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## Sikkim signs MoU for saffron cultivation



**Srinagar, July 12:** The Horticulture Department, Government of Sikkim, Sikkim University, and the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the saffron cultivation in Sikkim, today.

The MoU was signed in a high-level meeting attended by Governor of Sikkim Mr. Ganga Prasad, Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Mr. Manoj Sinha, Minister

for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, Government of Sikkim Mr. L.N. Sharma, and Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Dr. A.K. Mehta, Vice-Chancellor, Sikkim University, Prof. Avinash Khare at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

The programme was also attended by senior officials from the Horticulture Department Government of Sikkim, including Principal Director, Directors, Additional Director, Joint Director, and Professors from Sikkim

University and HoDs from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Governor mentioned that the signing of MoU would open new door of opportunities and possibilities for Saffron cultivation in Sikkim, which will eventually be beneficial for both UT of Jammu and Kashmir and Sikkim, besides strengthening the bilateral relations between the two states of the eastern and northern region of India. He shared the strong political willpower and the commitment made by the Chief Minister of Sikkim to take up all possible efforts in promoting the production of saffron in the State. He advised undertaking comprehensive research work and productive measures in achieving expectations of saffron cultivation. He reasserted his confidence to work further with the commitment made in MoU and stated that the agreement would be useful and invaluable for benefitting the farmers at large.

He also touched upon the strategic policy of the Union

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## State level Entrepreneurs Meet organised

**Gangtok, July 15:** As a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations, the Commerce and Industries Department organised a State Level Entrepreneurs Meet in the presence of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest and Minister for Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. B.S. Panth as the guest of honour at Manan Kendra, today.

The programme was attended by Deputy Speaker, SLA, Cabinet Ministers and Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce and Industries along with Secretaries, GMC officials, Lead bank representatives, Zilla and Gram Panchayat members and young entrepreneurs and members of various Self-Help Groups.

During the programme, subsidy cheques and other benefits were distributed to beneficiaries under the Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme (SYSS) of the Government of Sikkim, Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) of the Ministry of MSME and Prime Minister Formalization of Micro



Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME) of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India.

The Chief Minister extended his best wishes to the young entrepreneurs and beneficiaries and urged them to take full advantage of the State and Central Schemes aimed at boosting the potential entrepreneurial skills. He congratulated the Commerce and Industries Department and the line

departments and agencies for working in tandem with its stakeholders in promoting the spirit of entrepreneurship at the grassroots level. He said that perseverance and persistence are crucial attributes required to be a successful entrepreneur and therefore, as an entrepreneur, one should stay focused on their target regardless of the challenges that

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## SLA members vote in Presidential Election 2022

**Gangtok, July 18:** The polling for the Presidential Election 2022 began at 10 am in Sikkim Legislative Assembly, today. Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang cast his vote followed by Speaker and Deputy Speaker, SLA, Cabinet Ministers and MLAs.

The polling took place till 5pm today. The election process started with the opening of the strong room at 8am in the presence of Central Election Observer Mr. M. Nagaraju also the Additional Secretary, Government of India, Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim, Mr.

D. Anandan, AROs, Polling Officers and official media.

The Ballot Box and other Election materials were opened under the supervision of the CEO, in the presence of Central Election Observer, AROs, Polling Officers, and Authorized Representative for Presidential Candidate Mrs. Draupadi Murmu- Mr. Jacob Khaling. The ballot box and Election materials were later sealed in the strong room and will be transported to New Delhi on July 19.

## Press Club of Sikkim celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

**Gangtok, July 17:** Press Club of Sikkim celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day in the presence of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest and Minister for Information and Public Relations Department Mr. L.N. Sharma as the guest of honour at Manan Kendra, Gangtok, today.

Senior Journalist Mr. Bhim Rawat was presented the 16<sup>th</sup> Kanchenjunga Kalam Puraskar 2022 by the Chief Minister. Similarly, Varishtha Patrakar Samman 2022 was awarded to Senior Journalist Mr. S.B. Blone and the Lagansheel Yuva Patrakar Samman 2022 was conferred to Mr. Sujal Pradhan. On the same note, the Government of Sikkim also presented ₹51 thousand to the awardees.

The Press Club felicitated the founding members of the Press Club of Sikkim, namely; Mr. C.K. Dorjee, Mr. Kishor Moktan, Mr. Kamal Mukhiya, Mrs. Karma Sonam Choden Lepcha, Mr. Subash Deepak, Mr. Milan Katwal, Mr. H.K. Khawas, Mr. Khagendra Mani Pradhan, Mr. Jiwan Katwal, Mr. Bhim Rawat and Mr. B.P. Bajgai.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang congratulated the Press Club of Sikkim on the 20<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and congratulated the recipients of the 16<sup>th</sup> Kanchenjunga Kalam Purashkar 2022, Varishtha Patrakar Samman 2022 and Lagansheel Yuva Patrakar Samman 2022. He lauded the

founding members for establishing an umbrella organisation for the welfare and unity of the press fraternity. He said that the State Government has fulfilled all the demands and aspirations of journalists and the Press Club of Sikkim citing the example of the Press Club Bhawan, which was handed over to the organisation. He said that the State Government has created an environment for free and fair journalism in the State. He appealed the media fraternity for depth and analysis in their reporting and advocate for truth.

In response to his meeting with Executive Members of the Press Club of Sikkim on the July 14, the Chief Minister said that he would fulfil their demands.

In response to the first demand seeking pensions for journalists, he said that the IPR Department should devise a mechanism in consultation with the Press Club of Sikkim. A sum of ₹ 20 lakhs has been allocated for fellowship programmes and study tours for journalists, he added. He shared that he has been providing medical assistance to journalists in need and assured that the Government would work out to provide Medical Insurance to journalists.

In response to the demand for enhancement of Government advertisement rates, he urged the IPR Department to prepare a

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### Pearls of Wisdom

*“If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.”*

*- Mark Twain*

### DC Gyalshing chairs virtual meeting of COVID Task Force

**Gyalshing, July 17:** A virtual meeting of the COVID Task Force, Gyalshing District was chaired by DC Gyalshing Mrs. Y.D. Yongda in the presence of Sr.SP, ADC (Dev), CMO, CEO Education, SDMs, Dy.SP, DRCHO, BDOs, MEO, DPOs, today.

The meeting discussed COVID-19 preparedness in the district.

DC said that she is in constant touch with the CMO and district Health officials regarding the COVID scenario and the ongoing vaccination drive. Further, in view of rise in COVID cases there is a need for all concerned departments to stay alert. She called upon the ADC(Dev) and BDOs to make the Panchayats aware and reactivate the existing VCMCs, for spreading information on the free vaccine for the age group 18-59 ensuring maximum coverage at the earliest. Prioritising educational institutes like colleges, DIET, ITI and schools,

she requested CMO and Health Department officials to initiate vaccine drives in such institutes to the already existing VWC vaccine centres. The DRCHO was asked to come up with a detailed district vaccination calendar commencing from July 18 to be prepared in consultation with MOs, PHCs.

In light of schools / colleges being used as COVID care centres, she directed the SDMs to identify alternate locations as Covid Care Centres and submit the list at the earliest. She also informed about the 'Har-Ghar Tiranga' programme under AKAM where the National Flag would be hoisted in every house and directed all concerned to implement it accordingly.

Sr. SP assured for the deployment of Police personnel in the designated vaccination centres and mentioned that instruction of continuous miking by the district police in towns on COVID appropriate behaviour is

being carried out extensively.

CMO Dr. Bikash Pradhan requested that the Police personnel be deployed at such centres to ease congestion. He presented guidelines and directives on COVID-19 behaviour to be followed and further informed that Gyalshing District Hospital has 18 oxygenated beds at Dedicated Covid Care Centre. He requested SDMs to identify COVID Care Centres in their respective Sub-Divisions and mass RAT testing in public places. He further assured that DAC, ADC and BDO offices would provide precautionary doses of COVID vaccines in 2 days and educational institutions would be completed within 7-10 days.

DRCHO and DSO also came up with the tentative programme of vaccination planned by the district and actual figure of COVID cases in home isolation and in the hospital under Gyalshing district.

### Consumer awareness programme organised

**Soreng, July 15:** With Sikkim joining hands with the rest of the Nation in celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', a consumer awareness programme was organised by the Legal Metrology Unit and Consumer Protection Cell (LMU & CP Cell) Department of Food and Civil Supplies at the auditorium of Soreng Senior Secondary School, today.

Chairperson Horticulture and Agriculture Board Mr. C. K. Rana attended the programme as the chief guest and was accompanied by former Secretary cum Member, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Mr. D.P. Sharma, DC Soreng, Addl. Secretary Food and Civil Supplies Department.

At the onset, the chief guest along with other dignitaries visited the departmental stalls.

Chairperson expressed his gratitude to the department for disseminating the crucial messages of consumer rights and benefits through awareness programmes. Reflecting on the information provided by the guest speakers on the topic of Consumer Rights, National Food Security Act, 2013 and other related schemes, he added that

the deliberations would impart provide information about their rights and privileges. He also suggested other line departments to come forth with such promotional programmes for the society.

Secretary-cum-Member, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission spoke briefly about the main objective of conducting an awareness programme for proper knowledge and information from the goods and service providers to consumers. He reiterated that the consumer must be benefitted under the Act and also encouraged them to report any illegal or improper business carried out by the goods provider or the seller.

DC Soreng thanked the department for selecting Soreng to start off their AKAM activities and urged the audiences to be informed about their Rights as a consumer and to be cautious and vigilant.

Addl. Secretary applauded the achievements of the Department cell in the State and emphasised on the importance of the slogan 'Jago Grahak Jago' and the Government's relentless efforts in bringing fairness in

doing business.

A brief description on the Consumer Rights was introduced by Mr. Titus Basnett as a part of the session. He said that if a consumer pays any amount of cash to buy a product or the service, provided that he/she has procured proper receipt/bill. Citing few of the cases on consumer disputes, he also encouraged to report against the unjust done to them by the service provider and assured that their identity will be kept discreet.

DCSO (North) spoke extensively on information about National Food Security Act, 2013, ONORC and PM-GKAY. He said that the new Act provides the entitled schemes and benefits to all and also highlighted many of the benefits under the Public distribution System. Adding to this, he urged everyone to submit all the required documents to the concerned food department offices to get access to the benefits under the One Nation One Ration Card.

Earlier, SP also gave a Power Point presentation on Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) where he suggested to acquire information on BIS through their mobile app 'BIS Care'.

assigned to each member must be carried out in an efficient manner.

DC elaborated that the month-long events will start from July 15 and will conclude on August, 15. He also directed BDOs to organise events at respective block and constituency under the AKAM banner.

Earlier, ADC Soreng gave a brief information about the activities that have been marked for the month.

chicks and feed. The first phase marked its success with sthe beneficiaries earning up to ₹70,000/- from the first batch of 150 chicks.

### Preparatory meeting of 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrations held

**Soreng, July 14:** Under the chairmanship of the MLA Mr. Aditya Golay, a preparatory meeting of the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrations was held at the DAC Conference Hall, Soreng, today.

He was accompanied by DC Soreng, SP Soreng, ADC Soreng, ADC/Dev, SDM(HQ), SDM Soreng, HODs of line departments, Panchayats, Head of Educational Institutes, public, NGOs and Associations/Clubs.

