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## Governor pays homage to former President APJ Abdul Kalam



**Gangtok, October 15:** The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad paid homage to former President, Bharat Ratna, APJ Abdul Kalam, on his birth anniversary at Raj Bhavan, today. The Governor offered floral tribute to a portrait of the 'Missile Man of India'.

The Governor stated that Dr. Kalam was "an embodiment of compassion, wisdom and strength" and his words and works, have inspired millions across the globe to believe in their dreams.

## Bhoomi Pujan ceremony of two IPU's



**Gangtok, October 18:** Speaker (SLA), Mr. L.B. Das attended a Bhoomi Pujan ceremony of the two Integrated Processing Units (IPUs) of Sikkim IFFCO Organics Limited in the presence of Minister for Agriculture Department, Mr. L. N. Sharma at Rangpo, today.

It may be mentioned here that the foundation stone was laid by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang on December 22, 2019, in the presence of Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar. The integrated processing units will process and package high-value crops and market them outside the State

once it is established. This will ensure that the farmers of Sikkim will get the rightful market for their produce, both nationally and internationally.

CEO, Sikkim Organic Farming Development Agency (SOFDA) Dr. S. Anbalagan, IFFCO MD, Mr. Manish Shrivastav, and his team from IFFCO Limited attended the programme with other dignitaries.

Thereafter, the Minister visited Horticulture store located at Majhitar. He interacted with the officials and took details of the store and also discussed boundary demarcation of Horticulture farm.

## Chief Minister lays foundation stone of Kali Darshan Yatra

**Gangtok, October 17:** The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang laid the foundation stone of Kali Darshan Yatra at Gadi under West Pendum Constituency, today.

The function also had the presence of Speaker (SLA) Mr. L. B. Das, Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr. B.S. Panth, MLA (Rhenock Constituency), Mr. B.K. Sharma, Press Advisor to Chief Minister Mr. C. P. Sharma, Advisors, Chairperson, Chairmen along with the public of West Pendum and Rhenock Constituencies.

It may be mentioned here that the Kali Darshan Yatra project will be developed by Tourism and Civil Aviation Department and will comprise of a walkway with flat stone pitching along Gadi/Alley Bhir leading to Kali Devi Mandir through a tough rocky cliff (Gadi Bhir) of 300 metres approximately. Development of cave area, landscaping and beautification at take off point and Mandir Area



projects have also been designed.

Thereafter, the Chief Minister along with other dignitaries attended an official function at Government Primary School, Budang.

While addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said

that the foundation stone of Kali Darshan Yatra was laid with an aim to develop a walking trail from Gadi Bhir to the Mandir which passes through a tough rocky cliff. This place has huge potential of strengthening the

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## CM launches New Government incentive to dairy farmers of Sikkim

**Gangtok, October 14:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang launched the New Government incentive to dairy farmers of Sikkim at 8 per litre of milk, an initiative towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat at Chintan Bhawan, today. The programme was organised by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in collaboration with the Sikkim Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Limited.

The programme was held to introduce the government initiative of providing the dairy producers at 8/- per litre directly to their individual account by the State Government in addition to the prescribed rate applicable to them.

The Chief Minister in his address appreciated the initiative of the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and Sikkim Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Limited. He thanked all the dairy producing farmers and their efforts in helping the Government to make such a historic initiative towards their benefit. He mentioned that he understands the plight of the efforts that go in making a living in the rural



areas, and added that such unique initiative would encourage the farmers to excel. He urged the gathering to appreciate the roles and hard work put in by the farming community in providing food for

all. The Chief Minister also mentioned that Sikkim must realize the goal of being self-reliant in every spheres as

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### Pearls of Wisdom

*Determine your priorities and focus on them.*

*-Eileen McDargh*



# District Diary

## RDD (West) distributes Allotment under Garib Awaas Yojana at Hee Martam Block

**Gyalshing, October 19:** The Rural Development Department (West) distributed the allotment order of GCI Sheet, House Upgradation, cheques sanctioned under Garib Awas Yojana under Hee Martam Block in a special programme organised at the premises of Hee Martam Block Administrative Centre, today. The Minister Mr. L. N. Sharma was the chief guest. He handed

over the allotment orders to the beneficiaries of Pechrek Hee Patal Gram Panchayat Unit(GPU), Martam GPU and Bermiok Berthang GPU. It may be mentioned here that a total of One Hundred Households will be provided state government's benefits of Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana, House Upgradation for Four Hundred Households and GCI Sheet for One Hundred

households under Gyalshing Bermiok constituency. The newly sanctioned house of Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana will be constructed at the cost of 17 lakh 51 thousand only. Similarly, sanctioned cheques of 20,000/- for house upgradation were distributed at first instalment and thirty pieces of GCI Sheet are being distributed to each identified beneficiaries.

## DCPU (North) organises formation of VLCP at various GPUs of North District

**Mangan, October 16:** The District Child Protection Unit, North under Child Protection Scheme of Social Justice and Welfare Department in coordination with the Village level Child Protection Committee of Toong -Naga and Mangshila-Tibuk, Namok Swayam GPUs organised a training programme on the Procedure of Children's Parliament for the Village Level Children's Parliament of the GPU. The District Child Protection Unit (North) in co-ordination with Village level Child Protection Committee of Toong - Naga GPU, Mangan Block organised the formation of Village Level Children's Parliament in Toong -Naga GPU for children from Naga and Manul Government Secondary Schools

on October 16. The programme started with the welcome address and role of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in the protection of children by Chairperson, CWC (North), Mrs. Mingma Doma Bhutia. ORW, DCPU (North), Ms. Eeptisha Rai introduced the child protection scheme under Social Justice &Welfare Department and various other acts made for the protection of child rights. Then the Rights of Children were explained through an interactive space game conducted by Counsellor DCPU (North), Ms. Phuphu Doma Bhutia. Thereafter, DCPO (North) Mrs. Wendy Lepcha explained the roles and responsibilities of each

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## Sumbuk block level awareness programme on PMEGP held

