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Vice Chancellor (SMU) calls on Governor

Gangtok February 14: The Vice Chancellor of Sikkim Manipal University, Lt. General (Retd.) Mr. M.D. Venkatesh called on the Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad, today.

Lt. General (Retd.) M.D. Venkatesh extended his invitation

to the Governor for the inaugural of the Atal Incubation Centre at SMIT Complex, Majhitar.

It may be mentioned here that this is the first such centre in the North East and is being funded by NITI Ayog, under Atal Innovation Mission.

Governor grants audience to Executive Committee of PCS



Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad with Executive Committee of Press Club of Sikkim at Raj Bhawan.

Gangtok, February 14: The Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad granted audience to a 12 member delegation of newly elected Executive Committee of Press Club of Sikkim, today. It was a courtesy call by the Press Club of Sikkim team, following their recently held election and was led by its President, Mr. Joseph Lepcha.

The Governor extended good wishes to the members and wished them a memorable term in their respective offices. He also

underlined the role of media, which is considered the fourth pillar of democracy, in the modern progressive society. He further stated that media, whether it is electronic or digital, can make remarkable contribution to the society and the nation, if made responsible and sensible. The Governor urged the media fraternity to promote Sikkim with positive stories and achievements

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Technology and Machinery Demonstration Mela 2020

Gangtok, February 14: A day-long Technology and Machinery Demonstration Mela 2020 was held at the College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvesting Technology (CAEPHT), Ranipool, today. The programme was organised by ARCRPs on UAE, ESA, FIM and PET, CAEPHT.

Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Mr. Lok Nath Sharma was the chief guest.

Mr. Sharma, in his address,

congratulated the Agriculture University and faculty members for developing farm-friendly machineries and improved technological equipment for enhancing productivity and ensuring convenience and safety of farmers. He also stated that the farmers would have a sustainable income in the future and motivated them to feel content and gratified for producing crops and vegetables for the consumers.

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Atal Incubation Centre -SMUTBI inaugurated

Gangtok, February 15: The inaugural ceremony of Atal Incubation Centre (AIC)-Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) Technology Business Incubation Foundation (AIC-SMUTBI) was held at the campus of Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Majitar, Rangpo, today.

The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad was the chief guest for the event. The inaugural function also saw the presence of Minister for Education, Land Revenue & Disaster Management Departments, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha as the guest of honour and Mission Director, AIM, NITI AAYOG, Mr. R. Ramanathan as the special guest including CEO of NITI Aayog, Mr. Amitabh Kant, Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya, Vice Chancellor, SMU Gen. Dr. M. D. Venkatesh along with representatives from the Bill & Melinda Foundation, officials from the State Government and ATL schools from all over the state.

The event commenced with



Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad inaugurating Atal Incubation Centre at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Majitar, Rangpo.

the lighting of ceremonial lamp Sikkim was summarized by Mr. by the chief guest. Prajakt Raut which was preceded

A short introduction to the First Cohort of Acceleration in

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CM meets Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare

New Delhi, February 16: The Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang met the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare & Science and Technology, Dr. Harsh Vardhan in New Delhi, today.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister placed various issues of Sikkim to the Union Health Minister and also apprised him about how the Government of Sikkim is willing to collaborate with the Government of India to upgrade the multi specialty hospital at Sochaygang to the level of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).

The Chief Minister requested the Union Health Minister to consider the proposal to convert the multi speciality hospital into AIIMS so that the AIIMS, New Delhi becomes the anchor hospital.

He informed that if this happens, it will not only benefit the people of Sikkim immensely but will also be useful for those hailing from the neighbouring North East region.

After giving a patient hearing, the Union Health Minister assured full co-operation from his



Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang with the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare & Science and Technology, Dr. Harsh Vardhan in New Delhi.

end and added that he will send a team of expert to Sikkim, to study the proposal.

Further, the Union Health

Minister asked the Chief Secretary of Sikkim and the Resident

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Pearls of Wisdom

“You learn more from failure than from success. Don't let it stop you. Failure builds character.”