During the meeting, road map leading to a month-long celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, under the banner 'Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav' (AKAM) and the formation of celebration committee members were discussed.

MLA stated that the event will be the maiden Independence Day celebration since the formation of district. He stated that the tasks that have been

### Implementation of Backyard Broiler Poultry Farming in Mangan

**Mangan, July 11:** The second phase of the implementation of Backyard Broiler Poultry Farming under National Livestock Mission 2021-2022 completed in Mangan district, today.

The programme was organised by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services department. A total of seven Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries received a second installment of

### Meeting on implementation of POCSO Act

**Mangan, July 12:** A District level joint meeting on implementation of POCSO Act was held at DAC, Mangan, today. The meeting had the presence of ADC, SDM Mangan, DMS Health and Family Welfare Department, SDPO, Special Public Prosecutor District and Sessions Court (DCS), Add. Special Public Prosecutor (DCS), DCPO, members of Child Welfare Committee and other officials.

The meeting was held to identify and discuss various aspects under POCSO Act. Deliberation on the issues and challenges faced in implementation of the Act and the provision of viable rehabilitation and socio-economic support

were analysed. The importance of Birth Certificate for the redressal of such cases was also highlighted.

SDM Mangan in his address highlighted the need for proper co-ordination amongst the stakeholders.

DCPO Mangan put forward the issues faced in implementing the Act in the District and urged the stakeholders to share their experiences and feedback in the judicial and investigative process under POCSO Act. He encouraged everyone to help identify the fallibility in services rendered by various line departments to ensure justice for survivors of child sexual abuse.

### Houses under SGAY inaugurated

**Gyalshing, July 12:** Deputy Speaker SLA and also the Area MLA Mr. Sangay Lepcha inaugurated six newly-built houses under Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana in Yuksom, today.

He was accompanied by Advisor Ecclesiastical Department, Panchayats, BDO

Yuksom, officials and engineers from concerned department.

MLA handed over the house keys to the beneficiaries after inspecting the house. He appealed the concerned Departmental officials to maintain the quality standard of the houses allotted under SGAY.

### Review meeting of District Task Force Immunisation and PC&PNDT held

**Namchi, July 12:** A review meeting of District Task Force Immunisation and PC&PNDT was held in the office of DC Namchi, today. The meeting was chaired by DC Namchi Mr. Bharani Kumar and attended by ADC Namchi, CMO Namchi District Hospital, DMS Namchi, Joint Director Education Department, DRCHO and officials of Health Department.

DC Namchi advised the department officials to take effective measures to enhance health programmes and also enquired about the rising COVID-19 cases.

DRCHO presented a

### CM's One Mile Run Yoga Zumba under AKAM organised

**Mangan, July 15:** Chief Minister's One Mile Run, Yoga, Zumba under the banner of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was organised by the Sports and Youth Affairs Department in collaboration with Education department at DAC Mangan in accordance with Fit India Movement, today.

The programme had the presence of DC Mangan Dr. A. B. Karki, Joint Director Education,

detailed report of the task taken up by the Health department of Namchi and outlined immunization including National Immunization Day, Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight, District Quality Awards, COVID-19 Vaccination coverage under Namchi District. She updated about the functioning of PC-PNDT and briefed the School Health Programme under Ayushman Bharat to bring awareness on proper health care among children.

DSO Namchi briefly presented the COVID-19 report and recent cases of Nairobi flies by taking preventive measures.

Deputy Director (Sports), students, staff and officials from concerned departments.

The one-mile run was held as a basis for the selection trial for 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Junior Olympic games 2022-23. The one-mile run will be held every Saturday in all schools for a month. The highest performing students will represent the district at the state level.

### Free Cholelithiasis Laparoscopic Camp begins

**Namchi, July 14:** Under the direction of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, a free Cholelithiasis Laparoscopic Camp commenced at the District Hospital Namchi, today. The camp will be held for three days and that the number of enrolled patients is twenty.

Present were Zilla Adhakshya, Chairperson (NMC), Chairperson Urban Development

Department, CMO Health and the staff of District Hospital. The camp is being conducted by the team from STNM in collaboration with the surgeons of Namchi District Hospital.

The camp is for the public of Poklok Kamrang and Singithang Constituencies and such camps will be arranged for other constituencies as well.

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**Social Welfare Department, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Tadong, Lumsey**

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Dated:08/07/2022

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

For and behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, The Assistant Engineer, (North) Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East District, invites sealed tender in percentage Rate basis from the eligible contractors of appropriate class Vide Notification No.584/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 08.10.2018 Vide Notification No. 515/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 12.06.2018 Notification No.104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020 for the work (s) listed under: -

Sl. No.	Name of work	Value put to Tender	Completion Time, (in months)	Amount of Earnest Money @ 2.5% For issue of tender form (in ₹)	Amount of Bank receipt for cost of tender document (₹)	Constituency/GPU/ Ward
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF PHSC AT PHENSONG IN NORTH SIKKIM	₹33,00,098.00	12 months	₹82,502.00	₹1,500.00	Safyoung Ward, Phensong GPU, Kabi Lungchok Constituency North Sikkim.

**Time Schedule is as follows:-**

1. Date for submission of application with Bank Receipt - **12<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July** (within office working hrs) for issue of Tender Documents (Excluding the tender form).
2. Last date for issue of tender form - **4<sup>th</sup> August 2022** (within office working hrs.).
3. Date and Time for submission of Tender - **9<sup>th</sup> August 2022** (10.00 hrs. to 13:00 hrs.).
4. Date and Time of opening of Tender - **9<sup>th</sup> August 2022** (13:30hrs. to 16.30hrs), **in Safyoung Ward, Phensong GPU, Kabi Lungchok Constituency, North Sikkim.**

**Note:** The details of tender documents including tender form can be obtained from the office of the Assistant Engineer- North (II) SWD on production of receipt of deposit made to Safyoung Ward, Phensong GPU, Kabi.

1. Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.
2. The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER.
3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) Valid GSTIN Registration Certificate, (b) Latest Income Tax clearance Certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (c) Validated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, and Professional Tax Clearance Certificates along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification (d) 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 Assistant Engineer of **Social Welfare Department, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East District, Sikkim**, on production of receipt deposit to the revenue of the respective GPU/ Ward.
5. Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5 % in the state bank of Sikkim in the form of deposit receipt of schedules bank which includes in the form of temporary deposit receipts fixed deposits receipts in favor of the **Additional Chief Engineer of the Social Welfare Department** Tender Form shall be issued only on the production of the deposit receipt to the contractors who has obtained the tender documents, on production of deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.
6. The Tender documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the Tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. Supporting documents listed at SL3 (a), (b) and (c) above should be enclosed with the offer.
7. Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the concerned GVK on the date and time indicated above.
8. Tenders will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderer on the date and time indicated above.
9. The Tender should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes and Levies. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
10. In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender document, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall as per the technically checked/estimate/analysis. Decision of the Chief Engineer of the Department will be final in this regard.
11. The Work Value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any extra claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
12. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to laborer at site.
13. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order and conclusion of agreement.
14. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
15. 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 contract agreement.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. The rate quoted shall be inclusive of prevailing taxes.
19. The department reserves the right to reject the incomplete tender without any reasons there-off.
20. The Contractor has to submit the work program / bar Chart in the initial stage.
21. **INDIRECT TAX MATTERS:-**
  - A. The work value includes GST at the rate applicable on the date of estimate. The tax amount computed is subjected to change in event of change in rate of tax applicable on the date time of supply of works contract service.
  - B. The successful bidder shall have to furnish certificate of GST registration along with valid NOC issued by Commercial Taxes Division for obtaining the work order.
  - C. GST shall be deducted at source at the rate of 2% i.e. (1+1) of the bill value at the time of payment including advance payment, adhoc payment, provisional payment etc.
  - D. The amount of GST payable over and above the amount deducted at the rate of 2% at source should be paid at the time of filing return for the month/quarter of the date of bill or invoice as per the GST rules.
  - E. All the payment for the work done shall be released on furnishing of valid NOC issued by Commercial Taxes Division.

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1.	CONSTRUCTION OF TAMANG COMMUNITY HALL AT GAI KHANA IN NORTH SIKKIM.	₹99,29,629.00	18 months	₹2,48,241.00	₹5,000.00	Gai Khana ward, Kabi Rongpa GPU, Kabi Lungchok, North Sikkim.

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2. Last date for issue of tender form - **5<sup>th</sup> August 2022** (within the office working hours).
3. Date and Time for submission of Tender - **11<sup>th</sup> August 2022** (10.00 hrs. to 13:00 hrs.).
4. Date and Time of opening of Tender - **11<sup>th</sup> August 2022** (13:30hrs. to 16.30hrs), **in the Gai Khana Ward, Kabi Rongpa GPU, Kabi Lungchok Constituency, North Sikkim.**

**Note:** The details of tender documents including tender form can be obtained from the office of the Assistant Engineer- North (II) SWD on production of receipt of deposit made to Gai Khana Ward, Kabi Rongpa GPU, Kabi.

1. Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.
2. The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The

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tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER.

3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) Valid GSTIN Registration Certificate, (b) Latest Income Tax clearance Certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (c) Validated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, and Professional Tax Clearance Certificates along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification (d) PAN card.

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8. Tenders will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderer on the date and time indicated above.

9. The Tender should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes and Levies. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/ Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.

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C. GST shall be deducted at source at the rate of 2% i.e. (1+1) of the bill value at the time of payment including advance payment, adhoc payment, provisional payment etc.

D. The amount of GST payable over and above the amount deducted at the rate of 2% at source should be paid at the time of filing return for the month/quarter of the date of bill or invoice as per the GST rules.

E. All the payment for the work done shall be released on furnishing of valid NOC issued by Commercial Taxes Division.

**Assistant Engineer (N-II)**  
**Social Welfare Department,**  
**Government of Sikkim**  
**(1145,ii)**

### Government of Sikkim

### Social Welfare Department, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Tadong, Lumsey

Memo No.Gos/639/SWD/EC/2022-23/55

Dated:08/07/2022

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, The Assistant Engineer, (North) Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East District, invites sealed tender in percentage Rate basis from the eligible contractors of appropriate class Vide Notification No. 584/R&B/PWD/Secy.Dated 08.10.2018 Vide Notification No.515/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 12.06.2018 Notification No.104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020 for the work (s) listed under: -

Sl. No.	Name of work	Value put to Tender	Completion Time, (in months)	Amount of Earnest Money @ 2.5% For issue of tender form	Amount of Bank receipt for cost of tender document	Constituency/GPU/ Ward
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH SUB CENTRE AT RAMTHANG IN NORTH SIKKIM.	₹33,61,348.00	12 months	₹84,034.00	₹1,500.00	Gongkha Ward, Ramthang GPU, Kabi Lungchok Constituency North Sikkim.

**Time Schedule is as follows:-**

1. Date for submission of application with Bank Receipt -12 h -29 th July 2022 (within office working hrs) for issue of Tender Documents (Excluding the tender form).

2. Last date for issue of tender form -5 th August 2022 (within office working hrs.).

3. Date and Time for submission of Tender -10 th August 2022(10.00 hrs. to 13:00 hrs.).

4. Date and Time of opening of Tender -10 th August 2022 (13:30hrs. to 16.30hrs), in the Gongkha Ward, Ramthang GPU, Kabi Lungchok Constituency, North Sikkim.

