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## Governor attends Maha Kumbh 2025



**Uttar Pradesh, January 20:** Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur, participated in the Maha Kumbh 2025 at Prayagraj, where he took a holy dip in the sacred waters of the Triveni Sangam- confluence of the rivers Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati. He also offered prayers for the prosperity and well-being of the nation.

The Governor was accompanied by members of Raj Bhavan and devotees.

During the Maha Kumbh, the Governor also visited Shri Bade Hanuman Ji Temple, where he

performed prayers and sought blessings.

Calling the Maha Kumbh a festival of spiritual experience of Sanatan Dharma, he said 'The Maha Kumbh is a symbol of unity, devotion, and self-purification in society. This festival brings together millions of devotees from across the world, offers an opportunity to experience the significance of India's spritual heritage'.

Additionally, he stated that this grand event is a symbol of India's diversity and unity.

## CM engages with key investors to discuss transformative initiatives

**Gangtok, January 17:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang engaged with key investors and senior officials to discuss transformative initiatives aimed at driving Sikkim's growth across tourism, urban development, agriculture, and hospitality sectors at his official residence, Mintokgang, today.

A notable meeting with senior officials from India Today focused on a collaborative initiative to commemorate 50 years of Sikkim's integration into India. The proposed campaign seeks to position Sikkim as a premier global tourism destination by highlighting its unique cultural and natural heritage.

Discussions with representatives of JUSCO Limited, a subsidiary of Tata Steel, centered on potential collaborations with the Gangtok Municipal Corporation to deliver world-class municipal services. This partnership envisions elevating urban infrastructure to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Sikkim.

The Chief Minister also met with the Shriram Ozone Group,

renowned for managing luxury properties such as Westin, Taj Vivanta, and Marriott. The discussions focused on developing high-end tourism offerings, including luxury wedding venues, corporate event destinations, and premium travel experiences, with an aim to boost employment and revenue generation in the state.

With the Ambuja Neotia Group, talks revolved around expanding the Taj Guras Kutir brand across Sikkim, reinforcing the state's growing reputation as a luxury hospitality hub.

A separate discussion with Dr Balwinder Bajwa from EFRAC/QIMA focused on empowering local farmers through value addition initiatives and enhancing the state's capabilities in water, food, and medicine quality testing to meet global standards.

These initiatives are expected to deliver significant growth in tourism, hospitality, agriculture, and urban development, contributing to Sikkim's long-term economic and

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## Chief Minister attends 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission meeting

**Gangtok, January 20:** The 16th Finance Commission held a meeting with the Government of Sikkim at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

Dr Arvind Panagariya, Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission of India, was accompanied by Commission members, namely Mr Ajay Narayan Jha, Ms Annie George Mathew, Dr Manoj Panda, Mr Ritvik Pandey, Mr KK Mishra, Mr Kumar Vivek, Mr Davinder Chodha, Mr Abhishek Nandan, Ms Promila Rajvanshi, Dr Bhabesh Hazarika, and Ms Arushi Gupta.

Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the meeting alongside Dr Mahendra P Lama Emeritus Chief Economic Advisor to the Chief Minister, Mr VB Pathak Chief Administrator cum Cabinet Secretary, Mr R Telang Chief Secretary, together with Heads of Departments and officials of the State Government.

Mr R Telang, Chief Secretary welcomed the 16th Finance



Commission, while providing an overview of the state.

Chief Minister acknowledged the significant contributions of the Chairman towards the development of India and noted his role as an inspiration for young scholars. He emphasised that Sikkim is the most integrated yet least connected state in India, possessing the

highest per capita income in the country and holding the distinction of being the most peaceful border state in India.

He articulated his vision to develop Sikkim as the Green Capital of India and acknowledged the need to address the constraints faced by a small state with a lower

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission of India briefs Media in Sikkim

**Gangtok, January 20:** The members of the 16th Finance Commission of India interacted with the Sikkimese Media in a press briefing held at Chintan Bhawan, today.

The Press Conference was presided by Dr Arvind Panagariya, Chairman of the 16th Financial Commission of India.

At the outset, the Chairman outlined the jurisdiction and mandate of the Finance Commission. The important jurisdictions include-

1. Vertical Devolution: To recommend the share of taxes, duties, and grants-in-aid to be devolved to the states from the Centre.

2. Horizontal Devolution: To recommend the allocation of funds to each state based on their population, area, and other relevant factors.

3. Local Government Grants: To recommend grants to local governments, such as panchayats and municipalities.

4. Disaster Relief: To recommend funds for disaster relief and rehabilitation.

5. Defence and Security: To examine the impact of defence and security expenditures on the



finances of Centre and states.

6. Fiscal Consolidation: To recommend measures for fiscal consolidation and debt reduction.

The Chairman elaborated on the duty of Financial Commission which is to understand and segregate the 'divisible pool' wherein, the Commission decides how much finance goes to the

States and what percent goes to the Centre.

