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Governor meets Union Ministers

New Delhi, July 22: Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya, paid a courtesy visit to the Union Home Minister Mr Amit Shah, in New Delhi, today.

The meeting was marked by positive discussions focused on the progress and development of Sikkim.

The Governor expressed his satisfaction with the fruitful exchange of dialogue and commended the leadership of the Union Home Minister in advancing the State towards prosperity.

Similarly, the Governor called on the Union Defence Minister Mr Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on July 21.

During the meeting, the Governor extended an invitation to the Defence Minister to inaugurate 'Prerna Sthal' in Bardang, Singtam. This memorial is dedicated to the brave soldiers who lost their lives during the unfortunate incident that unfolded in the State on October 3 and 4, 2023.



The Governor also commended the Defence Minister, for his effective leadership citing him as an inspirational figure.

Likewise, the Governor also met Mr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports in New Delhi on July 20.

During the meet, they engaged in discussions concerning the vast potential of sports sector in Sikkim. Further, they also discussed the immense capability of Sikkim's young athletes to deliver outstanding performances at both national and international levels.

PM SVANidhi 'PRAISE' Awards 2023-24 for Sikkim presented to Chief Minister



Gangtok, July 24: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang met Mr Bhoj Raj Rai Minister for Urban Development Department (UDD) and Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa MLA-cum-Advisor at Mintokgang, today.

They were accompanied by

Mr MT Sherpa Secretary UDD and Mr Jigme Bhutia Mission Director.

The dignitaries presented the award to the Chief Minister that Sikkim had won in Hilly & North Eastern States category in the PM SVANidhi 'PRAISE' Awards

2023-24.

The award was presented by Union Minister for Urban and Housing Affairs Mr Manohar Lall Khattar in a ceremony held at the Habitat Centre, New Delhi on July 18, 2024.

"I was delighted to know that Sikkim has been awarded the Second Rank among Hilly & North Eastern States in the PM SVANidhi 'PRAISE' Awards 2023-24. This recognition was presented by Union Minister for Urban and Housing Affairs at New Delhi," the Chief Minister said.

He further commented "I extend my heartiest congratulations to the entire department for their exceptional hard work and dedication in achieving this honour and encourage them to continue their

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Chief Minister attends anniversary of Tapashree Dance and Music Academy

Gangtok, July 23: 10th anniversary of the Tapashree Dance and Music Academy took place at Manan Kendra, today. The programme themed 'A Decadel Story-Ek Dashak Ko Katha', presented the audience with musical and dance performances along with a theatrical rendition of the

Ramayan.

Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the event as the chief guest along with Madam Krishna Kumari Rai, Mr Arun Kumar Upreti and Mr Puran Kumar Gurung Ministers, Ms Kala Rai Area MLA Upper Burtuk Constituency, Mr Basant Lama

Secretary Culture Department, Mr Jacob Khaling Former Political Secretary to Chief Minister and artistes from around the State.

The Chief Minister congratulated the Academy on the completion of 10 successful years.

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**Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat
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No. 258/L&PA/SLAS

Dated: 22/7/2024

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred under Rule 16 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Shri Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Hon'ble Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly has been pleased to reconvene a sitting of the House in the Assembly Hall, Gangtok on 5th August, 2024 at 11:00 am.

The Hon'ble Members of Sikkim Legislative Assembly are notified accordingly.

By order,

Sd/-
(Lalit Kumar Gurung)
Secretary
Sikkim Legislative Assembly

Sikkim Tourism honoured with prestigious awards at TTF Kolkata



Gangtok, July 24: Sikkim Tourism was honoured with two prestigious awards, namely, 'The Best Eco-Friendly State Award' and 'The Most Promising Rural and Homestay Destination', at the Travel and Tourism Fair (TTF) held in Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, Kolkata from July 12-14.

Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department (T&CAvn Deptt) Mr TT Bhutia and MLA-cum-Advisor Mr Sudesh Subba called on Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence, Mintokgang, today, to apprise about the accolades. They were accompanied by Principal Secretary T&CAvn Deptt Mr CS Rao, Principal Chief Engineer-cum-Nodal Officer Sikkim INSPIRES Mr Neeraj Pradhan, Deputy Director Adventure Cell Mr Manoj Chettri

and Deputy Director, (Hospitality) Mr Nirmal Cintury.

The Chief Minister extended his heartiest congratulations to the Department for their hard work and dedication in achieving the honour and encouraged them to continue their efforts in future endeavours.

It may be mentioned that the event saw participation from all leading tourism States of the country, along with industry leaders from both the hospitality and travel sectors. It also featured international participants from countries, such as, Thailand, Dubai, Japan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan. Approximately 15,000 visitors visited stall of Sikkim to enquire and learn about various tourism products of the State.

Pearls of Wisdom

"It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting."

- Paulo Coelho

NCORD meeting for Namchi District held

Namchi, July 20: A monthly Narco Coordination (NCORD) meeting for Namchi District was held at the office of DC, today.

The meeting discussed strategies for controlling narcotics in the district. The key topics included reviewing current anti-drug measures, sharing updates on ongoing efforts, and planning future initiatives to address drug-related issues in the area.

The meeting was chaired by Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi. Present during the meeting were Dr TN Gyatsho Sr SP, ADC (Hq), ASP (Special Branch), Mr SDM (Hq), CMO,

(DFO/T), Joint Director Education Department along with HoOs from line departments.

DC Namchi emphasised the need to disrupt supply and demand chain to reduce drug addiction. She offered various recommendations to decrease demand and stressed on the importance of maintaining clear communication between all line departments.

Sr SP updated on various awareness programmes and mentioned that driver's license of those found peddling or carrying large quantities of drugs are being cancelled, with six licenses already cancelled and two more

in process. He also elucidated on activities from the last three months, detailing the awareness programmes conducted and the number of drug-related cases registered.

DFO/T emphasised on the importance of conducting a thorough case study before addressing an individual's addiction rather than giving awareness to the mass in general.

