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Governor calls on Prime Minister of India



Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi with Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad at Parliament House, New Delhi.

New Delhi, February 10: The Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad called on the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi in his office at Parliament House, New Delhi, today.

It was a courtesy call by the Governor wherein he apprised the Prime Minister about various issues concerning the development of Sikkim. The Governor further sought Prime Minister and Union Government's

continuous patronage and support towards Sikkim's specific developmental needs.

Earlier, the Governor made a courtesy visit to senior Bharatiya Janata Party Leader and Former Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Lal Krishna Advani at his residence and enquired about his health and well being. He also wished good health and long life of Mr. Advani during the meeting.

NDC Delegation call on Governor

Gangtok, February 06: A 15 members' delegation of National Defence College, New Delhi including 3 foreign officers from Sri Lanka, Oman and United Kingdom called on Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad at Raj Bhawan, today.

The team is in Sikkim for a socio-political study tour which started on February 02. An interactive session on social-political and strategic issues took place where the members provided a brief report of their visit to the Governor, as well as the Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta and other senior government officials.

During the interaction with delegates, the Governor mentioned that at present, the

army has a great role to play and appreciated their efforts in Sikkim while evacuating tourists in Nathula during heavy snow fall and road cut off. The Governor said that Sikkim being small state, holds a lot of potential.

The delegation acknowledged the efforts of the Sikkim Civil Administration and praised them for running the state efficiently.

They expressed their gratitude and thanked the State government for the warm hospitality.

The team had visited Mangan on February 04, where they met officials of the District Administration.

Governor attends Senior Citizen's Day

Namchi, February 07: The Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad attended the 9th Senior Citizen's Day at Mahatma Gandhi Park, Village Administrative Centre at Mellidara Paiyong GPU, today. He was accompanied by SDM (Jorethang) Mr. R. B. Bhandari, SDPO (Jorethang) Mr. S. K. Shrestha alongwith other officials, senior citizens and Panchayats.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor extended his warm wishes on the occasion of Senior Citizens Day. He commended the Gram Panchayat Unit of Mellidara Paiyong in successfully organizing the event and urged other GPU's to also emulate the same. The Governor urged the youth of the locality to acknowledge the contributions and knowledge of the elderly and implement the same for the upliftment of the civil society. Citing the example of a 99 year old nonagenarian, who was present during the celebration, the Governor



Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad during the 9th Senior Citizen's Day at Mahatma Gandhi Park, VAC at Mellidara Paiyong GPU.

advocated taking inspiration from him through his valuable life experiences and inculcating

these experiences in their daily lives.

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Governor meets Co-operative & SGHs from South Sikkim

Gangtok, February 06: The Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad granted audience to the representative of Sikkim Harvest, a Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society and Pragati Self Help Group (SHG) from Denchung, South Sikkim, today. The delegation was led by Mr. H.B. Rai, an entrepreneur associated with SHG.

In a brief interaction with the Governor, the representative apprised him about the various institutions and products being produced and marketed by SHGs and brand Sikkim Harvest.

It may be mentioned that a federation comprising of 23 SHGs in South Sikkim are producing products like, incense sticks, candles, farm products, soaps and other various farm products and the products are being marketed within the State as well as outside.

The Governor expressed his happiness over the entrepreneurial skills being displayed by the members of SHGs in the form of various marketable products and urged the members to upscale the



Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad with the representative of Sikkim Harvest and Pragati SHG from Denchung, South Sikkim at Raj Bhawan.

production for the larger benefits. He also expressed his

keenness to visit the area and to interact with the stakeholders.

Pearls of Wisdom

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

- Mae West

District Diary

IPR Minister flags off Bermiok-Jorethang Bus Service

Gyalshing, February 10: The Sikkim Nationalized Transport, West-South Division launched a new Bus Service from Bermiok under Gyalshing Bermiok Constituency to Jorethang starting today.

The Minister-cum-Area MLA of Gyalshing Bermiok Constituency Mr. Lok Nath Sharma flagged off the Bus Service from Bermiok Bazar.

Minister Mr. Sharma dedicated newly launched bus service to the people of his constituency and said the transport facility will benefit all the people of the West district to visit Jorethang from all the waypoints along the route. He also urged gathering to inform others about the newly initiated transport facility.

During the programme,

officials from Transport Department informed that the usual departure time of bus service from Bermiok is given as 7:30AM and will leave from Jorethang at 2 PM in the afternoon on daily basis.

It may be mentioned here that the Bus Service will be available to the public throughout the week.