**Namchi, October 15:** Sumbuk block level awareness programme by Sikkim Khadi and Village Industries Board (SKVIB) on Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was held at the hall of BAC Sumbuk, today. Chairperson (SKVIB) Mrs. Chung Chung Bhutia was present as the chief guest. Mrs. Chung Chung Bhutia in her address spoke about the importance of this board and underlined that SKVIB is working to link the masses especially from rural areas to various

schemes available with the board. She gave an overview regarding the schemes and added that it is the vision of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang to connect the youths particularly who are entrepreneurs with SKVIB and provide them with opportunities wherein they can explore their innovative ideas thereby making the youth self-reliant. The Chairperson also assured that the board will extend necessary assistance for Sikkimese business-person. Resource Person CEO

(KVIB) Mr. Gyurmic Yousal spoke in detail about PMEGP which he said is a credit linkage subsidy with the objective for establishing of micro enterprises which will be tiny hubs of employment. He further informed that these enterprises can be in the form of factories, production units, trade, shops and service sectors in rural as well as in urban areas. In Sikkim, this scheme is being implemented via SKVIB and the government subsidy under this scheme will be routed

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## Closing of online Boxing coaching & Inauguration of New Boxing Ring stalled

**Mangan, October 15:** The closing ceremony of Online Boxing Coaching was held at Panchayat Bhawan, Mangshila, North Sikkim, today. Minister Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha was the chief guest. The programme started with a welcome address by the organising member of Amateur Boxing Club of Mangshila. He also briefed about how the Boxing started in their locality. Followed by words of encouragement from President, NDBA, Arjuna awardee, Mr. Jaslal Pradhan. Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha in his address assured to fulfill all the pending works of the Mangshila block and assured support the area for their

progressive efforts. He also expressed his gratitude to the land donors, who have contributed their lands for the promotion of sports at Mangshila. Secretary, Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Mr. Kuber Bhandari informed that Mangshila is the first place in Sikkim to stall such a standard Boxing Ring. He also highlighted some upcoming plan for the promotion of advance Boxing coaching in Sikkim under the Khelo India Centre scheme. The programme also saw inauguration of new standard Boxing Ring stalled by the organizers, funded by the Sports & Youth Affairs Department. Mr. Prabin Limboo, who is voluntarily serving as a Coach in that area.

He was presented with letter of Appreciation by organisers for his remarkable and outstanding contribution for promoting Boxing in North Distrtict. The winners of Online Boxing Competiton, recently organized and funded by the department of Sports & Youth Affairs were awarded cash prize. The programme concluded with cultural presentation and vote of thanks by the organisers. Thereafter, the team of Sports & Youth Affairs Department led by Secretary Sports with the locals inspected the land for the construction of boxing hall. Secretary Sports directed the Engineering cell and the Technical line of the department to process with plan.

## Annual meeting of DACYP of Nehru Yuva Kendra of Sangathan held

**Namchi, October 15:** The first annual meeting of the District Advisory Committee for Youth Programme(DACYP) of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Namchi, South Sikkim was conducted in the District Administrative Centre, Namchi, today. The meeting was chaired by District Collector cum Chairperson DACYP Mr. Raghul K. in presence of State Director NYKS Mr. Sibashish Banerjee, SDM (Namchi) Mr. Agwane Rohan, District Youth Coordinator, NYKS Mr. Muskan Rai along with members of board and concerned departmental officials. During the meeting, annual programmes to be undertaken upto March 2021 were touched upon by the board, namely Atma Nirbhar Bharat, career guidance,

career counseling, education in basic vocations, Establishing Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Teams, Training of youths on wellness, Fit India and cleanliness, promotion of sports, arts and culture in District and Block Levels. Besides, the meeting also conversed in youth club development and awareness on COVID-19, post lock-down intervention and Jal Shakti Mission. Annual regular activities was highlighted by DYK, NYKS, Namchi Mr. Muskan Rai. He also briefly mentioned about youth mapping, skilling and handholding under Atma Nirbhar Bharat, wherein the objectives of the programme were discussed with the members in detail. He also informed that 129 organisations have been

registered under NYKS Namchi in the District. Further, he briefed about initiation of action plan of youth clubs to be carried from the upcoming week. Chairperson Mr. Raghul K. urged for active participation of youths in nation-building activities at grassroot level, he stressed on the need of awareness on various opportunities which can enhance in developing personality and skills of youth. Further, he advised the board to form one organisation each in every Gram Panchayat Units in the district under NYKS Namchi. In addition, he also suggested arranging a quick response team in disaster prone areas under the district

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## Scrutiny of documents for Krishi Loans conducted

**Namchi, October 13:** As per the direction of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang a scrutiny of documents programme for distribution of Krishi Loans to the borrowers of Sikkim at DAC Conference Hall was conducted, today. It is pertinent to mention that loan mela was curtained raised by Chief Minister on August 29 with the theme "Development Through Credit."

## Jan Andolan campaign on COVID-19 observed at South District

**Namchi, October 13:** Jan Andolan campaign on COVID-19 was observed at South District Information Office, today. District Information Officer Mrs. Deepti Pradhan spoke briefly about the importance of this campaign. She highlighted the main components of Jan Andolan and urged one and all to wear a face mask, wash hands frequently and follow social distancing rules in order to avoid the virus and follow the guidelines issued by the Government. The staff also pledged to

At the outset, Consultant, Mr. Pratap Bhandari, urged all the borrowers to utilise the loan amount judiciously as per the project report submitted by them. He also informed that at least a sum of 2.5 crores covering about 150 borrowers shall be disbursed immediately through concerned banks after considering due document formalities.

follow the rules of COVID-19 as per the instructions of this campaign. It may be mentioned here that the Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi recently launched a campaign on Jan Andolan for COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour. The Information and Public Relations Department will also be running the campaign in the State as per the guidelines prescribed by the Government of India pertaining to this campaign through all modes of communication.