Special attention was given in fostering awareness programmes on NCORD, set to be implemented across the district in collaboration with relevant departments.

Co-ordination meeting of GPUs under BAC Baiguney conducted

Soreng, July 20: A welcome programme-cum-co-ordination meeting of all 4 GPUs under BAC Baiguney was conducted at BAC Baiguney (Rodhung Kheem Hall), today.

The event was attended by Mr Madan Cintury Area MLA Salghari Zoom Constituency accompanied by Mr CB Sashankar (Upadhyaksha Soreng District), Zilla Members, Panchayats, ADC (Dev), BDO Baiguney, officers and staff.

MLA informed that there will be one Constituency Development Committee and nine Sub-Committees. He further expressed that the State Government is focused in developing power, roads, and water resources in the State.

ADC (Dev) mentioned that Soreng District has 36 Gram Panchayat Units (GPUs) and 200 Wards and highlighted the importance of coordination with officials, especially in the Baiguney Aspirational Block, to ensure effective operations. Emphasising on the need for digital working operations across all 36 GPUs for public convenience, he also mentioned

the plan to provide a Revenue Surveyor in each GPU. He spoke about the 'Swachha Pani, Swachha Hami', initiative, urging everyone to clean their water tanks on July 27.

BDO Baiguney provided details of Panchayats under Baiguney Block, employees, certificate issued by certificate section under Baiguney Block and new construction of BAC complex at Rabong ward.

Mr Rinchen Bhutia (AE) presented PPT on JJM work under Baiguney BAC, its physical progress, repair of Mabong JHS, new sanctioned work under North Eastern Council Fund, construction of Panchayat Ghar and other allied facilities, Gram Panchayat Development Plan work under Baiguney BAC.

Mr Sancha Kr Thapa Panchayat Inspector introduced Swachha Bharat Mission, ODF Plus Model, Solid waste management, liquid waste management, community sanitary complex, awareness programme and New Sanctioned PWMU (Plastic Waste Management Unit).

Mr Subash Chettri (APO)

gave presentation on MGNREGA objectives, person days target, monthly timeline, household engaged in MGNREGA, progress report of Baiguney Block, Aadhaar based payment, assets creation and PMAY House.

Mr Dewraj Sharma (Social Welfare Inspector) on Schemes and Programmes implemented by Women and Child Development Department such as National Social Assistance Programme, State Innovative Schemes, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana and number of beneficiaries under Baiguney BAC.

Mr Karna Bir Rai Panchayat President Gelling Baiguney representing all 4 GPUs submitted all developmental projects proposal to the Area MLA.

The felicitation was presented to the chief guest by all 4 GPUs under Baiguney BAC as a token of appreciation.

Earlier, the Area MLA inspected BAC Baiguney complex along with Upadhyaksha Soreng District, ADC (Dev) and interacted with the officials.

Rankey Mela Celebration 2024 concludes

Namchi, July 16: Two-day long Rankey Mela Celebration 2024, organised by Rankey Mela Celebration Committee in collaboration with DAC Namchi concluded at the Convention Hall of Kishan Market, today.

The programme was attended by Ms Raj Kumari Thapa Deputy Speaker as the chief guest. She was accompanied Mr Ganesh Rai Chairman NMC, Ms Sabitri Tamang Vice Chairperson NMC, Ms Anjeeta Rajalim Adhyaksha, Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi, Mr Subash Ghimirey ADC Namchi, along with HoOs from line departments and public.

Deputy Speaker congratulated the public of

Namchi for the glorious 71 years of Rankey Mela Celebration in the district. She emphasised on the importance and significance of the festival and need to preserve rich heritage and culture of the State.

She urged the Committee Members to conserve rural activities highlighting the importance of documenting the celebration to attract more tourists from various corners of the country. She reiterated that under the leadership of the Chief Minister, the district is being able to excel in many sectors.

Chairman NMC highlighted the significance of the Rankey Mela Celebration in the district.

During the programme, the chief guest was felicitated by Organising Committee followed by the felicitation of students representing Sikkim in various national competitions, namely, Ms Anika Subba, Master Justin Mani Rai, Ms Kripa Chhetri and Master Santosh Darjee.

The Committee in collaboration with DAC had also organised the State Level Open Men Marathon and Men Senior Citizen Walkathon, which was flagged off by the DC, earlier.

It may be mentioned that during the programme, a two-minute silence was observed in honour of the Former Minister Late RC Poudyal on his demise.

₹10,000/- of one year tenure to them. The loans are provided by the banks to eligible vendors in coordination with the Urban Local Bodies.

Sikkim had been given an initial target of 700 beneficiaries by the Ministry, which was later increased to 910 beneficiaries to be achieved by March, 2024. As on date, a total of 1150 such loans

have been disbursed across the seven Urban Local Bodies in the State, thus, exceeding the Ministry's target. Further, another achievement for Sikkim is that a total of 724 street vendors are digitally active and they have conducted 2.43 lakh digital transactions worth over ₹26 crores till date.

Open marathon on Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan

Namchi, July 20: A meeting for an open marathon, organised under 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan' was held at the office of DC Namchi, today.

The meeting was chaired by Ms Anupa Tamling DC (Namchi). Also present were Dr TN Gyatsho Sr SP, Mr Subash Ghimiray ADC (Hq), Dr SN Adhikari CMO, Mr Basant Pradhan Dy Director and representatives from Social Welfare Department.

During the meeting, the DC informed that DAC Namchi, in collaboration with Social Welfare Department and Sports and Youth Affairs Department, will host an open marathon on August 3, 2024 under the banner 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan'.

Preliminary preparedness meeting on Independence Day celebrations held

Soreng, July 17: A preliminary preparedness meeting for the forthcoming 78th Independence Day celebrations was held at DAC Soreng, today.

The meeting chaired by Ms Tila Devi Gurung Zilla Adhyaksha (Soreng) was attended by Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng, Mr Nahkul Pradhan SP Soreng, Mr DR Bista ADC Soreng, Mr Gaayas Pega ADC (Dev), SDMs, District HoDs, Mr CP Sharma former Advisor to CM (Press), Officers from line department, Principals from schools and colleges along with members from Retired Government Employees Welfare Association, Retired Armies, members from Singling Sporting Club and representatives from other organisations.