**Note:** The details of tender documents including tender form can be obtained from the office of the Assistant Engineer- North (II) SWD on production of receipt of deposit made to Gongkha Ward, Ramthang GPU, Kabi.

1. Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.

2. The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER.

3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) Valid GSTIN Registration Certificate, (b) Latest Income Tax clearance Certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (c) Validated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, and Professional Tax Clearance Certificates along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification (d) 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 Assistant Engineer of Social Welfare Department, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East District, Sikkim, on production of receipt deposit to the revenue of the respective GPU/Ward.

5. Earnest Money Deposit @2.5 % in the state bank of Sikkim in the form of deposit receipt of schedules bank which includes in the form of temporary deposit receipts fixed deposits receipts in favor of the Additional Chief Engineer of Social Welfare Department Tender Form shall be issued only on the production of the deposit receipt to the contractors who has obtained the tender documents, on production of deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.

6. The Tender documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the Tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. Supporting documents listed at SL3 (a), (b) and (c) above should be enclosed with the offer.

7. Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the concerned GVK on the date and time indicated above.

8. Tenders will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderer on the date and time indicated above.

9. The Tender should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes and Levies. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/ Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.

10. In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender document, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall as per the technically checked/estimate/analysis. Decision of the Chief Engineer of the Department will be final in this regard.

11. The Work Value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any extra claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.

12. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to laborer at site.

13. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order and conclusion of agreement.

14. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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15. 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 contract agreement.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. The rate quoted shall be inclusive of prevailing taxes.

19. The department reserves the right to reject the incomplete tender without any reasons there-off.

20. The Contractor has to submit the work program / bar Chart in the initial stage.

21. **INDIRECT TAX MATTERS:-**

A. The work value includes GST at the rate applicable on the date of estimate. The tax amount computed is subjected to change in event of change in rate of tax applicable on the date time of supply of works contract service.

B. The successful bidder shall have to furnish certificate of GST registration along with valid NOC issued by Commercial Taxes Division for obtaining the work order.

C. GST shall be deducted at source at the rate of 2% i.e. (1+1) of the bill value at the time of payment including advance payment, adhoc payment, provisional payment etc.

D. The amount of GST payable over and above the amount deducted at the rate of 2% at source should be paid at the time of filing return for the month/quarter of the date of bill or invoice as per the GST rules.

E. All the payment for the work done shall be released on furnishing of valid NOC issued by Commercial Taxes Division.

Sd/-  
Assistant Engineer (N-II)  
Social Welfare Department,  
Government of Sikkim  
(1143,ii)

Government of Sikkim  
Social Welfare Department  
5<sup>th</sup> Mile Tadong, Gangtok

Memo No.Gos/572/SWD/EC/2021-22/65

Dated:19/07/2022

**NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER**

The Divisional Engineer (N/E), Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East District, Sikkim on behalf of Governor of Sikkim, invites sealed tenders in percentage Rate basis from the eligible contractors of appropriate class Vide Notification No.584/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 08.10.2018 Vide Notification No.515/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 12.06.2018 Notification No.104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020 for the work (s) listed under:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Value put to Tender	Completion Time, (in months)	Amount of Earnest Money @ 2.5% For issue of tender form (₹)	Amount of Bank receipt for cost of tender document (₹)	Constituency/GPU/ Ward
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of Sadbhav Mandap at Aritar, Near Shivalaya Mandir in East Sikkim	1,05,59,394.00/-	18 Months	2,63,985.00/-	30,000.00	Manaydara Ward, Aritar GPU, 20 <sup>th</sup> Chuiachen Constituency

**Time Schedule is as follows:-**

1. Date for submission of applications: 21/07/2022 to 29/07/2022 (within office working hours)
2. Last date for issue of tender form: 03/08/2022 (within office working hours).
3. Date and Time for submission of Tender: 05/08/2022 (10.00am to 1.00pm).
4. Date and Time of opening of Tender: 05/08/2022 at 2.00pm
5. Place of Tender: Manaydara Ward, Aritar GPU, 20<sup>th</sup> Chuiachen Constituency, Pakyong District, Sikkim.

**Note:** The details of tender documents including tender form can be obtained from the office of the Divisional Engineer-(N/E) SWD on production of receipt of deposit made to the respective GPU.

**CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:**

1. Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.
2. The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER.
3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) Latest Income Tax clearance Certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (b) Validated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, and Professional Tax Clearance Certificates along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification (c) PAN card. **The Selected bidder will have to produce valid GSTIN registration certificate before issue of work order.**
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 Divisional Engineer(N/E) of Social Welfare Department. Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East District, Sikkim, on production of receipt deposit to the revenue of the respective GPU for cost of tender documents.
5. Earnest Money Deposit @2.5 % in the State bank of Sikkim in the form of deposit receipt of schedules bank which includes in the form of temporary deposit receipts to fixed deposits receipts in favor of the **Divisional Engineer(N/E), Social Welfare Department. Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, Gangtok District, Sikkim.** Tender Form shall be issued only on the production of the deposit receipt to that contractors who has obtained the tender documents, on production of toward deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.
6. The Tender documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the Tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. Supporting documents listed at SL3 (a), (b) and (c) above should be enclosed with the offer.
7. Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the concerned GPK on the date and time indicated above.
8. Tenders will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderer on the date and time indicated above.
9. The Tendered should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes and Levies. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
10. In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender document, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked/estimate/analysis. Decision of the Chief Engineer cum Secretary/Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
11. The Work Value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any extra claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
12. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to laborer at site.
13. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
14. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. The rate quoted shall be inclusive of prevailing taxes.
19. The department reserves the right to reject the incomplete tender without any reasons there-off.
20. The Contractor has to submit the work program/bar Chart may be submitted in the initial stage.

Divisional Engineer (N/E)  
Social Welfare Department  
(1150)

**Office of the Divisional Engineer  
Roads & Bridges Department  
Government of Sikkim, Gyalshing Division**

Memo No. 97/R&amp;B/WD-I/Gyl

Date:18/07/2022

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

With reference to 18/GOS/R&B/(GYI)/22-23 Dated: 31.05.2022 Divisional Engineer(I), Gyalshing Division, Roads & Bridges Department Government of Sikkim invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of **Class III** Grade enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No. 515/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 12/06/2018, for Construction of following steel bridge through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of **Gyalshing District, Sikkim..**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of work put to tender	Earnest Money 2.5%	Cost of Tender Documents	Completion Time
1	Construction of Steel Bridge along Gyalshing-Lingchom Road at Tikjeck in Geyzing, Gyalshing District in Sikkim.(15m length)	₹1,33,60,343	₹3,34,009	₹30,000	18 months

**Time Schedule:**

Sl. No.	Date of Submission of application with bank receipt for issue of Tender Documents (Excluding tender form)	Date of issue of tender form on submission of TDR (As Earnest Money)	Last date of submission of tender form	Date & Time of opening of Tender	Tender Venue
1	25/07/2022 From 10:00 am to 4:30 pm	27/07/2022 From 10:00 am to 4:30 pm	17/08/2022 Till 12:00 noon	18/08/2022 At 1:30pm	At office of the Divisional Engineer;Roads & BridgesDepartment; Gyalshing, Sikkim

**CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:**

- Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Gram Panchayat Unit and Urban Local bodies Area with the territorial jurisdiction in Gyalshing District.
- The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would be invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted initially for each work listed above with all required documents.
- The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate along with the application along with the attested copy of COI, Aadhaar card, Voter card and residential certificate of the Panchayats of the Concerned GPU (b) GST Clearance certificate. It is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.
- 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 Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Gyalshing Division, on production of requisite Bank Deposit slip in favour of R&B Department vide BR Head "0059-80-800-01" cost of Tender Form (Roads & Bridges).
- Earnest money deposit @ 2.5% in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedule Bank which includes deposits in the form of temporary deposit receipts (TDR) in favor of the Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges, Gyalshing, West Sikkim. Tender form shall be issued only on production of toward deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.
- The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it, supporting documents listed at Sl. No. 3(a & b) along with other relevant documents be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Gyalshing Division, on the date and within the time indicated above.
- Tenders shall 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.
- 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. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
- 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 Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
- The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account is entertained whatsoever. If any claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
- The Department reserves the rights to hold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are not produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
- Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labours at site.
- The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the issue of the work order.
- All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to 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.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- The recoveries of Royalties on Forest Produce shall be as per rates notify by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in the analysis of rates or Schedule of Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
- Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
- 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.
- In case the man powers employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighbouring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them registered with the labour department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
- Use of explosives shall be regulated as under:
  - a) Transportation, Handling, storage and use of Explosives (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the India Explosive Act and General Guidelines, Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.
  - b) The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works department or any other competent authority shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage; handling and use of explosives shall be maintained by the contractor.
- 22. The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period. i.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.
- 23. Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good the damages.
- 24. It is accepted to the tenderer to have 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 bid.
- 25. The cost of stock materials supplied from the Department store will be deducted from the contractors' bills as per rules.

Sd/-  
Divisional Engineer I,  
Roads & Bridges Department,  
Rabense, Gyalshing Division.  
(1146, ii)

**Government of Sikkim  
Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department  
Tashiling Secretariat, Block - B, Gangtok-737101**

No.02/LR&amp;DMD/GOS/ACQ.

Dated: 11/07/2022.

**CORRIGENDUM**

In the Notice Under Section 11(1) of RFCTLARR Act, 2013 (Act 30 of 2013) issued vide Notification No.43/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS dated: 16/07/2021 and published in Government Gazette No. 202 dated 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in relation to acquisition of land for Construction of Key Location Places in the blocks of Lachen, Lachung & Chungthang, North Sikkim by the Indian Army, Ministry of Defence, (Government of India) may be read as total area measuring more or less **102.3130** hectares instead of **102.7859** hectares.

- I. **Lachen Block** : Plots No. 1448 and 1448/2638 are excluded and total area of Lachen Block may be read as **24.4037** hectares instead of **25.2677** hectares.
- II. **Lachung Block**: Plots No.951/P, 973, 2500, 3187 and 950/3715 are included total area of Lachung Block may be read as **74.5633** hectares instead of **73.9162** hectares..
- III. **Chungthang Block**: Plot no. 1097 is excluded and total area of Chungthang Block may be read as **3.3460** hectares instead of **3.6020** hectares

Sd/-  
(Anil Raj Rai),Secretary,  
Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department.  
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.(1148, A)  
File No. 142-III/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS.

**Government of Sikkim  
Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department  
Tashiling Secretariat, Block - B  
Gangtok-737101**

No.03/LR&amp;DMD/GOS/ACQ.

Dated: 11/07/2022.

**DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 19 OF RIGHT TO FAIR COMPENSATION AND TRANSPARENCY IN  
LAND ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 30 OF 2013).**

Whereas, vide preliminary notification No.43/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS dated 16/07/2021 and Gazette No. 202/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS dated:17/08/2021, it was notified under section 11 of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act 30 of 2013) that the land described in the schedule hereto (hereafter referred to as the said land) were required or likely to be acquired for the public purpose namely for the purpose of construction of Key Location Places by Indian Army, Ministry of Defence (A Government of India), in the blocks of Lachen, Lachung and Chungthang, North Sikkim..