Department of Labour  
Government of Sikkim  
Gangtok - 737102

Ref. No.:833/DL/ESIC

Date:14/10/2020

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Application are invited for walk-in-interview, from eligible local candidates for filling up the posts mentioned below on purely contractual basis in consolidated pay as indicated against each post for initial period of one year under Employees' State Insurance Corporation(ESIC), Labour Department, Government of Sikkim.

SL No.	NAME OF POST	No. OF POSTs	MINIMUM EDUCATION QUALIFICATION AND OTHER EXPERIENCES	AGE LIMIT	FIXED PAY
1	Insurance Medical Officer	03	MBBS Degree from MCI recognised Institute	Above 22 Years (Below 40 Years)	70,000/- Per month
2	Assistant Administrative Officer	01	i. Graduate from the recognised Institute ii. MBA iii. Working experience as Senior Officer HR with atleast 3 years of working experience in Pharmaceutical Company	Above 25 Years (Below 40 Years)	30,000/- Per month
3	General Nursing Midwifery (GNM)	01	Class XII passed with Pass Certificate of 3 years of General Nursing Training and Midwifery Training from MCI recognised Institute or School of Nursing recognised by Nursing Council of India	20-30 Years	22,000/- Per month
4	Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery (ANM)	01	Class X Passed with Pass Certificate of 18 months of Auxiliary Nursing Training from MCI recognised Institute or School of Nursing recognised by Nursing Council of India	20-30 Years	20,000/- Per month
5	LDC cum Record Keeper	01	Class XII Passed	Above 18 to 30 Years	16,000/- Per month
6	Peons	02	Class VIII Passed	Above 18 to 30 Years	12,000/- Per month

The candidates having the requisite qualification as mentioned in the job description are requested to submit their application alongwith certified copies of degree and certificates to Under Secretary, Labour Department by 23/10/2020 before 4.30 pm. Application received after closing time and date will not be entertained/considered. The walk-in-interview will be held on 05/11/2020.

Venue : Shram Bhawan, Labour Department, Government of Sikkim, Sokeythang  
Time : 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Under Secretary,  
Labour Department,  
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok

R.O. No.107/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21(iii), Dt:15/10/2020

Government of Sikkim  
Education Department  
Directorate of Technical Education  
Tashiling, Gangtok

No. GOS/DTE/2020/1326

Date: 19/10/2020

NOTICE

It is for information of all concerned that the following information relating to allotment of MBBS/BDS/ BHMS (Homeopathy)/ BAMS (Ayurveda) State quota seats for 2020 is hereby notified.

**II. Registration** - NEET qualified candidates are required to register themselves and fill up the forms online in the State web portal [www.statequota.sikkim.gov.in](http://www.statequota.sikkim.gov.in) as per the schedule indicated below.

(a) Registration opens : 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 from 10:00 a.m.

(b) Registration closes : 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

**Please note that no extension of dates for online registration is permissible.**

**III. Registration fees** - The registration fee of 450/- has to be paid online for the above indicated course. A provision for payment of registration fees through offline mode has also been facilitated by the State Bank of Sikkim. Candidates who desire to pay offline need to visit the nearest branch of State Bank of Sikkim.

**IV. Documents required** : All candidates are advised to upload the following documents online for verification. Incomplete forms will be summarily rejected.

1. Sikkim Subject/Certificate or COI of father or of candidate.
2. Valid Community Certificate in the name of candidate.
3. Residential Certificate or Trade License in the name of father or Parent's employment certificate in case or applicants failing under the Others category.
4. Recent BPL certificate (issued by DESME), if any
5. Date of Birth Certificate.
6. Class XII marksheet.
7. NEET scorecard.

**Online registration does not confer the applicant a right to quota seat. The allotment of seats will be purely on merit of the mark obtained in the qualification examination vis a vis reservation and roster policy of the State Government.**

Candidate are advised to regularly log on to Education Department web portal [www.sikkimhrdd.org](http://www.sikkimhrdd.org) where all information will be uploaded occasionally.

Director  
Higher & Technical Education  
Education Department

R.O. No.114/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:20/10/2020

Government of Sikkim  
Health and Family Welfare Department  
Tashiling, Gangtok

MEMO NO:615/H&FW/2020

Dated:09/10/20

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

The Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for “Setting up of State-of-the-Art 500 bedded Super-speciality Cancer Institute with full infrastructure including Proton Beam Tharapy Machine under invest model on Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) mode for Government of Sikkim at Jorethang, South Sikkim”.

The details of the EOI can be viewed and downloaded from the website [www.sikkim.gov.in](http://www.sikkim.gov.in)

Principal Secretary  
H &FW Deptt, Govt. of Sikkim

R.O. No.103/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21(i), Dt:09/10/2020

Government of Sikkim  
West District Zilla Panchayat  
Zilla Panchayat Bhawan,  
Gyalshing, West Sikkim – 737111

No. 334/WDZP

Dated: 15.10.2020

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from interested persons/parties for renting/leasing out the below mentioned property of West district Zilla Panchayat, Gyalshing.

Sl. No.	Property	Address	Base lease value
01	Zilla Guest House	Kyongsa	43,817/- p.m
02	Meat Stall (Ground Floor)	Sabzi Mandi, Gyalshing	3759/- p.m.
03	Meat Stall (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)	Sabzi mandi, Gyalshing	1600/- p.m
04	Meat Stall (Two Nos)	10 <sup>th</sup> Mile Turning, Kyongsa	3029/- p.m
05	Cafeteria	Sikkip, Legship-Jorethang Highway	10,622/- p.m

The terms and condition of tender are as follows:-

1. The tender form may be obtained from this office on production of **Deposit Receipt of 250/- from the HDFC Bank, Gyalshing deposited in the A/c No. 50100359380391** for the cost of tender form during office hours. The tender received without TDR shall not be accepted.
2. The tender duly accompanied by temporary deposit of 1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand) only each refundable as security deposit from State Bank of Sikkim in favour of Accounts Officer, West District Zilla Panchayat should reach the office of the undersigned on or before **03.11.2020 from 10 AM to 12 NOON**
3. **The bids shall be opened at 2 PM** the same day in the office of the undersigned in presence of the bidders. The bidders have to abide by the terms and conditions laid down on the bid form.
4. The successful bidders shall deposit the full amount of one (01) year in **Advance in HDFC Bank, Gyalshing in favour of West District Zilla Panchayat, Gyalshing in A/c No. 50100359380391**
5. Interested parties can inspect the above property on or before **03.10.2020** with the permission of the undersigned during office hours.
6. The tender should be accompanied by valid trade license, COI/RC documents to be eligible.
7. Quotations below base lease value will not be entertained.