- Unknown

District Diary

Semi-Finals and Final of Second JPBL concludes

Namchi, February 16: The Semi-Finals and Final of Second Jorethang Premier Badminton League (JPBL) was concluded, today. This league was organised by Badminton Association of Jorethang (BAJ) in co-ordination with Sikkim Krantikari Morcha Sports Wing and Labour Front under the aegis of Badminton Association of Sikkim at Badminton Court Jorethang.

United Sikkim Shuttlers emerged as the winners of the league and walked away with a grand prize of ₹2.5 lakh while Soreng Chakung David Warriors finished behind as the runners-up with a winning amount of ₹1.5 lakh. Owners of Salghari Zoom Blockers and Red Panda G.M.T.S were declared the winner and runners up of the exhibition match respectively. The fair play team award was conferred to team Salghari Zoom Blockers

Minister for Education, Sports and Youth Affairs Departments, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha graced the occasion as the chief guest. Present at the event were Minister for Power and Energy Department, Mr. M.N. Sherpa, Political Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mr. Jacob Khaling, Area MLA Salghari Zoom Mrs. Sunita Gazmer, alongside Sports and Youth Affairs Department Secretary Mr. Kuber Bhandari, President State Badminton Association Mr. C. Zangpo and President of BAJ Mr. Jigme Namgyal, BAJ executive members and sports enthusiasts from all over the

state.

Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha extended his best wishes and congratulated the organising committee, which is spearheaded by Mr. Jigme Bhutia.

It may be mentioned here, that this is the first ever franchise based sporting event, which is being held for second consecutive time in the state. He also lauded the players of the tournament and urged them to give their best, irrespective of winning or losing. Emphasizing on the importance of competitiveness in sports, he encouraged the association to organise such events on a regular basis so that it can help foster young talents of the state.

During the course of the event, the organising committee felicitated the chief guest and other dignitaries. The event also had major highlights of musical and cultural extravaganzas performed by local artists.

Similarly, on February 15, the second Jorethang Premier Badminton League (JPBL) began. Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry, Veterinary Services, Mr. Lok Nath Sharma was the chief guest for the day.

The event also had presence of badminton teams franchise owners namely, Team Dallam Express owned by Minister for Power and Energy Departments, Mr. M.N. Sherpa, Team Soreng Chakung David Warriors owned by MLA (Soreng-Chakung Consituency)

Mr. Aditya Golay and Political Secretary to the Chief Minister Mr. Jacob Khaling, Team Poklok Warriors owned by Mr. R.B. Tamang, Team Red Panda G.M.T.S owned by Mr. G.M. Gurung and Mr. Tshering Sherpa, Team United Sikkim Shuttlers owned by Mr. Tarun Deep Rai who was represented by Mrs. Anjana Rai, Mr. Rajan Kumar and Mr. Bhaichung Bhutia and Team Salghari Zoom Blockers owned by Mrs. Sunita Gazmer.

Mr. L.N. Sharma extended his best wishes to all the participants as well as the owners for the tournament. He congratulated the BAJ for successfully adopting Sikkim’s first franchise based sporting event for second consecutive year as such event provides a platform to nurture local talents and to showcase their skills which can further help in bringing laurels to the state.

He applauded Mr. Tarun Deep Rai and Mr. Bhaichung Bhutia for their efforts to make sports an integral part of society. He highlighted the Chief Minister’s prime interest and initiatives for the development of sports in the state. He also convinced youngsters of the incredible scope of sports.

It may be mentioned here that a total of 66 players are inducted into 6 teams, comprising of 11 players in each team, who were selected through an open auction. Wherein, these 6 teams will complete in league match.

state. He congratulated the entire team of AIC on the successful launch of the world incubator centre in the state.

It may be mentioned here that AIC-SMU Technology Business Incubation Foundation (AIC-SMUTBI) is one the 100 world class incubators of Government of India and the first Atal Incubation Centre(AIC) in North-East India, which has been envisioned and fully supported by Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and Government of India.The Center nurtures and supports early stage entrepreneurs of underserved region based in North East India on Technology and Innovation by providing infrastructure, consultancy and seed grants to promising young entrepreneurs to pursue their dreams of starting their own ventures.

The programme also consisted of pitch and plenary session and included an open house session with Mr. R. Ramanathan and parents, entrepreneurs and participants from ATL School.