The DC applauded all the stakeholders for their efforts in successfully hosting the event. He laid down various activities that will be held to mark the celebration, which includes Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan events, bike ride to spread awareness, cleanliness drive, plantation drive under the recently launched initiative of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'.

He also informed that the district will also organise a marathon for all Government employees of Soreng district under the event 'Run for Fun', and encouraged everybody to voluntarily participate in the event.

DAC Soreng conducts cleanliness drive

Soreng, July 17: DAC Soreng conducted a cleanliness drive at its premises in the presence of Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng, Mr Nahkul Pradhan SP Soreng, Mr DR Bista ADC, Mr Gideon Lepcha SDM Hq, Mr Sunny Kharel SDM Soreng and Mr TT Lepcha DFO (T), today.

During the cleanliness drive, the DC informed about the

The marathon will have four categories which includes; men's open-18 years and above, women's open-18 years and above, boy's open - 15 to 17 years and girl's open-15 to 17 years.

The marathon route for the boy's open and girl's open categories will run from Kishan Market to Chardham crossing (phatak) and back. For the men's open and women's open categories, the route will be from Kishan Market to the Helipad and back.

Participants will receive free registration and the first three finishers in all categories will be awarded cash prizes. Additionally, the first 10 finishers will receive medals and certificates, it was informed.

During the meeting, individual Sub-Committee to undertake various responsibilities such as invitation and reception, food and beverages, stage management, publicity, sitting arrangements, law and order, public safety, water and sanitation and so forth was discussed and formed. The main celebration Committee shall oversee all the respective Sub-Committee and will be headed by DC as the President, ADC as the Vice-President, DPO (Zilla) as General Secretary, DPO (Disaster) as Joint Secretary and CPAO as the Treasurer.

It may be informed that the Open Invitational Football Tournament will be one of the main attractions of the entire celebration, which will be held in collaboration with Singling Sporting Club.

Earlier, the first meeting included a detailed information on the matters related to the successful conduct of the 210th Bhanu Jayanti celebrations at Soreng.

Mr Rakesh Sharma CPAO presented a detailed account related information to all the attendees including expenditure and remaining account balance.

After the meeting, the Committee members headed by the DC Soreng visited the Jautar Sports Complex for inspection.

tree plantation campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam', initiated by the Ministry of Forest and Environment, which will be conducted shortly.

Furthermore, he talked about the Nasha Mukta Sikkim Abhiyaan, in which DAC Soreng will be conducting a 'Run for Fun', on August 3.

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efforts and attain further success."

It may be mentioned that PM Street Vendors's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PMSVANidhi) Scheme is a special micro credit lending scheme for street vendors, which offers collateral free loan of

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

Ref.No.15/STNM/GH/2024

Dated 22/7/2024

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

The scaled quotations are invited from the Local registered and reputed firms within the radius of 500mtrs of STNM Hospital, Sochakgang Operating 24X7 for the supply of medicines and allied items for STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (PMJAY) for the year 2024-2025.

Terms & Condition:

1. Valid Trade License issued by authorized government agency and should possess necessary Diploma/Degree Certificate in Pharmacy from reputed and recognize institute.
2. Medical Shop should be opened for 24X7.
3. Medical Shop Signboard displayed for easy identification.
4. The Tender detail and other documents can be obtained from the office of Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, on any working days from 5th August 2024 to 7th August 2024 from 11.00 AM to 3:00 PM on production of Bank Challan of ₹5,000/- duly signed by Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, credited under head 0210-01- 800 other receipt.
5. The firm shall deposit TDR of ₹1,50,000/- (One Lakh Fifty Thousand) in favor of Sr.AO, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, for the supply of drugs and consumables from SBS along with the sealed quotation. The department will not liable to pay the interest on the said amount.
6. The duly filled Tender Document should reach the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, within 12.00 pm of 22nd August 2024. The Tender received after 12:00 pm of 22nd August 2024 will not be entertained.
7. The sealed quotation will be opened on the same day at 2:00 pm in the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
8. Terms and condition shall be applicable as per the general purchase condition and details will be indicated in the tender form.
9. The department committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
10. For further information visit the office of the undersigned.

**Medical Superintendent
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
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**Health and Family Welfare Department
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang
Government of Sikkim**

Ref.No.16/STNM/GH/2024

Dated:22/7/2024

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

The sealed quotations are invited from the Local registered and reputed firms within the radius of 500mtrs of STNM Hospital, Sochakgang Operating 24X7 for the supply of medicines and allied items for STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, under Emergency purchase for the year 2024-2025.

Terms & Condition:

1. Valid Trade License issued by authorized government agency and should possess necessary Diploma/Degree Certificate in Pharmacy from reputed and recognize institute.
2. Medical Shop should be opened for 24X7.
3. Medical Shop Signboard displayed for easy identification.
4. The Tender detail and other documents can be obtained from the office of Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, on any working days from 5th August 2024 to 7th August 2024 from 11.00 AM to 3:00 PM on production of Bank Challan of ₹5,000/- duly signed by Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, credited under head 0210-01- 800 other receipts.
5. The firm shall deposit TDR of ₹ 1,00,000/- (One Lakh) in favor of Sr. AO, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, for the supply of drugs and consumables from SBS along with the sealed quotation. The department will not liable to pay the interest on the said amount.
6. The duly filled Tender Document should reach the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, within 12:00 pm of 21st August 2024. The Tender received after 12.00 pm of 21st August 2024 will not be entertained.
7. The sealed quotation will be opened on the same day at 2:00 pm in the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
8. Terms and condition shall be applicable as per the general purchase condition and details will be indicated in the tender form.
9. The department committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
10. For further information visit the office of the undersigned.