And whereas, vide letter No.113 & 114/DC/North dated: 11/11/2021 that the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Chungthang has initiated the prior consent process and land acquisition under the provision of section 12 of RFCTLARR Act, 2013.

And whereas, based on the field report submitted by Sub Division Office, Chungthang, the preparation of the mandated Rehabilitation and Resettlement Scheme shall be prepared by the Administrator and there is no displacement of family/families due to the proposed acquisition.

And whereas, as per Section 19 (1) of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, the appropriate Government is satisfied that the said lands are required for public purpose.

Now, therefore, it is hereby declared under the provision of Section 19(2) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, that the said land is required for public purpose, namely for the aforementioned purpose in the aforesaid Revenue Blocks of Lachen, Lachung & Chungthang, North Sikkim.

A plan of the land can be inspected in the office of the District Collector, North District, during office hours.

**"SCHEDULE OF LAND"**

<b>State</b>	:	<b>Sikkim</b>
<b>District</b>	:	<b>Mangan</b>
<b>Revenue Block</b>	:	<b>Lachen, Lachung &amp; Chungthang</b>
<b>Total no. of plots</b>	:	<b>375</b>
<b>Approximate Area</b>	:	<b>102.3130 hectares.</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	:	<b>Construction of K.L.P by Indian Army (MoD).</b>
<b>Displacement</b>	:	<b>Nil.</b>

**Lachen Block**

Private Land bearing plot nos. 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 59, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 69, 70, 76, 77, 78, 81, 83, 94, 96, 391, 536, 538, 540, 549, 599, 601, 610, 611, 614, 615, 618, 620, 621, 622, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 630, 782, 783, 784, 786, 789, 790, 791, 792, 794, 795, 796, 797, 815, 817, 819, 860, 862/P, 864, 866, 867, 868, 931, 933, 939, 942, 978, 984, 985, 986, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 996, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1013, 1426, 1428, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1456, 1461, 1470, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2045, 2020/2492, 2018/2589, 2018/2590, 600/2527, 605/2542 measuring more or less area **24.4037 hectares**

<b>EAST</b>	: Reserve Forest, Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), Footpath, Border Roads & Private Land.
<b>WEST</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), River, Border Roads & Private Land.
<b>NORTH</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), Footpath, Jhora, Border Roads & Private Land.
<b>SOUTH</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), Border Roads & Private Land.

**Lachung Block**

Private Land bearing plot nos. 774(P), 774(P)A, 775, 775 (P)A, 798, 799, 800, 801, 803 (P), 803 (P)A, 805(P), 808, 809, 810, 810(P)A, 811, 812(P), 812(P)A, 813(P), 813(P)A, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 826(P)A, 827, 827(P)A, 828(P), 828(P)A, 829, 831, 832, 833, 834, 838, 840, 841, 841(P)A, 842, 843, 843(P)A, 844, 844(P)A, 845(P), 845(P)A, 846, 846(P)A, 847, 851, 854, 863, 864, 868, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 941, 942, 943, 950, 951/P, 956, 958, 960(P), 968, 973, 979, 980, 981(P)A, 981 (P)B, 982, 983, 984, 1321, 1322, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1725, 1726, 1735, 1736, 1741 (P), 1744, 1758, 1769, 1771, 1772, 1777(P)A, 1777(P)B, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781(P), 1782(P), 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799 (P)A, 1799(P)B, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1837, 1838, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844(P)A, 1844(P)B, 1844(P)C, 1845 (P)A, 1845(P)B, 1847 1848, 1849, 1850, 1983(P)C, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 2003, 2004, 2010, 2052, 2053, 2054 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061 (P)A, 2062, 2064, 2219(P)A, 2219(P)B, 2221 (P)A, 2221(P)B 2361, 2500, 3187, 3197, 3201, 3202, 3207(P)B, 3209(P)B, 3210(P)B, 3211, 2004/3222, 2004/3223 774/3329, 1772/3330, 1736/3333, 798/3374, 1759/3375, 833/3599, 1335/3630, 1777/3656, 950/3715, 2063/3785, 1983/3795, 1783/3801, 1325/3804, 831/3806 measuring more or less area **74.5633 hectares.**

<b>EAST</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), River, Footpath, Jhora, Border Roads & Private Land
<b>WEST</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), Jhora, Footpath, Border Roads & Private Land.
<b>NORTH</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), River, Jhora, Border Roads & Private Land.
<b>SOUTH</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), River, Jhora, Border Roads & Private Land.

**Chungthang Block**

Private Land bearing plot nos. 173, 174, 175(P), 180(P), 1028(P), 1028(P)A, 1028(P)B, 1033, 1034, 1037, 1039, 1091, 1092(P)A, 1092(P)B, 1099, 1099 (P)A, 1099(P)B measuring more or less area **3.3460 hectares**

<b>EAST</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), Border Roads & Private Land.
<b>WEST</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), Jhora & Private Land.
<b>NORTH</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), Footpath & Private Land.
<b>SOUTH</b>	: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal), & Private Land.

Sd/-

(Anil Raj Rai), Secretary,  
Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department.  
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.  
File No.142-III/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS.  
(1148, B)

**Sikkim Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd.**

(A Government of Sikkim Undertaking) Udyog Bhawan,  
Tadong-737102 Gangtok Sikkim.

No. SIDICO/2022-23/153

Date: 18.07.2822

**NOTICE FOR SALE**

SIDICO invites offers from intending purchaser from interested person/parties for sale of the following property:

1. All that piece and parcel of a developed land registered in the name of SIDICO Ltd. bearing plot nos. 1614/2158 measuring an area of 0.4120 hectares (44,347 sq.ft.) situated at Soreng (Mansari) Block, Soreng Eleka, West Sikkim.

The upset price fixed for the property is ₹90,94,000/- (Rupees ninety lakh and ninety four thousand) only.

The interested bidder(s) shall deposit "Earnest Money" @ 5% of the upset price, i.e; ₹4,54,700/- in the form of Bank Draft, the amount to be drawn in favour of '**Managing Director, SIDICO**'

The sale form with quoted offer along with annexure must be placed in a sealed cover/envelope duly accompanied by the relevant Bank Draft and should reach to the office of the Managing Director latest by 3.00 PM of 03/08/2022. Ambiguous offer(s) quoted by the bidders in the form(s) in liable to be rejected. The quotation shall be opened on 04/08/2022 at 12.00 noon by a committee constituted for the purpose. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of the property described in the schedule. The first highest successful bidder whose offer is accepted shall be required to pay the full amount on the day of the sale or within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of auction, failing which the quotation/sale will be cancelled.

The property can be inspected during working hours between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM from the date of publication of the advertisement to 02/08/2022 with the permission of the Managing Director/ Chief General Manager (Jorethang Branch).

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

The sale form & the terms and conditions of sale can be obtained from the office of the Corporation at Udyog Bhawan, Tadong during office hours upon payment of ₹ 500/ (Rupees five hundred) only in the Accounts Section of the office.

**Chief General Manager,  
SIDICO  
(1147,ii)**

**Sikkim Public Service Commission  
Old Tourism Complex, MG Marg Gangtok-  
737101 Fax: 03592-207572**

Email: [spsc-skm@nic.in](mailto:spsc-skm@nic.in), Website: [www.spscskm.gov.in](http://www.spscskm.gov.in)

Reference No: 37/EXAM/SPSC/2022

Date: 08/07/2022

**NOTICE**

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Written Examination for filling up 08 posts of Senior Information Assistant under the Department of Information & Public Relations in level 11 of the Pay Matrix through direct recruitment, advertised vide Adv. 02/SPSC/EXAM/2022 dt: 27/01/2022, the following candidates are hereby declared qualified and their names are recommended for appointment.

ROLL NO	NAME OF CANDIDATES
33	KRITIKA SHARMA
61	TSHERING EDEN BHUTIA
13	SAYOJYA LAMA TAMANG
54	PHURBA DORJEE LEPCHA
18	BISHALI KHATI
28	SAGAR RAI
51	AMIKA BAGDAS

Further, there were no eligible candidates applying under MBC (SL) category. Hence, the post is carried forward. The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is **provisional**, subject to police verification, medical fitness and verification of all required documents by the State Government.

**Yangchen D. Tamang (SCS)  
Controller of Examinations  
(1141,i)**

**Government of Sikkim  
Forest and Environment Department  
Deorali, Gangtok-737101  
East Sikkim**

No:213/ADM/F&amp;ED

Dated:19/07/2022

**NOTICE**

Shri. Bhim Bdr. Chettri, Block Officer, Rongli (T) Range under Forest & Environment Department, Government of Sikkim is absenting from duty w.e.f 04.04.2020 to till date without any leave application or prior permission.

He is therefore, directed to report for his duty within 10 days from the date of notice failing which disciplinary action shall be initiated against him without further notice.

**Deputy Secretary to the Government of Sikkim  
Forest & Environment Department  
(1151)**

## Ballot boxes and election materials reach SLA

**Gangtok, July 13:** The designated ballot boxes, ballot papers, special pens and other sealed election materials for the upcoming Presidential Election 2022, scheduled to be held on July 18, 2022 have been brought to the Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat and is kept in the Strong Room with CCTV surveillance and security personnel deployed to guard the strong Room. The sealing process was undertaken in the supervision of AROs, Mr. Karma T. Gyatso and Mr. Lalit Kumar Gurung, along with Police personnel from the Sikkim Armed Police.

The materials received from Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi on July 13, 2022 by the Officers deputed from Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat and Office of CEO, Election Department, Sikkim.

The Election Commission of India started the distribution and dispatch of designated ballot boxes, ballot papers, special pens, and other sealed election materials to the State Legislative Assembly Secretariats, including the National Capital Territory of Delhi and UT of Puducherry, from July 12, 2022 for the conduct of Presidential Election 2022. The two-day exercise at Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi, for dispatch of election materials to States/UT was undertaken under the supervision of Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Mr. Anup Chandra Pandey.

While speaking to the AROs from the states, CEC Mr. Rajiv Kumar emphasised strict adherence to procedures by the ECI teams in delivering smooth elections. He added that a set of well-defined instructions and Standard Operating Procedures is required to be followed thoroughly in every electoral process. He also asked the officials to be vigilant and ensure strict adherence to protocols and guidelines for transportation and storage of election materials,

including ballot boxes and ballot papers.

Once the officers with ballot boxes reach the state capitals, these are stored in previously sanitised and properly sealed strong rooms under strict 4 Videography monitoring where ballot papers for Presidential Election are also stored and sealed. After the poll is over, the polled and sealed Ballot boxes and other election material should be transported back to the Office of Returning Officer in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat by the next available flight. The boxes and other documents are carried personally in the aircraft cabins - never out of sight of accompanying officers.

The Commission has already issued specific guidelines for the conduct of polls, and AROs and Observers are trained as such. A workshop for the RO, AROs & CEOs was also organised on June 13, 2022, at Vigyan Bhawan to brief them on all aspects of election procedure for the conduct of Presidential elections. The Commission has also appointed 37 Observers to oversee the arrangements of polling and counting during elections and a briefing of these Observers was also organised on July 11, 2022. The Observers are senior IAS Officers of the rank of Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary, Government of India. The Commission has deployed one Observer for overseeing polling at each of the 30 places of the poll in the State/UT Legislative Assemblies and 2 observers for Parliament House. The designated Observers will take stock of election arrangements made for security and transportation of ballot boxes and election material by the ROs and AROs and ensure free and fair elections. The Observers deputed at Parliament House will also oversee the counting process of votes on July 21, 2022.