The participating 14 Incubatees and accelerators names included ASAL, Untap’d, Earthier, Yonika Infotainment, Navvay’d, The Chakras, Shield Tech Infosec Solutions, SIKMED, Gladiolus Language Nectar, JUM, OEFEREK, Amazing Adventure Pvt. Ltd, SAI Kunti, CAS Collective.

KCC and PM-KISAN scheme meeting held

Gyalshing, February 14:A meeting in connection with Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and PM-KISAN (Prime Minister Krishi Samman Nedhi) beneficiaries was held in the office of Additional District Collector, DAC (West), today.

The meeting was chaired by the ADC (West), Mr. Karma L. Lepcha along with DDM NABARD Mr. Rupen Kr. Lamichhaney; LDM SBI Mr. Sandip Chandra; JD Incharge Horticulture, Mr. Karma Sherpa and ADO Agriculture Department, Gyalshing Mr. G.K. Gurung.

The ADC (West) spoke about the KCC and its objective, wherein he appealed to all the farmers under PM-KISAN. He also mentioned that each farmer will be provided financial assistance per year in three installments of ₹2000/- as maximum income support. He also praised the schemes which have 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 7118 applications for KCC have been received from West District till date and 3078 applications are re-verified and uploaded.

ADC (West) added that all farmers should apply for KCC and utilize such schemes which is provided by the Government.

Mr. Karma Sherpa highlighted the guidelines of KCC and selection process of beneficiaries which are genuine farmer; Land Documents (parcha); No Government Employees from a house; No pensioners and No politicians (including ex-panchayat).

If farmers apply within the period of February 08 to February 23, 2020, no processing charges will be applicable.

Minister for Roads & Bridges chairs district level co-ordination meeting

Mangan, February 13: Minister for Roads & Bridges and Culture Departments, Mr. Samdup Lepcha chaired a district level co-ordination meeting with all the HoDs of district offices, Officers, Employees, officers of other organizations, including GREF and Hydro Power Companies at the Conference Hall of North District Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, today.

Former Upadhakshya (North), Mr. N. T. Lepcha, DC (North), Mr. Tenzing T. Kaleon, SP (North), Mr. Sonam Gyatso Bhutia also attended the meeting.

DC (North), Mr. Kaleon in his keynote address, informed that the co-ordination meeting was called on the direction of the Minister to discuss on various issues towards betterment of the Lachen-Mangan and the North District as a whole and to sort out the other issues pertaining to the different departments of the district.

Mr. Samdup Lepcha in his address, directed all government officers and employees to maintain punctuality in the office, and proper attendance of staff. He has stated that he shall conduct visits to government offices without prior information and strict action will be taken towards those found to be absent, without explanation.

Speaking to the works department and Engineering section, Mr. Lepcha directed that there must be proper implementation of schemes with

quality work that are being sanctioned by the government in a stipulated time with a total transparency. Further, the Engineering section was directed to identify genuine projects and to prepare an authentic Detail Project Report or Estimate.

Energy and Power Department was asked to maintain proper office records, keep proper blueprint and work details of all contractual works, which falls under their jurisdiction.

GREF officials were asked to focus on maintenance of Singtam to Rangrang road condition. Necessary direction was also given to take up immediate maintenance work in all trouble spots.

Likewise, NHPC-V officials were directed to expedite the restoration work at Dikchu slide near Dikchu dam in co-ordination with GREF and Teesta Urja-III.

The Minister called all officers and staff to work in close co-ordination and come forward with innovative ideas for development of district and state as a whole in order to take Sikkim towards new height. Furthermore, he assured to the house that he would place all the issues facing by the district before the state government.

During the meeting, all heads of offices presented their departmental status, schemes and issues through power point presentations.

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Atal Incubation...

by the launch of the First Cohort of Acceleration in Sikkim by the Governor.

Mr. R. Ramanathan in his welcome speech extended a warm welcome the Governor, Minister and all the invited guests, students and faculty to the programme. He presented a brief introduction and overview of achievements of SMIT and thanked the NITI AAYOG and the Government of India for facilitating the launch of the AIC in Sikkim.

He also highlighted the importance of incubators as job creators for the development of start-ups as it provides them with advisory and administrative support services.