Upa-Sachiva cum District Planning Officer  
West District Zilla Panchayat

R.O. No.110/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:16/10/2020

Social Justice and Welfare Department  
Government of Sikkim,  
Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey,  
5<sup>th</sup> Mile Tadong, Gangtok - Sikkim

No. 263/SJ&WD/ADM/2020

Dated:09.10.2020

NOTICE

**Post Matric Scholarships for ST, SC, EBC & OBC and Pre-Matric for ST**

Online applications are invited from students fulfilling the requisite criterion under the Post-Matric scholarship schemes for Scheduled Tribes (ST), Scheduled Cast (SC), Economically Backward class (EBC) and Other Backward class (OBC) for the Academic Year 2020-21, at [scholarships.sikkim.gov.in](http://scholarships.sikkim.gov.in) portal. The last date of submission of the online application for the aforementioned scholarships is 31.12.2020, time 5:00 pm. The extension in the last date of submission of application (if any) will be mentioned in the scholarships portal. For further queries or relative Issues the applicants can contact at [scholarshipsikkim@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipsikkim@gmail.com).

Additional Director  
Social Justice and Welfare Department  
Government of Sikkim, GoS/165/SJ&WD/WD/2020

R.O. No.105/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:12/10/2020



Government of Sikkim  
Office of the District Collector  
Rabdentse, West Sikkim

Memo No. 168/ DCW

Dated: 14/10/1020

Section 3G

Office of Competent Authority for Land Acquisition under National Highways Act, 1956

In the matter of Award of Compensation u/s 3G & 3H of the National Highways Act 1956, inrespect of acquisition of land for development of National/State Highway from Nayabazar to Legship; Stretch from Km 0.00 to Km 24.00;Village:Nayabazar to Legship;Tehsil Soreng District West, State: Sikkim.

**Order**

Whereas the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, has decided to undertake development of a State Highway (Nayabazar to Legship) in the State of Sikkim, which requires acquisition of land for the said State Highway infrastructure project, and the undersigned was appointed as the Competent Authority for Land Acquisition u/s 3a of the National Highways Act,1956,vide Gazette of India Notification S.O. No. 3229\_dated16/08/2018

2. Whereas the Central Government, after being satisfied that land was required for a public, purpose i.e. the building, maintenance, management or operation of the National State Highway (Nayabazar to Legship), Stretch from Km 0.00 to km 24.0, declared its intention to acquire such land measuring **3.7040 Hectares** u/s 3A (1) of the NH Act, 1956, vide Gazette of India Notification S.O. **No.2700 dated 19/08/2019** The said notification was also published in the newspapers, namely, **Summit Times** and **Anugamini** both dated **3/2/2019** respectively, whereby an opportunity was afforded to the landowners to file their objections under Section 3 (C) , if any.

3. A total of 0 objections were received in the office of the undersigned by the due date and time. However, minor doubts of land owner were clarified on 02/03/2019 .

4. Whereas, on receipt of the report from the Competent Authority, the Central Authority, the Central Government declared that the subject land, as specified in the Schedule, should be acquired in terms of Section 3D, vide Gazette Notification bearing No. **3393** dated **17/10/2019** On the publication of the said declaration under Section3D, the land described in the Schedule attached thereto vested absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances;

Now, therefore in compliance of sub-section(3) of Section3G, the Competent Authority hereby invites all the land owners or persons Interested In the land being acquired under these proceedings to submit their claims In respect to the land mentioned in the Schedule given here-In-below within a period of 15 days (till 3/11/2020, 4:00pm) from the date of publication of this Public Notice. In the office of the Competent Authority i.e. **OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE District Administrative Centre Rabdentse, West Sikkim -737113**

All the persons interested owner of the lands and other interested person(s)] In the lands specified in the Schedule given below are hereby called upon to submit their claims in the said land (their share area of land, any assets attached thereto e.g.structures / trees etc. and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands along with relevant records. The said landowners or persons interested therein shall also furnish the particulars of their Bank Accounts to which they would like their compensation amount to be credited. The claims may be submitted in the following indicative format:

Name of village/ Town	Name of the Landowner interested person	Field Survey No.	Area of land in his share	Any structures/ trees/ tube-well attached to the land	Name of the Bank & Branch in which he/ she holds the Account	Particulars of the Bank Account No. _____, IFSC Code of the Bank Branch

SCHEDULE of the same has been published in the Gazette of India: Extraordinary vide notification no. 3393 dated: 17/10/2019.

District Magistrate  
District Administrative Centre  
Rabdentse, West Sikkim -737113  
R.O. No.111/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:19/10/2020

Government of Sikkim  
Urban Development Department  
Gangtok, Sikkim

PRESS RELEASE

**Gangtok, October 16:** On completion of the tenure of the Municipalities in Sikkim and the postponement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Municipal General Election, the State Government has appointed the Administrators in the seven Urban Local Bodies of Sikkim namely; Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Namchi/Gyalshing/Naya Bazaar Jorethang Municipal Councils, Singtam/Rangpo/Mangan Nagar Panchayats vide Notification No. DMA(108)GOD/UDD/MUN/2020/26 dated: 18.09.2020 and Corrigendum No. 27/GOS/UDD/DMA(108)/MUN dated:25.09.2020. The Administrators shall exercise/discharge/perform all duties and functions of the municipalities until the reconstitution of Municipalities.