**Medical Superintendent
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang
(388, iii)**

Before the Oath Commissioner, Sikkim, at Gangtok

Sl. No. A314084

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Saideep Sharma**, son of Til Pd. Sharma, aged about 18 years, by faith Hindu, resident of Aho Yangtam, Pakyong District, Sikkim do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That my actual and correct name is **Saideep Sharma** and the same has been recorded in my all my documents including my Birth Certificate bearing Registration No. 2108/2005 dated 23.11.2005.
2. That my name has been recorded as **Saindeep Sharma** in my School Records of National Institute of Open Schooling.
3. That I am swearing this Affidavit to state and declare that **Saideep Sharma** and **Saindeep Sharma** are the names of one and the same person i.e. myself.

That the statements made hereinabove are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing material has been concealed there from and I have signed and verified this Affidavit on this the 10th day of January, 2024 at Gangtok, Sikkim.

**Identified by me:
Mr. Buddha Nath Sharma,
R/o Aho, Pakyong, Sikkim**

**Deponent
Saideep Sharma**

**Sikkim Public Service Commission
Old Tourism Complex, MG Marg Gangtok-737101**

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Reference No: 16/EXAM/SPSC/2024

Date: 22/07/2024

NOTICE

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Written Examination and Viva-Voce/ Interview for filling up **15 posts of ADO/HDO/WDO** under Sikkim State Agriculture Service in the level -15 of Pay Matrix through direct recruitment, as advertised vide Advertisement No: 25/SPSC/EXAM/2023 dt:23/08/2023 the following candidates are hereby declared qualified (in order of merit) and their names are recommended for appointment: -

ROLL NO	NAME OF CANDIDATES
00000014	ADARSH RAI
00000114	FLORENZ BHUTIA
00000115	GAGAN GURUNG
00000077	CHIMI YANGZOM LEPCHA
00000064	BIKASH BHATTARAI
00000024	AMIMSHA LIMBOO SUBBA
00000345	SUDESHNA KHARGA
00000078	CHOKI SHERPA
00000387	TSSHERING LHAMU SHERPA
00000116	GAURAV TIRWA
00000006	THENDAL ZANGMU LEPCHA
00000190	NIKAMTAMANG
00000005	MOHIT RAI
00000057	BARSHA SUNAR
00000113	EZEKIEL KHAWAS BHUJEL

The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is **provisional**, subject to police verification, medical fitness and further verification of all required documents by the State Government.

**Controller of Examinations
Sikkim Public Service Commission
(389, ii)**

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Reference No: 12/EXAM/SPSC/2024

Date: 18/07/2024

NOTICE

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Written Examination and Viva-Voce/Interview for filling up **02 posts of Assistant Geologist** under Sikkim State Mines & Geology Service in the level-15 of Pay Matrix through direct recruitment, as advertised vide Advertisement No: 27/SPSC/EXAM/2023 dt:12/09/2023 the following candidates are hereby declared qualified (in order of merit) and their names are recommended for appointment:-

ROLL NO	NAME OF CANDIDATES
00000003	LEEAO LEPCHA
00000011	ZODEN SHERPA

The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is **provisional**, subject to police verification, medical fitness and further verification of all required documents by the State Government.

**Controller of Examinations
Sikkim Public Service Commission
(385, ii)**

**Government of Sikkim
Public Health Engineering Department**

No: 2(378) PHED/275

Dated Gangtok the 20.07.2024

NOTICE

Mrs. Anita Gurung, Supervisor posted at Sewerage Division, Public Health Engineering Department is absenting herself from her duty w.e.f. 01.12.2023 without any information & leave application.

Therefore, a **NOTICE** is hereby issued directing her to report to the undersigned within 20 days of the publication of this **NOTICE** failing which action will be initiated against her as per relevant rules.

All the family members, friends and well-wishers of Mrs. Anita Gurung, Supervisor, Public Health Engineering Department are requested to inform accordingly.

**Deputy Secretary
Public Health Engineering Department
(386, iii)**

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Coordination Meeting at Gangtok DAC

Gangtok, July 20: Mr Tushar G Nikhare, DC Gangtok chaired a coordination meeting with Officers from Agriculture, Cooperation and Fisheries Departments alongside, NABARD, and other concerned departments at DAC, today.

Also present were Mr Sisum Wangchuk Bhutia ADC Gangtok, Mr Milan Rai ADC (Dev) Gangtok, Mr GL Meena SDM (Hq) Gangtok, Mr Sandeep Kumar Assistant Collector (Gangtok), Ms Smita Silal DFO (T) Gangtok, Mr Sonam Gyatso Bhutia DPO (Zilla) Gangtok, and representatives from line departments.

The officials from line departments provided updates on

the Van-Dhan Scheme, current training and operations of the Van-Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK), and 'Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Regions (MOVCD-NER)', which is a sub-scheme under the Krishonnati Yojana. The sub-scheme addresses the flow of organic products from farm to consumer and the role of various stakeholders in this process.

Additionally, the officials from line department also briefed DC on the current status of Farmer's Producer Organizations (FPOs) and highlighted the challenges and technical glitches encountered in implementing

various schemes.

During the meeting, District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) presented the functionalities of Common Service Centres (CSC) and Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS).

Discussions on marketing strategies (e-commerce) and innovations in VDKV products, underscoring the necessity for enhanced coordination among the departments was also held. The line departments presented the current implementation status of their respective Government schemes.

MLA Mr LB Das discusses strategies to improve region's IT infrastructure

Gangtok, July 20: Mr LB Das, MLA-cum-Advisor of Information Technology (IT), Information and Public Relations and Land Revenue and Disaster Management Departments visited IT Department, today.

The Advisor was accompanied by Mr Tenzing

Kaleon, Secretary IT, along with officers of the department.

The meeting aimed to enhance departmental coordination, streamline processes, and discuss the strategic initiatives to improve the region's IT infrastructure and services.

Key points discussed during the meeting included review of ongoing IT projects and their current status and strategies to implement new technological solutions to benefit the community.