The Chairman in his briefing stated that the Commission has been visiting several states, consulting with stakeholders, Chairman of the past four commissions, experts, and

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### Pearls of Wisdom

*"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



### Press Release from Sikkim Rural Livelihood Mission

**Namchi, 19 January:** The Dafey Munal Nritya Pratiyogita, a vibrant dance competition, was held on 18th January 2024 at the 14th Sikkim SARAS Trade Fair at Jorethang, Namchi District.

This event was part of the 10-day-long SARAS trade fair, which brings together Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from across Sikkim and other states to showcase their products, culture, and talents.

The Sikkim SARAS Trade Fair is a platform provided by Sikkim Rural Livelihood Mission where SHGs from Sikkim and outside States participate to exhibit and sell their products. The fair spans ten days and serves as a hub for cultural exchange, economic growth, and community interaction. It provides SHG members with an opportunity to learn from each other and gain exposure to a larger market. This year, the event witnessed an overwhelming response from participants and visitors alike.

This year SRLM have taken a step forward to showcase the talent of the SHG members and boost their morale. SRLM had organised The Voice of SHGs singing competition for Self-Help Group members on 16th January 2025. The Dafey Munal Nritya Pratiyogita was first of its kind of program organized at the SARAS Fair. This dance competition served as an energetic cultural highlight, drawing a large crowd of enthusiastic viewers from within the fairgrounds and surrounding areas. The event

was hosted by Mr. Rajendra Sharma who did an excellent job as the Master of Ceremonies. The panel of esteemed judges included:

1. Ms. Radha Pradhan, CEO, Sikkim SRLM
2. Ms. Preetha TB, Mentor -SVEP
3. Ms. Kala Sharma, Dance Teacher from Jorethang.

A total of 12 participants took part in the competition, showcasing their zeal and dedication. Among them were two participants from Assam and Tripura, who added a unique dimension to the event with their traditional dances. The performances spanned various cultural traditions, featuring dances to Nepali, Lepcha, and Gurung songs. The diversity of the performances highlighted the rich cultural tapestry of the region and resonated deeply with the audience. The vibrant costumes, energetic moves, and heartfelt expressions made the event a visual and emotional treat.

The Dafey Munal Nritya Pratiyogita was not just a competition; it was a celebration of talent, culture, and empowerment. The program was a huge success, providing an opportunity for SHG women to showcase their dancing talents and boost their morale. The event provided SHG women with a platform to showcase their abilities, boosting their confidence and morale. This initiative by the Sikkim SRLM team aimed to build confidence among the participants,

preparing them to represent their talents on larger platforms during SARAS fairs in other States.

The lively performances brought energy to the SARAS crowd and left the audience entertained and inspired. The competition concluded with the announcement of winners who impressed the judges with their exceptional performances:

1. Ms Sunita Rai from Chumbung Block
2. Ms Ranjana Sharma from Rakkong Tintek Block
3. Ms Elisha Lepcha from Ravongla Block.

The judges commended all the participants for their dedication and encouraged them to continue pursuing their passions. Their words of encouragement added to the positive atmosphere of the event.

The Dafey Munal Nritya Pratiyogita was a shining example of how cultural events can uplift and inspire individuals while enriching a community. By providing a stage for SHG members to express themselves through dance, the event highlighted the importance of preserving and celebrating cultural heritage. The program not only entertained but also empowered the participants, giving them the confidence to represent their talents on broader platforms.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Binod Nepal, expressing gratitude to the judges, participants, organizers, and audience for their support.

### Press Release from Sarathi

**Pakyong, January 17:** Under the vision of Chief Minister of Sikkim Mr Prem Singh Tamang, to make Sikkim 'Addiction-free and Mentally Healthy', and under the guidance of Mr Rohit Raj Gurung Advisor to Chief Minister also the Chief Resource Person, Sarathi Organisation, Sarathi 1.0 organised ASHA Refresher Training for 117 ASHA workers in Pakyong District.

These workers had previously undergone training under Sarathi 1.0 for FY 2022-2024, during which 117 Sarathi Samaj groups were established to address substance misuse at the community level and promote mental health.

28 ASHAs from Pakyong PHC were trained on the Sarathi 1.0 module. The training programme was conducted at the ADC Rurban Community Complex in Pakyong, covering various PHCs. Its aim was to

enhance awareness and provide essential skills to address addiction and mental well-being. The participants will be equipped with the necessary skills to effectively identify and address issues within their communities.

The training module covered topics related to:

1. Reduction of substance misuse at school and community levels.
2. Promotion of mental well-being.
3. Inculcation of Moral Values.

The programme saw a significant presence of the resource persons, who provided insightful addresses during the training sessions.

1. Dr. Kuljan Lama (Medical Officer, AYUSH, Pakyong)
2. Smt. Lassong Tamang (Retired CHO, Florence Nightingale Awardee), Pakyong
3. Mr. Bishal Sharma

### Sarathi 1.0 organises training for ASHA workers

**Pakyong, January 18:** Sarathi 1.0 organised a one-day refresher training at the RURBAN Community Complex today for 25 ASHA workers from Pakyong and Machong focusing on the SARATHI 1.0 module.

This initiative is aligned

with the vision of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang aimed at eradicating addiction and promoting mental well-being in Sikkim. The training was facilitated by Dr Kuljan Lama Medical Officer of AYUSH at Pakyong PHC, and Ms Lassong

Tamang, retired Community Health Officer.

The event was attended by Mr Zigmee Bhutia and Mr Hari Rizal, President of the SARATHI Organisation for East District.

### DC Pakyong chairs meeting with NCORD and NMBA

**Pakyong, January 17:** A monthly District Level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) and Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) meeting was convened at DAC Pakyong, today.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Rohan Agawane DC Pakyong. Also present were Ms Dhan Maya Subba SP Pakyong, Mr PR Dulal RTO Pakyong, Mr Bhakti Pd Sharma Joint Director Education Department, Mr SP Bhutia Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), Deputy Commandant SSB, Welfare Officer Social Welfare Department, ADO Agriculture along with representatives from Health Department, Pakyong District, Sarathi Organisation and Samaritan Rehab Centre Pakyong.

The meeting reviewed previous meeting's resolutions and discussions on strengthening measures to combat drug abuse and trafficking in the district.

During the meeting, DC

Pakyong reviewed the progress of directives from the previous session, with concerned departments providing updates on their respective tasks.

Subsequently, the Committee members presented reports on drug control measures and highlighted challenges faced in addressing substance abuse and its impact on the community.

In response, the DC provided guidance focusing on combating drug abuse and trafficking. He also called for a joint effort to improve interdepartmental coordination and strengthen actions against narcotics-related issues.

Furthermore, the meeting also stressed the need for community involvement and awareness campaigns to prevent substance abuse, particularly among the youth.

The meeting concluded with the agenda for the next session, focusing on new initiatives to combat drug abuse and target key stakeholders.

### DC Soreng chairs District Level Committee meeting on Disability

**Soreng, January 20:** The meeting for District Level Committee on Disability was chaired by Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng at his office, today.

The meeting was attended by Mr Santosh Kr Allay ADC Soreng, Dr Namgay Bhutia CMO Soreng, Dr Rajiv Gurung Psychiatrist Gyalshing District Hospital, Mrs Prativa Tamang Sr Welfare Officer and Mrs Sabita Sharma Assistant Public Prosecutor.

DC Soreng addressed critical subject of the rights and welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). His discussion revolved around the key provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, and the necessary steps for ensuring their equal participation in society. Further, he elaborated on the mandate under Section 23, which requires all government establishments to appoint a Grievance Redressal Officer. The officer is responsible for addressing and resolving complaints related to discrimination, denial of rights, or other issues faced by PwDs.

Publicising the contact

details of the officer ensures that affected individuals can easily seek redressal for their grievances. The government is obligated under Section 19 to develop and implement schemes aimed at promoting employment among PwDs, he added. He also highlighted that any negligence or violation of the provisions of the RPwD Act would require immediate action to safeguard the interests of PwDs.

Senior Welfare Officer provided insights on the welfare measures for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), emphasising the importance of documentation and the schemes available at both State and Central levels. She informed that there are eleven types of disabilities officially recognised under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016.

She emphasised that disability certificates and Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards are prerequisites for accessing government welfare schemes such as Chief Minister's State Disability Pension Scheme and Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS).

### ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, ICAR Pakyong-737106, Sikkim, India

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Website: [www.nrco.icar.gov.in](http://www.nrco.icar.gov.in)

F. No: NRC(O)/ADMN/27(A)/2024-25/ 450

Date: 17.01.2025

### WALK IN INTERVIEW NOTICE

Online and Offline (Hybrid Mode) Walk-In-Interview will be held at ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong-737106, Sikkim for the selection of (01) post of Senior Research Fellow Under NAIF -IPR, (01) post of Young Professional-I (PP), (01) post of Young Professional-I (Hort.), (02) post of Young Professional-I (TC/DC), (01) post of Junior Project Assistant Under CBBO/FPO, (01) post of CEO & (01) post of Accountant for Premlakha Subanydara FPO, Rongli on contractual/ temporary basis. For further details, the interested candidates may visit the website: <https://irco.icar.gov.in/>

(Rajendra Kumar Meena)  
Administrative Officer  
(09)

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**Health and Family Welfare Department  
STNM Hospital Sochakgang  
Government of Sikkim**

Ref. No.01/STORE/STNMH/GH/2025

Dated: 07/01/2025

**NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION**

The sealed quotations are invited from the Local registered and reputed firms within the radius of 500mtrs of STNM Hospital, Sochakgang Operating 24X7 for the supply of medicines and allied items for STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, under Emergency purchase for the year 2025-2026

**Terms & Condition:**

1. Valid Trade and Drug License issued by authorized government agency.
2. Medical Shop should be opened for 24X7.
3. Medical Shop Signboard displayed for easy identification.
4. The Tender detail and other documents can be obtained from the office of Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, on any working days from 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on production of Bank Challan of ₹5,000/- duly signed by Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, credited under head 0210-01-800 other receipts.
- 5 The firm shall deposit TDR of ₹1,00,000/-(One Lakh) in favor of Sr. AO, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, for the supply of drugs and consumables from SBS along with the sealed quotation. The department will not liable to pay the interest on the said amount
6. The duly filled Tender Document should reach the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, within 12.00 pm of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The Tender received after 12.00 pm of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 will not be entertained.
7. The sealed quotation will be opened on the same day i.e. 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 2.00 pm in the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
8. The details of Terms and condition will be indicated in the tender form.
9. The department committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
10. For further information visit the office of the undersigned.

**Medical Superintendent  
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang  
(01, i)**

**Government of Sikkim  
Office of the Dy. Inspector General of Prison  
State Central Prison, Rongyek  
Gangtok-737103**

Memo No.728/GoS/PRISON/2025

Dated: 20/01/2025

**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed quotations are invited from registered firms of Sikkim for Supply of ration, grocery, hardware and electrical items to the State Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Namchi for the period with effect from 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026. The rates quoted by the firms shall be inclusive of all transportation/ carriage charges upto point of delivery i.e. the Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Namchi as and when the items are requisitioned shall be final for all purpose.

The quotations addressed to the Dy. Inspector General of Police/Prison, Rongyek should reach the office of the undersigned on or before 10 A.M. on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The Tender Selection Committee shall open the tenders in the office of the undersigned at 11 A.M. on the same day in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized agents.

The quotation shall be accompanied by a state Bank of Sikkim, T.D.R. for ₹30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand) only for made in favour of the Dy. Inspector General of Police/Prison for alongwith certified copies of the concerned firms registration, valid Trade License, GST registration etc. The failure to submit incomplete documents shall be rejected.

The Tender Selection Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

The Tender documents can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned between 10.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. on all working days with effect from the publication of Tender Notices.

**Dy. Inspector General of Police  
State Central Prison, Rongyek.  
(11, iii)**

**Government of Sikkim  
Health and Family Welfare Department  
Community Health Centre  
Singtam, East Sikkim**

Memo NO:41/DHS

Dated: 18/01/2025

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

Sealed tenders are invited from the local reputed service provider/ Catering firms for preparation and supply of nutritious & balance diet for the in-door patients of 100 bedded Singtam District Hospital, Sikkim. The diet shall be supplied as per the diet menu issued by the concerned dietician for the period of one(1) year.

**Terms & Conditions:**

Two Bid Tender Forms can be collected from the office of the Sr. Accounts Officer, District Hospital Singtam from 10/02/2025 to 14/02/2025 in any working days from 12.00 Noon to 3.00 p.m. on production of Bank Receipt of ₹10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand)Only credited to Major Head 0210- Medical & Public Health 800-other receipts ( Sale of Tender form for diet supply) non-refundable.

1. The duly filled up tender forms should reach the office of Chief Medical Officer(Gtk) accompanied by T.D.R.(Refundable) of ₹2,00,000/-(Rupees Two Lakh)Only drawn in favour of Sr. A.O.-cum-D&DO from State Bank of Sikkim, Singtam within 12:30 P.M. of 18/02/2025.
2. Tenders received after 12:30 P.M. of 18/02/2025 shall not be entertained.
3. The sealed tenders will be opened on the same day at 1:30 P.M. in the Conference Hall of District Hospital Singtam in the presence of tenderers and authorized representatives present.
4. Tender in which any of the prescribed conditions are not fulfilled or incomplete in any respect shall be rejected.
5. The departmental committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

**Sd/-  
Chief Medical Officer(Gtk)  
District Hospital Singtam  
Health and Family Welfare Department  
(12, ii)**

**Government of Sikkim  
Central Health Stores Organisation  
Health and Family Welfare Department  
Gangtok.**

Tender No: 05/CHSO/H&amp;FW/2024-25 Date: 18th January 2025

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Central Health Stores Organisation, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim invites Online Tender (Technical and Financial bids) from registered firms (Manufacturer/authorized dealers/distributors) for the supply of medicines, consumables and laboratory reagents for the FY - 2024-25.

The bid should be submitted online in the website <https://sikkimtender.gov.in> for which, the bidders should have the necessary portal enrolment with his/her own Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

**Director Health Service  
Central Health Stores Organisation  
Health Annexure Building, Convoy Ground, Tadong.  
Health & FW Dept. Govt.of Sikkim  
E-mail: chso\_gos@rediffmail.com  
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**Health and Family Welfare Department  
STNM Hospital Sochakgang  
Government of Sikkim**

Ref. No.02/STORE/STNMH/GH/2025

Dated: 07/01/2025

**NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION**

The sealed quotations are invited from the Local registered and reputed firms within the radius of 500mtrs of STNM Hospital, Sochakgang Operating 24X7 for the supply of medicines and allied items for STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (P.M.J.AY) for the year 2025-2026.

**Terms & Condition:**

1. Valid Trade and Drug License issued by authorized government agency.
2. Medical Shop should be opened for 24X7.
3. Medical Shop Signboard displayed for easy identification.
4. The Tender detail and other documents can be obtained from the office of Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, on any working days from 5<sup>th</sup>February 2025 to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on production of Bank Challan of ₹5,000/- duly signed by Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, credited under head 0210-01-800 other receipts.
5. The firm shall deposit TDR of ₹1,50,000/- (One Lakh Fifty Thousand) in favor of Sr. AO, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, for the supply of drugs and consumables from SBS along with the sealed quotation. The department will not liable to pay the interest on the said amount
6. The duly filled Tender Document should reach the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, within 12.00 pm of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The Tender received after 12.00 pm of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 will not be entertained.
7. The sealed quotation will be opened on the same day i.e. 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 2.00 pm in the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
8. The details of Terms and condition will be indicated in the tender form.
9. The department committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
10. For further information visit the office of the undersigned.

**Medical Superintendent  
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang  
(02, i)**

**Office of the Chief Engineer  
Roads & Bridges Department  
Government of Sikkim**

Memo No. 37/CE/2024-25

Dated: 21.01.2025

**Notice Inviting Pre-qualification of Contractor**

The Roads & Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim invites pre-qualification of Government Contractors of category I-AA enlisted with the SIKKIM PWD for short listing and empanelment of prospective contractors for execution of various time bound projects. The enlisted contractors under Joint venture shall not be eligible to participate in the pre- qualification.

The pre-qualification documents and criteria may be obtained from the Office of the Superintending Engineer (P/M) from 27th January to 04th February 2025, on payment of ₹1,00,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh) only in the form of bank receipt drawn in favor of the Senior Accounts Officer Roads & Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok from the State Bank of Sikkim deposited under the revenue head 0059- 80-800-01 Roads and Bridges Department as cost of documents.

Note: The Contractors already empaneled with the department need not apply as per this Notice.

**Chief Engineer  
Roads & Bridges Department  
Government of Sikkim, Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok.  
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**Water Resources Department  
Government of Sikkim**

NIT NO:- 01 /ACE(S/W)/WRD

DATED: 10.01.2025

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Additional Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok, invites sealed tenders from **Class II-A** Contractors enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department, through competitive bidding **within Soreng District** of the state for the work detailed as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value put to tender(in ₹) excluding GST & L/Cess	Earnest money (Bid Security) @ 2.5% for issue of tender form(in ₹)	Revenue Head - WRD-0702-80-800) Bank Receipt/Challan for cost of tender documents(in ₹)	Completion time (in months)
1.	Land Mitigation and Augmentation of Drainage System from Jautar Sports Complex to Ranikhola at Soreng District, Part-I,	₹ 6,21,25,665.00	₹.15,53,200.00 .	₹.1,00,000.00	24 months
2.	Land Mitigation and Augmentation of Drainage System from Jautar Sports Complex to Ranikhola at Soreng District, Part-II,	₹6,18,10,515.00	₹.15,45,300.00	₹.1,00,000.00	24 months

**TIME SCHEDULE**

i.	Date for submission of application with bank receipt, for issue of Tender documents	10.02.2025 (From 10:00 am to 4:30 pm)
ii.	Date of issue of Tender documents & Tender form (on receipt of TDR against Earnest Money)	12.02.2025 (From 10:00 am to 4:30 pm)
iii.	Date and time for submission of Tender	13.02.2025 (From 10:00 am to 2.00 pm)
iv.	Date and time of opening of Tender	13.02.2025 (3.00 pm)

**CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:**

1. Tender is open only to the eligible contractors of appropriate class/Area.
2. The intending tenderer/contractor should apply in writing for issue of tender form for/tender documents. The application should invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. Tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the intending tenderer. The application shall be submitted for the work listed above with all the required documents.
3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following documents along with the application.
  - a. **GST Registration Certificate** or relevant ARN number,
  - b. Income Tax Clearance Certificate,
  - c. **Valid Contractor Enlistment Certificate**,
  - d. Professional **Tax Clearance Certificate** and
  - e. **PAN Card**
4. The prescribed Non- Transferable Tender Documents (Excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in as above from the office of the **Office of the Additional Chief Engineer (S/W), Water Resources Department**, on the production of requisite Bank receipt/challan of the State Bank of Sikkim towards the tender document (Non- refundable) under the receipt of "cost of tender form" in the account of Water Resources Department, Govt. of Sikkim, **Revenue Head: -0702-80-800**.
5. Earnest Money Deposit (Bid Security) @ 2.5% of the cost of work put to tender shall be in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt of Scheduled Bank which includes deposits in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt or Fixed Deposits Receipt in favour of the **Chief Accounts Officer**, Water Resources Department. Tender form shall be issued only on production of deposit Receipt (TDR) to that contractor who obtained the tender documents, on production of Bank Receipt/ Challan for the cost of tender documents. However, in accordance with notification No. 104/R&B, dated 03/10/2020, **all Enlisted Women Contractors will be exempted 50% from deposit of 2.5% TDR** for participating in Tender. In case of such bidder, the issue of Work Order shall be governed by Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08/10/2020.
6. The Tender Documents, including the tender form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of tenderer and the name of work superscripted on it. Supporting documents as listed vide Sl. No. (3) should be enclosed with the offer.
7. Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the **Office of the Additional Chief Engineer (S/W), Water Resources Department**, in his/her presence, on the date and within the time indicated above.
8. Tenders will be opened by a tender opening committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
9. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the General Direction and condition of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and **should be exclusive of GST and all other levied taxes**. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tender shall be rejected forth with.
10. In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, rates as per approved schedule of rate will be taken as correct. For items outside of SOR, the rate shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the Chief Engineer/Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
11. The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directive of the Department. If claim on this accounts shall be entertained whatsoever if any extra claim made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
12. The rate will be quoted item wise as per the Bill of Quantities.
13. The contractor shall establish a field laboratory at the construction site. It shall be mandatory to test material by the contractor at site or any other laboratory fixed by the Government for quality control purpose. The Department reserves the rights to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
14. Expenditure involved for material testing, cube strength of concrete, at site or In laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed to do so.
15. The contractor shall engage a Graduate/Diploma Civil Engineer (S) at the project site during the period of execution of work as per the norms prescribed in the Enlistment Rules and grade of contractors as well as requirement at site determined by Engineer-in-Charge.
16. The Department reserves the right to hold payments to the contractor unless material/quality test certificates are not produced by the contractor when called upon to do SO.
17. Avoidable damages due to the negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any) i/c accidents to laborer at site, damage to any structural components due to negligence of workmanship.
18. The bid offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days.
19. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order. If the contractor fails to take up the work within a period of 1 month, the contract will be rescinded and the "Bid Security" shall be forfeited.
20. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the Agreement to be entered with the contractor.
21. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @5% of the value of work done. In addition the Earnest Money (Bid Security) of the successful bidder will form a part of the deposit and will be released with the Security Deposit at the end of the defect liability period
22. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
23. The recoveries of Goods and Service Tax and Royalties on the forest product shall be as per the rates notified by Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case claim of the contractor for deduction as per the rates incorporated in analysis of rates or schedule of rates or rates on date of tender shall be acceptable.
24. Subletting of contractor work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
25. In case the manpower employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant labour laws.
26. The Department also reserves the right to increase, decrease alter or modify the item of works as indicated in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
27. The contractor shall also make an arrangement to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period i.e. Start of the work, middle and completion stages.
28. Damage of properties in and around the worksite must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good damages.
29. It is accepted that the tenderer has inspected the site before submitting his/her bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the documents.
30. The contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Government and no claim shall be entertained in this regard whatsoever.
31. The payment due to the Contractor shall be made as and when the fund is available.

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Additional Chief Engineer(S/W)  
Water Resources Department, Government of Sikkim  
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**Office of the Suprintending Engineer  
Government of Sikkim  
Roads and Bridges Department  
District Soreng**

NIT No.: 07/GOS/CIR/R&amp;B/SRG

Date: 15/ 01/2025

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer (Soreng), Roads and Bridges Department invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of Class II-B Grade, enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of the Daramdin constituency where the works are to be executed, for the execution of the work with the details as under: -

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Bid security 2.5% of the Bid value	Bid value	Cost of tender/bid form	Completion Period
1.	Construction of road from NDP (Singa Devi Mandir) to Lower Daramdin (Chyaan Dara) PMGSY road under Daramdin Sub-Division, Soreng District in Sikkim	₹5.965 Lakh	₹238.62 Lakh	₹0.50 Lakh	12 Months

Note: The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is exempted for all Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder being accepted as L1 bidder, the issue of the Work Order shall be governed by Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08/10/2020.

Sl. No	Particulars	Date & Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	(06/02/2025) up to 1600 hrs
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form	(06/02/2025) up to 1600 hrs
3	Submission of bid documents	(07/02/2025) up to 1200 hrs
4	Opening of bid documents	(07/02/2025) at 1300 hrs
5	Place of opening of bids	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim

**CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-**

1. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document shall not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER.
2. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the application
  - a) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. Further, it is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the + Tender Document for verification
  - b) Latest Goods & Service Tax Clearance Certificate issued from the office of the Commercial Tax (To be submitted by the successful bidder only before issuance of Work Order as per Notification No: 07/GOS/CTD/2018-2019, dated: 27/06/2018
  - c) PAN card.
  - d) Photo copy of latest voter ID card with both side printed for proof of their territorial constituency. e) Bank Receipt in original.
3. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Accounts Officer, Roads and Bridges Department, on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State of Sikkim (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "0059-80-800.01-other receipts", during the time schedule mentioned above.
4. Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% of the cost put to tender shall be deposited in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee from State Bank of Sikkim or any nationalized bank in favor of the Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, Soreng. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the same. In case of the Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding, the cost of the Earnest Money Deposit shall be governed by Notification No:104/R&B Dated 08/10/2020.
5. The soft copy of the BOQ shall be provided along with the tender documents on submission of Earnest Money Deposit as mentioned vide sl. no. 4. The intending bidder shall submit his/her bid in the printed format as per the soft copy of the BOQ provided. In case the bidder submits the bids in hand written format, the same shall be summarily rejected.
6. The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own and correct assessment before submitting the bid.
7. The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer in the BOQ provided should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the general direction and conditions of the contract and other laid down norms. Supporting documents listed vide Sl No. 2 should be enclosed with the offer.
8. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Superintending Engineer (Soreng), Roads and Bridges Department, Soreng, on the date and within the time indicated above.
9. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes in vogue.
10. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
11. Tenders will be opened by the Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
12. In case of any discrepancy in the specifications printed in the BOQ issued with the tender documents, specifications as per approved Schedule of Rates-2020 will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final.
13. The Department reserves the rights to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
14. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his/her own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labours at site.
15. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
16. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.
17. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
18. The recoveries i/c deduction of taxes and duties as applicable shall be as per the rates notified by the Government from time to time and as applicable on the date of payment.
19. Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
20. In case of manpower employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
21. The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken up at least of three stages during the construction period. i.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.
22. Quarrying of non-stock materials shall be allowed only from designated/approved quarries.
23. The specifications in execution of the works are to be followed as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).
24. Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any act of negligence and shall bear the responsibility to repair/restore such damage.
25. Expenditure involved for material testing like cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed by the concerned authorities.
26. The cost of stock materials and bridges parts if any supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractors bills as per the prevalent recovery rate.
27. Defect liability period for the pavement work shall be for a period of five (05) years which shall not cover the damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides etc.

**Superintending Engineer (Soreng)  
Roads and Bridges Department  
Soreng District**



## Chief Minister addresses the 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission



**Gangtok, January 20:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the 16th Finance Commission meeting, led by its Chairman Dr Arvind Panagariya at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

Addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister highlighted Sikkim's unique challenges and achievements, emphasising the need for tailored support to drive sustainable growth. The Chief Minister addressed key points including Connectivity Challenges:

- Limited national highways (709 km) compared to other northeastern states.

- Delayed infrastructure projects, including railways, airports, and digital connectivity.

- The vulnerability of NH-10, Sikkim's only road link, which faces severe disruptions post-monsoon.

Green Economy Initiatives:

- Proposal to introduce QR codes for organic products to enhance transparency.

- Vision to establish Sikkim as India's first Green Capital.

- Request for compensation for revenue forgone due to green policies.

Flash Flood Impact (October 2023):

- Appeal for financial aid to rebuild critical infrastructure, including hydropower projects.

- Need for support to address non-traditional disasters like Glacial Lake Outburst Floods.

Proposed Transformative Projects:

- Chewa Bhanjyang Multimodal Corridor: Boosting trade under the "Act East Policy."

- New Gangtok Township: Relieving stress on existing infrastructure.

- Mono Rail or Cable Car Network: Enhancing urban mobility.

- Climate Change University: A research hub for the Eastern Himalayas.

- State University: Addressing state-specific education needs.

Pharmaceutical Sector:

- Sikkim's emergence as a pharmaceutical hub, with a call for greater taxation flexibility to harness its revenue potential.

The Chief Minister concluded by urging the Commission to adopt a flexible, state-specific approach to support Sikkim's aspirations. He thanked the Chairman and members for their visit and hoped they would enjoy their stay in Sikkim.

## Green Skill Development Programme inaugurated

**Gangtok, January 18:** The Green Skill Development Programme on Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building, and Livelihood in Ecotourism, organised by Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Government of India in collaboration with Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology, was inaugurated at the Sikkim Science Centre, Marchak, today.

The Green Skill Development Programme, an initiative of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Government of India, offers certificate courses aimed at building expertise in Nature Conservation and Ecotourism Guidance, Apiculture (Wild Bee Management), Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP), and Micro-Entrepreneurship in Bamboo Crafting. It is scheduled to be held from January 18-March 18, 2025 and the programme seeks to empower participants with practical skills and promote sustainable livelihood opportunities.

The programme was inaugurated by Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Education Department along with Mr Sandeep Tambe Secretary Department of Science and Technology, Mr Dorjee Thinlay Bhutia Principal Director Department of Science and Technology, Mr Suman Thapa Director Sikkim State Council of

Science and Technology, Panchayat members, Resource Person, trainees and other dignitaries.

Minister Mr Raju Basnet emphasised the role of the training in providing participants with a deeper understanding of sustainable practices contributing to improved livelihoods. He stressed on the significance of waste segregation in promoting environmental responsibility and discussed the potential economic benefits of exporting products made in the state, fostering growth and development.

He also highlighted the Chief Minister's initiative- 'One Family, One Entrepreneur', which aims to empower families by encouraging entrepreneurship and self-sufficiency. He expressed hope that the training would be a valuable learning experience for all attendees, providing them with practical skills and insights that they could apply to their work and communities.

Secretary provided an overview of the science centre and its various facilities, highlighting the essential resources available to support both learning and development. He also shared upcoming projects for the science centre, particularly those focused on engaging and educating children. He stressed on the importance of the Green Skill Development Programme, highlighting how the training

supports long-term objectives of skill development and sustainable growth.

Principal Director introduced the Green Skill Development programme and provided an overview of the three courses included in the training. He highlighted initiatives undertaken by the Department to enhance the skills and employment prospects of the trainees. Furthermore, he emphasised the programme's significance in promoting environmental conservation and fostering community development. He encouraged participants to actively engage in the training and enhance the skills they acquire to contribute to a better and more sustainable future.

Director emphasised that the programme aims to empower individuals with valuable skills in ecotourism, apiculture, and sustainable livelihoods, contributing to the state's vision of a greener and more self-reliant future and encouraged participants to make the most of this transformative opportunity.

The programme also featured the unveiling of three courses under the Green Skill Development Programme, the launch of LED bulbs by the Self Help Group, a demonstration of bio-composting, and the distribution of Shiitake mushroom spawn by the Minister.

Secretary Mr R Telang, Principal Secretary (CMO) Dr SD Dhakal, and OSD Mr Sunil Saraogi, whose inputs were instrumental in advancing these discussions.

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Ministers of states. Based on these consultation processes, a final report will be published in October 2025, which shall be submitted to the President of India. He also explained that the work of the 16th Financial Commission will come to effect from 2026-2030.

He informed that as per the 15th Financial Commission, 41% of the divisible pool has gone to the states and 59% to the centre. Criteria such as states' share in national population, states' share in national total area and income distance will affect where finances will be pooled from the 41%.

The Chairman also gave a recap of the day's events wherein, the Commission met with the Chief Minister and State Government functionaries, urban local bodies, rural local bodies, stakeholders, trade and industries, and representatives of political parties. He expanded on Sikkim's recommendation to the Commission which is as follows-

- For the divisible pool to be increased from 41% to 50% which is a shared sentiment of all the other states.

- In accordance to the criteria of population, for the percentage to be increased from 15% to 20%.

- In accordance to the criteria of area, for the percentage to be increased from 15% to 20%

- In accordance to Income distance, Sikkim recommended that the divisible pool of 45% should be reduced to 25%.

- Sikkim also recommended new separate criteria for GDP stating that 10% should be allocated to states that contribute more to national GDP.

- In accordance to the criteria of forest cover, for the percentage to be increased from 10% to 20%.

- Sikkim also recommended 2nd new criteria for 'Sustainable Development Goals' stating that 5% should be allocated.

The Chairman articulated that until the 15th Financial Commission, Sikkim received 0.388% of the total divisible pool. He further elaborated that with these new recommendations, stakeholders predict that Sikkim will be able to achieve 0.72%. He stated that one of the most pertinent issues brought up by almost all the stakeholders was the issue of connectivity in Sikkim.

The meeting concluded with a question and answer round with the press fraternity wherein, the Commission took questions from Mr Bishnu Neopaney from Online Khabar Patrika, Mr Bijoy Gurung News Editor Sikkim Express, Mr Sujal Pradhan from NE India Today and Mr Prakash Adhikari from North East TV.

The Press Conference was moderated by Ms Annapurna Alley, Secretary Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Sikkim.

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### Chief Minister...

population. Furthermore, the Chief Minister informed the Chairman about the establishment of the Sikkim Niti Aayog, which seeks to formulate plans for Sikkim Vision 2047 in alignment with the broader vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. He concluded by welcoming the Commission to Sikkim, expressing hope that their time spent in Sikkim would be fruitful in understanding the challenges faced by a border state characterised by a small land mass and population.

Dr Arvind Panagariya, Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission of India, congratulated the Chief Minister on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the State, recognising Sikkim as a source of pride for India. He noted that, given Sikkim's achievement of a higher per capita income, it is conceivable that the state could reach the goal of Viksit Bharat ahead of the established target of 2047. He proposed that the Sikkim Niti Aayog formulate a Vision 2035, rather than focusing solely on 2047, as this presents a realistic and attainable objective.

He remarked on the challenges faced by Sikkim as part of the broader growth challenges encountered by India since independence and conveyed a sense of optimism regarding India's significant growth since the economic reforms of 1991.

He also pointed out that the North East region had been

relatively neglected in the post-reform era; however, the Prime Minister has now prioritised the North East, conducting exclusive meetings with the Chief Ministers of the north-eastern states. He expressed hope that, within the next five years, some of the issues confronting the region will be addressed successfully.

Furthermore, he commended the State Government for providing a detailed presentation and well-researched reports. In conclusion, the Chairman elaborated on the operations of the Commission.

Mr VB Pathak delivered a presentation on the state finances and economic structure of Sikkim. He began by noting that Sikkim will be commemorating the completion of 50 years of its union with India, with a Golden Jubilee celebration scheduled for May 16, 2025. He emphasised that these five decades have been characterised by significant periods of peace and prosperity, with no incidents necessitating intervention by paramilitary forces.

The Chief Administrator proceeded to outline the broad economic and fiscal landscape of the state, highlighting its achievements while also addressing the challenges faced, particularly focusing on the natural disasters that have adversely impacted the region.

The meeting also saw an interactive session, wherein the members of the 16th Finance Commission engaged in a lively discussion with officials from the State Government.

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### CM engages ...

social prosperity.

The meetings were attended

by prominent officials, including Gangtok Mayor Mr NB Chettri, Deputy Mayor Ms T P Bhutia, Chief Administrator cum Cabinet Secretary Mr VB Pathak, Chief