The jurisdictions of the Administrators are as under:

SI No.	Administrator	Jurisdiction of the Administrator
1	Secretary Urban Development Department, Gangtok	1. Gangtok Municipal Corporation
2	Additional District Collector [East] District Administrative Centre[East], Gangtok	1. Singtam Nagar Panchayat 2. Rangpo Nagar Panchyat
3	Additional District Collector [North] District Administrative Centre [North], Mangan	1. Mangan Nagar Panchayat
4	Additional District Collector [South] District Administrative Centre [Southt], Namchi	1. Namchi Municipal Council 2. Naya Bazaar Jorethang Municipal Council
5	Additional District Collector [West] District Administrative Centre [West], Gyalshing	1.Gyalshing Municipal Council

During the interim period of the Administrators, all the properties vested in the Municipalities shall remain vested in the State Government. The dissolution of the present Municipalities and the appointment of the Administrators are made in terms of the provisions under section 12 of the Sikkim Municipalities Act, 2007 (5 of 2007). The appointment shall come to effect from 16th October,

(Sarala Rai, IAS)  
Secretary

R.O. No.113/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:20/10/2020

Urban Development Department

Government of Sikkim  
Buildings and Housing Department

Memo no. 07/GOS/B&H/South/20/21/147      Dated: 16/10/2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, The Chief Engineer, Buildings and Housing Department, Government of Sikkim, invites sealed offers from bonafide firms specialized in conceptualization, preparation of drawing, designing and executing the undermentioned turnkey project on Lump sum contract basis:

**“Conceptualization, Design, Drawing, and Construction of 300 Bedded district hospital at Namchi, south sikkim.”**

The details will be available at the

(a) [www.sikkimtender.gov.in](http://www.sikkimtender.gov.in).

(b) [www.sikkim.gov.in](http://www.sikkim.gov.in)

(c) [www.sikkim-building.gov.in](http://www.sikkim-building.gov.in)

Date of uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal will start from 21.10.2020 after 1.00 pm. The down load/ sale of tender documents will start from 21.10.2020.

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Chief Engineer,

Buildings & Housing Department,

R.O. No.112/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21(iii), Dt:19/10/2020

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### DCPU (North)...

Minister of the Village level Child Parliament and the purpose of forming the Parliament and facilitated the elections in a sociocratic method for the various posts of Ministries based on the Sustainable Development Goals. She spoke Ms. Pemkit Lepcha who is the current Prime Minister of National Inclusive Children’s Parliament used to be the Prime Minister of VLCP- Hee Gyathang.

Panchayat President-cum-Chairperson, Village level Child Protection Committee of the GPU, Mr. Sonam Tshering Lepcha, administered the oath and also informed the children of the child friendly room in the GPK and invited the Parliamentarians to participate in the upcoming Gram Sabha. Hand sanitizers and masks were provided at the entry while adhering to all COVID-19 guidelines. Information on the importance of hygiene, sanitation and social distancing were announced.

Similarly, on October 17, the District Child Protection Unit (North under Child Protection Scheme in co-ordination with the Village level Child Protection Committee Mangshila-Tibuk GPU organized the programme.

The programme began with the Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee (North), Mrs. Mingma Doma Bhutia highlighting the Child Protection Scheme under the Social Justice & Welfare Department and the role of Child Welfare Committee. An interactive game to explain the four pillars of UNCRC-The rights of Survival, Participation, Protection and Development was conducted by Ms. Phuphu Doma and Mr. Vishal Tamang, DCPU Team.

After explaining the purpose of the Children’s Parliament and the roles and responsibilities of each Minister, the election was conducted in a sociocratic manner facilitated by the DCPO (North), Mrs. Wendy Lepcha. Panchayat President-cum-Chairperson, Village Level Child Protection Committee of the GPU, Mrs. Meena Maya Limboo administered the oath

taken by Child Parliamentarians. She assured the children full support and guidance from the Committee and encouraged the children to speak for their rights.

Likewise on October 19, the District Child Protection Unit (North) of Namok Swayam GPU organised a training programme on the Procedure of Children’s Parliament for the Village Level Children’s Parliament of the GPU. The programme was chaired by Zilla Panchayat, Mr. Ongdup Bhutia who addressed the members of the Children’s Parliament and advised them to fulfill their duties and responsibilities as child Parliamentarians with utmost sincerity, for which they would be guided and assisted by the Village level Child Protection Committee. He also volunteered to be their Facilitator and assist them in their sittings as and when held. The Panchayat President-cum-Chairperson, Village level Child Protection Committee, Mrs. Dawchung Bhutia also extended her support to the child Parliamentarians and welcomed them to the child friendly GPK for holding their meetings. The Prime Minister of the VLCP, Master Chewang Norbu Lepcha, requested all the Ministers to work hand in hand for the betterment of their community and protection of child rights.

The DCPO (North), Mrs.Wendy Lepcha explained the roles and responsibilities of each Minister and the procedure to be followed for their meetings. She also highlighted the purpose of the Children’s Parliament and encouraged the children to know their rights, be empowered and speak up on any form of abuse or violation of their rights and take advantage of the enthusiastic support of the VLCPC for their benefit. The other team members of the District Child Protection Unit, Ms Eeptisha Rai sensitised the children on various child related legislations and the Child Protection Scheme under Social Justice and Welfare Department, Counsellor, Ms. Phuphu Doma and Mr. Bishal Tamang conducted an interactive game on child rights to sensitise the children on the Rights of Survival, Development, Participation and Protection.



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### Chief Minister...

economy of the people as well as in generating employment opportunities, he added. He said that the State Government has been working collectively for the development of rural areas and also suggested ways and means to explore the tourism potentials and include the region in the tourism map of the State.

While speaking on the Education and Health sectors, the Chief Minister stated that thrust has been laid by the State Government to improve the educational and health sectors in the State. He further added that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has been working tirelessly for the collective benefit of the general public.

He also stated that the present Government has been working tirelessly to upgrade the quality of education in schools and has initiated several measures. He also highlighted on the Mukya Mantri Jiwan Raksha Kosh and health insurance scheme and also mentioned that till now more than 1200 persons

have availed the health insurance scheme in the State. He also mentioned that the State Government is providing financial support to the poor and needy to for their dire need and necessity during any sickness.