Joint inspection in Soreng District

Soreng, July 19: A team led by Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng comprising of district officials conducted a joint inspection of the proposed drainage system of Jautar and peripheral areas of Soreng connecting Ranikhola under Soreng district, today.

The DC was accompanied by Mr DR Bista ADC Soreng, Mr Gaayas Pega ADC Dev, Mr Sunny Kharel SDM Soreng, SE Roads, BDO Soreng and Officers from Buildings, Water Resources,

Sports, Power, Rural Development and other related departments.

The inspection commenced from Jautar ground, which aimed at a thorough view of drainage system from Jautar ground connecting Ranikhola that has to be refurbished. The team also inspected the roadside drainage system, which covered various vulnerable areas of Soreng.

During the inspection, the DC ascertained drainage system's condition that has to be maintained

adequately. The drainage system over some sections of existing drain along the route has to be improvised as added measure, he advised. He further suggested adopting a systematic approach to intervention wherever required. The concerned Heads of Department were given necessary direction to work as a team and prepare a draft plan within two weeks.

Awareness programme to educate and empower women

Pakyong, July 18: District Hub for Empowerment of Women, in collaboration with the One Stop Centre under Women and Child Development Department (WCDD) organised a comprehensive awareness session at Rhenock BAC, today.

The programme focused on the critical services provided by One Stop Centres (OSCs), Women Helpline (WHL), Child Helpline (CHL), Shakti Sadans, and Sakhi Niwas. This initiative aimed to educate and empower women about the available support systems to ensure their safety, security, and well-being.

The session had the participation of MGNREGA workers, Self-Help Group (SHG) members and Block Administrative

Centre (BAC) staff.

Detailed presentation and discussions were held to shed light on various services offered by the One Stop Centre, WHL and other related initiatives. Participants were educated on how these services operate, their accessibility, and the significant role they play in addressing issues such as domestic violence, abuse, and child protection.

The District Hub for Empowerment of Women and the One Stop Centre are promoting a safer and more encouraging environment for women in the area by bringing together important stakeholders and offering essential information.

A plantation drive under 'One Health: One Vet, One Plant',

was carried out on July 20, 2024, in all six districts of the State by the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department with the support of Sikkim Veterinary Council and Sikkim State Veterinary Association.

The programme at Sokeythang Animal Husbandry complex in Gangtok District was led by Dr Sharman Rai, Principal Director-cum-Secretary, and had the presence of Principal Director, Directors, and officers and staff of all sections of the department. More than 1000 plants, mainly tree fodder saplings, were planted under the green drive in the department farm lands across all six districts.

Coordination meeting with SDMs of Pakyong

Pakyong, July 17: Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh, DC Pakyong, presided over a coordination meeting with the Sub-Divisional Magistrates at DAC Pakyong, today. The meeting delved into various ongoing issues at the Sub-Divisional level and provide an update on progress of the diverse projects being implemented in the region.

During the meeting, respective SDMs provided updates on ongoing projects and

legal matters occurring in the region. They also put forth their proposals and requirements concerning the improvement of Sub-Divisions and enhancement of public services.

Furthermore, deliberations were also held to resolve the issues related to all pending works while emphasising better coordination in addressing the issues.

In response, DC proposed suggestions regarding cases and emphasised on importance of

fulfilling their roles and responsibilities with due diligence. He also urged for a thorough review of the documents before preparing any bills.

Present during the meeting were Mr Sangay Gyatso Bhutia ADC Pakyong, SDM (Hq), SDMs Pakyong, Rangpo and Rongli, DPO Zilla along with Legal Retainers, and officials from Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department.

MLA Gnathang Machong inaugurates Tea Plantation initiative in Parkha

Pakyong, July 20: Mrs Pamin Lepcha, MLA Gnathang Machong, attended the inauguration of a tea plantation initiative at Parkha BAC Hall, today.

The initiative, organised by the Tea Grower's Welfare Board, aims at promoting sustainable development while enhancing tourism prospects through the cultivation of tea plants.

By introducing tea plantations as an alternative to conventional farming methods, local farmers are encouraged to embrace a more sustainable approach to agriculture. Participating farmers will receive comprehensive training and resources to effectively manage and expand their tea cultivation activities, consequently contributing to a more resilient and diversified local economy.

The project holds promise of empowering the community through enhanced livelihood opportunities and increased self-sufficiency.

MLA underlined the significance of such initiatives in fostering self-reliance and

stimulating economic growth within the community. She extended her gratitude to MP Mr DT Lepcha and the Tea Grower's Welfare Board for their unwavering commitment to this transformative project. She further encouraged local residents to actively engage in the tea plantation programme, recognising its potential to not only beautify the surroundings but also attract tourists and create employment opportunities.

The State Government's approach to sustainable development and community empowerment, as envisioned by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, represents an effort to promote self-reliance, economic growth, and environmental preservation.

The inauguration had the presence of Panchayats, Mr Robin Sewa ADC (Dev) Pakyong, Mr Dakman Subba SDM Pakyong, Mrs Rebecca Gurung Deputy Director Agriculture Department, BDO Parkha, Chairman of Tea Grower's Welfare Board, representatives from Forest Department and locals.

First Level Checking of EVMs & VVPATs

Namchi, July 22: First Level Checking (FLC) of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPATs) for the upcoming Bye Election, 2024 of 11 Namchi-Singithang Assembly Constituency was carried out at DAC, today.

Present during the FLC were Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi, Mr Subash Ghimirey ADC Namchi, Mr Karma Choda Bhutia Deputy Director LR&DM and representatives of political parties.

Earlier, a warehouse established at Election Cell, DAC

was opened in the presence of Mr Subash Ghimirey ADC Namchi, Mr Karma Choda Bhutia Deputy Director LR&DM along with the representative of political parties.

As per the guidelines of Election Commission of India (ECI), 35 Ballot Unit, 34 Control Unit and 35 VVPATs were thoroughly checked, wherein 2 Control Units and 1 Ballot Unit were reported to have been found as defectives. After the FLC, the EVMs and VVPATs were shifted and sealed back to the warehouse under 24/7 surveillance.

