed a part of the campaign in the district.

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The campaign finally concluded with the celebration of 74th Independence day on August 15, where ODF Plus declaration by the students and public alike formed the major highlight of the day.

Gandagi Mukti Bharat campaign observed successfully in South District

Nama, August 18: Keeping in tune with the campaign launched by Prime Minister’s Narendra Modi named ‘Gandagi Mukti Bharat’ which focused on a week-long campaign for Swachhata (cleanliness) in the run-up to Independence Day, the Department of Rural Development, Department of Rural Development, South District (Nama & Rangnag) Division including all BACs and GPUs collectively observed the week long behavioral change campaign in a full fledged and dedicated manner.

ADC (Dev) Namchi, Dr. Chandra Prakash Rai and ADC (Dev) Rangnag Mr. Suman Gurung regulated the compliance of order from the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and administered several cleanliness activities under the department from 13th to 18th August. The week commenced with Ratri Chantap campaign where a webinar interaction programme was conducted with all the BDOs, Panchayat Presidents, Swachhata groups and village intellectuals on the theme SBM to ensure the sustainability of ODF Plus was held. Similarly, various activities including cleanliness and sanitation drives, IEC, wall paintings, tree plantations, painting and essay competitions were participated by students and public alike formed a part of the campaign in the district.

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For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer - BAC-Ranka, invites sealed tenders from the eligible contractors of appropriate class, of the State for the work(s) listed under:-

**Name of work**  
Augmentation of Water Supply from Satlap Chang ll rihjanav Falls via Middle Living under Living Paring GPU in East Sikkim

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**TIME SCHEDULE**

(i) Date for submission of application with Bank Receipt: From 1000 hrs of 27.08.2020 to 19.09.2020 upto 1500hrs for issue of Tender Documents.
(ii) Date of issue of Tender Form: From 1000 hrs of 27.08.2020 to 19.09.2020 upto 1500hrs
(iii) Date and Time for submission of Tender: 21.09.2020 upto 1200 hrs

**CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

1. Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.
2. In terms of conditions, contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted initially for each work listed above with all required documents.
3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) latest Value Added Tax Clearance Certificate, (b) Latest Income Tax Clearance Certificate and (c) valid/updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, and Professional Tax Clearance Certificates along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the Original updated value added tax clearance certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.
4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified from the office of the Assistant Engineer-BAC Ranka. on production of requisite Bank receipt of the State Bank of Sikkim towards the cost of Tender Document (non-refundable) under the receipt head “cost of Tender Form” to the Chief Accounts Officer/Officer concerned.
5. Earnest money deposit @ 2.5% in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedules Bank which includes deposits in the form of temporary deposits.
6. The Tenders should be signed 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 in figures and words and should be inclusive of Value Added Tax 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.
7. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the office of the Assistant Engineer-BAC Ranka in the date and time as indicated above.
8. Tenders will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
9. The Department reserves the right to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are not produced by the contractor.
10. In case of any discrepancy in rates 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 SDR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
11. The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained. All disputes relating to rates and quantities shall be decided in accordance with the rules prescribed in the Sikkim Public Work Department Manual and General Conditions of Contract subject to availability of resources.
12. The contractor shall establish a field laboratory at the construction site. It shall be mandatory to test material by the contractor at site or any other laboratory fixed by the Government for quality control purpose. The Department reserves the right to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are not produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
13. The contractor shall engage a Graduate/Diploma Civil Engineer(s) at the project site during the period of execution of work as per the norms prescribed in the Enlistment Rules and grades of contractors as well as requirement at site determined by Engineer-in-Charge.
14. 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 labour at site.
15. In case of default, contractor shall be required to execute the payment works in test patches for ensuring quality of materials and for determination of correct methodology. The test patches shall be got approved from the Engineer - in - Charge.
16. The contractor shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work shall commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work Order.
17. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement to be arrived at between the contractor with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.
18. The contractor shall ensure the safety of plant in the road reserve area and beyond. He shall also plant additional flora as directed by the Engineer-in-Charge at his own cost in due fulfillment of the stipulation under the Green Mission. Security deposit for the work shall be refunded only after verification of the survival of such plants in additions to assessment before submitting the bid.
19. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed to do so.
20. The contractors are required to register themselves under Rule 39 or 40 (as the case may be) of the Sikkim Value added tax Rules 2005 with the Income and Commercial Tax Division of Finance Revenue and Expenditure Department and obtain the TIN Number before the settlement of bill, or they must be a registered Companies/Firms registered under the PAN Act, 1956, having valid Pan card and TIN. The Contractors are also required to submit PAN No as per provision of Indian Income Tax Act, wherever applicable.
21. The recoveries of Income Tax, Value Added Tax and Royalties on Forest produces shall be as per rates notified by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in Analysis of Rates or Schedule of Rates or Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
22. In case of carriage of Non Stock Materials, if these materials are available at site or are actually transported from a lesser distance than indicated in the schedules, the department shall pay the carriage as per actual proof of carriage by permits issued by Forest department indicating the quantities which is required to be submitted by contractor with bill, not exceeding the rates as quoted in the above rates in the Analytical Schedule. The contractors are required to submit necessary documents to fulfill the claim for payment of Non Stock Materials.
23. The mobilization advance shall be as per paragraph 24.6 of the Sikkim Public Work Department Manual and General Conditions of Contract subject to availability of resources.
24. Submitting of contract work is against the norms and it if comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
25. In case the man powers employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
26. The contractor is bound to abide by the rights to basic duties, alter or modify the item as worked in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
27. Use of explosives shall be regulated as under:

(a)Transportation, handling, storage and use of explosive (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the provision of the India Explosive Act and General Guidelines. Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.
(b) The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works Department or any other competent authority shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage, handling, loading, unloading, use and disposal of explosives and producing quantities of explosives.
28. The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period i.e. beginning, middle and completion stages.
29. Quarrying of stones shall be allowed only from designated approved quarries. Where work of Water Bound Macadam is involved, binding materials shall strictly be in accordance with the specifications, both in quality and quantity. Works such as compaction, consolidation and stabilization etc., will be required to be done on trial stretches to ensure that materials, processes and equipments are producing satisfactory results.
30. Damages to properties in and around the work site shall be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good the damages.
31. The department reserves the right to basic duties, alter or modify the item as worked in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
32. The contractor shall not violate the basic duties, alter or modify the item as worked in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
33. 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.
34. The cost of stock materials and Bridge parts supplied from the departmental store will be deducted from the contractors’ bills as per rules.

Dated: 14/08/2020

Assistant Engineer
Block Administrative Centre Ranka, East Sikkim

R.O.NO.55/IPR/PUB/Classi-20-21, Dt:24/08/2020

Assistant Engineer
BAC, Ranka
BIRENDRA TAMLING

GANGTOK, AUGUST 20:

A meeting of the State Task Force meeting held at Tashiling, Gangtok-737103

Gangtok, August 24: Mt. Birendra Tamling who is appointed as Advisor IPR Deprt. accorded a warm welcome by the Public Relations Department, of his Office at Information and Tamling who is appointed as Congratulated both the teachers Singh Tamang has expressed his happiness and said that it is this prestigious award. This is, 02 teachers out of 03 nominations movements will not be allowed on Saturdays and Sundays. Inter and Intra District movement will follow a 5-day working pattern. On Saturdays and Sundays, only localized movement will be allowed. Inter and Intra district movement will not be allowed to all the Heads of Departments, officers of the Tashiling Secretariat, today.

Celebrated on 20th August every year, Sadbhavana Diwas commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister late Mr. B.P. Ghandhi with the theme to promote National Integration and communal harmony among people of all religions, languages and regions.

SADBHAVANA DIWAS OBSERVED

GANGTOK, AUGUST 20: Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta administered Sadbhavana Diwas pledge to all the Heads of Departments, officers of the Tashiling Secretariat, today.

Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha has expressed his views that the Teachers have made the State proud. He further suggested that the Department to identify proper locations for growing and planting proper seeds according to feasible conditions. He further touched upon the importance of soil testing laboratory, an important component in the state of organic farming.

Information

This is to confirm the formal public and students pursuing higher education in particular, that admissions to government colleges in Sikkim are being conducted online through the Education Department w.e.f. 10th August 2020 till 25th August 2020 through the website www.ssetresult.com / www.resultssikkim.com (Helpline numbers : 7477132895, 9097398121) Available all days 10 am – 7 pm

It has been brought to the notice of the department that certain fictitious/Rudent websites are found to be in operation and under the guise of government authorised admission platforms, offering admissions and charging fees also.

All concerned are once again advised to apply for admissions to government colleges on the aforementioned websites ONLY and to refrain from accessing other unauthorized portals.

Likewise, for the government-allowed state quota seats for courses within and outside the state, applicants must log on to www.statequota.sikkim.gov.in or www.sikkimhrdd.org helpline numbers : 9734042435, 9641346474.

Chief Minister.

Of taking care of each person under home quarantine with an added monetary incentive per patient.

8. Doctors, nurses, paramedical and sanitisation staff will henceforth be quarantined in Government guest houses.

9. In a step towards slight relaxation of movement of men and material in and out of Sikkim, movement of vehicles will be allowed from home permitted with the odd even stipulation. This however, not apply to containment zones.

10. Keeping the present situation of COVID-19 in the State, there will be no change in the inter-State movement protocol.

11. The State Government will follow a 5-day working pattern. On Saturdays and Sundays, only localized movement will be allowed. Inter and Intra district movement will not be allowed on Saturdays and Sundays. Saturdays will be utilized for sanitisation of all offices.

12. The Health Department will prepare a non-COVID SOP to facilitate smooth functioning of all non-COVID services in the Hospitals in the State.

13. The TB Building in STNM Hospital which is nearing completion will be converted into a COVID Hospital. The main building will cater to all the non-COVID services.

14. A fixed set of doctors will be identified for COVID-19 duty and the same doctors will be deployed each time on rotation basis.

15. Any employee who is identified as the primary contact of COVID-19 patient, he or she shall be allowed for home quarantine only after the due approval of the Heads of Departments from he/she.

The meeting concluded with the concluding remarks by Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta.

SADMBAHANA DIWAS

Sikkim Baggs....

02 teachers out of nominations have been selected from Sikkim for this prestigious award. This is, indeed a proud moment for the State especially when many States have not been able to get any because the selection is purely on the meritorious performances achieved by the students.

The Chief Minister Mt. Prem Singh Tamang has expressed his happiness and said that it is indeed a proud moment for our State as many States have drawn a blank because the State of Sikkim is purely on the merit. He has congratulated both the teachers for making us and the State proud.

The Minister for Education, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha has expressed his hearty congratulations to the awardees on being selected for receiving the National Award to Teachers, 2020. He has further mentioned that this is indeed great news for Sikkim that they have made the State proud. Out of 45 selected across the country all over India, Sikkim getting two awards itself is a great achievement.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Education Mr. G. P. Laksamaya said that these teachers have made the State proud and congratulated them.

He also mentioned that two out of three candidates, selected by the State Level Committee headed by himself, getting the National Award has vindicated fair and appropriate selection.