In his address, the Governor expressed his happiness and thanked the Government of India and NITI AAYOG for facilitating the establishment of the world class incubator centre in the state and said that this a valuable gift for the students and budding entrepreneurs in the state.

Urging the students and entrepreneurs to make the best use of the world class facilities provided in the centre, he encouraged them to be more innovative and work hard for the cause of the society and realize

their potential to the fullest.

Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha expressed his gratitude to NITI AAYOG on behalf of the Government of Sikkim and added that the launch of AIC would help equip Sikkim in the field of Science and Technology. He said that it was a proud moment for Sikkim as AIC-SMU Technology Business Incubation Foundation (AIC-SMUTBI) is one the 100 world class incubators of Government of India and the first Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) in North-East India is in Sikkim. He further added that 51 Atal Tinkering Labs have been established in Sikkim under NITI AAYOG.

He also pointed out the rising unemployment issue in the state and added that this would open up various avenues to curtail the unemployment issue in the state. He urged the students and aspiring entrepreneurs to make the very best use of the facilities and congratulated all the 14 startups present on the occasion for their participation.

He expressed his gratitude to the VC (SMU) for providing him the opportunity to attend the programme. He wished all the ATL school students the very best in their future endeavours and urged them to make the best use from the incubator programme to foster curiosity and innovative mindset among young students to encourage research and innovation in schools across the

Union Health Secretary and other officials in New Delhi regarding the matter.

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CM meets...

Commissioner to approach the

Government of Sikkim
Rajya Sainik Board
Singtam-737134, East Sikkim

Ref:05/GOS/RSB/Gen/2015/306
VENUE : PALJOR STADIUM, GANGTOK

Dated: 13/02/2020

ARMY RECRUITMENT RALLY
(FOR BOYS ONLY)

DATE: 07 MAY 2020 TO 10 MAY 2020
ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES TO APPLY ONLINE

Date of commencement of ONLINE Application = 07 FEB 2020
Last date of submission of Application = 21 APR 2020

CATEGORY	AGE (as on 01 Oct 2019)	HEIGHT (CMS)	WEIGHT (KG)	CHEST (CMS)	EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION
SOLDIER GD	17 1/2 YEARS TO 21 YEARS (Born in between 01 Oct 1999 to 01 Apr 2003)	160	48	77 (+ 5 Cm expansion)	Class 10 th /Metric Pass with 45% marks in aggregate and 33% in each subject. For Boards following grading sys minimum of D Grade (33-40) in individual subjects or Grade which contains 33%and overall aggregate of C2 Grade,
SOLDIER TECHNICAL	17 1/2 YEARS TO 23 YEARS (Born in between 01 Oct 1997 to 01 Apr 2003)	157	48	77 (+ 5 Cm expansion)	10+2 / intermediate Exam pass in Science with Physics, Chemistry, Maths & English with 50% marks in aggregate and 40% marks in each subject.
SOLDIER TECHNICAL (AVIATION & AMMUNITION EXAMINER)		157			
SOLDIER NURSING ASSISTANT /NURSING ASSISTANT VETERINARY	17 1/2 YEARS TO 23 YEARS (Born in between 01 Oct 1997 to 01 Apr 2003)	157	48	77 (+ 5 Cm expansion)	10+2 / intermediate Exam pass in Science with Physics, Chemistry, Biology & English with 50% marks in aggregate and 40% marks in each subject.
SOLDIER CLERK/ STORE KEEPER TECHNICAL	17 1/2 YEARS TO 23 YEARS (Born in between 01 Oct 1997 to 01 Apr 2003)	160	48	77 (+ 5 Cm expansion)	10+2 / intermediate Exam pass in any stream (Arts, Commerce, Science) with 60% marks in aggregate and minimum 50% in each subject. Securing 50% in English and Maths/Accounts/Book keeping in Class 12th is mandatory.
SOLDIER TRADESMAN (ALL ARMS)	17 1/2 YEARS TO 23 YEARS (Born in between 01 Oct 1997 to 01 Apr 2003)	160	48	76 (+ 5 Cm expansion)	(a) Class 10 th Simple Pass. (b) No stipulation in aggregate percentage but should have Scored minimum 33% in each subject.
SOLDIER TRADESMAN (ALL ARMS)	17 1/2 YEARS TO 23 YEARS (Born in between 01 Oct 1997 to 01 Apr 2003)	160	48	76 (+ 5 Cm expansion)	(a) Class 8 th Simple Pass (for Syce, House Keeper & Mess Keeper) (b) No stipulation in aggregate percentage but should have Scored minimum 33% in each subject.