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim and the Sikkim Legislative Assembly

Secretariat had deputed three officers, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Mr. Zangpo Gyaltsen Bhutia, Deputy Secretary Mr. Dawa G. Sherpa, SLAS and Deputy Secretary Mr. Barun Dahal, SLAS to collect the designated ballot boxes and other election materials for the Presidential Election 2022. The allocated materials for Sikkim were handed over to the deputed team at 2:30 AM on July 13, 2022, after which it was brought back by the team to Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat, on the same day.

The air ticket booked for the election consignment was under the name of 'Mr. Ballot Box' and the first row of the aircraft had been reserved for the same. The only person allowed to be near the package had been the supervising officer who was in charge of the transit of the election materials. Under the personal supervision of the designated officers, these materials reached Bagdogra Airport at 10.00 AM on July 13, 2022 via Vistara Airlines.

The route from Bagdogra to SLAS fall under four different police jurisdictions. Accordingly, officials from the Police Department escorted the team and the Ballot Box starting with the Special Branch, Siliguri Commissionerate, who accompanied the team from Bagdogra till Sevoke, followed by Darjeeling District Police till Setipool and Kalimpong District Police took over from there till Rangpo. The last leg of the journey was escorted by the Special branch, Sikkim Police, from Rangpo Checkpost to SLAS, Gangtok.

The Ballot Box and other election materials were deposited in the Strong Room at SLAS. Special security guards are guarding the Strong Room round the clock. The Strong Room will be opened on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 8.00 AM before the Poll, which is scheduled to start from 10.00 AM till 5.00 PM.

Engineer cum Secretary, State Transport Authority, Mr. Manish Pradhan and the Secretary, Transport Department, Mr. Raj Yadav, who also took stock of the status of road safety works required to be undertaken by different line Departments, including Sikkim Police, Roads and Bridges Department, Excise Department, Health Department, RDD, BRO, NHIDCL, UDD. The meeting also had the active participation of the representatives of the offices of the District Collector and Superintendent of Police of all the districts.

The Road Safety Month was declared open by the chief guest, Minister for Buildings and Housing and Transport Department, Mr. Sanjeet Kharel. In his address, he applauded the initiative of the Department for

organizing the Road Safety Council meet with all the members of the line Departments and expressed happiness on the progress of road safety works carried out by them. He directed the RTO's to check the documents of Government vehicles, including that of VIP's thoroughly. He further directed that the checking programme should be more educative and information oriented, and no penalty should be levied for the first offence.

MP (Lok Sabha) Mr. Indra Hang Subba who is also the brand ambassador, in his address, emphasized the need to educate the school children on road safety issues and also directed that such road safety awareness programmes should be conducted in rural areas as well.

## Minister L. N. Sharma attends National Conference in Bengaluru

**Bengaluru, July 14:** Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments Mr. L. N. Sharma attended the National Conference of State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers in Bengaluru, today. He was accompanied by Principal Director, Agriculture Department, Mr. Tilak Gazmer.

The conference was chaired by the Union Agriculture Minister Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar in the presence of the Chief Minister of Karnataka Mr. Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister for Chemical and Fertilizers Mr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State (MoS) Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Mr. Kailash Choudhary, MoS Shobha Karandlaje, Ministers of Agriculture from various states of India and senior officials from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India.

Union Minister Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar welcomed all state Ministers and said that the agriculture sector has numerous challenges while both the State and the Central government have

been working tremendously to combat challenges in collaborative efforts. He also encouraged for the reduction in import by increase in production level so as to promote mission of Make in India envisioned by the Prime Minister of India.

Mr. Tomar also threw light on state's responsibilities in framing policies and its implementation accordingly, so as to support farming community at large. He also stressed upon promotion of digital Agriculture, increase in coverage of PM Fasal Bima Yojana, Marketing (FPOs and e-NAM), horticulture sector, innovations in the new age of fertilizer, PMKISAN, development of Agriculture Infrastructure etc. He also informed that the year of 2023 will be celebrated as the international year of Millets and also launched eNAM platform and released equity grant to 1000 FPOs.

The programme was also addressed by Union Minister Chemical and Fertilizers Mr. Mansukh Mandaviya and the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Bommai.

## Pro Bono Club SGLC organises five day workshop

**Gangtok, July 14:** A five-day workshop organised by Pro Bono Club, Sikkim Government Law College followed by a Valedictory Session concluded in the Moot Court Hall, today.

Resource Person SP, East Mr. Tenzing Loden Lepcha, deliberated on various types of cyber crimes prevailing in the State. He stressed upon the awareness and preventive measures and urged the Pro Bono Club to further disseminate the information and knowledge gathered from the session. He further interacted with the students and clarified queries put forward by the students.

The workshop started with a Welcome address from the faculty incharge of Pro Bono

Club, Ms. Tshering Choden followed by an address from the Principal Dr. T.D.Lama, who encouraged the students to participate in such programmes. Dean of student affairs Dr. Dilip Pandey also spoke about various issues pertaining to Cyber Crime Legislation. ProBono Associate, Ms. Neha Gupta made a presentation on the proposed activities of the Club.

The Resource persons for the previous sessions were Assistant professor, Scientist, NIELIT, Advocate, High Court of Sikkim and Social Worker, District Child Protection Unit, Gangtok. Women and Child Development Department on various topics covering Online Safety for Children.

## DC Pakyong visits Eklavya Model Residential School

**Pakyong, July 12:** DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chophel visited Eklavya Model Residential School, Parakha which started functioning in its own building from July 07, 2022.

He was accompanied by SDM Pakyong, Welfare Officer and AD Education Department DC have been visiting the school to take stock of the

situation and issue necessary directions while the construction of the school was on the verge of completion.

He met and interacted with newly appointed teachers and also with students. He enquired about the food and amenities and also motivated the students to dream high and achieve success.

## Women Journalists Association Tareythang celebrates Bhanu Jayanti

**Pakyong, July 13:** Sikkim Women Journalists Association, Tareythang organised 208<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti at the Auditorium of Tareythang Secondary School under Pakyong District. The programme comprised of poetry and Ramayan recitation, open debate competition, felicitation to Poet and Literary Writer, dance

competition and other literary activities.

The event was attended as the chief guest by MLA Mr. Bishnu Kumar Khatiwara and was accompanied by Head Master Tareythang Secondary School, various school heads and students.

## Road Safety Council meet and inaugural function of Road Safety Month 2022 conducted

**Gangtok:** A Road Safety Council meet and the inaugural function of the Road Safety Month, 2022 was conducted by the Transport Department with the line Departments of the Road Safety Council on July 15, 2022 at the conference hall of Yatayat Bhawan, Gangtok. As per the guidelines of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety and the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, the Transport Department is bound to submit a compliance report on the directions issued to the State Governments.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister for Buildings and Housing and Transport Departments Mr. Sanjeet Kharel, as the chief guest and MP (Lok Shaba) Mr. Indra Hang Subba as the guest of honour.

The participants were welcomed by the Principal Chief

## 208<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti organised in all districts

**Namchi, July 13:** The 208<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Adikavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya organised by the Dakshin Sikkim Sahitya Sammelan and District Administrative Centre Namchi was held at Officer's Club, today.

The event was attended by Chairman Namchi Municipal Council Mr. Ganesh Rai as the Chief Guest alongside Chairman Skill Development Board Mr. Satish Chandra Rai, DC (Namchi) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, APS (Namchi) Ms. Anjeeta Rajalim, ADC (Namchi) Mr. Satyan Pradhan, President Dakshin Sikkim Sahitya Sammelan Dr. Nayan Rai, representatives from the Sammelan, officials, students and other literary personalities.

The day's event commenced with offering garland at Bhanu Shalig by the chief guest and dignitaries present followed by the Sobha Yatra.

The chief guest spelled out the importance of observing Bhanu Jayanti celebrations in the State. Citing Adikavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya as an inspirational figure, he remarked that since Bhanu Bhakta Acharya laid the foundation of Nepali literature, he is revered as a significant literary figure in the Nepali community, globally. He urged the future generation to draw inspirations from Adikavi's work and make their community and State proud. He also apprised about various components of the event such as Sobha Yatra, Ramayan paath and kavita paath that reflects the diverse cultural fabric of the society.

DC Namchi deliberated upon the impact left by the iconic poet, who translated the 'Ramayana' from Sanskrit to Nepali which is significant in the society.

The event saw students from various schools participating in Ramayan Paath, Kavita Paath and other cultural and traditional arrangements. The programme also witnessed Bhanu Jayanti Celebrations committee felicitating sarangi musician and singer Mr. Bishnu Prasad Regmi for his contribution in the music field.

In Kavita Paath, the first position was bagged by Sushmita Chettri from New Secondary School, the second and third position was secured by Riksang

Bhutia and Rikisha Karki from Namchi Public School, respectively.

In Ramayan Paath the first, second and third position was bagged by Namchi Girls' Senior Secondary School, New Secondary School and Namchi Senior Secondary School, respectively.

Similarly, in painting category Barnabas Rai from New Light Academy stood first while, the second and third position was given to Saroj Rai from New Secondary School and Palmu Tamang from Namchi Public School.

The winner and runners-up in all the category were given certificates and awards by the organizing committee. Additionally, students from Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Boomtar also presented cultural performances.

In Mangan, the 208<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti was celebrated at Government Senior Secondary School. The programme was organised by District Administrative Centre in Coordination with Government Senior Secondary School, Mangan.

The programme had the presence of Minister for Roads and Bridges cum Area MLA (Lachen-Mangan), Mr. Samdup Lepcha as the chief guest, along with DC Mangan, Mr. A. B. Karki, APS Mangan, Mr. Tshering Wangyal Bhutia, SP Mangan, ADCs (Mangan, Chungthang), ADC Dev, Mangan, SDM Mangan, BDOs (Mangan, Chungthang), MEO MNP, officials from line departments and students and staff of schools.

The programme began with the lighting of lamp and offering of khadas to the portrait of Bhanu Bhakta Acharya followed by a brief history of Bhanu Bhakta Acharya.

During the programme, Ramayan Paath, poem recitation and debate competitions amongst four schools from the district was conducted.

Minister Mr. Samdup Lepcha in his address spoke on the significance of the day and highlighted various literary contributions made by Bhanu Bhakta Acharya. He mentioned

various schemes and incentives of the government in different sectors and stressed the need for everyone to work towards a better future.

Thereafter, prize distribution ceremony was held wherein the winners of the competitions were awarded with the trophy, certificates and cash prizes.

In Gyalshing, the District Administration Gyalshing in co-ordination with Paschim Sikkim Sahitya Prakashan organised the 208<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti Celebrations at the Community Centre, Gyalshing.

The celebration had the presence of Deputy Speaker SLA, Mr. Sangay Lepcha as the chief guest and was accompanied by Chairmen SIDICO and PHE, DC Gyalshing, Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda, Padmashree Awardee, Mr. Kedar Gurung, SDMs, HoDs and officials of the district and public at large.

Deputy Speaker SLA threw light on the literary works of Adikavi and stated that such kind of celebration should carry forward by the younger generation for the preservation and protection of cultural heritage.