Meeting on KCC and PM-KISAN held

Namchi, Feburary 10: A meeting in connection with Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and PM-KISAN beneficiaries was held at DAC office, Namchi, today. DC (South) Mr. Ragul K. chaired the meeting, present amongst others were District Development Manager (NABARD) Mr. Rupen Lamichaney, Lead District Manager Mr. Sudip Chandra and media persons.

The DC (South) spoke in-brief about the objective of KCC, he said it has been conceptualized by the Government of India to facilitate universal access to concessional institutional credit for all PM-KISAN beneficiaries. The farmers can avail the benefits of PM-KISAN under KCC once they submit documents pertinent to land parcha, detail of crop sown and filled up form for the issue of Kisan Credit Card.

It may be mentioned that a total number of 4909 applications for KCC has been received from South District till

date and 2084 applications is under scrutiny process.

The DC (South) added that all banks have been advised to organize special camps and provide a separate window for accepting the forms and sanction KCC limit within shortest possible time not exceeding 14 days. Officers of Line Department including Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Panchayat and Rural Development Department (including Panchayat Secretary & Bank Sakhi under NRLM project) will facilitate dissemination of awareness among all PM-KISAN beneficiaries and motivate them to visit the bank branch where they have PM-KISAN account for enrollment under KCC.

The KCC benefit has now been extended to Animal Husbandry and Fisheries farmers also. Those farmers who are KCC holders and also do Animal husbandry and Fisheries activities can approach the branch for

sanction of additional limit.

Furthermore, Mr. Ragul said that all charges including the processing, documentation, inspection and ledger folio charges as well as other service charges for KCC loans upto 3 lakhs have been waived. Bank branches have been advised to prepare list of PM-KISAN beneficiaries who do not have KCC and share the same with Government functionaries of Line Departments so that they can be approached for availing the KCC benefit.

SMSs to all PM-KISAN beneficiaries is being sent from the PM-KISAN portal to visit the concerned bank branch for getting KCC benefit is being encouraged. All PM-KISAN beneficiaries have been auto approved for KCC and require to simply visit the nearest bank branch with a copy of land documents and details of crop sown along with the filled up one page form for availing the benefit.

IPR Minister visits ITI Gyalshing

Gyalshing, February 06: The thirty day Beautician Training Programme under Civic Action Programme in North East region concluded at Industrial Training Institute, ITI, Gyalshing. It was organised by 36th Bn. SSB (Gyalshing).

The Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, Mr. Lok Nath Sharma was the chief guest for the programme along with Chairman, GMC Mr. I. K. Neopaney; ADC (West) Mr. Karma L. Lepcha; Commandant 36th Battalion SSB Mr. Ram Narayan Mishra; 72nd Bn 2nd in

Command Mr. Shri Krishna Awadihya; Principal ITI Mr. T. N. Sharma, the faculty and students of the Institute and others.

The Minister in his address congratulated the participants and urged them to make optimum use of this opportunity and to gather experience. He then informed about the various State Government opportunities available for them and urged them to take benefits out of it.

He thanked the Officials of SSB and those involved in the programme, for providing a

unique prospective of training for the people of the area.

Mr. R.N. Mishra, highlighted the main motive of the programme which is, Civic Action Programme for unemployed youth residing in the border area of Indo-Nepal and make them self efficient by providing them with training.

The programme commenced from January 08 to February 06, 2020 in which, the participants were provided with boarding facilities and interactive sessions.

Meeting on Rogi Kalyan Samiti held

Namchi, February 10: A meeting on Rogi Kalyan Samiti was held at Namchi District Hospital, today. Present during the meeting were Zilla Adhakshya (South) Ms. Tshering Dem Bhutia, ADC (South) Mr. Satyen K Pradhan, CMO District Hospital Dr. Sarda Rai, DMS Dr. S. N. Adhikari along with other hospital officials and representatives of line Departments.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sarda Rai said that the meeting was mainly convened to review the pilot health programmes of Central and State Government which has already being launched in the district. Various issues and challenges

faced by the District Hospital was deliberated in order for the smooth functioning. Dr. Sarda spoke about various activities that have been carried out under the district hospital. In addition, she also presented other issues related within the hospital such as shortage of staff, electricity and space for parking.

Speaking during the meeting Zilla Adhakshya, Ms. Tshering Dem Bhutia said that the issues faced within the district hospital will be looked into and urged the officials from line department to work in tandem. She also underlined that if necessary financial support from Zilla fund will be provided.

Inauguration of 31st Road safety week 2020 held

Gyalshing, February 10: The Road Saftey Awareness cum Workshop with theme ‘Sadak Sureksha Jeewan Raksha’ programme was held at the Community Hall, Gyalshing, today.

The programme was graced by Chairman (GMC) Mr. I. K. Neopaney accompanied by Secretary, Sikkim Transport Authority (STA) Mr. Karma N. Bhutia; (ASP) West Mr. Nakhul Pardhan; RTO cum Nodal Officer (Road Safety Cell) Mr. K.S. Gurung; RTO (Gyalshing) Mr. Sonam W. Bhutia; (ARTO) Mr. Nirmal Sharma, drivers and the students of surrounding area.

The programme was organized by the RTO West Sikkim and the Road Safety Cell to make aware of various issues relating to Heavy/medium goods vehicles and two wheelers. The main agenda of the program was to discuss about unauthorized and unnecessary alteration of the vehicle without the approval / consent violating the provision of the section 52 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

(RTO West cum Nodal Officer) Mr. K. S. Gurung informed about mandatory fitment of speed governors/speed limiting device in transport vehicles to overcome

overspending menace keeping in view of provision and guidelines duty proscribed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India. RTO (West) in his appeal urged not to overcharge and harass the commuters and keep the sanctity, and be dealt strictly as per the provision of the law which shall include cancellation of permits and Regulations, Licenses.

Mr. I. K. Neopaney, asserted on the theme and how the need for strengthening and effective implementation of road safety is a must. Addressing the event he said that in the recent times its seen an alarming rise of road fatalities thus making road safety a prime importance for the Government. Rash driving, lack of adequate safety measures like not wearing helmets are some of top factors resulting in high road accidents.

ASP (West) Mr. Nakhul Pradhan also highlighted few major points that one can prevent road accidents.

Representatives from Medical cell on first Aid and trauma and speech by representatives from Legal cell on third party insurance, Motor Vehicle Acts and Prosecution of Offences was the highlight during the event.

Cleanliness Drive at Kaluk

Gyalshing, February 07: As an initiative towards Swachh Bharat Mission (G), BAC Kaluk placed dustbins along the roadside from Kaluk to Rinchenpong and organised a ‘cleanliness drive’. Students, Panchayat members and members of civil society participated in the event. BDO (Kaluk) stated, “As future members of our society the

students were encouraged to spread awareness on cleanliness and zero waste”.

Dustbins were also presented to local NGOs, schools and shops. In attendance were the Panchayat President Tadong GPU, BDO (Kaluk), BAC staff and teachers and students of Rinchenpong School all participated in the drive.

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Governor attends...

Speaking about the work of the Panchayats, he emphasized that labours at the grassroot level is of paramount importance. He also highlighted that Sikkim is a renowned Organic State and said that focus should be laid on farming and added that for farming, water is absolutely necessary. In this regard, the Governor spoke in brief about Central Government’s scheme, named ‘Jal Jeevan Mission’ (JJM) which is aimed at increasing

water availability to households. The goal of JJM is to provide functional tap connection to every household. This Mission plans to augment local water sources, recharge existing sources and promote water harvesting and de-salination, wherever required.

It may be mentioned that the Governor also provided monetary provision for the upliftment of the VAC, Mellidara Paiyong.

Panchayat President, Ms. Kusum Dhakal spoke briefly about the Senior Citizen’s Day celebration. She informed that the Senior Citizen Day has been

an annual celebration for the many years. She also said that various activities are organised for the senior citizen’s, including that of medical check- ups, pilgrimage tours and various other substantial ventures have been undertaken by the Panchayats and the people of the locality.

During the programme, Area co-ordinator, Mr. Balaram Sharma was also felicitated by the Governor and other officials. The programme had cultural shows prepared by different Self Help Groups and local artistes. The Governor distributed blankets to the senior citizens.

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Co-ordination meeting of Deptt. of Sports & Youth Affairs

Gangtok, February 06: A co-ordination meeting of the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs was held at Paljor Stadium under the chairmanship of Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha.

The Minister congratulated all involved for successfully conducting Inter Constituency Football Tournament, Annual School Sports Competitions and Winter Coaching Camp and further commended the active participation of more than 200 players at the 65th School National Games 2019-20 and 23rd National Youth Festival in Lucknow.

He also conveyed his New Year 2020 greetings to all and extended his best wishes for further sporting activities to be held during the year 2020-21.