He also informed about the project in the pipeline to address the issues of scarcity of water in Central Pendum and Budang areas.

He specifically urged the public to follow the official guidelines of COVID -19 and also called for strict implementation of the standard operating procedures.

The Chief Minister also launched the Rogi Kalyan Kosh website ([www.rkkwestpendam.com](http://www.rkkwestpendam.com)) and app developed by Creative Group, CIPL, Kolkata.

He concluded his address by extending Dasai greetings to the people of Sikkim.

Speaker (SLA), Mr. L.B. Das in his address thanked the public for their overwhelming support.

He extended his gratitude to the Chief Minister on behalf of the public of Central Pendum for providing financial assistance for the maintenance of

Kali Mandir.

He highlighted and spoke on the concept of Rogi Kalyan Kosh and added that the dedicated website and app will provide more transparency.

Minister for Tourism Mr. B. S. Panth highlighted the State Government plans and vision in tourism sector, while Principal Chief Engineer, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr. Prakash Chettri presented the technical report on the Kali Darshan Yatra.

This was followed by the felicitation of Chief Minister by the public of Budang under Rhenock Constituency, Nishani Kali Trust and Sunakhari Club, Central Pendum.

He also presented a cheque of 15 lakh to Sunakhari Club Dhap.

He visited and offered prayers at the Shiva Temple at Karmithang and Tashi Palden Gumpa at Sajong Monastery.

Earlier, MLA Rhenock Constituency Mr. B. K. Khatiwada presented the welcome address. The function ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Chairman, Housing Board, Mr. Karma Tashi Bhutia.

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### CM launches...

desired by the Prime Minister of India. He ensured the support of the State Government. He stated that the pandemic has caused delay in bringing such initiatives. However, the State Government will now continuously work on policies catered for the rural populous, he added. The Chief Minister also stated that the amount for the incentives given to the farmers has already been earmarked, which would be directly credited to the farmers account.

He also expressed his desire that the farming community should take benefit of such initiatives and upscale their produces in the coming days. The Chief Minister also mentioned that more stress would be given in the strengthening of Cooperative Societies.

During the occasion, the Chief Minister made several announcement, such as construction of two milk production centres every year, 10 lakh to the Sikkim Milk Union from Chief Minister’s Discretion Fund, 2 lakh to the ‘Milkman of the Year Award’ to the farmer who produces maximum amount of milk in a year; payment to milk damages caused by road blockage, declaration of ‘Gwala Day’ as restricted holiday after the day will be finalised and emphasized on One Family Two Cows policy. He also informed

that the requests put forward by the MPCS would be considered after evaluation.

The Chief Minister also urged and directed everyone to wear mask all the time, wash hands frequently and to maintain social distancing.

The Minister for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Mr. L. N. Sharma in his address marked the day as historic, with a noteworthy achievement for the welfare of farmers. The newly launched initiatives of 8 per litre of milk is a unique, exemplary and encouraging financial support initiated by the State Government for the benefits of the farmers of Sikkim.

Besides, encouraging financial incentives, the recent enhancement of milk price raised by the State government, will certainly improve economic and social status of the farmers, he added.

The Minister also underlined immediate requirement of the technical manpower in the department to address the medical and technical issues in rural areas. He also drew light on the benefits of ongoing programme of ‘Development through Credit’ and informed that the programme will also be launched for East and North Sikkim after the Dusshera festival. He also committed to provide high yielding variety of milch cow to the farmers in the future. Further, he also acknowledged the farmer’s hardships and challenges faced

by them in producing milk and its products.

The Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Mr. S.B. Subba in his brief address stated the dairy farmers of Sikkim will be getting incentives of 8 per litre for the first time in the history of the State. He informed everyone about genetically enhanced livestock which will be introduced soon in the State. He also gave a brief informative overview on the various policies of the department and how the farmers and public can benefit from it.

The Chief Minister also handed over the cheques of the New Government Incentive @ 8/- per litre of milk to the beneficiaries for the months of April, May and June 2020 during the programme.

The programme also saw launching of Dairy Cooperative Song in honour of Dairy farmers of Sikkim written and composed by Managing Director Sikkim Milk Union, Dr. A. B. Karki.

Likewise, prize for the winners of lockdown poetry competition “Gwala” were also distributed.

The award for best suggestions from the employees of Sikkim Milk Union on the topic, “My role and responsibility on combating COVID-19” was also presented.

On the occasion, the ‘Milk Man of the Year Award’ of 2 lakh was also handed over to Mr. Puspala Sharma for delivering 89 liters of milk per day.

Sibashish Banerjee extended his gratitude to the District Administration for extending necessary support and coordination in the smooth functioning of NYKS. He also advised the administration to involve NYKS in various departmental activities for the

successful implementation of developmental programmes and informed on various aspects and agendas of the programmes which is to advocate the youths while improving their livelihood to make them self-reliant.

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### Sumbuk block...

through identified banks for distribution to the beneficiaries said the resource person. Moreover, he elucidated that there are two kinds of assistance under this scheme one is manufacturing sector and the other one is business or service sector of which the unit admissible is 25 lakh and 10 lakh, respectively. Mr. Yousal also mentioned that in Sikkim currently service sector project is booming and industries such as pickle making, bakery, tissue paper and mineral water manufacturing units are on the rise. He also notified that due to the pandemic the application can be submitted via online mode along with the detailed project report.

Similarly, Resource Person complex In-charge (SKVIB) Mr. Shiva Prasad Sharma spoke in brief about apiculture which can be honed in Sumbuk area. He

characterized the benefits of apiculture in Sikkim and urged the attendees to practice basic traditional beekeeping techniques and methods as beekeeping helps in proper functioning of ecosystem and can be a source of rural livelihoods. He also cited examples of successful beekeepers from Melli and urged the entrepreneurs to follow those successful beekeepers direction.

BDO (Sumbuk) Mr. Kiran Thatal outlined regarding the awareness programme and encouraged the congregated to utilized the schemes provided by SKVIB as these schemes have the potential to attract the younger generation to the khadi sector for livelihood opportunities.