NOTE- Education Certificate issued by Education Boards affiliated to /listed by COBSE, AICTE, CBSE and NIOS only will be considered.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR RECRUITMENT:

Candidates must have the following documents:

- (a) Email ID and Mobile Number is a must.

(b) Aadhar Card

(c) Class X, Class XII & Class VIII Mark sheet & Certificates both.

(d) Admit Card, Registration Certificate, Mark sheet and Board Certificate

(e) Residential Certificate

(f) Birth Certificate

(g) Character Certificate

(h) Unmarried Certificate
- (i) Caste Certificate

(j) Gorkha Certificate

(k) Buddhist/Christian Certificate

(l) Sikkim Subject/Certificate of Identification (Col) (Mandatory)

(m) NCC Certificate for NCC Cadets (A/B/C Certificate)

(n) Outstanding Sportsmen Certificate (State level and higher)

(o) Relation Certificate (Applicable only to the wards of Son of Serving Soldiers, Son of Ex-servicemen, Son of Widows & Son of War Widows)

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST (AT RALLY SITE)						
	1.6 Km Run	Beam (Pull Ups)		9 Feet Ditch	Zig-Zag Balance	Remarks
Group	Marks	10	40	Need to Qualify	Need to qualify	(a) Provisions for Extra Time for 1.6 L, Run in Hilly Terrain is as follows: (i) Between 5000 Ft to 9000 Ft Add 30 Secs to all timings (ii) Between 9000 Ft to 12000 Ft - Add 120 Secs to all timings
Group I - Upto 5 Minutes 30 Seconds.	60	9	33			
	48	8	27			
Group II - 5 Minutes 31 Seconds to 5 Minutes 45 Seconds.		7	21			(b) For following cats, candidates only need to qualify in PFT : (i) Soldier Technical (ii) Soldier Technical (Aviation/Ammunition Examiner) (iii) Soldier Nursing Assistant/Nursing Assistant Veterinary (iv) Soldier Clerk/Store Keeper Technical
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PHYSICAL MEASUREMENT (AT RALLY SITE)

Physical measurements will be carried out as per the Physical standards listed at Para 2 above.

Medical Test

- (a) As per laid down medical standards at the Rally Site.
- (b) Unfit candidates will be referred to MH/CH/BH for specialist review. Candidates referred for specialist review should present themselves to the nominated MH/CH/BH within 14 days of the referral and report back to ARO for issue of Admit Card for CEE, in case declared FIT

Written Test through Common Entrance Examination (CEE)

- (a) Will be conducted for medically fit candidates at nominated venue, location, date and time of written test will be intimated at rally site and through Admit Cards.
- (b) Admit Card for the CEE for the Rally Fit candidates will be issued at Rally Site itself.
- (c) Admit Card for the CEE for the Review Fit cases will be issued after getting medically fit by concerned specialist/ specialist at MH/CH/BM

NOTE: SHARING OF MOBILE NUMBER AND EMAIL ID IS NOT PERMITTED.

CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO FILL UP ONLINE APPLICATION AT THE EARLIEST THROUGH CYBER CAFE OR THROUGH SCHOOLS OR THROUGH OTHER SOURCES.PLEA VISIT WEBSITE www.joinindianarmy.nic.in IN CASE OF ANY DIFFICULTIES/PROBLEM CONTACT OFFICE OF THE RAJYA SAINIK BOARD, GANGTOK OR ZILLA SAINIK BOA (WEST/SOUTH/NORTH/EAST). CANDIDATES MAY ALSO CONTACT AT THE NUMBER **95932 68469** OR VISIT SAINIK BOARD OFFICAL WEBSITE: www.deswsikkim.nic.in

Sd/-
Col DN Bhutia (Retd)
Secretary, RSB

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Awareness-cum-training programme organised

Gangtok, February 13: Adaylong awareness-cum-training programme followed by field inspection was held under the theme of Adaption and Mitigation through Soil, Water, Nutrient Management and Agro-Forestry (Soil Carbon Sequestration/ Conservation Agriculture) Under NICRA Project at Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Gangtok, today. The programme was organised by the ICAR-National Organic Farming Research Institute, Gangtok.

Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Mr. Lok Nath Sharma attended the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest. The programme was also attended by the Secretary, Agriculture Mr. Rinzing C. Bhutia, Secretary, Horticulture Mr. M.T. Sherpa, officials, Agriculture Scientists and farmers from different parts the of state.

Addressing the farmers, Mr. Sharma drew light on the existing scenario of agriculture in the state and encouraged farmers to adopt agricultural practices with new spirit to witness paradigm shift in the next five years. He added that the government will work sincerely to improve the socio-economic state of farmers and make them self-reliant agro entrepreneurs.

He urged the farmers to remain informed about the existing programmes of the state government for its proper implementations in the field.

He applauded the activities carried out by ICAR and suggested to adopt the two GPUs and to form a cluster in each district and to apply newly

introduced technology to set an example for the encouragement of the farmers.

He also expressed concern over public grievances of wildlife interference and stressed upon the need to sort out a mechanism to curb this genuine issue.

He also asked the officials to be more responsible and accountable, to provide available services in co-ordination of farmers.

Further, he spoke at length on the future scope of farmers for sustainable growth.

The Minister also urged scientists and all concerned to revive production of various crops and fruits like orange, ginger, cardamom etc. He urged them to imbibe enlightening technical session to mitigate and overcome its effects.

Mr. Rinzing C. Bhutia spoke on the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Nidhi and urged farmers to register their names with the concerned VLW, to receive financial benefits of ₹6,000/- in three installments, annually. He also outlined the benefits of PM Krishi Sichai Yojana and motivated the farmers to co-operate for implementation of the scheme and active functioning of FPOs for their benefits.

Mr. M.T. Sherpa recalled the role of agriculture in earning livelihood in the past decades and added that the agriculture sector is transforming into entrepreneurship therefore, becoming a lucrative profession. He also underlined programmes under Horticulture Mission to promote cluster farming, community approach, human

resource development etc. He also informed that the new subjects of Horticulture will be introduced in the school curriculum to generate interest amongst young generation towards Agriculture and Horticulture.

Mr. Padam Subba also addressed the farmers and encouraged them for conservation of water through construction of Water Harvesting Tank. He urged them to share acquired information in their respective societies.

Joint Director ICAR-NOFRI Dr. R.K. Awasthe drew light on overview of ICAR and its functioning throughout the nation. He also emphasised on activities accomplished by the institute and mentioned that the transfer of technology as the main component wherein regular monitoring, reporting assessment is being carried out by the institute, properly. He also threw light on the importance of crop rotation for enhancement of the production.

During the programme, Mr. Sharma handed over crop seeds to the farmers and also launched IEC folders published in local language.

The awareness programme was followed by an inspection visit at the farm developed by ICAR. The Minister along with the farmers visited Goat Research Farm, Poultry Seed Project, Citrus Rootstock block, Mushroom Spawn cum Production Unit, Dairy, piggery and the cultivated area. During the visit, the Minister also inaugurated a newly established Pig farm.

surveillance system is essential to monitor an area more closely and directly in order to generate reliable surveillance data of programmatic importance.

* In 2017, India reported 5,293 cases of diphtheria, 23,766 cases of pertussis and 295 cases of neonatal tetanus to WHO and UNICEF through the joint reporting form (JRF).

* The WHO NPSP field units will provide technical support for establishing a functional laboratory-supported surveillance system for DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus). Their primary functions will be capacity building of health care providers/surveillance staff, monitoring and evaluation of the key components of surveillance, data analysis and providing feedback.

The officials trained in this workshop will further impart training to district and PHC health workers to start this DPT surveillance in Sikkim tentatively from June, 2020.