Press Release from DAC Gangtok

Gangtok: District Administrative Centre Gangtok, in collaboration with the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department and Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, held a prize distribution ceremony for the Logo and Tagline Competition at DAC, Gangtok, today.

Mr Tushar Nikhare, DC Gangtok, along with Mrs Vijeta Chettri, Assistant Director Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Miss Yangchen Tongden Lepcha, and Miss Tapha Leima Singha, Project Coordinators from PDMC IPE Global Limited, graced the event to honour the winners.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation, with 23 entries submitted via official email. Following a meticulous evaluation by a Committee of three members during the Destination Management Committee (DMC) meeting held on July 10, the winners were selected based on their creative submissions:

Winners of Logo and Tagline:

1. First Prize (₹10,000/-):
 - Mr Anmol Gurung Subba
 - Tagline: 'Discover Gangtok - Where Tradition Meets Tranquility'
2. Second Prize (₹7,500/-):
 - Mr Mohan Kumar Sarki
 - Tagline: 'Nature Dance with Culture and People'
3. Third Prize (₹5,000/-):
 - Miss Richa Tamang.
 - Tagline: 'Where Mountains Meet Magic'.

DC congratulated the winners and expressed gratitude to all participants for their contributions. He emphasised the importance of using these logos and taglines to promote Gangtok as a prime tourist destination. He also encouraged ongoing engagement from participants to further enhance tourism initiatives in Gangtok District.

Likewise, Assistant Director T&CA also congratulated the participants and appreciated the youths for their involvement in the competition.

DLMC conducts bimonthly inspection of GI Hydro Pvt Ltd

Pakyong, June 23: District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) conducted a bi-monthly inspection of GI Hydro Pvt Ltd at Rongli, today.

The inspection was led by Mr Sangay Gyatso Bhutia ADC Pakyong, accompanied by Mr Gyampo Bhutia SE Power Department, Mr Sonam Tshering Lepcha SDM Rongli, Mr Arjun Kumar Gajmer DE Water Resources Department, Ms Prakriti Pradhan Senior Geologist, Dy SP, DFO (T), DPO Zilla, AE Water Resources Department, BDO Regu, Sub-Fire Officer and representatives from GI Hydro Pvt Ltd.

The objective of the inspection was to evaluate and ensure the implementation of safety measures at the power project site as per the guidelines issued by the Government of Sikkim. The focus was on

assessing safety regulations, identifying potential hazards, and ensuring the safety of all workers.

The Committee visited the plant and dam sites to review recent actions and inspect safety measures. They evaluated warning signs in tailrace areas, checked visible and audible warning signs with clear explanations, and confirmed the presence of backup power systems in case of outages.

The inspection also covered fencing and barricading in densely populated areas, proper signage at each dam with hazardous spillways, lighting for night time visibility, and buoys marking special hazards in project reservoirs, such as shallow areas, stumps, and rocks.

Additionally, the team checked the fire protection system, including a demonstration of its effectiveness, and reviewed the

procedures and readiness for rescue operations.

Following the review of safety measures, the Committee directed GI Hydro Pvt Ltd to deploy trained search and rescue and medical teams in the project area.

They also mandated the installation of warning signs in the local language along the riverside and the implementation of a comprehensive fire protection system.

Moreover, they instructed GI Hydro Pvt Ltd to increase the number of well-trained volunteers for awareness and prevention and to conduct safety awareness programmes in villages focusing on fire and hazard prevention.

Furthermore, the ADC emphasised that all the reviewed measures need to be implemented swiftly and without delay.

First Level Checking of EVMs & VVPATs concludes in Soreng

Soreng, July 23: In preparation of the forthcoming By-election under Soreng district, the First Level Checking (FLC) of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) for 07-Soreng-Chakung Assembly Constituency concluded at the District Control Centre located at Government B Ed College, Soreng, today.

The procedure was carried out in the presence of Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng. Also present were Mr DR Bista ADC Soreng, Mr Gideon Lepcha SDM Hq, Mr Sunny Kharel SDM Soreng, Mr BB Rai DD (LR&DM) and representatives of Political parties.

A technical officer from Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) was also present to

address any machine error during the process.

A total of 50 sets of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and 50 Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) were checked thoroughly, after which they were safely stored and sealed at the Strong Room located at Government B Ed College, Soreng.

DLMC meeting under MOVCD-NER

Pakyong, July 22: Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh DC Pakyong, chaired the first session of the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) under the scheme Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER) Phase-IV at DAC Pakyong, today.

The meeting was attended by Mr Robin Pd Sewa ADC Dev Pakyong, Mr Tshering Chopel Bhutia Additional Director Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, Additional Registrar Cooperation Department, Additional Director, AH&VS, Deputy Director Agriculture Department, AD Fisheries Department and Committee members.

DC-cum-Chairperson DLMC reviewed the

implementation strategies for the scheme and directed Committee members to undertake necessary activities to bolster the effectiveness of the scheme. He suggested creating a thorough plan for future course of action and setting a schedule for the entire year that includes training sessions for Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).

Additional Director Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, briefed on the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER). The Central Sector scheme, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, aims to develop certified organic production in a value chain mode, linking growers with consumers and supporting

the entire value chain from inputs, seeds, and certification to facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing, and brand building.

He explained about the agricultural activities under MOVCD-NER and informed that three phases of the scheme have been completed, and Phase IV is currently being implemented.

Mr Kashi Nath Nepal State Project Coordinator for ICCOA, followed with updates on the scheme's registration and mobilisation process. He addressed important issues brought up at the meeting, emphasising a joint venture to achieve the objectives of the MOVCD-NER.

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Chief Minister...

He commended the Academy and its students for organising the programme. He emphasised that the State Government will always support local, homegrown artistes and associations and affirmed to continue to play a guardian role for artistes and such associations and announced that a grant of ₹ 5 lakh will be given to all dance and music academies.