During the meeting, various deliberations were made, namely, organising a GPU level games & sports events, talent hunt programme, celebration of National Sports Day 2020, Sports Calendar of SYA Department and Khelo India U-17 Football Girls' League.

Present in the meeting were Secretary, Mr. Kumar Bhandari, Director, Mr. M.K. Pradhan and officials and staff of the department.

Special Broadcast on LIVE Phone-in Grameen Karyakram

Gangtok, February 07: Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, IPR and Printing and Stationery Departments, Mr. Lok Nath Sharma along with the Secretary Agriculture, Mr. Rinzing C. Bhutia and Director Horticulture, Mr. Padam Subba attended the “LIVE Phone-in Grameen Karyakram” a special broadcast dedicated to the farmers at All India Radio, Gangtok, today.

Mr. Sharma highlighted various schemes and programmes of the state government implemented under the department of Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and also interacted with the farmers during the LIVE programme broadcasted from 6:05 PM to 6:35 PM on All India Radio/ Aakashwani Gangtok.

While interacting with the farmers, The Minister cleared the queries and questions of the farmers and elaborated on the the provision of subsidised loan for the farmers, compensation/ ex-gratia for damaged cultivation against wildlife interference, marketing perspectives, etc.

During the programme, Namcheybong (E), Timi (E), Lingmoo (S) and other places asked questions through the phone line.

The Minister also informed about the policy of financial incentives to be availed for Milk Producers of the state, for delivering more than five litres of milk at the collection centre on daily basis, from financial year 2020-21.

He also drew light on the initiation of the state government for Marketing facilities and urged farmers to increase the production of turmeric, cardamom, ginger and buckwheat.

Special Summary Revision for updation of Electrol Roll

Gangtok: The Election Commission of India conducts Special Summary Revision every year for up-dation of Electoral Roll. The revision commenced from December 17 to January 15.

The final publication of Electoral Roll w.r.t 1.1.2020 was released by the Chief Electoral Officer (Sikkim), Mr. R. Telang in the presence of Special Secretary, RDD, Roll Observer, Mr. Anil Raj Rai, SDM (East) Mr. Tshering Bhutia, Joint Director Mr. Chopel Lepcha and Dy. Director, Printing & Stationary, Mr. Bikash Rai and representative of all recognized political parties.

A soft copy the final electoral roll was handed over to the representatives of the political parties.

There has been a total number of 4, 26,126 electors; Male- 216852 and Female-209274.

Out of 4996 voters added, 75% of the voters are from the new voters who are from the age group of 18-19 years.

There has been a total addition of 4996 voters and deletion of 659 voters during this revision.

The Final Roll reflected 1.03%, net increase from the draft electoral roll, which was published on December 17, 2019.

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Yours Faithfully,
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Sikkim invites sealed bids from registered co-operative societies having bye-laws to deal with trade and commerce of hides and skins for appointment of Authorized Agent.

The Notice Inviting Tender with details is available on official website of the Government of Sikkim: www.sikkim.gov.in.

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What is Novel Coronavirus - nCoV?

The Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) is new strain of Coronavirus that originated in Wuhan, China. Notorious for mutating quickly and acquiring new qualities,it is a rising epidemic that was previously not identified in humans.

Symptoms of nCoV


- Fever
- Difficulty in breathing
- Dry Cough
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome
- Pneumonia - like symptoms

Treatment


- Treatment is symptomatic and supportive, based on the patient's clinical condition.
- No vaccinations available as of now.
- Visit Doctor in case symptoms detected.

Precautions to Prevent nCoV

- Wash your hands often with soap.
- Use an alcohol based hand sanitizer
- Observe good personal hygiene.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people with possible symptoms.
- Avoid contact with animals and consumption of undercooked meats.
- Avoid travel to nCoV affected places.
- Wear a mask if you have respiratory syndrome. and cover your mouth while coughing or sneezing.



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Samellan Parichay Samaroh and Samuhik Vivah held

Varanasi, February 09: The Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad attended the 8th Samellan Parichay Samaroh and Samuhik Vivah held at Chaukaghat, Varanasi, today. The programme was organized by Banaras Chaurasia Samaj.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor congratulated Banaras Chaurasia Samaj for

organizing the Samuhik Vivah.

He pitched for unity and team work for the development of society, stating that, “Unity and team work is very important for the development of society and nation. It is important for all of us to unite when it comes to development of the nation.”

He remembered the leaders

of India and mentioned about their struggles and dedication in bringing progress and development in the country.

The programme was attended by former Legislators of Uttar Pradesh Assembly, renowned journalist, Deepak Chaurasia, members of Banaras Chaurasia Samaj and the gentry.

Meeting of State Advisory Committee under PC & PNDT held

Gangtok, February 10: A meeting of the State Advisory Committee under the PC & PNDT was held at the Conference Hall of the Health Department, today. The meeting was chaired by the Principal Secretary, Health Department, Mr. K. Sreenivasulu.

The meeting was also attended by Dr. K. Jigme Tobgay (PDHTS), Dr. Paras M. Karki (Consultant), Dr. Jigme Tenzing (Pediatrician STNM), Dr. Niti Lama (DIO Law dept), Dr. Neera Lepcha (L.O. Health dept). and other officials and members of the Advisory Committee.

The meeting was primarily held to discuss and deliberate upon

the various agenda like renewal of USG Clinic Sukhim Diagnostic Centre, to increase the number of USG Clinic in the state, including the state appropriate authority to be designated for advisory board and to cesarean section audit and IUI registration under ART act - fess structure CRH will be decided by the state as one time registration fees and had to be renewed after 5 years only.

The Chairperson of the State Advisory Committee called for collection of information on the PNDT.

Chairperson also stressed on the strengthening of the PNDT Cell of the State Government and

solicited strict vigilance and combined efforts from the members of the Advisory Committee.

It may be informed here that (Pre Conception and Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act) has been enacted by the Parliament of India to stop female foeticides and tackle the alarmingly declining sex ratio in the country. The act that was assented in 1994 and commenced from 1996 bans prenatal sex determination and regulates prenatal diagnostic techniques like ultrasound and amniocentesis.

Monastic and Sanskrit Pathshala Teachers Training and Orientation Programme organised

Gangtok, February 10: Three day Monastic and Sanskrit Pathshala Teachers Training and Orientation Programme organised by Ecclesiastical Department began at Janta Bhawan, today.

Minister for Education, Land Revenue & Disaster Management, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, Department of Sports & Youth Affairs Deptts, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha graced the inaugural programme as the chief guest along with Mr. S.T. Tamang Secretary of Ecclesiastical Department, Mrs. Kunchok Doma Additional Secretary (Ecclesiastical Deptt.) Mr. Tenzing Gelak, Joint Director (Ecclesiastical Deptt.) Mrs. Chuki Lhamu Deputy Secretary (Ecclesiastical Deptt.), Resource Persons, participating Teachers and officials and staffs of Ecclesiastical Department were present.

Minister, Mr. Lepcha in his short address said that Sikkim is known for its uniqueness in terms of being the most Peaceful State in

India and it has its roots deeply connected with the Dharmic teachings. He stated that Dharmic and Sanskrit teachings is worth spending time and effort as it is an advantage in being multilingual and philosophy but also in a system of pure and practical knowledge and there’s always a necessity to draw a fresh energy to enhance the ability of the students through the aid of teachings.

He further stressed that our culture, it’s survival is under threat consequent to the busy life pattern and overwhelming social obligation of the present day where the protection of our Dharmic and Sanskrit teachings needs to be protected so that the coming generation will be able to understand and live accordingly to the standards perceived by our forefathers.

Lastly, the chief guest urged all the teachers to take full advantage of his three day training

programme as learning is the process of infinity, the more we learn the more enlighten one can be.

Mr. S.T. Tamang, Secretary Ecclesiastical Department welcomed all the dignitaries present on the dias, teachers from various colleges and institutes. He mentioned that all the Dharmic Schools and Sanskrit Pathshala are to be under NCERT guidelines from now onwards.

He said that since Sikkim is the spiritual land of India it has its own Dharmic and Sanskrit Schools with the presence of charismatic teachers who take the responsibility of preserving the present teachings firmly so that they can pass on to the coming generations. He also said that Dharmic and Sanskrit teachings is gaining importance across with many universities including their curriculum as it is the way and permanent means to achieve peace where people should live in harmony.

Workshop on pottery making for unemployed rural women

Gangtok, February 06: The North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with Culture Department, Government of Sikkim organized and inaugurated

a 5-day workshop on Women Skill development on pottery making at Namcheybong, East Sikkim, today.

The workshop concluded on February 10. The workshop has been set up at Studio Maato, at

Namcheybong. There are 30 participants from local SHGs.

This workshops aims at empowering rural unemployed women of the area for generating a livelihood for themselves.