A welcome address was delivered by DC Gyalshing wherein she spoke on the significance of the day.

A two minutes silence was also observed in memory of Late B.B. Muringla and Late Upamaan Basnett.

The main highlight of the celebration was presentation of awards namely, Lall Man Sancharani Puruskar (Literacy) which was conferred upon Mr. Pradhuma Shrestha, Shrastra Puruskar (Story, Poetry, Essay) was conferred to Mr. Purna Kumar Sharma of Assam, Mr. Damber Singh Gurung (Dentam, Mangmoo) and Mr. Raj Bahadur Rai (Mirik), respectively.

Apart from the award distribution, CBSE students of class 10 and 12, who topped in Nepali, Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo languages were felicitated with certificates along with a cash prize.

Earlier, an introduction speech on the Bhanu Jayanti Celebration was delivered by Publicity Secretary (Paschim Sikkim Sahitya Prakashan) Mr. Madhu Sharma.

Similarly, the 208<sup>th</sup> Bhanu

Jayanti Celebrations was organised by Sikkim Pratibha Pratishtan in collaboration with the District Administration Centre, Pakyong under the aegis of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" at St. Xavier's School, Pakyong. MLA Upper Tadong Mr. G.T. Dhungel was present as the chief guest.

He was accompanied by the MLAs Namchebong and Renock constituencies and had the presence of Advisor Food and Civil Supplies, DC Pakyong, ADC Pakyong, SP Pakyong, government officials, students from various schools and the public.

MLA Mr. G.T. Dhungel highlighted the work of Bhanu Bhakta who translated the Ramayana from Sanskrit to Nepali and also gave examples of other inspirational figures who worked for the betterment of society and urged everyone to draw inspiration from them. He apprised everyone about the lessons one can learn from Ramayana.

Earlier, MLAs Upper Tadong, Namchaybong, Rhenock along with other dignitaries offered flowers and khadas to the statue of Bhanu Bhakta Acharya at Bhanu turning, near Pakyong Greenfield Airport crossroad. It was followed by a Sobha Yatra from Bhanu turning to the hall of St. Xavier's School.

The Sikkim Pratibha Pratishtan Committee also felicitated the freedom fighter of Sikkim, Lt. Mr. Trilochan Pokhrel popularly known as 'Vandhe Pokhrel', which was received by his granddaughter. In his honour, the Department of Posts also released a special cover as a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations.

During the programme, students from various schools participated in Ramayan Path, kavita paath, quiz competition, Lok Geet and Nepali Lok Nritya. The programme also had a sensitisation programme under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan.

Likewise, the 208<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Adikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya was celebrated at the Sarwa Jayanti

Rangashala, Soreng Senior Secondary School.

MLA Soreng-Chakung, Mr. Aditya Golay graced the occasion as the chief guest and MLA (Rinchenpong), Mr. K.S. Lepcha as the guest of honour.

Advisor Sikkim Scheduled Tribes Welfare Board, Mr. P.K. Subba, DC Soreng Mr. Bhim Thatal, SP Mr. J. Jayapandiyar, ADC, ADC/Dev, SDM (Hq), SDM (Soreng), HoDs, officials, retired employees, literary personalities, educational heads, students and locals.

Mr. Aditya Golay extended gratitude to the public of 4 constituency under Soreng district for successfully hosting the first Bhanu Jayanti after being conferred with the district status. Referring to the works of the Adikavi, he advised everyone to draw the inspiration and life lessons from him. He also highlighted the contributions of Adikavi's works towards the Nepali speaking community, globally.

The MLA advised the students to proactively participate in the cultural activities along with their academic studies. He also congratulated the invited guests and artistes from Kalimpong, Mr. Mahendra Bagdas and his team for showcasing the skit.

Earlier, the welcome address was given by the DC-cum-Chairperson Celebration Committee Mr. Bhim Thatal wherein he spoke on the importance of the day.

The organising committee also felicitated Mr. Kal Bahadur Gurung who had been awarded the Best Fish Farmer, 2022 by the College of Fisheries under Central Agricultural University, Tripura. Letters of Appreciation were also handed over to Mr. Mahendra Bagdas and his team alongside the Kanchenjunga Naumati Samuha from Dentam.

Earlier, a Sobha Yatra was also organized which was participated by chief guest and other dignitaries along with students.

## CS chairs meeting of State Task Force on COVID-19

**Gangtok, July 15:** Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta chaired a meeting of the State Task Force on COVID-19 to review the situation, assess the preparedness and discuss future course of action in the wake of the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in the State.

Commissioner cum Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Mr. D. Anandan presented a detailed report of the prevailing situation and the action being initiated. He called for heightened vigilance at the district level and proactive steps to deal with the situation. He also emphasised on active participation in the 75-day 'COVID Vaccine Amrit Mahotsav' campaign which was launched today, as free precautionary doses will be administered to people aged 18 years and above.

DC and other officials who joined the meeting through video conferencing provided the necessary feedback from the respective districts in terms of the preparedness and also highlighted pertinent issues.

Special DGP Mr. Akshay Sachdeva apprised about the level of preparedness of the law enforcement agencies to deal with COVID-19.

After thorough deliberation, Chief Secretary called for ramping up of testing, encouraging people to come forward and participate in the free precautionary vaccine dose, and scale up further preparedness. He also touched upon the enforcement aspects to contain further spread. He also called for keeping a special watch on schools to contain the spread.

## MLA Namcheybong distributes milching cows

**Pakyong, July 14:** Under the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, Area MLA Namcheybong Mr. Em Prasad Sharma distributed milching cows in coordination with Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Pakyong District, at Ahopul Kishan Government Secondary School, Pakyong District, today.

He was accompanied by ADC Pakyong, Joint Director, Deputy Director (AH&VS) Department, Deputy Director Assam Linzey Pig Breeding Farm, Ward Panchayat members, staff of Animal Husbandry Department, concerned officials, beneficiaries and public.

The programme was funded through a Corporate Social

Responsibility initiative by Teesta Urja Limited. 14 families from Namchaybong constituency received 1 milching cow and a calf with 1 year cattle insurance. The beneficiaries also received 10 litre milking can, 2 bags of feed and 5 kg mineral mixture each. Whole blood and serum samples were collected for any haemoprotzoan infection and disease identification and have been sent to the Disease Investigation Cell, Gangtok.

In order to have fair distribution of cow, a lottery system was generated. Each constituency shall receive 14 cows each, which make 70 cows in Pakyong district for 5 constituencies. The cow beneficiaries were also given

orientation on dairy farming, implemented by DC Pakyong and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Pakyong District.

While addressing the beneficiaries, the Area MLA congratulated them and added that the educated youth should also join the white revolution and get benefits from government aided subsidies.

Later, MLA and ADC Pakyong inspected Aho Kishan Secondary School. It may be mentioned here that the Corporate Social Responsibility initiative by Teesta Urja Limited, will be funding ₹9.5 lakhs for the construction of toilets at the school premises for the students.

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## Sikkim signs...

Government for the holistic development of Northeastern states and expressed his gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and all associates for their relentless efforts to touch new heights of success towards saffron cultivation in Sikkim.

Lieutenant Governor stated that the signing of MoU in lieu with the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', is historic and affirmed that the saffron mission would certainly be successful. He said that favourable Kesar climatic regions like Lachung in Sikkim would be blessed with the fragrance of Kesar, like Pampore in Jammu and Kashmir. He applauded the efforts being made by the State Government in terms of resource sustainability, organic farming and economic development. He also touched upon the agricultural scenario in J&K, the productive potential of Kesar, floriculture and fruit cultivation.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma stated

that the tripartite agreement is noteworthy and historic for Sikkim. The agreement has created hope and aspirations amongst Sikkimese farmers towards saffron cultivation, he said. He also acknowledged the contributions made by J&K and Sikkim University to see fruitful results in the pilot phase of saffron cultivation and reaffirmed that the newly signed agreement would boost cordial relations and cooperation in the future course of action.

He further stated that J&K has a great potential to guide Sikkim in Kesar cultivation. He also threw light on the far-sighted vision of the Chief Minister of Sikkim to benefit the farmers at large and shared about the financial incentives being initiated by the State Government in the horticulture, agriculture, and dairy sector. He thanked J&K Lieutenant Governor, Governor of Sikkim and Sikkim University for being a crucial part of the journey towards saffron cultivation in Sikkim.

Vice-Chancellor, SU threw light on the potential of saffron production in Kashmir and thanked

the Government of J&K and the Government of Sikkim for coming forward to sign a tripartite agreement. He recalled notable support extended by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare under the active guidance of Director, Agriculture, J&K, Mr. Chowdhary Md. Iqbal and anticipated in establishing a unique relationship between Sikkim and J&K that will benefit the stakeholders and farmers of Sikkim.

On the same day, Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad, Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture Departments Mr. L.N. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of Sikkim University Prof. Avinash Khare along with other officials visited the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST), at Srinagar.

The dignitaries were accorded warm welcome by the Vice Chancellor of SKUAST Dr. Nizir Ah. Ganai and were also handed over with souvenir as a token of respect and memories.

Later, the Governor also visited the apple farm in the university premises.

honour and acknowledgment of the sacrifice of the freedom fighters and to celebrate the 75 years of India's independence.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma articulated the importance of journalism as the fourth pillar of democracy and touched upon the initiatives taken by the State Government for the upliftment of the media fraternity. He urged the journalists to continue lending their support by providing their views and perspectives on the developmental activities of the Government. He threw light on the existence of a healthy democratic setup in the State and acknowledged the hardship and challenges that a journalist has to come across before disseminating the news.

He also said that the announcement of an annual financial cash award of ₹51 thousand to the recipient of Kanchenjunga Kalam Puraskar, Laganseel Yuwa Patrakarita Puraskar, made by the Chief Minister is a historical decision taken in favour of the press and media fraternity.

Earlier, the recipient of the Kanchenjunga Kalam Puraskar, Mr. Bhim Rawat expressed his gratitude to the organising committee for the prestigious award and shared his experiences in establishing the Press Club of Sikkim in the year 2002 and thanked all the club members and the media fraternity for their support.

During the programme, the Chief Minister also launched a special Press sticker with PCS logo prepared by the Press Club of Sikkim in coordination with Sikkim Police. The sticker was prepared to curb the misuse of press stickers

and also launched the second edition of 'Samvahak,' a publication of the Press Club of Sikkim. On the occasion, the Press Club of Sikkim also felicitated the Chief Minister with Memento and shawl.

President Press Club of Sikkim Mr. Shekhar Khawas expressed gratitude to the invitees for their presence and spoke on the importance of news and its proper dissemination for the benefit of the society.

The programme also had the presence of Associate Professor, Department of History, Sikkim University, Mr. V. Krishna Ananth who presented a brief historical and literary scrutiny of Indian Journalism from the Gandhian Era to the present.

Earlier, the programme also observed one minute silence for the departed journalists who was a part of the Journalist fraternity in Sikkim.

The programme was also attended by the Deputy Speaker SLA, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Press Advisor to CM, Political Secretary to CM, Press Secretary to CM, Advisor IPR Department, Chairperson Sikkim Film Promotion Board, Advisors, Chairpersons, Adhyaksha Zilla Panchayat East, Upadhyaksha Zilla Panchayat East, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, DGP, Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretary IPR Department, Heads of Departments, officials from Government of Sikkim, Presidents of different organisations, Members of the Press Club of Sikkim, Journalists from media organisations, guest journalists and invitees from the country and abroad.