During the programme, he announced that the State Government will establish several Welfare Boards to address specific societal needs and promote development across various sectors. The Boards include; Labour Welfare Board, Farmer

Welfare Board, Art, Culture, and Heritage Development Board, Student Welfare Board, Sports Development Board, Retired Employee Welfare Board, and Chief Minister's Education Assistance Scheme.

In her address, Ms Komal Gurung, Director Tapashree Dance and Music Academy, reflected on the Academy's beginnings. She emphasised the Academy's ethos, which includes not only excelling in dance and discipline but also teaching students how to conduct themselves in society. She highlighted the Academy's achievements and expressed gratitude to the State Government for its significant role in supporting and actively recognising artistes and kalakars.

The highlight was the

theatrical rendition of the Ramayan performed by students of the Tapashree Dance and Music Academy. The programme began with an instrumental 'madal', performed by students of the Academy.

A video presentation on 'ek dashak ko katha', (a decadal story) featuring ten years of Tapashree Academy with testimonies from students and parents was also screened.

The programme additionally featured an award ceremony of Tapashree students and those involved in the production of the theatrical performance of the Ramayan followed by felicitation of the chief guest, sponsors and supporters of the Academy.

LB Das chairs first coordination meeting with IPR officers and staff

Gangtok, July 20: Mr LB Das, MLA West Pendum Constituency-cum-Advisor of Information and Public Relations (IPR), Land Revenue and Disaster Management and Information Technology Departments, chaired the first coordination meeting with the officers and staff of IPR Department, today.

The meeting was held in the Conference Hall of Soochna Bhawan, Tadong.

Attended by Ms Karma D Youtso Secretary IPRD, Mr Umesh Sunam Director IPRD, officers and staff of the Department, the meeting was convened to deliberate on the department's functioning and reviewing its works and initiatives.

The Advisor in his address affirmed his commitment to support the department fully and emphasised on the importance of collaborative approach. He urged the department to work in coordination under the banner of 'Team Sikkim', for the development and prosperity of the State under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang.

He urged the officers and staff to carry out their duties with utmost dedication, and invited new ideas and suggestions from them to improve the overall performance of the department.

He underscored the importance of media in creating mass awareness about pertinent issues to bring about behavioural change in society for the larger good.

He suggested for proper

communication at all levels for effective implementation of policies and programmes of the State Government.

The Advisor also relayed the instruction from the Chief Minister for IPRD, to initiate a project highlighting interesting and different facts related to Sikkim's unique history, to commemorate 50 glorious years of statehood.

The Advisor also invited IPRD officers and staff to come forward with suggestions for revenue generation avenues which could later be taken up for implementation.

Earlier, the Advisor visited various sections of the Department, wherein, he was apprised about the issues concerning the department to which, he assured early redressal.

Secretary IPR in her welcome address, congratulated the Advisor for his second term as the Member of Sikkim Legislative Assembly. She outlined his expertise and counsel in the smooth functioning of the department enduring his journey as a bureaucrat.

She also provided an overview of working as a collective team to achieve excellence in administration.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr Umesh Sunam, Director IPRD.

The meeting also had a brief interactive session where concerns were raised by the officials and addressed accordingly.

Horticulture Deptt bags 1st prize at International Agriculture and Horticulture Expo

Gangtok, July 22: Horticulture Department has made the State proud by bagging first prize at the International Agriculture and Horticulture Expo held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from July 20-22.

The expo showcased Sikkim's best organic products highlighting the state's commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly farming practices, which was led by Deputy

Directors Horticulture Department, Ms Tashi Choki Bhutia, Ms Saroja Tamang, Ms Hissey Chedey Bhutia and Mr Hemant Ghimerey.

The expo had the participation of various States wherein, Sikkim displayed organic produces such as, vegetables, fruits, spices and flowers, which were recognized and appreciated by the judges and visitors, as per the press release from Horticulture Department.

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Chief Minister announces additional grant for journalists of Sikkim



Gangtok, July 21: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the 22nd foundation day of the Press Club of Sikkim (PCS) themed 'celebrating the roots that make us stronger and the vision that guides us forward', at Manan Kendra, today.

Also present were Cabinet Ministers, MLA-cum-Advisors, Adhyaksha and Upa-Adhyaksha, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Secretary IPR Department, Secretary Culture Department, SDGP Law and Order, President and members of PCS, Press Club Kalimpong, Nepali Sahitya Parishad, Indian Army officers, Journalists from various parts of Sikkim and students from various institutes.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister extended his congratulations to Press Club of Sikkim for their contribution and commitment in upholding journalistic standards and ethics. He updated that media is the eyes and ears of society, playing a key role in observing, reporting, and conveying important events and information to the public. Congratulating the awardees, he said that 'journalism' is utilised holistically by each and every section of the society, hence rendering journalism indispensable. It serves as a crucial tool for education, information dissemination, and fostering public discourse. From shedding light on critical issues to holding power to account, journalism touches all aspects of life, making it an essential pillar of an informed society, he added.

The Chief Minister announced that from this year onwards, the recipient of Kanchenjunga Kalam Purashkar 2024 and Lagansheel Yuva Patrakar Purashkar 2024 will receive ₹ one lakh one thousand and ₹ fifty-one

thousand, respectively. As per the suggestions of medical insurance, grant of pension and requirement of effective accreditation card put forth by the member of PCS, the Chief Minister updated that a medical insurance will soon be devised in consultation with Central Referral Hospital, Tadong. This initiative will aim to provide comprehensive health coverage for journalists.

As for grant of pensions for journalists, the Chief Minister updated that the Information and Public Relations Department will formulate criteria, to ensure the journalists' financial security after years of dedicated service. This will be provided as a grant-in-aid from the Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant.

The Chief Minister also announced that the Information and Public Relations Department will work in providing an effective press accreditation card for working journalists in order for them to gain greater levels of access in other parts of the country.

A detailed proposal for medical insurance and grant of pension will be submitted and once approved by the State Government, the media professionals can avail the facility, he added. The Chief Minister added that by developing clear guidelines, the State Government will fulfil its commitment for the well-being of journalists who serve society diligently.