During the course of the programme an interaction session was held wherein the participants shared their queries, and experiences with the officials of SKVIB.

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timely manner so as to seek out any drawbacks and advised the concerned officials to work in close coordination for the welfare and upliftment of the public. He appreciated South District Department for their dedication towards DISHA and encouraged to work more efficiently in order to achieve the desired target.

During the meeting, various departmental works undertaken so far under various government schemes and its issues were discussed like MGNREGA, SBM RURBAN Cluster, PMAY, PMGSY, DDU-GKY, PMKVY, command area development and water management programme, PMEGP, PMUY, IPDS, PMFBY, RKVY, NHM, ICDS, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Implementation of National Food Security Act, DILRM, Digital India) Internet Access Programme and Smart Cities Mission.

Officials from all the line departments presented detailed Power Points presentation on the schemes. The FPOs members also addressed about its ongoing work status, achievements and issues related to them accordingly.

Similarly, in Mangan, District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting was held in Conference Hall, NDZP, Mangan on October 15. The meeting was chaired by the MP (Lok Sabha) Mr. Indra Hang Subba. MP (Lok Sabha) was accompanied by Minister for Road and Bridges Department, Mr. Samdup Lepcha, Minister for Forest Department, Mr.

Karma Loday Bhutia and others.

The programme began with DC (North) briefing on prime objectives of DISHA.

The ADC (Dev) presented Power Point Presentation on topic like Reconstruction of Earthquake Damaged Rural Houses (REDRH), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G), Sikkim Garib Awaas Yojana (SGAY), Swachha Bharat Mission (SBM), Open Defecation Free (ODF) and Total Job Card Issued. Similarly, the DE (PMGSY) presented Power Point Presentation on Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) objectives, impact of implementation of PMGSY programme, long span bridges sanction under North Sikkim, Roads sanctioned under PMGSY- II and quality monitoring.

The SE (Power) presented Power Point Presentation on Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), objectives of DDUGJY and benefits of the scheme. The AE (Social Justice and Welfare Department) presented Power Point Presentation on Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram. DCSO (Food and civil supplies Department) on Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY), One Nation One Ration Card. CDPO (Mangan) on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Poshan Abhiyaan. Assistant Project Coordinator S.S on Samagra Shiksha.

Mr. Indra Hang Subba, interacted with officials from various line departments and directed them to conduct proper programmes, implement every scheme for the development of rural areas.

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## The Birds and Bees Talk launched

**Gangtok, October 13:** ‘The Birds and Bees Talk’, a unique life skills programme for adolescent children under the Reckitt Benckiser’s flagship Dettol ‘Banega Swasth India’ in partnership with Primus partners was launched at Samman Bhawan in the presence of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, today.

The launching programme was attended by Minister for Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, Dr. M. K. Sharma, Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta and other dignitaries.

During the programme, a Letter of Intent (LoI) was also signed between the ACS Education Department Mr. G.P. Upadhayay and Mr. Ravi Bhatnagar, Director External Affairs and Partnerships, Reckitt Benckiser, (AMESA).

The Chief Minister expressed his happiness on being associated with the flagship program ‘Dettol Banega Swasth India’ and added that the programme is a unique life skills

training module for adolescent children. The programme will immensely benefit children, which will increase knowledge and awareness about healthy life skill practices, he added. The Chief Minister also directed the Heads of the Educational Institutions to sensitize the students on holistic curriculum and also on the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that one of the top most priorities of the State Government is Education and it is the only way where empowerment of children can be achieved. The Chief Minister hoped that the programme will go a long way in developing key skills in the students.

Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha informed that the ‘Birds and Bees Talk’ is a unique and comprehensive programme for supporting and guiding the school going children and will run for three years in the State.

Mr. G.P. Upadhayay in his address said that the programme will be implemented in all schools across Sikkim to ensure maximum reach. It is a holistic kind of

intervention where young minds will be guided through a unique and effective curriculum.

In his opening note, Mr. Ravi Bhatnagar highlighted Reckitt Benckiser’s vision and commitment in growing up life skill education in India. He informed that the programme is a comprehensive growing life skills curriculum for 10-19 years old children which will provide accurate, fact based and age appropriate information that will help adolescents make informed choices.

He added that the curriculum is in alignment with the National Curriculum Framework and the recently announced New Education Policy 2020 as it follows the guiding principles of the Adolescence Education programme.

Earlier, Secretary Education Department, Mr. Anil Raj Rai presented the welcome address and vote of thanks was proposed by State Project Director (Samagra Siksha-cum-Director Elementary Education) Mr. Bhim Thatal.

## Schools in Sikkim to open from October 19

**Gangtok, October 15:** The Education Department has taken decision on reopening of the schools of all management after lockdown in Sikkim which started in the month of March, 2020. This decision has been taken in view of the instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to open the Schools in a graded manner after October 15, 2020.

The State Government has, therefore, taken the decision of re-opening of schools with effect from October 19, 2020. It may be recalled here that Government Schools in the State have already been functioning since September 21, 2020 with 50% of the teaching and non-teaching staff members attending the workplace and students from classes IX to XII attending on a voluntary basis (with the written consent of their parents). Subsequent to the permission of the Government of India for the States to open the schools from October 15, 2020 with 100% teaching and non-teaching staff attending and students of Classes IX to XII attending on a

voluntary basis, the Ministry of Education has also issued SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for the safety and wellbeing of the students and staff members.

Relevant SOPs of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Union Government and the SOPs prepared by the Education Department of the State of Sikkim will be the basic guidelines while conducting the activities in Schools after the reopening. All schools are directed to follow these guidelines strictly.

A calendar has been prepared by the Department where various activities like formation of groups, compiling of contact details of parents/guardians, informing groups about SOPs and other arrangement like hand washing, cleanliness etc. have been assigned to the district heads and school heads to be completed before opening of the Schools from October 19.