Inauguration of Quality Control Office at Siliguri

Siliguri, February 07: Minister for UD&HD and FC&CS and CA Department, Mr. Arun Kumar Upreti inaugurated the Quality Control Office (Legal Metrology

& Consumer Protection Cell) at SNT Goods Office Complex, Pariwahan Nagar, Matigara, Siliguri in the presence of various officials from the SNT & FC&CS

and CA departments, today. The Minister congratulated the officials and appealed them to make best use of the office with sincerity and dedication.

Chief Secretary chairs co-ordination meeting

Gangtok, February 10: Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta chaired a co-ordination meeting at Tashiling Secretariat with regard to the upcoming Global Cinema Festival 2020 Sikkim scheduled to be held in Gangtok from February 28 to March 01.

The Chief Secretary was accompanied by the HoDs and officials of the stakeholder departments of Information & Public Relations, Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Commerce & Industries, Home (Protocol), Transport and Co-operation Department, along with President of Film Federation of India, Mr. Firdausal Hasan, and representatives of the festival organizing team.

It may be mentioned here that the Global Cinema Festival 2020 Sikkim is an initiative of the Film Federation of India in collaboration with Sikkim Film Co-operative Society Limited and Government of Sikkim to create an atmosphere of international film festivals in the State and to promote Sikkim as a film location and shooting destination. It is also to be informed that Sikkim is the first NE State to host a film festival of such grandeur.

Festival with the other major festivals of Maghey Mela and Winter Carnival and added that the future prospects of the same will be discussed in the days to come.

Special Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Ms. Mrinalini Shrivastava, who is also the Festival Director, gave a detailed presentation on the itinerary of the Global Cinema Festival. She informed that the country in focus for the first Global Cinema Festival in Sikkim is Azerbaijan, one of the first countries to be involved in cinematography. The festival aims at bringing a rich cinematic experience to Gangtok with a range of 40 films including both national and international films, she added.

She stated that the inaugural day of the festival will be held at Manan Kendra in Gangtok on 28 Feb and requested the Culture Department for the arrangement of proper sound system at the location. The delegates visiting the State for the festival will also be visiting Tsomgo Lake for which she asked for assistance of the Tourism Department for pass and permits.

Ms. Shrivastava apprised the gathering about the shooting for a corporate film scheduled to be held from 11-17 Feb in the capital town of Gangtok for which she urged for traffic assistance from SP East.

The Chief Secretary gave suggestions on various issues related to the event and extended full support of the State government for the success of the Global Cinema Festival.

The FFI President extended gratitude to the State government for its firm support and excellent co-operation for the success of the event and commended its permissive approach towards new ideas for the development of the State and its people.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta said that the three-daylong Global Cinema Festival is a step towards creating a skill development eco-system in the field of film making in the State that offers a great opportunity for the people of Gangtok to appreciate cinema with an elevated experience. He directed all the stakeholder departments to co-ordinate with the organizers to successfully conduct the fest and urged for active participation from all concerned.

Expressing films as a strong medium and influence, the CS put forward his suggestion of collaboration of the Global Film

ADC (East) chairs meeting with stakeholders

Gangtok, February 10: A meeting under the chairmanship of Additional District Collector (East), Mr. Jamyang C. Namgyal with stakeholders of the State on sensitization of Kishan Credit Card (KCC) loan scheme was held at the office of Additional District Collector (East), today.

The meeting had the presence of Additional Director, Agriculture Department, Mrs. Bina Rai, Lead District Manager, State Bank of Sikkim, Mr. Gopal Lama, General Manager, NABARD, Mrs. R. Tshering and Deputy General Manager, NABARD, Mr. G. Ramesh Kumar.

It may be mentioned here that KCC is a special initiative of the Government to facilitate universal access to concessional institutional credit for all PM-KISAN beneficiaries. Further, the scheme includes SMS service to all PM-KISAN beneficiaries from PM-KISAN portal to visit the concerned bank branch for getting the KCC benefit.

It is informed in the meeting that under the scheme, the eligible farmers can now take benefits of PM-KISAN under KCC once they fill up a one page simplified form; submit land record documents and the details of crop sown in the land.

The benefit has now extended to eligible Animal Husbandry and Fisheries farmers and all charges including the processing, documentation, inspection and ledger folio charges as well as other service charges for KCC loans upto 3 lakhs have been waived.

It was also reported that 2,627 beneficiaries in East Sikkim will be covered under the KCC Scheme.

ADC directed Bank branches to prepare list of PM-KISAN beneficiaries who do not have KCC and share the same with Government functionaries of Line Departments so that they can be approached for availing the KCC benefit.