## New school building of Bardang SS inaugurated

**Pakyong, July 15:** Speaker SLA Mr. L.B. Das in the presence of Rural Development Department Chairperson Mrs. Sunita Sharma and other dignitaries inaugurated the new school building of Bardang Secondary School,

Pakyong, today.

The programme commenced with the unveiling of plaque by the Speaker and dignitaries. An interactive session took place with the students and teachers.

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## State level...

emerge along the way.

He informed that an MoU between the Commerce and Industries Department and SEED Cell has duly assigned the SEED Cell as the consultant for providing committed assistance to the rural beneficiaries to ensure easy access to credits from banks and avail interest subsidy on loans under the various schemes. He further stressed the need to increase the ease of doing business in the State and assured that the State government would take necessary steps to make reforms to stimulate entrepreneurial functioning. He also assured that the State government would extend support in encouraging and accelerating the growth of Start-ups in Sikkim and urged all the entrepreneurs and SHGs to be proactive.

Minister for Commerce and Industries Department Mr. B.S. Panth highlighted various initiatives undertaken by the

department to boost entrepreneurship development in the State. He outlined the idea of 'One Family One Entrepreneur' envisioned by Chief Minister and to approach the SEED Cell in case of any confusion or discrepancies regarding various schemes.

ACS Commerce and Industries gave a brief report on various schemes of the Commerce and Industries Department and informed about the forthcoming Sikkim Investors Conclave 2022 scheduled to be held from November 13-15, 2022.

During the event, various products of Temi Tea and SIMFED along with online Portal for Provisional Registration were launched followed by the release of Sikkim MSME Policy 2021. Documentary Videos on Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme Distribution of Subsidy Cheques to Entrepreneurs under SYSS and on PMFME Scheme were also screened.

At the onset, the chief guest and other dignitaries visited the stalls of entrepreneurs set up at the Manan Kendra premises.

## Health Tips

\* **Eat a healthy diet:** Eat a combination of different foods, including fruit, vegetables, legumes, nuts and whole grains. Adults should eat at least five portions (400g) of fruit and vegetables per day. By eating healthy, you will reduce your risk of malnutrition and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer.

\* **Cosume less salt and sugar:** Reduce your salt intake to 5g per day, equivalent to about one teaspoon. On the other hand, consuming excessive amounts of sugars increases the risk of tooth decay and unhealthy weight gain.

\* **Reduce intake of harmful fats:** Fats consumed should be less than 30% of your total energy intake. This will help prevent unhealthy weight gain and NCDs. There are different types of fats, but unsaturated fats are preferable over saturated fats and trans-fats.

\* **Avoid harmful use of alcohol:** There is no safe level for drinking alcohol. Consuming alcohol can lead to health problems such as mental and behavioural disorders.

\* **Don't smoke:** Smoking tobacco causes NCDs such as lung disease, heart disease and stroke.

\* **Be active:** Physical activity is defined as any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that requires energy expenditure. This includes exercise and activities undertaken while working, playing, carrying out household chores, travelling, and engaging in recreational pursuits.

\* **Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing:** Diseases such as influenza, pneumonia and tuberculosis are transmitted through the air. When an infected person coughs or sneezes, infectious agents may be passed on to others through airborne droplets. When you feel a cough or sneeze coming on, make sure you have covered your mouth with a face mask or use a tissue then dispose it carefully.

\* **Drink only safe water:** Drinking unsafe water can lead to water-borne diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea, hepatitis A, typhoid and polio. Globally, at least 2 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated with faeces

\* **Clean your hands properly:** Hand hygiene is critical not only for health workers but for everyone. Clean hands can prevent the spread of infectious illnesses. You should handwash using soap and water when your hands are visibly soiled or handrub using an alcohol-based product.

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## District Level Task Force meeting for COVID-19 held in Pakyong

**Pakyong, July 16:** A District Level Task Force meeting for COVID-19 was held under the Chairmanship of the DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chophel, today.

Also present during the meeting were CMO Health Department, ADC Dev, CEO Education Department, ADM, SDMs, BDOs, MEO, Rangpo, DPO and SHO, Pakyong.

The main objective of the meeting was to review the situation, assess preparedness and discuss future course of action in the district. It was informed during the meeting that the main priority is to vaccinate citizens with precautionary dose

and to those with their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose and school children below the age of 15 years.

ADC Pakyong gave a brief about meeting of the State Task Force on COVID-19 chaired by Chief Secretary a day ago. She apprised everyone about various course of action taken by the State Task Force to contain COVID-19 and emphasised on the vaccination programme. Further, she touched upon the creation of Covid Care Centres and to prioritise vaccination in schools to keep children safe.

During the meeting, duration of quarantine period, number of positive cases,

precautionary dose, identification of COVID centres in Pakyong, Rongli and Rhenock, creation of sanitisation team and precautionary vaccination dose for both Government and private employees were discussed.

DC took note of the proposals and directed the officials to keep record of employees who have taken precautionary dose, record of vaccination status of children from the age of 14-19 years of age, ICDS centres to strictly monitor children and provision for precautionary vaccination dose for Government employees.

## Rankey Mela Festival 2022 organised

**Namchi, July 16:** A two-day long Rankey Mela Festival, 2022 organised by Rankey Mela Celebration Committee alongside District Administrative Centre, Information and Public Relations Department, Tourism and Sports Department and Travel Agents Association of Sikkim was inaugurated by (OSD, RDD) Mr. Bimal Kharel at Namchi Central Park, today.

Present amongst others were Chairman Skill Development Board, Chairperson Namchi Municipal Council, Councillors, ADC (Namchi), officials and public.

The inaugural day also saw competition of various levels of sports such as tug of war, pillow fight and other activities. Additionally, the mela had a number of attractions including agro- vegetable exhibition, display of flower stalls put up by various SHGs and Farmers Producers Organisations. Different departmental stalls of Information and Public Relations, Tourism, IHCAE (Chemchey), Namchi Smart City Ltd, Agriculture and Horticulture was also put up at the bazaar premises.

During the course of the programme, official logo along with various souvenirs of Rankey Mela was also unveiled by the

chief guest and other dignitaries. The latter half of the programme saw the effigy burning of 'Rankey Bhoot,' followed by various cultural extravaganza.

It may be mentioned here that the organising committee adopted environment friendly options to be used during the two-day event, keeping in mind the recently enforced direction of ban on certain single-use plastic (SUP) items. Reusable alternatives made of metal, bamboo, paper and other earthy materials has been prioritised during the mela.

Rankey Mela falls on the first day of the month of Sawan of the Vikram Sambhat calendar. The Mela is a celebration of monsoon and is also commonly referred as Sawaney Sankranti believed to be a ritual observance that prays for good fortune in the form of a fine harvest after the monsoons.

The second day programme was graced by Minister for Labour and Power Department Mr. M. N. Sherpa, accompanied by Chairman Skill Development Board, Chief Patron cum Chairman Namchi Municipal Council, Additional Political Secretary Namchi, Councillors, HODs, Chairmen, Advisors, officials and public.

At the onset, the chief guest along with other

dignitaries visited the departmental stalls.

Minister Mr. M. N. Sherpa explained in-depth about the importance of celebrating the Rankey Mela festival, which is a traditional ritual that implores for a good harvest. He spoke about the importance of upholding the tradition of continuing the celebration of Rankey Mela and emphasised that the youths need to continue the tradition.

The programme was also addressed by Chief Patron Mr. Ganesh Rai where he informed about the historical background of celebrating Rankey Mela in Namchi. He underlined the importance of the harvest season for the farming community. Additionally, he spoke about how the committee used Shaman during the effigy burning of Rankey Bhoot. He further added that the main aim of organising the festival was to bring out an inclusive community infused with religious belief, tradition and culture.

A number of individuals were also felicitated by the committee for their valuable contributions in uplifting the Mela and society at large. Other attractions of the two-day festival were rural sports and climbing up the greased pole, ceremonial rituals and musical programmes.

## Minister L.N. Sharma calls on Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

**Bengaluru, July 15:** Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments Mr. L.N. Sharma called on the Union Minister, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar on the concluding day of the National Conference of State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers at Bengaluru, today.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma informed about several pipeline projects related to agricultural and horticultural activities and submitted the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for saffron cultivation in Sikkim, DPR on spices crops for area expansion of large cardamom, ginger, turmeric, cherry pepper and hydroponics farming culture. He

briefed on the positive results of empirical study and research on saffron cultivation in Sikkim conducted by the Sikkim University and threw light on the positive indicators of unprecedented growth in the economy of farmers through a futuristic course of action in saffron cultivation under the support and guidance of the Union Government.

He also requested the Union Minister to provide a subsidy of chemical fertilisers to support and promote organic farming in the state for which the Minister has assured financial subsidy and a special package for saffron cultivation in Sikkim. He also assured to expedite the

reconsideration of the proposals with DPRs, resubmitted before him.

The concluding day of the conference also saw presentations by various states on their new initiatives and success stories. The signing of the tripartite agreement for saffron cultivation in Sikkim was applauded by the house in summing up the discussion excerpts.

The second day's session was also chaired by the Union Minister Agriculture Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar in the presence of MoS Mr. Kailash Choudhary, MoS Shobha Karandlaje and other dignitaries.

## Har Ghar Dastak 2.0 campaign carried out

**Gangtok, July 17:** The 'Har Ghar Dastak 2.0' campaign, a COVID-19 vaccination drive was carried out at UPHC Gangtok under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, today.

The programme was

organised at Deorali Chorten Sheda. The team comprised of HEO, MPHWF, LHV and ANM, wherein a total of 353 people were administered the CoviShield, 26 were administered Corbevax and 40 with Covaxin.

## National Conference of Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers of India held

**Bengaluru, July 14:** Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Department Mr. L.N. Sharma addressed the thematic discussion session of the ongoing National Conference of Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers of India at Bengaluru, Karnataka, today.

The conference was chaired by the Union Minister, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar and moderated by the Minister of State, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Mr. Kailash Choudhary.

Minister informed that Sikkim has implemented centrally sponsored scheme progressively in the State under the guidance and support of Central government. He added that the State government has encouraged digitisation of agriculture in terms of transfer of financial incentives under various schemes. There is sharp rise in the number of beneficiaries of PMKISAN from single digit to over ten thousand in the recent years of implementation, he added. He outlined recent move of the State government for saffron cultivation,

for which a tripartite agreement has been signed and appealed the Central government to allocate special package for onward course of the saffron mission in Sikkim.

He also outlined the achievement made by the State in dairy farming under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang. Further, he apprised on the growing interest amongst educated youths towards agro entrepreneurship in the State.

He also talked about the proposal submitted before the concerned ministry to consider bee farming project under honey mission.

He stressed to provide support for area expansion in cultivation of crops to increase production level and agriculture infrastructure fund for construction of fence and shared the continuous encouragement in formation of the FPOs. The Minister of Agriculture and Horticulture from various states of India participated in the discussion.