As per the calendar, Classes IX to XII will continue on voluntary basis and with written permission of the parents/guardian

to attend the school. Classes VI to VIII will resume with students attending only on voluntary basis with the consent of their parents from November 02, 2020. Further, Primary classes (Classes III to V) may be started from November 23, 2020 subject to COVID-19 Pandemic situation prevailing at that time.

The Department also circulated the guidelines for reopening of hostels for all management (Government and Non-Government) establishments maintaining hostels in the State.

The winter holidays have been done away with completely and classes will function on all working days and half days on Saturdays (remaining half of Saturdays to be kept for cleaning etc). Further, all the notified Government holidays will be observed by the Schools.

The next academic session which was supposed to begin on February 02, 2021, will now begin on February 15, 2021. The current academic session shall end on February 13, 2021.

## Assembly Committees 2020 -2021 conducts meeting

**Gangtok, October 13:** The inaugural-cum-briefing meeting of all the Assembly Committees 2020 -2021 constituted on March 23, 2020, the commencing day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget session of 10<sup>th</sup> Sikkim Legislative Assembly was held at the Banquet Hall of Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat, today. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Speaker (SLA), Mr. Sangay Lepcha who is also the Ex - Officio Chairman of the Library Committee.

The meeting was attended by Chairman (Public Accounts Committee), Mr. Aditya Golay (Tamang), Chairman (Estimate

Committee), Mr. Tashi Thendup Bhutia, Chairman (Govt. Assurances Committee), Mr. Sonam Tshering Venchungpa, Chairman (House Committee, Mr. G.T. Dhungel, Chairman (Privileges Committee), Mr. Bishnu Kumar Sharma, Member (Public Accounts Committee), Mr. Yong Tshering Lepcha, Member (Estimate Committee), Mrs. Farwanti Tamang, Member (Govt. Assurances Committee), Mrs. Sunita Gajmer, Member (House Committee) Mr. Em Prasad Sharma, Member (House Committee), Mrs. Raj Kumari Thapa, Member (Rules Committee), Mr. Pintso Namgyal

Lepcha.

Secretary, Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Dr. G.P. Dahal while delivering his welcome address highlighted the powers, functions and responsibilities of various Committees.

Deputy Speaker (SLA) Mr. Sangay Lepcha in his address, enlightened the working of the various Committees. He also conveyed his best wishes and compliments to the newly elected Chairmen and Members of various Committees for their future endeavour and smooth functioning of the Committees.

## Minister L. N. Sharma holds press conference

**Gangtok, October 18:** Minister for Agriculture Department, Mr. L. N. Sharma convened a press conference at his chamber to highlight various incentives, policies and initiatives of the State Government under agriculture and horticulture departments to augment the farming community in the State, today. He informed that the State Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang has laid stress on the introduction of innovative approaches to revive and revitalise the agriculture sector.

The Minister informed that the State Government has decided to launch the additional incentives scheme for focus crops namely, large cardamom, ginger, turmeric, orange and buckwheat in order to encourage the farmers to increase production, thereby supporting them to double their income. He stated that this initiative would channelise marketing through FPOs and Cooperatives and also encourage the establishment of processing and packaging units at cluster level to translate the value addition directly to the farmers. He also highlighted the recent additional incentives of 8 per litre of milk launched by the State

Government to augment the dairy farmers. The State Government has left no stone unturned to ensure progress and prosperity of the farmers as envisioned by the Chief Minister, he added.

The Minister added that the State Government is dedicated and committed to uplift Sikkimese people from being a consumer to being a producer. He said that there is about 5400 hectare of barren land, which the State Government plans to convert into cultivable and productive lands through effective strategies. He also underlined advanced technology emerged in the agriculture farming sector and to incentivise the farmers to sell their agricultural produces after proper processing and packaging.

The Minister further mentioned that the agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry sectors have huge potential in Sikkim to generate income and to enhance the local people’s economy. The State Government has set up new incentives, schemes, programmes and plans to benefit the farmers and to motivate the youth in this sector, he added.

## Training programme for Remand Advocates and Retainer Lawyers conducted

**Gangtok, October 17:** Under the directions of Executive Chairperson, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai and as per the State Plan of Action, a training programme for all the Remand Advocates and Retainer Lawyers on Pre-Arrest/Custody/Remand and the Duties of Remand Advocate was conducted through webinar from the Office of Sikkim SLSA.

Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia, was the Resource Person who conducted the training programme through webinar, which was attended by the Remand Advocates and Retainer Lawyers from all the four Districts of Sikkim.

In view of the guidelines of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and under the “Legal Aid Counsel” Scheme of NALSA, Remand Advocates have been appointed in all the Learned Courts of Sikkim, for the purpose of representing the accused who does not have or cannot afford an Advocate of their choice, oppose remands, move bail/miscellaneous applications, etc. and undertake steps, as may be necessary for effective representation of such accused person.

Retainer Lawyers have also been appointed for the Offices of Sikkim SLSA, High Court Legal Services Committee and the 04 District Legal Services Authorities (East at Gangtok, West at Gyalshing, South at Namchi and North at Mangan). These Retainer Lawyers, man the Front Offices set

up in the Legal Services Institutions in the District, provide legal counseling and support to the children residing at the Child Care Institutions, devote time for legal aid activities and also provide legal aid advice, consultation, drafting and conveyancing.

During the training, Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia emphasized on the fact that right to free legal aid under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, and, assistance is an essential ingredient of reasonable, fair, and just procedure for a person accused of any offence and is essential that Access to Justice is available at all stages of the criminal process including pre-arrest stage. He also explained in detail about the history and importance of all stages of criminal investigation with Case Laws. He asserted that providing legal aid to the arrested at the pre-arrest stage ensures protection of the rights of people when they are most vulnerable, and also strengthens the criminal justice system.

NALSA’s Scheme of engaging Retainer Lawyers and Remand Advocates and their roles and responsibilities were also was disseminated to the participants. The Resource Person also utilized power-point presentation to highlight some of the important case laws and legal provisions regarding the topics.

The training session ended with interaction between the participating Lawyers with the Resource Person.