Further, he also urged PCS to utilise the amenities provided by the State Government and also spoke in brief about 'Teesta Rangeet Aviral Kalam Purashkar', which is given annually to journalist on the Independence Day.

Mr Bhim Rawat, President, PCS informed that the Press Club of Sikkim was established in the

year 2002. He paid gratitude to the State Government as well as other stakeholders, who were instrumental in supporting journalists and fostering a rich community for media professionals. He added that PCS serves as a forum for discussion and professional development. Media often referred to as the fourth pillar of society, gives voice to the voiceless, is an ethical cornerstone of the profession and ensures that people have access to truthful, timely, and relevant information, he added. He also thanked the State Government for initiating short-term media course for accredited journalists to Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Aizawl and then to Goa, assisted by the Information and Public Relations Department.

During the course of the programme, the Chief Minister also launched the official website of PCS and presented annual awards for the year 2024 to journalists working in Sikkim. Senior journalist and copy-editor of Summit Times, Mr Subash Rai was presented with Kanchenjunga Kalam Purashkar 2024. Similarly, Mr Nitesh R Pradhan and Mr Suben Pradhan were bestowed with Lagansheel Yuva Patrakar Purashkar 2024. Likewise, senior journalist Mr Kamal Mukhia, was felicitated for his excellence in the field of journalism.

Awardee Mr Subash Rai spoke about the significance of receiving the Kanchenjunga Kalam Purashkar 2024, emphasising that it symbolises more than just personal achievement. He said that the award serves as a powerful reminder of the vital role that journalism plays and expressed his appreciation for the support from PCS and media houses, that he has worked with. He dedicated the award to the media fraternity and his family who have been influential in shaping his career.

Additionally, PCS felicitated the Chief Minister for recognising the State Government's efforts in creating a conducive environment for journalism. Similarly, Mr Kiran Rasaily and Mr Shovan Mitra were also felicitated for their unwavering support towards PCS.

Acknowledging their dedication, four newspaper vendors Mr Bhim Bahadur Rai, Mr Kazi Burathoki, Mr Kuber Basnet and Mr Ashok Oberoi were also honoured for their invaluable services.

Minister Bhoj Raj Rai chairs coordination meeting at F&CS Deptt

Gangtok, July 23: Mr Bhoj Raj Rai, Minister for Urban Development and Food and Civil Supplies Departments, chaired the first coordination meeting with the officers and staff of the Food and Civil Supplies Department, today.

The meeting was held in the conference hall of Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok.

The coordination meeting was co-chaired by Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa Lepcha MLA Gangtok-cum Advisor Urban Development and Food and Civil Supplies Department and attended by Mr Anil Raj Rai, Secretary Food and Civil Supplies Departments, Ms Diki Doma Bhutia Additional Secretary (Adm) Ms Tenzing Y Bhutia Additional Secretary (Public Distribution System), Senior officers and staff of the department.

The meeting was convened to deliberate on the department's functioning and review its works and initiatives.

The Minister emphasised on the importance of effective coordination and implementation of initiatives. He thanked the department for providing a complete framework of the department which in turn will enable him to work efficiently.

He emphasised on the department being one family and stated that all problems should be shared and solved on departmental level and only those problems which cannot be solved should be brought to the highest authority. He encouraged the staff to work in excelling on section levels which will kickstart a chain movement towards departmental excellence.

He directed the officials to have a contingency plan in place so that the department is well prepared for any natural calamity and setbacks. A buffer stock to be maintained by the department for use during emergencies.

He also instructed the Engineering Cell of the Department to collect time bound reports from the contractors and impose penalties, if the project is not completed within the stipulated timeframe.

The Minister instructed the new temporary employees of the department to work with sincerity and be duty bound with a hunger to learn, to help the department

achieve greater heights.

Advisor in his address, suggested that all workings of the department should be result oriented and also advised the department to formulate a 'citizen charter', so that governance can reach the doorstep of the public. He also sought a detailed report from the department for better understanding and coordination.

Earlier, Secretary Food and Civil Supplies Department, highlighted the department's achievements and future plans followed by a detailed PowerPoint presentation by the Heads of various Sections of the Department.

Additional Secretary (Adm), presented an overview of the Administrative Section of the department.

Ms Tenzing Y Bhutia, Additional Secretary, Public Distribution System (PDS) briefed about the Public Distribution System, which provides fortified rice, wheat/atta, sugar and kerosene through its delivery systems.

Similarly, Ms Tashi Yankee Bhutia, Divisional Engineer spoke about the works of the Engineering Cell of the Department along with ongoing projects and future projects of the Department.

Likewise, Mr Khusen Sharma, Accounts Officer, apprised about the state of affairs of the Accounts Section of the department.

Ms Tenzing T Bhutia, Joint Director, Information and Technology, informed about the digitisation process of various schemes of the department along with its implementation.

Thereafter, Mr Jigme Kazi, Joint Controller, Legal Metrology Unit (LMU), informed about the workings of the Legal Metrology Unit in his PowerPoint presentation.

Furthermore, Mr Titus Basnet, Deputy Director, LMU, updated on the Consumer Protection Section of the Department.

Additionally, the meeting also had an open discussion regarding the problems faced by the department officials to which, the Minister assured for early redressal.

Mangan District Level NCORD Committee meeting held

Mangan, July 20: District Level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) Committee meeting was convened at the office of of DC Mangan, today.

Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan chaired the meeting alongside Mr Sonam Detchu Bhutia SP Mangan, Mr Vishu Lama ADC Mangan, Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarpa SDM Mangan and officers from line departments.

The meeting had strategic discussions on curbing and monitoring drugs and substance abuse in the district.

The Committee also

discussed on a coordination with the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (a flagship campaign to enhance the evidence based approach towards substance abuse) to conduct awareness programmes on social functions.

Such programmes will also be included in Gram Sabhas to effectively reach rural areas, it was informed.

Updates on the existing legal cases related to drugs and substance abuse were also presented by the Police Department.