## Minister L.N.Sharma visits University of Agricultural Sciences

**Bengaluru, July 15:** Minister for Agriculture Department Mr. L.N. Sharma visited the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, on the side-line of the State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' National Conference, today.

He was welcomed by the Director of Education, Mr. K Narayan Swami and Registrar Mr. Basavana Gowda. Minister Mr. Sharma was keen to learn the best practices of one of the oldest agricultural universities, established in 1964. He took the

opportunity to visit a horticulture farm, national seed project, Gene bank, agriculture technology information centre, nursery, agricultural science museum etc. Besides, he visited the development of demonstration and business model for soilless agriculture production system and acquired information about the hydroponics and aquaponics culture of farming, which was introduced in the state of Sikkim in the recent months.

## COVID Vaccine special drive launched

**Gangtok, July 15:** The Government of India announced a special drive 'COVID Vaccine Amrit Mahotsav' to provide precautionary vaccine doses free of cost at all the government Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs) for persons aged 18 years and above from July 15 to September 30. The drive is to accelerate the pace of vaccination in the country.

Councillor, Upper M.G. Marg Ward, Mr. Sundeep Malu, and Councillor, Tibet Road and Kazi Road ward, Mrs. Diki Lhamu Lepcha, launched the COVID Vaccination drive at the premises of Thakurbari, Gangtok, today. The 75-day drive has been planned to synchronise with the celebration of 75<sup>th</sup> year of India's Independence under the banner of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Also present were State Immunization Officer cum Additional Director, Health Department, Dr. Tshering Doma, State Information Education Communication Bureau Team and the staff of Urban Primary Health Centre, Gangtok. The free vaccination drive will continue for the next 75 days in all Government Covid Vaccination Centres in the State.

It was noted that the Union Health Ministry last week reduced the gap between the second and precaution dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for all the beneficiaries from nine to six months.

All persons aged 18 years and above who have completed 6 months or 26 weeks from the date of administration of 2<sup>nd</sup> dose are eligible for the Precautionary Dose.

## Team led by Governor visits Jammu & Kashmir



**Srinagar, July 13:** Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad along with Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Department, Mr. L.N. Sharma and the VC Sikkim University Prof. Avinash Khare and other officials visited Pampore (town of saffron), Pulwama, today.

The team inspected the India International Kashmir Saffron Trading Centre (IHKSTC) and expressed keen interest in various technical aspects of processing, packaging and Quality Evaluation Laboratory.

Director of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Mr. Chowdhary Md. Iqbal elaborated the entire procedure in detail. Thereafter, the Governor inaugurated display of agricultural products and interacted with the exhibitors. Later, a meeting was held with the official and farming community at the IHKST Centre.

Governor expressed gratitude over the tripartite agreement and encouraged consistent efforts to make saffron cultivation in Sikkim successful. Addressing the farmers, he stated that the progress of the farming community is the key factor in nation-building. He also focused on other temperate crops besides Kesar and advised to take trial cultivation of Kashmiri

apple in Sikkim.

Minister Mr. L. N. Sharma stated that the visit to Jammu and Kashmir was insightful in new dimensions of saffron cultivation. He also threw light on the safety measures of saffron from frequent rainfall in Sikkim. He recalled a series of high-level meetings held under the leadership of the Governor to lead the saffron mission towards new heights of achievement. He also touched upon numerous initiatives, particularly the financial incentives given to the farming community in the horticulture and dairy sectors by the State Government.

Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department Mr. Atal Dulloo assured to make the joint venture successful and advised organising training and experience exchange programmes for the farmers.

Farmers from Saffron Growers Association and local FPOs also shared their inputs. Governor and Minister Mr. L. N. Sharma handed over the cheques and token of appreciation to the local farmers of Kashmir for their exceptional performances. The team also planted saplings at the premises.

## Awareness-cum-sensitisation programme on Foreigners Registration held

**Gangtok, July 17:** An awareness cum sensitisation programme on Immigration, Visa, Foreigners, Registration, Tracking System under the banner of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' commenced at Tourism Information Centre, Gangtok, today.

The programme was chaired by Special Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Ms. Karma Doma Youtso in the presence of the Joint Director (Permit), Joint Director (Hospitality and Homestay), Joint Director (IT), Deputy Director (Stats), Senior CHA (Hospitality and Homestay), AD (Permit), AD (TIC Gangtok), TO (Hospitality and Homestay), officials from FRO, Gangtok. Representatives of SHRA, HAS, ORHAS, hoteliers, and homestay owners from Gangtok.

Sr. CHA, Mr. Vikash Rai highlighted on the importance of IVFRT and registration of hotels

and other important issues.

Likewise, Joint Director (IT), Mr. Ashim Tamang spoke regarding the upcoming online Hotel Management and Guest Information System.

Special Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department assured that introducing the new mechanism will ease the issuance of Restricted Area Permit (RAP) to the foreigners (Bangladesh and Nepal citizens) visiting Sikkim within the purview of the Government norms. She further informed that the awareness programme would be organised in all districts of the State.

The programme also had a presentation on the role of the IVFRT online system delivered by ASI, Nima Sherpa, and Lnk., Eleazor Rai from FRO followed by an open house interaction concerning IVFRT.

## Chief Minister meets former legislatures

**Gangtok, July 14:** Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang met with the former legislatures at his official residence in Mintokgang, today.

He enquired their wellbeing, heard their grievances and assured

them to provide all possible assistance from the State Government.

During the meeting, it was decided that the inauguration of the guest house dedicated to the Former Legislature at the DPH area

will be held on July 26.

Similarly, it was also decided to celebrate July 26 as the Former Legislature Foundation Day, a unique initiative introduced by the government in honour of the Former Legislatures.

## Sikkim celebrates 208<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti

**Gangtok, July 13:** The first part of the State level celebration of the 208<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti organised by the Celebration Committee under Nepali Sahitya Parishad began with the garlanding of the statue of Adikavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya at Bhanu Udhyan, Gangtok, today.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the occasion as the chief guest along with Speaker SLA, Minister Mr. B.S. Panth, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, MP Lok Sabha, other dignitaries, special invitees from different parts of the country, researchers, language experts, students and representatives of various associations and organisations.

Minister Mr. B.S. Panth, also the Chairman of the Celebration Committee highlighted the importance of the occasion and provided a brief background of Bhanu Udhyan.

An added feature of the Celebration was the re-developed Bhanu Udhyan, which was formally inaugurated by the Chief Minister. The entire complex around the life size statue of Adikavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya was remodeled and beautified with a permanent roof and other aesthetics with a large seating capacity. The work was executed by the Buildings and Housing Department. He also planted a sapling of Maple near the statue to mark the occasion. The Chief Minister and the dignitaries also offered their tribute to the eminent personalities by garlanding the statue. An all-women troupe from Jhapa Nepal played the 'Naumati Baja'.

After the programme, the Chief Minister, dignitaries and invitees participated in the 'Shova Yatra', which began from Bhanu Udhyan, through Zero Point, Tibet Road route culminating at Titanic Park, MG Marg. The Shova Yatra comprised of cultural tableau depicting the theme and was participated by students and members of various communities, associations and organisations.

In second session, various awards, literary deliberations and cultural presentations marked the State-Level Celebration of 208<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti at Manan Kendra.

The event was graced by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest. The function was presided over by Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Mr. B.S. Panth, the Chairman of the Celebration Committee.

On the occasion, noted litterateur Mr. K.N. Sharma was decorated with the prestigious 'Bhanu Purashkar 2022'. A brief

biography of Mr. K.N. Sharma was presented by senior journalist Mr. Bhim Rawat.

Likewise, former Member of Parliament and litterateur Mrs. Dil Kumari Bhandari was awarded the 'Bhanu Purashkar' for the year 2021. The brief biography of Mrs. Dil Kumari Bhandari was delivered by Chairperson, OBC Board, Ms. Pavitra Bhandari.

It may be recalled that the Award could not be presented in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The programme also saw awards and felicitations to individuals who have made notable contributions to language, literature, art and culture.

Mr. O.T. Lepcha was awarded the Bhasha Gaurav Samman for his consistent service towards the preservation and conservation of Lepcha language and literature.

Similarly, Mr. Dorjee Rinchen Bhutia was awarded the Bhasha Gaurav Samman for his consistent service towards the preservation and conservation of Bhutia language and literature.

On the occasion, Padmashree Mr. Khandu Wangchuk Bhutia, noted Thangka Artist was awarded a felicitation letter for his relentless service for over three decades, and for bringing laurels to the State.

Similarly, the 'Seva Shri Samman' was presented to noted individuals who have made a distinct mark in their field of work, namely, Bhasha Seva Shri Samman to Dr. Udai Chettri, Sahitya Seva Shri Samman to Santosh Kumar Rai, Sahitya Seva Shri Samman to Prasad Adhikari, Sangeet Seva Shri Samman to Mr. Purna Subba, Natya Seva Shri Samman to Mrs. Rupa Tamang, Natya Seva Shri Samman to Mr. Narad Adhikari, Patrakarita Seva Shri Samman to Mr. Kamal Mukhia, Chitrakarita Seva Shri Samman to Mrs. Deepa Rai and Nritya Seva Shri Samman to Ms. Komal Gurung.

The annual publication of Nepali Sahitya Parishad 'Bhanu Smarika' was also released along with few other publications.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang in his address paid rich tribute to Adikavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya on his birth anniversary and remembered the scholar as the torch bearer of Nepali literature who also sowed the seed of education through his work 'Ramayan'.

The Chief Minister congratulated Nepali Sahitya Parishad for organising the programme in a befitting manner with active participation from all

quarters. He also extended his greetings to all the invitees from other States and neighbouring countries.

He congratulated all the awardees and the participants of the traditional and cultural events and tableau earlier in the day.

Chief Minister Mr. Tamang stressed on the need to preserve local culture, language, customs and attire.

Mrs. Dil Kumari Bhandari, the recipient of the Bhanu Purashkar 2021 in her acceptance speech expressed her gratitude to the Nepali Sahitya Parishad for conferring the prestigious award on her. She said that it was a motivation for her to work for further development of the Nepali language.

Mrs. Bhandari lauded the support and encouragement provided by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang towards the development of Nepali language and literature. She stressed on the need to further strengthen, protect and preserve the language, culture and tradition through individual and collective efforts.

Recipient of Bhanu Purashkar 2022, Mr. K.N. Sharma thanked the Nepali Sahitya Parishad for honouring him with the prestigious award. He also thanked the State Government and the Chief Minister for creating an environment for the growth of literary culture in the State. Mr. Sharma also shared his insights on the evolution of the Nepali language and shared his experiences as a litterateur.

Earlier, the programme began with the welcome address by President, Nepali Sahitya Parishad, Mr. Rudra Poudyal.

Students of Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School who were shortlisted through various stages of the inter-School competition, performed the Ramayan paath. In the open category, Mr. Krishna Dhungel performed the Ramayan paath.

Likewise, Mr. Passang Tshering Tamang of Sichey Senior Secondary School who was shortlisted in the inter-school competition, presented a Nepali poem. Mr. Krishna Dhungel from the open category also recited a poem.

The programme also had a cultural integration dance by Ujjwal Kala Kendra, Deorali, and a Nepali folk dance by Dynamic Flickers Dance Academy, Ranipool.

The programme concluded with the prize distribution and vote of thanks proposed by Vice President, Nepali Sahitya Parishad.