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Governor grants...

and contribute towards building a right perspective and opinion among the masses. He asked the members representing different media groups, to make an impact in the society with their pen and remain committed towards positive

journalism.

Mr. Joseph Lepcha, apprised the Governor about various issues confronting the organisation and sought his continuous patronage and blessings for the well being of the press fraternity. The Governor also assured all support towards the PCS in their quest of responsible journalism and development of media in Sikkim.

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Technology and...

He also informed about the financial incentives to be dedicated to milk producers and vegetable growers from the next financial year 2020-21 and encouraged them to increase production with proper utilization of unproductive barren land as well. He assured to provide compensation against wildlife interference. He also added that the economy of the state will be strengthened through agriculture sector and drew light on provision of subsidised loan for the farmers.

He thanked the University for supporting farmers in terms of facilities and urged to monitor and follow up their progress.

He also emphasised on planning and programmes of the state government for marketing facilities and advised for surplus production of ginger, turmeric, cardamom and buckwheat. He also assured to strengthen and transform the VLW centres.

Secretary, Horticulture Mr. M.T. Sherpa informed farmers about the financial benefits of ₹ 6000/- dedicated to small and marginal farmers under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Nidhi to be released in three instalments and urged them to register their names

and contact numbers so that they could receive the amount through Direct Bank Transfer.

He also encouraged the farmers to use the newly improved agricultural tools and equipment. He advised them to take the contact numbers of the concerned VLWs and officials and assured them to provide onsite support for the convenience of the farmers.

The Dean of College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology (Central Agricultural University, Imphal) Ranipool Gangtok. Prof. P.P. Dabral spoke on the purpose of the Mela, to educate farmers about the newly developed agricultural technology in Production, Processing and Harvesting process.

Mr. Sharma visited the stalls of Technology and Demonstration Mela and interacted with the exhibitors of All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Farm implements and Machinery, Ergonomics and Safety in Agriculture, Utilization of Animal Energy with Enhanced System Efficiency, Renewable Energy Designed and Developed Equipment, Industrial Distributors, Plasticulture Engineering and Technology, Vegetable Growers and University students. He also visited Farmer's Produce Processing-cum-Skill Development Centre.

DPT Surveillance Workshop Launched

Gangtok, February 13: The State workshop of Diphtheria, pertussis and Neonatal tetanus surveillance workshop for Sikkim supported by World Health Organisation was held in a local hotel on February 11 to February 12. The workshop was inaugurated by Principal Secretary, Health Department, Mr. K. Sreenivasulu and attended by officials of the Health Department, District RCH Officers, District Surveillance Officers, Medical and pediatric specialist from NEW STNM hospital and CRH Manipal, MO/ICs of all the PHCs of Sikkim, District Public Health Nursing Officers (DPHNO), LHVs.

This training was conducted by Regional Team leader (East)-WHO India, Dr. Punnet Mishra, Deputy Surveillance Team-WCO India, Dr. Preeti Nigam, Sub Regional Team Leader (WB)-WHO India, Dr. J. K. Mehta, Surveillance Medical Officer, WHO India Dr. S.K. Ray.

The key components of the workshop are as follows:

* Vaccination against childhood communicable diseases through the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) is one of the most cost effective public health interventions. Vaccination contributes substantially to the achievement of sustainable development goals by reducing mortality and morbidity among children.

* The progress and impact of vaccination programmes can be effectively assessed by surveillance for vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs). It is also important to have country specific epidemiological data to be able to formulate vaccination strategies.

* Surveillance is the basic tool for understanding the epidemiology of a disease. The key objectives of surveillance are to trigger public health control measures, to Identify outbreaks, and to assess the effectiveness of prevention programmes.

* Establishing an active

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to
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Reduce your risk of **coronavirus** infection:



Clean hands with soap and water
or alcohol-based hand rub

Cover nose and mouth when coughing and
sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow





Avoid close contact with anyone with
cold or flu-like symptoms

Thoroughly cook meat and eggs





No unprotected contact with live wild
or farm animals

If you seek help, you may call :

Toll free no. 104
District surveillance Officer

EAST : 7029372100 | WEST : 9593297809 | NORTH : 9641957468 | SOUTH : 7407691463

New STNM
AMS : 9434711402

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM