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Governor visits Sumin Lingzey GPU



Pakyong, June 23: Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad visited Sumin Lingzey GPU under Duga BAC, today.

Also present in the programme were Area MLA Namchaybong, DC Pakyong, SDM (Hq), SDM Rangpo, SDPO Rangpo, CEO Pakyong, Advisors, Chairmen, Panchayats, BDO Duga, concerned officials, local SHGs

and public.

The Governor stressed on the development of rural areas paving a way for an all round development of the State. Talking about recent developments, he highlighted about the saffron cultivation and potential of medicinal plants in Sikkim. He also announced to

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Valedictory programme on Spiritual Youth Summer Camp

Pakyong, June 26: Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended a three-day valedictory programme on 'Spiritual Youth Summer Camp' organised by Manav Utthan Sewa Samiti Sikkim at Rangpo Ground, today. He was welcomed with a guard of honour by Manav Sewa Dal, Sikkim.

The event had a pledge taking ceremony with the theme 'addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises'. The Chief Minister was felicitated

by the Samiti for his good governance and was presented a Memento by Manav Utthan Sewa Samiti, Sikkim Youth Wing.

The Chief Minister congratulated Satpalji Maharaj and the Samiti for organising spiritual camp and sharing their ideologies. He emphasised on International Drug Day and requested the citizens to take a pledge to fight

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Delegation led by CEA to GoS call on Chief Minister

Gangtok, June 26: A high-level delegation led by the Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of Sikkim, Dr. Mahendra P. Lama along with the consultant of NEDFi, Mr. Bezbaruwa, and the Manager Mr. Abhishek Lama called on the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence at Mintokgang, today.

The team presented a summary of the project assigned by the Ministry of External Affairs about the possibility of opening the borders of North Eastern states

with the neighboring countries, including Nepal. They also briefed the Chief Minister about their visit to Uttaray and Chewabhanzyang in Gyalshing District, and informed that the Minister for DoNER, Mr. G. Kishan Reddy, had instructed them to visit Sikkim and report the possibilities of trade between India (Sikkim) with the neighboring country Nepal.

Expressing that this will benefit both the countries, the team added that opening the

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Chief Minister attends Thanks Giving Ceremony at SAP Camp

Gangtok, June 27: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the 'Thanks Giving Ceremony' organised by the newly promoted ASI's of the 1992 batch of Sikkim Police, SAP, and IRBn at SAP Camp, Pangthang, today.

The Chief Minister was accorded a warm welcome with the 'Guard of Honor'.

Chief Minister in his address congratulated the 167 Police personnel who were recently promoted and lauded the Police Department for their accomplishments. He directed the department to work with full dedication and proficiency and assured to provide all possible support to the department.

He also mentioned that the State Government has allocated funds for Special Investigation and Traffic Management to support the officers during their official tours to other States for investigation and inquiry. He also reiterated that timely promotion is being given to the officers and employees of the Police



Department including other departments, which will always be maintained by the Government with consistency.

The CM also announced to establish 'Police Memorial' to acknowledge the remarkable work done by the Police Department. Besides, he also assured to fulfill the demands of road connectivity including other developmental

works placed by the Minister cum Area MLA Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia.

Minister Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia congratulated the promoted officers and expressed his gratitude to the entire Police fraternity for their dedication during the crisis of the COVID-19

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Sikkim celebrates International Day of Yoga

Gangtok, June 21: Under the banner 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Sikkim celebrated the International Day of Yoga with much enthusiasm at the premises of Enchey Monastery, which is one of the locations in the country chosen for the International Day of Yoga celebrations.

Organised by Sikkim State AYUSH and the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad attended the occasion as the chief guest in the presence of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang and Minister of State for Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India Mr. Ashwini Kr. Choubey as the guest of honour.

The live telecast from Mysore Palace Grounds was broadcasted at the Enchey Monastery wherein, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi explained the benefits of Yoga and encouraged all to practice and make it a way of life. He further mentioned that Yoga helps to create a sense of awareness and



increases the productivity.

The dignitaries participated in various Yog Asanas under the supervision of Medical Officer, Yoga and Naturopathy, AYUSH, STNM Hospital Dr. S. Vinudha. She demonstrated various Asanas and Pranayams.

Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad in his address said that Yoga has

no barriers of age, caste, creed, religion or geography and everyone should make the ancient physical fitness regime a part of their daily routine to reap its benefits.

He expressed his gratitude to all the participants for their

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Pearls of Wisdom

Positive anything is better than negative nothing.

- Elbert Hubbard

Awareness Programme on Nasha Mukht Bharat

Namchi, June 24: An awareness programme under Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan was held at Bhawana Educational Academy, Mamring, today. Organised by Namchi District Administration and Social Welfare Department in collaboration with SARATHI Organisation, the programme had the presence of Minister for Buildings and Housing Department Mr. Sanjit Kharel as the chief guest. He was accompanied by DC (Namchi) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, ADC (Namchi) SDM (Hq.) Dy Director Social

Welfare and DPO (Namchi) along with other officials and members of SARATHI.

The programme was organised to observe International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which is held on June 26 every year.

As a part of the programme, a 5 Km Walkathon was conducted which commenced from Mamring concluded at Alkem Pharma Pvt. Ltd wherein, Panchayat members, volunteers, employees of

Companies and local youths had participated.

Following the Walkathon, an awareness programme was held which saw participation of HR Heads of Private Companies, Panchayats of Turung Mamring GPU, faculty members and students of Mamring JHS and local public. The Resource Person cum Motivators were Advisor to Chief Minister Mr. Rohit Raj Gurung (Maharaj), Dr. Satish Rasaily, ASP Jyoti Chettri and Elder Rabin Rai.

Training programme on Office Procedures and Sikkim Government Service Rules conducted

Namchi, June 21: A two-day training programme on Office Procedures and Sikkim Government Service Rules was conducted at Namthang Maneydara GPU on June 20 and June 21 by BDO Namthang Mr.

Yogen Syangden.

One Family One Job staff from various departments including Office Assistant, DEO, Safaikarmachari, Child Care Assistant, VGRA, Mali, Multi Task Office Staff, Marketing

Assistant, Environment Assistant, Female Ward Attendant, DEO, and Field Assistant participated in the programme.

DLAC Meeting for Mangan district held

Mangan, June 22: First District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) Meeting for Mangan district was held at the chamber of District Collector Mangan at Pentok, today.

Organised by the Food Safety and Standards Cell, Health and Family Welfare Department, the meeting was chaired by DC Mangan, Dr. A.B. Karki also the Chairman of DLAC in the presence of SP Mangan, CMO Mangan and representatives from line departments.

DC Mangan in his address said that the food safety and standards is everyone's concern. He asked the Food Safety and Standards Cell to organise camps for stakeholders, shopkeepers, hotel owners and public in the district to create awareness and to take initiatives to provide SOPs and guidelines at GPU and Municipality level. He also

assured the responsibilities of district administration towards the food safety and standards.

SP Mangan Dr. Tshering Gyatso discussed on the different aspects of inspection, hygiene, safety, license, and their parameters on establishments like hotels, eateries, groceries and butcher shops. Mangan being the district with highest tourist footfall, food safety and standards should be maintained, he added.

Food Safety Officer gave a brief on the Food Safety and Standard Acts, 2006 and various initiatives of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Food Safety Officer said that the practice of adding essential micro nutrients (vitamins and nutrients) to commonly consumed foods are proven, safe and cost efficient for

improving diets and for prevention and control of micro nutrients deficiencies. She also presented a brief note on, 'Eat Right School', a FSSAI initiative to transform India's food safety and nutrition landscape by ensuring availability and consumption of safe food and healthy diet.

The meeting also witnessed open discussion, where officers from line departments gave their respective views and highlighted the affairs that needed intervention.

The meeting concluded with discussion on the future prospects for the district to create awareness and joint inspections for the food safety and standards.

Preparatory meeting for 208th Bhanu Jayanti Celebrations held

Soreng, June 22: The preparatory meeting for the upcoming 208th Bhanu Jayanti Celebrations was held at the office of DC Soreng, today.

The meeting was chaired by Chairperson of the Celebration Committee DC (Soreng) Mr. Bhim Thatal, which was attended by ADC, SP Soreng, ADC (Dev), SDM Soreng, SDM (Hq), BDOs

and officials from various line departments including heads of higher educational institutes.

DC Soreng said that the celebration should reflect the unique culture and tradition of the community through dance, music, poems while portraying the eminent works of the writer and poet Bhanu Bhakta Acharya. Emphasising on the importance

of the day, he urged everyone to work proactively in making the celebration a success. He directed all the BDOs to conduct various competitions at their respective blocks.

The main agenda for the meeting was to constitute the organising committee including the sub-committee to discuss the roles and responsibilities.

SIRD&PR conducts training on Dairying and Piggery

Gyalshing, June 22: Under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, SIRD&PR conducted a two separate training programmes on dairying and piggery, which was attended by participants from Ben Namprick GPU, Salghari, Melli, Dong, Jorethang, Sribadam, Namthang and Legship.

Most of the participants comprised of dairy farmers, pig rearers and applicants of startup scheme of DIC. The training focused on animal health, nutrition, ethno veterinary practices with

hands on field experience. The training also included the importance of cooperatives in enhancing their production and productivity and realizing better prices for their products through collective negotiation with various agency.

The participants were also made aware of financial assistance available to take up the activity. They were also briefed on Skilled Youth Startup Scheme (SYSS) and PM Employment Generation Programme and other Credit

Support Schemes. The programme was supported by resource persons from AH&VS Department, DIC, Sikkim Milk Union and SISCO Bank.

The participants expressed that the programme addressed their issues and learnt new aspects about the sector and the advantage of working collectively to improve their economic condition. They also expressed that such programmes may be conducted for other livestock farmers in the State as well.

Awareness programme on Natural Farming held

Namchi, June 22: Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Namchi District conducted an awareness programme on Natural Farming at

KVK Hall, Namthang, today.

Panchayat President of Namthang Maneydara GPU, Ward Panchayats of the GPU were present along with Senior Scientist cum Head of KVK, Dy. PD ATMA and other official staff.

Swachh Vidyalaya Purashkar award function held

Namchi, June 22: A Swachh Vidyalaya Purashkar (SVP) award function was held at Namchi District Administration Centre, today.

The programme was chaired by DC (Namchi) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, Chief Education Officer Mr. K. Imvaraj, Joint Director and Deputy Director Education Department, ADs from DEO, Principals Temi Senior Secondary School, South Point Academy and Little Scholars Academy, Headmasters Pamphok Junior High School and Maniram Secondary School Headmistress Singithang Junior High School.

The DC South acknowledged the efforts put by the Education Department in smoothly running the educational institutes in the district. He urged the officials along with Principals and Headmasters/Headmistress to give their best in upgrading the standard of the institutes. Moreover, the DC informed that an amount of 1 lakh each will be provided to all the eight winning schools for the repairing, construction and other immediate necessities.

The names of the winning schools under Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar in the elementary level (Rural Area) are 1st-Pamphok JHS

with 5 star rating, 2nd-Singithang JHS with 4 star rating, 3rd-Upper Yangang JHS with 4 star rating.

At the Secondary level of (Rural Area) are 1st-Temi SSS with 5 star rating, 2nd-Maniram SSS with 5 star rating and 3rd -South point Academy, Rabongla with 5 star rating.

Under elementary level, Little Scholars Academy School Ravangla was named as first in urban area. Likewise, in overall category, Jorethang SSS emerged in the first place with a four star rating under urban area.

It may be mentioned that the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar was launched in 2016-2017 with an aim to recognise, inspire and celebrate excellence in sanitation and hygiene. This award is formulated to honour schools, which have undertaken significant steps towards fulfilling the mandate of the Swachh Vidyalaya campaign. The aim of the award adheres to the standards of hygiene and cleanliness, to promote sustainable practices of improved water sanitation and overall hygiene in schools. The award marked the school's philosophy to cultivate cleanliness and sanitation in the school premises in a comprehensive way.

Allotment distribution programme for SUGAY organised

Namchi, June 22: An allotment distribution programme for Sikkim Urban Garib Awas Yojna (SUGAY) to the beneficiaries under Namchi Municipal Council was held at NMC Hall, today.

The spouse of Chief Minister Mrs Krishna Rai, handed over 60 allotment orders

of SUGAY houses to the beneficiaries of 7 wards under NMC.

Present amongst others were Chairperson NMC, APS (Namchi), NMC Vice Chairperson, Councillors, SDM Namchi, beneficiaries and public.

KVK Gyalshing organised Method Demonstration programme

Gyalshing, June 23: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Gyalshing organised a Method Demonstration programme on Natural Farming at the KVK farm, today.

The programme was attended by 15 field functionaries of both State

Agriculture and Horticulture Departments of Gyalshing sub-division. The field functionaries were demonstrated to prepare Beejamrut, Jeewamrut, Neemastra, Agniastastra and Brahmastra, which are an integral components in Zero Budget Natural Farming practice.

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**Government of Sikkim
Buildings & Housing Department
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok**

NIT NO.:08/ETENDER/BHD/2022-23

Date:17/06/2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Government of Sikkim envisages the construction of a “**Mini Secretariat and Sikkim Public Service Commission (SPSC) Office (Niyukti Bhawan) at Lumsay, Gangtok on EPCC Mode.**”

1. On behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Chief Engineer, Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim invites EPCC (Lumpsum Turnkey) tenders from qualified Class 1M contractors, enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department in three cover system through e-tender platform. The bids should be submitted online through the website www.sikkimtender.gov.in for the work as stated below. The rates quoted should be inclusive of all State/Central Taxes.

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Fee	Bid Security	Completion Time
Construction Of Mini Secretariat and SPSC Office (Niyukti Bhawan) at Lumsay, Gangtok on EPCC Mode.	₹ 2.00 lakhs(Rupees two lakhs)only in favour of Director (Accounts), Buildings and Housing Department, Government of Sikkim, Non-Refundable in the form of Bank Receipt from State Bank of Sikkim or Demand Draft of any Scheduled/ Nationalized Bank	₹ 150.00 Lakhs (Rupees one hundred and fifty Lakhs) only, in the form of Tender Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt of any Scheduled/Nationalized Bank in favour of Director (Accounts), Building and Housing Department, Government of Sikkim.	36 (thirty six) months from the date of work order.

2. Bidder should submit as Cost of Tender Fee ₹2.00 lakhs (Rupees two lakhs) only in favour of Director (Accounts), Building and Housing Department, Government of Sikkim, Non-Refundable in the form of Bank receipt from State Bank of Sikkim or Demand draft of any Scheduled/ Nationalized Bank.

3. Bidder should submit Bid Security of ₹150.00 Lakhs (Rupees one hundred and fifty Lakhs) only, in favour of Director (Accounts), Building and Housing Department, Government of Sikkim in the form of Tender Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt from any Scheduled/Nationalized Bank.

4. The calendar of tender activities are as follows:

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| i | Publication of Online Tender at www.sikkimtender.gov.in | : 23/06/2022 at 10:00 Hrs |
| ii | Document download / Sale start date | : 25/06/2022 at 10:00 Hrs |
| iii | Clarification start date | : 27/06/2022 at 10:00 Hrs |
| iv | Clarification end date | : 22/07/2022 at 15:00 Hrs |
| v | Online Bid Submission start date | : 25/07/2022 at 10:00 Hrs |
| vi | Submission of Original Hard Copy of Tender Documents | : 02/08/2022 upto 14:00 Hrs |
| | Part - I (Tender Fee, EMD, Eligibility Criteria documents as per Appendix-I), Part - II (Technical Bid as per Appendix-II), Volume - I (Details of Tender), Volume - II (Technical Specification) & Volume - III (Site Plan, Architectural Drawings, Scope of Works & Schedule of Finishes) | |
| vii | Opening of Eligibility Criteria | : 03/08/2022 at 11:30 Hrs |
| viii | Opening of Technical Bid | : 05/08/2022 at 11:30 Hrs |
| ix | Evaluation of Technical Bid & Power Point Presentation | : 09/08/2022 to 11/08/2022 |
| x | Online opening of Financial Bid | : 16/08/2022 at 12:00 Hrs |

5. The interested parties may visit the website www.sikkimtender.gov.in (Tender Reference Number:08/ETENDER/BHD/2022-23).

6. Clarification Circular Ref. no. 03/CTD dated 09/05/2022 issued by Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Govt. of Sikkim.

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

6.2 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.

6.3 GST shall be deducted at source at the rate of 2% (1 + 1) of the bill value at the time of payment including advance payment, ad hoc payment, provisional payment etc.

6.4 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.

6.5 All payment shall be released on furnishing of valid NOC issued by Commercial Taxes Division.

**Sd/-
PCE cum Secretary
Buildings & Housing Department,
Govt. of Sikkim,
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok Sikkim
(1127, ii)**

**Government of Sikkim
Home Department
Tashiling Secretariat
Gangtok**

No. 21/GEN/HOME

Dated: 20/06/2022

NOTICE

Shri Bijay Tamang, Driver, Home Department has been absenting from his official duties since 11.05.2022 and his whereabouts is not known.

He is therefore directed to report to duty within 10 days of publication of this notice, failing which disciplinary action shall be initiated against him in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Sikkim Government Servants (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1985.

All his friends, relatives and well wishers are requested to convey the contents of this notice to him and advise him to report to duty immediately.

**Under Secretary (Adm.)
Home Department
(1128)**

**Government of Sikkim
Cooperation Department
Namchi, South Sikkim.**

No.391 /GOS/COOP/JRCS/S

Dated:24 /06/2022

NOTICE

As per the power conferred upon and under the provision of Rule 71 and Sub Rule(1) & (2) of Sikkim Cooperative Societies Rule 1981, it is hereby informed to all concerned, that the liquidation proceedings is initiated against the following cooperative society;

**RANGGANG LOWER TINGRITHANG WOMEN'S LABOUR
COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.**

Hence, all the stakeholders including the members, debtors, creditors, nominees, heirs and legal representatives of the deceased members are hereby informed to submit their claims and objections, if any, in respect to the aforementioned cooperative society within one month (i.e. 30 days) of the publication of this notice to the liquidators at the Cooperation Department, Namchi, South Sikkim.

**(Ajay Rai)
ARCS cum Liquidator,
Co-operation Department.
(1129)**

**Sikkim State Teachers' Recruitment Board
(Constituted Vide Notification No. 933/HRDD, 2015)**

Upper Syari, Gangtok, East Sikkim

Memo No: 481/SSTRB/ADM

Dated: 24/06/2022

NOTICE

Reference to Notices vide Memo Nos. 442/SSTRB/ADM dated 02.05.2022, 445/SSTRB/ADM dated 27.05.2022, 458/SSTRB/ADM dated 10.06.2022, 461/SSTRB/ADM dated 17.06.2022 and Addendums vide Memo Nos. 448/SSTRB/ADM dated 30.05.2022 and 451/SSTRB/ADM dated 02.06.2022 inviting applications from in-service eligible candidates serving in the Government Schools of Sikkim for filling up the posts of Headmaster/Headmistress, Junior High Schools and Primary Schools, this is to notify that due to administrative reasons the date of submission of the forms for the aforementioned posts is hereby further extended till 04.07.2022.

**Sd/-
Secretary
Sikkim State Teachers' Recruitment Board
Upper Syari, Gangtok
(1130)**

**Government of Sikkim
Roads and Bridges Department, Gangtok**

No: Mech/R&B/GTK/2022-23/111

Dated: 27/06/2022

TRAINING SCHEDULE NOTICE

To commemorate the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”, the 75 years of Independence, the Roads and Bridges Department has hereby proposed to impart comprehensive hands-on-training on Roads machinery operation and its basic maintenance to the local aspiring youth at Earth movers operators' training institute, Mechanical Sub Division, Lumsey, Gangtok. This training will commence from 25th July 2022 onwards. To begin with 10 Candidates from each district shall be selected in first come first serve basis. The details with criteria are listed below:

- Duration of the training: 45 days.
 - Theoretical classes: 10 days.
 - Practical training: 35 days.
- Eligibility Criteria:
 - The candidate should possess Sikkim Subject/COI.
 - The age of the candidate should be more than 18 years and less than 30 years as on 30/06/2022.
 - The minimum qualification should not be less than class X passed.
- Last date of submission of the application forms: 19/07/2022. The complete application forms with documents should reach to the office of the Assistant Engineer (Mech.), Lumsey, Gangtok, Roads & Bridges Department. The contact number should be clearly mentioned in the application form for future communication.
- Scrutiny of the applications and documents: 20/07/2022. The list of the selected candidates will be displayed on 21/07/2022.
- The Department will issue certificate on the completion of the Training and the candidates can apply to the Transport Department, Motor Vehicle Division for issue of the heavy road machinery driving license.
- The Department does not provide government job guarantee for the trainees.
- No accommodation shall be provided by the Department. No TA/DA would be admissible.
- If any query may contact to Mrs. Shandhi Lhamu Bhutia, AE (Mechanical), contact number: 9851849708

**-Sd/-
PCE cum Secretary
Roads & Bridges Department (1131)**

State Advisory Committee Meeting on PC-PNDT Act 1994 held

Gangtok, June 22: State Advisory Committee Meeting on Pre-Conception and Pre Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC-PNDT Act 1994) was held at the Conference Hall of Health Secretariat, Tashiling, today.

The meeting was chaired by Secretary-cum-Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare Department Mr. D. Anandan and was attended by DG cum Secretary Health Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia, HoD Radiology, STNM, HoD, STNM, Pediatrician, STNM, officers, and staff of the Health Department.

Mr. D. Anandan interacted with the representatives and discussed briefly on PC & PNDT Act and the responsibility to be shouldered by the constituted committee members. He urged the members to enforce the necessary steps to achieve the intended goal of the Act. He also sought information on the activities being carried out by the committee members.

ADHS/RCH Dr. Anita Bhutia gave a brief report on PC & PNDT

Act 1994 in a PowerPoint presentation where all the members participated in the open discussion. Suggestions for alternatives available and the mechanism through which the Act can be enforced were discussed.

The main objective of the meeting was to bring all USG Centres, Genetic Laboratories and Counselling that can carry out sex determination under the purview of the Act. The meeting discussed the necessity to keep different centres under observation by building a system for scrutiny and suspending or cancelling the registration of all the centres, which violate the provision of the Act. Similarly, it was also decided that criminal cases would be registered against those who advertise or carry out sex determination and sex selection tests and thus violating the provision of the Act. The meeting successfully deliberated on the comprehensive action plan for implementation of the PC & PNDT Act in the State.

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Delegation led...

border and developing modern integrated land ports can boost tourism, health, education, and the trade sector. The team also mentioned that all the stakeholders and the local officials supported them during their tour, imparting valuable suggestions for the development of infrastructure and

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Valedictory...

against substance abuse and keep the society free from it.

He stated that the youth are the energy, power and strength of the nation and urged everyone, particularly children and young adults to also focus on spiritual growth. Highlighting on the various scholarship schemes of the State Government, he appealed the students to get maximum benefit from it. He also briefed on the Prime Minister's 'Agneepath Scheme', a recruitment scheme for Indian youth to serve in the Armed Forces.

Further, he informed about the upcoming project of the Meditation Centre of Nandugoan and said that it will be completed by 2023.

He also threw light on the functioning of Sikkim Garib Kalyan Prakosta, a medical support to patients belonging to lower income levels for financial aid. Ambulance services to each district have also been provided during COVID-19 pandemic. Nine caretakers have

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Chief Minister...

pandemic. He also placed the public demand for developmental activities in his constituency and also apprised about the different activities implemented in his area for the upliftment of society and the people.

opening the border trade with the neighboring country Nepal.

The Chief Minister expressed that the move can be fruitful for Sikkim and wished the team the best for their project. He also expressed his gratitude to the Government of India led by PM Mr. Narendra Modi for approving in-principle, the expansion of the National Highway from Nayabazar to Chewabhanzyang via Sombaria, Soreng, Dentam and Uttaray.

been hired and trained to take care of senior citizens who have been abandoned by their children, he added.

Manav Utthan Sewa Samiti is a socio-spiritual and charitable organisation working at global level with an objective to awaken the consciousness of mankind.

Sikkim/Darjeeling Pravari M. Akhelesh Bajjee and Incharge MUSS Uttar Purvanchal Kshetra Siliguri M. Adhina Bajjee addressed the gathering and highlighted the need of spiritual knowledge with moral and human values.

During the programme, students and members of Manav Utthan Sewa Samiti performed bhajans, which was followed by a felicitation programme where participants of Bal Sabhas as well as Sikkim Idol were also felicitated.

The programme also had the presence of Speaker SLA, Cabinet Minister, MLAs, Political Secretary to Chief Minister, Secretary to Chief Minister, Chairmen, Councillors, DC Pakyong, SP Pakyong, SDM Rangpo, Government officials, Samiti Members and public.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma congratulated the newly promoted ASI's of the 1992 batch and expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for considering it after prolonged abeyance. Recalling his experiences of working in SAP from the 1992 batch for more than two decades before joining politics, he expressed gratitude to the campus for imparting him with

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Sikkim celebrates...

determination and applauded the initiative of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi for his historic contribution in bringing Yoga to the international platform and popularizing it.

Chief Minister welcomed the Union Minister MoS, Mr. Ashwini Kr. Choubey for his presence on the occasion of the International Yoga Day celebrations. He also wished for well-being, peace, happiness, and long life for everyone. The Chief Minister also expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister of India for the valuable initiative undertaken to make the world realize the importance of Yoga and celebrate International Yoga Day globally.

Stating that Sikkim offers the perfect natural setting for practicing Yoga he added that the State has the potential to become the centre for Yoga practitioners and enthusiasts. He added that the State Government is emphasising the advancement of Yoga as the most trusted means to boost physical and mental well-being and appealed to everyone to practice it regularly to enjoy the best of health. He also mentioned that the State Government has included Yoga in the curriculum of the schools.

Union Minister (MoS) highlighted how Yoga is helpful in developing strength and resilience and helps to manage daily stress. He said that the International Yoga Day aims to inculcate a habit of meditation for peace of mind and self-awareness. He also presented 100 thermo flasks to the monks of Enchey Monastery.

Minister for Health Dr. M.K. Sharma highlighted the importance of Yoga and thanked the Prime Minister for successfully bringing the idea of celebrating the International Day of Yoga. He further stated that Yoga is a process of connecting the mind, body and soul.

The programme also had the presence of the Deputy Speaker (SLA) Mr. Sangay Lepcha, Minister Health and Family Welfare Department, Mr. M.K. Sharma, Cabinet Ministers, MP Lok Sabha, MLAs, Advisors, Chairpersons, Zilla Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha East, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, DGP, Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Commissioner cum Secretary Health Department, officials from various departments, Indian Army, FCI Delhi, Kolkata, dignitaries from Central Government and locals.

Likewise, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority organised a Yoga demonstration at the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority Office, Development Area, today.

The theme of International Day of Yoga 2022 is 'Yoga for Humanity'. India has united the

invaluable knowledge. He also acknowledged SAP's contributions to the State and the challenges and hardship faced by the Police personnel in their duty.

world through Yoga under the leadership of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi and this year Yoga day was celebrated at 75 iconic locations across the Country.

Member Secretary Sikkim State Legal Services Authority Mr. S.P. Bhutia, Deputy Secretary Sikkim State Legal Services Authority Mr. Praveen Pradhan along with officers and staff of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority, East attended the programme.

Instructor, Dr. Manorath Dahal highlighting the benefits of Yoga said that it is an ancient practice and it provides a retreat from chaotic and busy lives.

Similarly, the Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation organised a series of events today to observe the 8th International Yoga Day with a Yoga session held at M.G. Marg, Gangtok.

The demonstration had the participation of ACS and Secretary Tourism Department along with officials and staff of the department and other stakeholders.

The Yoga session was followed by a heritage walk that commenced from new Rumtek Monastery and culminated at the old Rumtek Monastery. The ACS, Tourism and Tourism officials including other participants were also accompanied by monks from Rumtek Monastery. The main highlight of the day-long event was the plantation drive held at the Old Rumtek Monastery and IHM premises by the officials of the department.

ACS, Tourism extended gratitude to all the participants for their enthusiasm and cooperation in making the event a success. He urged all to incorporate Yoga into their daily lives keeping in view the IYD 2022 theme 'Yoga for Humanity' for a healthy harmony of body, mind and soul.

The Culture Department also organised International Day of Yoga at Kyi De Khang Senior Secondary School, Gangtok in coordination with NEZCC, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

More than 50 students participated in the programme led by the Principal, OSD Culture Department and Yoga Instructors.

Similarly, Namchi District also observed 'International Yoga Day' at Bhaichung Stadium. The event was organised by Namchi District Administrative Centre in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Namchi. DC Namchi Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, ADC Namchi, other officials, students and public participated in the event. Instructors Ms. Pushpa Chettri and Ms. Nanu Bhutia led the gathering through various asanas.

Also, 3rd IRBn Manglay observed the day. The personnel were briefed about the benefits of Yoga in their daily life and stressed on to inculcate the habit of it in

Earlier, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the New Advanced Gym.

The programme also had the presence of Speaker SLA,

day to day basis.

International Day of Yoga 2022 was celebrated at National Institute of Technology Sikkim, Ravangla. The event also marked the closure of the 14-day workshop on Yoga organised in the campus from June 07, 2022 under the guidance of President Patanjali Yog Committee Sikkim Mr. R.P. Poudyal. The workshop was held to inculcate the habit of daily yoga exercises in the day to day life of the participants.

Various asanas and postures were demonstrated by the Director NIT Sikkim. The Director advised the participants to make Yoga an everyday practice.

The 8th International Yoga Day was also observed at various places like BAC Temi, Gram Panchayat Units and different schools under Temi Namphing Constituency, today.

Likewise, the District level International Yoga Day was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra Gyalshing in collaboration with AYUSH Hospital Gyalshing and State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) at AYUSH hospital, Kyongsha.

The day had the participation of Chairman PHE, DC Gyalshing, SSP Gyalshing, Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat President along with other Panchayat members and Yoga enthusiasts.

In Government Senior Secondary School Yaksom, the International Yoga Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at school playground.

The 8th International Yoga Day was observed at the Soreng Senior Secondary School auditorium, and the event was attended by the officials of District Administrative Centre, line departments, Police personnel and students.

DC Mr. Bhim Thatal spoke on the importance of yoga and how it is necessary to be incorporated as part of a daily lifestyle. He said that in order to sustain a healthy life one must include any form of exercise as an added advantage along with other healthy habits. He encouraged everyone to take the celebration as an example to achieve better health goals.

At Pakyong District Administration the International Yoga Day was observed at St. Xavier School Hall, Pakyong. The programme was attended by DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chopel along with various officials of Pakyong District and students.

Yogi Mr. C.M. Sharma and Mr. B.R. Sharma instructed the participants about various asanas.

International Yoga Day 2022 was organised at the different venues of Pakyong District. The event witnessed huge participation of Schools, health sectors, Department Officials, SHGs and representatives from private sector of various subdivisions.

Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Political Secretary to CM, Press Advisor to CM, Press Secretary to CM, Advisors, Chairpersons, Zilla Panchayat and others.

Secretary AH & VS Deptt. conducts review-cum-coordination meeting

Gangtok, June 20: A review-cum-coordination meeting of the Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Veterinary Services Department under the chairpersonship of Secretary AH & VS Department Dr. P. Senthil Kumar was held in the Conference Hall of Krishi Bhawan, today.

The meeting was attended by the Secretary, AH&VS, Pr. Directors, Director Fisheries, Director Animal Husbandry, Director Vet Services, Addl. Directors, JDs, Dy. Secretary, DDs, Accounts Officers, Vet Officers and other officers of the Department including scheme-in-charge and Departmental District Head of all Districts.

The meeting was convened to discuss the progress made by various sections of the Department. All the District Head highlighted the major progress and issues and deliberated on the same. District wise and Scheme wise presentation was made in the meeting. The meeting also discussed issues on the implementation and ways and means to improve the functioning of the department.

Secretary AH&VS highlighted some of the findings during his recent field visits by him and requested the departmental officials to read thoroughly the guidelines of various schemes implemented by the Department including Piggery incentive and Dairy incentive schemes of the Government for proper implementation. The schemes

guidelines on PPIS were discussed to clarify its provisions and implementation. He also requested everyone to work with dedication for the betterment of the farming community and maintain strict vigil on the threat of various emerging infectious and contagious diseases in the State.

Agenda-wise presentations were made by all the concerned District Head and Scheme-in-charge with various action points and inputs.

Director Fisheries Mr. Jaswant made a presentation on the progress of implementation of fisheries sector schemes and the issues in the implementation. The meeting discussed issues to expedite the implementation of the schemes and complete them at the earliest. During the course of the meeting, major decisions were taken and deliberated upon, which includes; smooth transition of the new 2 Districts, the concerned District Head to arrange and finalise all the administrative set up, restructuring of manpower to be taken up in close coordination with the administrative section of the Department, the Head Quarter Vet Hospitals of the 2 New Districts shall be notified as District Vet. hospitals, Infrastructure development particularly the construction work of Dispensaries/centers to be completed timely and concerned officer to ensure finance and planning concurrence, cabinet approvals and its implementation.

The efforts of district

officials on progress being made with regard to Development through Credit Linkage initiatives were appreciated and it was decided that KCC scheme should be enhanced for new livestock and fisheries development.

The meeting decided to restructure the existing departmental farms to retain the viable farms based on species specific farms and to reorganize as Conservation Farm, Breeding Farm and Demonstration Farm. Technical committee to be constituted to study the aspect of the farms.

The Secretary conveyed that all Check Posts of the Department to have required human resource and infrastructure. He also directed the district heads to prepare estimates for check post building and proposal for HR and submit it to the committee.

The meeting decided to constitute a committee consisting of PD-AHVS, Director, Fisheries, Director AH, Director-Veterinary Services, Addl. Dir-Fisheries, Dy. Secretary Admin and all District Heads to recommend the process of integration of Hq and District Heads and other wings of the department. The meeting also resolved to propose Government to rename the department as Animal Husbandry, Fisheries Veterinary Services Department and to propose amendment to the allocation of business rules, accordingly.

Awareness programme on gender issues organised

Gyalshing, June 23: A one-day awareness programme on gender issues was organised by the Sikkim State Commission for Women in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice GOI at Government Sr. Secondary Girls School, Kyongsa, Gyalshing, today.

The programme had the presence of Chairperson, Khadi and Industries Board Mrs. Chung Chung Bhutia, as the chief guest and was attended by the students and teachers. The objective of the programme was to highlight the importance of various women and child related laws and its implementation in the State for their welfare and protection.

The Chairperson spoke on the newly introduced schemes like Baini and Aama being implemented by the State Government for the welfare of girl child and non working mothers. She emphasised on the negative use of social networking sites being used as a medium to lure girls and women and urged the participants to be vigilant about such issues. She requested the teachers to conduct such programmes on a regular basis to make the students aware.

Member Secretary Mrs.

Yousa Lachenpa highlighted the objectives of conducting such awareness programme and to reach out to students and public at grassroot level on the various provisions of POCSO, domestic violence, sexual harassment of women at workplace and trafficking. The programme also had answers and question session wherein participants placed queries on various issues relating to Pocso, domestic violence etc.

Resource Person Sangita Gurung from One Stop Centre highlighted the provisions of Domestic Violence Act and urged the participants to avail various facilities provided under One Stop Centre set up for women and children in distress.

District Child Protection Officer Ms. Bhawana Limboo spoke on the POCSO Act and its provisions. She also highlighted various services provided under Integrated Child Protection Scheme.

Panel Advocate Mrs. Puja Lamichaney spoke on various provisions of protection of women from sexual harassment at workplace and also legal aid services provided under State Legal Service Authority.

School building of GSS Ringhim inaugurated

Mangan, June 26: The inaugural ceremony of school building of Government Secondary School, Ringhim-cum-farewell of Retired Maths Teacher Mr. A. K. Kundu was organised by the school committee members, today.

The programme had the presence of Chief Guest, Minister for Roads and Bridges Department cum Area MLA (Mangan-Lachen), Mr. Samdup Lepcha, Chairman Sikkim Welfare Commission, Mr. Nim Tshering Lepcha, ADM Mangan, ADC(Dev) Mangan, BDO Mangan, MEO MNP, officials from line departments, staff and students of the school, President MNP, Councillors, Zilla and Gram Panchayats.

At the onset, the chief guest inaugurated the new school building by unveiling the plaque.

Minister in his address congratulated everyone involved in the building of the infrastructure. He talked about the developmental activities taking place in the

educational sector and stressed its need in building a progressive future for the students of the state. He also mentioned various works being done in the district for the up-liftment of the people. In compliance to the grievances placed before him by them, he said that the matter will be looked into and also extended gratitude to the retiring teacher for the service he provided towards the state.

Chairman, Mr. Nim Tshering Lepcha, in his address talked about the importance of education in every human being.

Earlier, cultural performances were performed by the students of Ringhim School along with the release of School Song CD by the chief guest. The land donors, contractors, Volunteer Teachers and Class X topper (2021) were also felicitated. The programme also had special presentations by local artiste and the pre-primary students of the school.

Meeting under PMVDY held

Mangan, June 26: A meeting under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) was held for the Kabi Sub-division, under Mangan district at BAC Kabi, today. The meeting was attended by the officials from Cooperation Department, BPM Kabi, Block Resource Persons and Ward Development Societies of all the GPUs under Kabi block.

The meeting was held to apprise the SHG members about the ongoing PMVDY scheme and its implementation. The meeting was also held to encourage membership drive. The officials of

Cooperation Department informed that two Van Dhan Kendras under Kabi block, namely Lingchom Tingda and Phensang needs to include more tribal members to avail maximum benefit from the scheme. The Officials also laid emphasis on identification of raw materials that are easily available in the vicinity to promote local cost effective products.

BPM Kabi encouraged the SHG members to take full advantage of the scheme and gain from the training provided under it.

Group President Human Resources and Academia MEMG call on Minister for Education

Gangtok, June 21: Group President, Human Resources and Academia, Manipal Education and Medical Group (MEMG) Mr. Nishith K. Mohanty made a courtesy call on the Minister for Education Mr. Kunga Nima at his office in Tashiling Secretariat, today.

He was accompanied by Vice Chancellor, Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) Dr. (Lt. Gen.) Rajan S. Grewal.

The Minister acknowledged the significant contributions of SMU and its institutes, colleges and departments in imparting value added, multi-disciplinary higher education to the youth of the State and the North East region. He commended the vision of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang towards all-round development of the State with major emphasis on healthcare and education sectors.

Focused campaigns undertaken by SMU on AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

targeted towards Sikkim and North-East region, in consonance with the vision of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi were also deliberated during the meeting. The Minister was also apprised on the commendable achievements of Atal Incubation Centre: SMU Technology Business Incubator (AIC-SMUTBI) in supporting startups and entrepreneur ecosystem in the State and the North East region. Various progressive educational strategies and initiatives taken by SMU and its constituents in giving impetus to leverage National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, by offering large number of flexible value-added, multi-disciplinary courses, programmes, capsules and electives, for the aspirational students of Sikkim and the North East region were also highlighted.

Mr. Mohanty expressed his gratitude to the Government of Sikkim under the leadership of Chief Minister. He also thanked the Minister for Education for

enabling cooperation extended by him and the Government of Sikkim. He added that the Manipal Group is dedicated to the holistic development of the youth of Sikkim in education, high quality healthcare through its multi-speciality tertiary care Central Referral Hospital (CRH), Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences (SMIMS), Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT), Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing (SMCON), Sikkim Manipal College of Physiotherapy (SMCPT) and SMU Departments of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hospital Administration and Medical Biotechnology.

Vice Chancellor SMU also thanked the Minister and Government of Sikkim for the support and encouragement to SMU and said that SMU will strive to rededicate itself in the service of the students, youth, patients and citizens of Sikkim.

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Anti Drug awareness programme conducted

Namchi, June 24: As a part of 125th years of Quasiquicentennial Celebrations, an Anti Drug awareness programme was conducted at Namchi Senior Secondary School by the Namchi Police Station, today. The Resource Person was Mr. Subham Gurung from Sanjeevini Rehab

Centre.

A rally was conducted by the students of Namchi Girls' Senior Secondary School from the venue and concluded at Central Park. Thereafter, a flash mob and skit was conducted in coordination with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Namchi.

World Music Day organised

Gangtok, June 21: Culture Department in coordination with the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India organised the 'World Music Day' at Manan Kendra, today.

The programme had the presence of Advisor Culture Department Mrs. Bhim Kumari Sharma, Secretary Culture Department Mr. Karma R. Bonpo and officials from the Education, Ecclesiastical and Culture Departments.

Members of the cultural troupe along with other participants from various NGOs performed cultural dances and songs. The event further continued with the presentation of musical talents by the artists from the Chautari Band.

Secretary applauded the

performance of the Chautari Band and other cultural presentations. He stated that every society has its cultural heritage that encompasses the society's ideals, traditions, art, structures and values. Further, he added that one must introspect in preserving cultures and the values of every community.

Advisor, Culture Department appreciated the artistes for their performances and stated that the task of preserving culture for future generations is on the youth.

OSD Culture Department gave a brief introduction about the 'World Music Day' and informed that several events are being organised across the world to encourage young artistes to come forward and show their talent.

Enrolment Camp for CwSN and PwDS concludes

Pakyong, June 23: A four-day Camp for Identification, Screening, Assessment and UDID Enrolment for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) and Persons with Disabilities (PwDS) concluded at Rangpo PHC, today.

In order to achieve the completion of UDID projects in the district, the Women and Child Development Division, Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department in collaboration with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Govt. of India had organised a four-day UDID enrolment camps in Pakyong District.

The main objective of the camp was to identify and screen PwDs, CwSN, disabled School children, dropped out students

or those receiving home based education and to determine their disability percentage by Specialist Medical personnel along with the provision of Disability Certificate and UDID Card to those identified individual. The camp also focused further assessment of the PwDs and provide them the needed assistance in mainstream school along with financial assistance under the different State Schemes/provisions. The UDID Camps focuses on collection of documents of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) that will be enrolled in the UDID portal and subsequently UDID cards will be generated.

The phase-wise camp began from June 20 in Pakyong followed by Rhenock, Rongli and Rangpo on June 21st, 22nd and 23rd, respectively.

Orientation programme for Panchayat functionaries held

Gangtok, June 22: The Directorate of Panchayati Raj, Rural Development Department organised an Orientation programme on Roles and Responsibilities of Panchayat functionaries for Panchayat Accounts Assistants of Gangtok, Pakyong and Mangan and Panchayat Development Assistants of Gangtok and Pakyong districts at Janta Bhawan, today.

The programme was attended by Minister for RDD Mr. Sonam Lama and was attended by Principal Secretary, RDD, Special Secretary-cum-Director,

Panchayat and other officials.

Minister RDD assured them that the State Government would take all necessary action for early redressal. He also thanked the Panchayat functionaries for their efficiency in discharging their duties.

Joint Director, SIRD&PR explained the roles and responsibilities of each functionary posted at the GPUs and informed that a detailed training shall be imparted soon.

Principal Secretary RDD highlighted various programmes and schemes being implemented by the Department.

International Olympic Day celebrated

Gangtok, June 23: The International Olympic Day celebration with the theme 'Together for a Peaceful World' was organised by Sikkim Olympic Association (SOA) at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok, today.

MP Lok Sabha Mr. Indra Hang Subba attended the programme as chief guest along with President, SOA, Mr. Kuber Bhandari, Arjuna awardee and SOA General Secretary, Mr. Jas Lal Pradhan, officials, sportspersons, and representatives from various sports associations of the State.

At the onset of the programme, the message of Chief Minister was read out for the gathering. In his message, the Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to all the sportspersons of Sikkim who have contributed to diverse disciplines and represented the State in various sporting events including the Olympics over the years. He appealed to the sportspersons and enthusiasts to get involved in sports not only for physical and mental well-being but also for social cohesion, tolerance, and team spirit, in order to achieve

goodwill amongst fellow humans.

Thereafter, the message of the Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha was delivered wherein the Minister highlighted the role of sports in promoting national integration breaking all the barriers of discrimination. He assured the State government's support in ensuring facilities for sportspersons of the State and encouraged all to give their best efforts towards bringing glory to the State and the nation as a whole.

MP appreciated the role played by the Sikkim Olympic Association and all the allied sports associations in promoting sports culture and supporting the athletes of the State. He congratulated all the participants for showcasing outstanding performance and wished them success in their future endeavours. Reiterating the State government's commitment to the development of sports infrastructure and institutionalisation and streamlining of the sports sector in the State, he called for greater

collaboration and collective action in transforming Sikkim into a sports hub of the country. He encouraged all the athletes to give their best in achieving greater heights in their respective fields with a positive attitude and motivate the younger generation to adopt sports as a career.

The International Olympic Day celebration at the Indoor Hall of Paljor Stadium featured a series of exhibition matches, including Badminton, Table Tennis, Boxing, Taekwondo, Karate, Kickboxing, Wushu, Kabbadi, Chess, Weight lifting, and Basketball. The SOA also felicitated the national medalists in appreciation of their outstanding performances in their respective fields.

Earlier, Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, attended the inaugural function of the International Olympic Day celebration and also visited the Olympic Day Blood Donation Camp organised by Sikkim Olympic Association in collaboration with Blood Bank, STNM Hospital at the Conference Hall of Paljor Stadium.

Chief Secretary chairs meeting with HoDs

Gangtok, June 23: Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta chaired a meeting with the Heads of all the Departments of the State Government at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

The meeting was held in line with the deliberations that took place during the recent three-day National Conference of Chief Secretaries, chaired by the Prime Minister at Dharamsala, Himachal

Pradesh and other issues of interest to the State wherein, the Chief Secretary of Government of Sikkim had also attended.

He threw light on the outcome of the three-day Conference and placed his suggestions for effective governance. He stressed on the Prime Minister's message of envisioning ways to reach the country's target of becoming a five

trillion dollar economy. He also made a special mention of the progress made by the Aspirational District and lauded the overall performance of all the departments.

The Heads of Departments put forth their suggestions to ensure effective implementation of programmes. The meeting ended with a resolve to work efficiently and in a coordinated manner to achieve the stipulated goals.

SLTMC on dairy development holds meeting

Gangtok, June 22: State Level Technical Management Committee (SLTMC) on dairy development held its 20th meeting under the chairmanship of Secretary, AH&VS Dept. Dr. P. Senthil Kumar at Conference Hall of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Krishi Bhawan, today.

The meeting was attended by Principal Director, CEO, Sikkim Rural Livelihood Mission, Addl. Director Finance Deptt., Technical Officer from Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of AH and Dairying, Government of India, Addl. Director Cattle and Dairy, Joint Director, Managing Director, North Sikkim Milk Union, CEO, SLDB and other officials of the AH&VS Dept and Milk Union.

Secretary AHVS/MD Sikkim Milk Union made presentation on the status and progress made under National Programme on

Dairy Development project implemented by the Sikkim Co-Operative Milk Producer's Union Ltd. He apprised the growth of dairy development in the State from various incentive schemes and initiatives of the State Government such as Gwala Diwas, award for milkman of the year, support for construction of milk collection centres, facilities provided for milk cooperatives and dairy farmers. The Secretary also made a presentation on the new project proposals under NPDD for Sikkim to provide bulk milk cooling machines to Village Milk Producer's Co-operative Societies.

Principal Director, AH&VS informed the committee that the milk incentive scheme of the Government is implemented through milk unions to improve the dairy development in the State in convergence with NPDD.

Mr. Sudhanshu Shekhar, representative of the Government

of India suggested for expediting the completion of the existing NPDD projects and submitting complete report along with audit reports and utilisation certificates. He also assured that a new NPDD proposal of the state for providing support is under consideration. CEO SRLM assured convergence of the SRLM activities with the department through Pasu Sakhis and other components of the SRLM.

SLTMC appreciated the efforts of the deptt. and Sikkim Milk Union in the progress made in dairy sector for which, the Government of India representative has assured support. Similarly, a presentation on the status of the NPDD implemented under North Sikkim Milk Union was presented by the managing director, North Milk Union.

Government to reintroduce Old Silk Route

Pakyong, June 22: DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chopel, APS to CM East Mr. Tshering Wangchuk Lepcha along with Engineers from Culture Department, Team of Majdoor Indrani Samaj, 130 RCC took a recce at Lingtam Padamchen GPU, today.

The inspection was held to see the possibilities of reintroducing the lost heritage of the Old Silk Route to boost tourism

activities in the region along with local employment. The team hiked from Que Khola-Nimachen-Padamchen till Eco Park covering old Mani Lakhang, Tashi Chokerling Gumpa and Shivalaya Mandir and a Devithan.

DC Pakyong assured necessary support to complete the project on the revival of heritage old silk route walk with eco-friendly materials.

APS to CM (East) informed the stakeholders about the State Government initiative to promote and boost tourism in the State and also highlighted on the upcoming Traditional Homestay Projects, which will help promote the culture and ethnicity of the region.

Mr. Sonam Gyaltzen from Echostream gave suggestions on culture and nature mapping.

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Gangtok, June 26: An awareness programme on the ill effects of drug abuse was held at Biraspati Parsai Senior Secondary School, Marchak to mark 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking', today.

The programme was jointly organised by the District Collectorate, Gangtok, and Social Welfare Department, and was graced by MLA Mr. Sonam Tshering Venchungpa as the chief guest.

Also present on the occasion were Chairperson, Labour Department, Mrs. Ganga Parsai, ADC Gangtok Mr. Hemant Rai, officers from Social Welfare Department and other line departments.

MLA Mr. Venchungpa in his brief address highlighted the ill effects of drug abuse and motivated the students to indulge in productive activities and help build a better society.

Motivational Speaker and former Mr. Sikkim, Mr. Bishal Chettri conveyed his inspirational message to the students.

Earlier, the programme began with the welcome address by Welfare Officer, Gangtok, Mr. Arun Chettri.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Vice Principal, Biraspati Senior Secondary School.

Similarly, the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed at Gyalshing bazaar. The event was jointly organised by the District Administration, Gyalshing and Police Department.

The programme had the presence of District Collector, Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda along with SDM (Hq.), Marathon man Mr. Amar Subba, a recovered drug user (guest speaker) Mr. Hissey Bhutia, Nagar Panchayat & Gram Panchayat members, Police personnel, Students, NGO members, businessmen, taxi operators, officials and public.

The pledge for Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan was administered by the DC and articulated the role of students and civil society in curbing the drug abuse menace. She also mentioned an initiative of the District Administration to conduct Career Counselling for the students of all Senior Secondary Schools of the district. Further, she informed about the ban on use of plastics

and the establishment of E-Waste Collection Unit in the DAC premises.

Afterwards, a brief presentation on Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan was provided by the SDM(Hq.) and the five best placards made by the students were selected and awarded.

An awareness rally and sensitization programme was also conducted with maximum participation of officials, students and locals at Gyalshing Bazar.

Likewise, International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed at Election Hall, DAC, Mangan.

The programme had the presence of SDM Mangan, SP Mangan, JD Education, MEO MNP, officials of health department and line departments, students of NSA School and Mangan Senior Secondary School and NGOs.

SP Mangan, administered the pledge for Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and thereafter conducted an interactive session with the students and the teachers in order to ensure that the message and awareness about drug abuse could reach properly. He mentioned the effects and impacts that substance abuse can have in a person's life and urged everyone to come forward with their queries for any assistance.

Experience sharing by a recovered addict with the students also took place where he talked about the impact of substance abuse has on one's mental, physical and emotional health.

A medical psychologist also talked about the ill effects of drug abuse on the future of an individual and mentioned the 4 D's a person should follow when they begin to ascertain indications of craving for certain substances : Delay, Deep - breathing, Drinking water and Distraction.

The Narcotics Division under Sikkim Excise Division, Government of Sikkim, in coordination with Health Department and DAC, Pakyong organised an Anti-Drugs Awareness Programme on the theme "Share Drug Facts, Save Lives", on the eve of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking at Panchayat Bhawan, Pakyong in collaboration with SARATHI Organisation and Sikkim Educational Society under the aegis of Nasha Mukta Abhiyan.

MLA Mr. Em Prasad Sharma graced the occasion as the chief guest and Chairman Mr. Ganza Bhutia as the guest of honour.

The programme started with a rally from St. Xavier's School to Panchayat Bhawan, Pakyong.

The objective of the programme was to sensitize everyone about the effects of drugs in personal and social spheres of human life.

The programme included a cultural programme.

Additional SP, Mr. Rinzing Chopel Rai, gave a brief history of Anti-Drugs Awareness, which began in 1979. He talked about measures taken by the Police to curb the menace of drug addiction in the society. He appreciated the attitudinal change in the society towards substance abusers and gave a brief history of SADA in the State.

Addiction Medicine Specialist, Singtam Hospital, Dr. Satish Rasaily in his address said that the only way to control drug addiction is to reform, educate and sensitize with co-ordinated efforts from line departments and the family members of the substance abusers.

He concluded by giving the message to accept addiction as a disease just like non-communicable diseases like Cancer, Diabetes and Hypertension.

Motivational speaker from Darjeeling shared his testimony about his struggles as an alcoholic and drug user for 36 years and how he overcame the addiction. He encouraged the youth to avoid drugs and requested the substance abusers to come forward as the State has facilities to deal with it. He appreciated the work of Pakyong Police and line departments in dealing with drug addiction and hoped that Pakyong will one day be a nasha mukta district.

Secretary, Excise Department, Mr. Tshering Namgyal Bhutia, said that today drug has become an international concern and it has destroyed thousands of individuals and their families. He requested everyone that three things are needed to fight drug abuse and they are awareness, motivation and will power. He requested the youth to be motivated, aware and develop the will power to avoid drugs.

Mr. Ganza Bhutia, said that counselling and awareness among young children about drugs is an important step towards curbing drug addiction.

Mr. Em Prasad Sharma, said that drug abuse is of a serious concern to the people of the State. He requested the youth to avoid drugs at all cost. He assured the victims of drug abuse that he will leave no stone unturned to assist them in their recovery. Further, he said that there should be a co-ordination between line departments, NGOs, public, drivers and schools to make Pakyong a drug free district. He highlighted various measures taken by line departments to curb drug trafficking in the district and hoped that drug cases would be with the effort.

During the programme, the anti-drugs pledge was administered by Sub-Inspector, Excise Department, Mr. Dinesh Siwakoti.

The dignitaries present in the programme were Advisor Food and Civil Supplies, DC Pakyong, SDM (HQ), SDM Pakyong, Chairmen, Advisor, Assistant Commissioner (Narcotics) Deputy Director (Excise Department), SDPO Pakyong, Panchayat members, representatives from SARATHI, representatives from rehab centres, police personnel, students and the general public.

Along with the rest of the district, Rangpo Subdivision also observed 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking', with the active participation of SARATHI foundation, Rangpo PS, Rangpo Municipality, Rangpo Drivers Association, Singtam Drivers Association, SDM Office Rangpo, ASHA workers, Civil Defence Rangpo.

The programme was graced by Chairperson RDD Mrs. Sunita Sharma, SDM Rangpo, SDPO Rangpo, MEO Rangpo, SHO Rangpo, PI, SI, and Police personnel.

The participants undertook an awareness rally and the programme concluded at Nagar Panchayat premises with an anti drugs skit by students of Rhenock College.

Also, the International Anti Drug Day and Illicit Trafficking was observed in Soreng with the theme 'Share drug facts, Save lives' was organised by the District Administration Centre, Soreng in collaboration with SARATHI

organisation (South and West).

The programme began with a rally from Soreng bazar to Senior Secondary school Students from Science College Chakung, B.Ed College Soreng and Senior Secondary School Soreng took part in it.

The programme was graced by the chief guest Chairman (SBS) Mr. D.B. Gurung accompanied by the guest of honour Chairman Commerce and Industries Department, DC Soreng, SP Soreng, ADC Dev Soreng, DFO (T) Soreng, BDO Soreng, members from SARATHI south and west, and other officials.

Mr. D.B. Gurung in his address said that a children of the nation. He appreciated the work done by SARATHI and encouraged all to keep themselves engaged in healthy activities.

DC Soreng talked about drug categories, medication, and its usage. He directed Sikkim Police and BDOs to conduct a patrolling in the suspected locations. He also added communication between parents and children is important for a healthy life. "PREM" plays a vital role in every drug abused life which stands P- Parenting, R- Rehabilitation, E- Engaging and M- Motivation, he added.

SP Soreng said that Drugs is illegal when abused and also briefed about the NDPS and SADA Act. Community and family participation is important for substantial users. Physical activities is another important factor because young people are using it he added.

Dr. Bhusan Dahal in his address said that adolescent is a prime age where youth gets curious about drugs which leads to a big disaster. He also talked about the side effects of the drug abused.

SARATHI President West District said SARATHI is an initiative taken by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang to eradicate drug abuse in the state. He also urged the gathering to spread awareness about drug abuse and other activities.

Later SARATHI organisation presented Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. D.B. Gurung (Chairman SBS), Mr. Sahadev Sharma (Chief Advisor SARATHI) and Mr. Lakpa Moktan (State Youth President).

Public of Rinchenpong constituency meets Chief Minister

Gangtok, June 22: Block level President and executive members of AKRS, Mangkhim President, CEC Vice-President, including other members, Panchayat and Mangpas from Parengaon, Rinchenpong constituency under Soreng District called on the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence at

Mintokgang, today.

They expressed their gratitude towards the State Government for sanctioning developmental projects namely, Cultural and Linguistic Centre at Parengaon, Mangkhim at Jhusingthang and Manokamana Cave at Parengaon.

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provide ₹3 lakh to Lower Sumin Secondary School and ₹2 lakh for the upgradation of Panchayat Bhawan and requested everyone to work together for the development of the State and nation, as a whole.

Area MLA Namchaybong, Mr. Em Prasad Sharma extended gratitude to the Governor for

visiting the GPU and highlighted the future development and upgradation plans.

Office Superintendent, Duga BAC Mr. Adip KC gave a power point presentation highlighting the future development plans, details of the office of GPU, infrastructure, road and transport, upgradation of tourism facilities and other details of Sumin Lingzey GPU.

The programme included distribution of Government milk

incentive of ₹8 per litre to Milk Co-operative Societies and Dairy Farmers through the Governor. The programme was organised by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in collaboration with Sikkim Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd.

About 647 farmers from Sumin Namcheybong constituency received ₹26,59,561 as an incentive.

MoS Ashwini Kumar Choubey calls on Chief Minister

Gangtok, June 21: Minister of State for Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution and Environment, Forest and Climate change, Government of India, Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey called on the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence at Mintokgang, today.

Chief Minister apprised about several matters related to the environment, forest, and climate change. The Union Minister MoS appreciated the efforts made by the State Government towards the preservation of environment and assured all possible assistance from his ministry.

Team led by President SOA call on Chief Minister

Gangtok, June 23: On the occasion of the International Olympic Day, President of Sikkim Olympic Association (SOA), Mr. Kuber Bhandari accompanied by former Olympian (Arjuna Awardee) and General Secretary SOA, Mr. Jas Lal Pradhan, General Secretary Sikkim Boxing Association, Dr. R.B. Biswakarma called on the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang to extend greetings at his official residence at Mintokgang, today.

During the call, the Chief Minister also met with Mr. Jayant Dagar, the first Sikkimese to win a bronze medal in the 54 kg weight

category in the Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championship held at Amman, Jordan in the month of March 2022. He was accompanied by his father Mr. Arjun Kumar Dagar and his mother, Mrs. Sushma Renu Subba.

The Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the members of the Olympic Association and the team. Encouraging the bronze medalist and the youths, he mentioned that the journey is filled with endless possibilities and one has to persevere to achieve success.

Chief Minister meets NDA recruit Sachitananda Biswakarma

Gangtok, June 23: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang met with Mr. Sachitananda Biswakarma, son of Mr. Lok Bahadur Biswakarma of Rhenock Pakyong District, who had cracked the NDA exams with an all India ranking of

291, at his official residence at Mintokgang, today.

The CM assured him that all the academic expenses will be borne by the State Government and wished him the best for the new journey.

Union Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey conducts review meeting

Gangtok, June 21: Union Minister of State for Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey during his visit to Sikkim conducted a review meeting at the Conference Hall of Tashiling, Secretariat, today.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies Mrs. Deepa Rani Thapa, Special Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies Department and other senior officers of the Department along with Food Corporation of India from Central and Regional office, and officers from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

The meeting discussed

issues pertaining to different schemes implemented by the Food and Civil Supplies Department under National Food Security Act, 2013.

The Union Minister expressed his satisfaction on the departmental initiatives and requested the department to carry out extensive awareness campaigns about schemes like Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) to make the people of the State aware of the efforts being made by the Union Government.

Month long outreach programme concludes

Pakyong, June 24: A month long outreach programme under the project Capacity Building in IECT including training in digital skill sets and current industry demanding technology for various section of society in the NE states for women, farmer and elderly citizen of nine GPUs under Pakyong block was concluded at Pakyong BAC, today. The programme was sponsored by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

The closing ceremony was graced by Area MLA Mr. Bishnu Kumar Khatiwara as the Chief

Guest and attended by Panchayat President and members, BDO Pakyong Director In-Charge (NIELIT) Mr. Angom Buboo Singh and others.

The programme was held on the use of mobile applications for digital payment, e-governance services, IT applications and cyber security and was attended by more than 300 members of SHGs (SRLM, RDD) and women in multiple batches from different places under Pakyong BAC. The programme was implemented by National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Gangtok, Government of India.

Secretary Labour Deptt. convenes meeting with Drivers' Association

Gangtok, June 27: Secretary for Labour Department Ms. Namrata Thapa convened a meeting with the Drivers' Association in the Conference Hall of Shram Bhawan, Sokeythang, today.

The meeting had the presence of Joint Labour Commissioner, Ms. Tashi Wangmu Sherpa, officers and staff of the Labour Department, and members of Drivers' Association. The objective of the meeting was to generate awareness among the working drivers in the State about the benefits of the scheme for registered drivers under the Sikkim Labour (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 2021. The scheme builds a comprehensive database of the unorganised workforce and will help deliver social security schemes implemented by the Central and State government.

An open discussion was held where all the queries of the concerned drivers were laid and discussed thoroughly. A series of suggestions were put forth by the members wherein necessary course of action was also assured.

The Secretary informed that the drivers can register on the e-SHRAM portal where each registered will be provided with a unique Universal Account Number (UAN) and can avail various benefits of the social security schemes. She also informed that the workers registered under the scheme will be given accidental insurance under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

Earlier, Joint Labour Commissioner briefed the members about the Sikkim Labour (Regulation of Employment and Condition of

Service) Act, 2021. The Act provides a comprehensive database of the entire spectrum of Workforce, Intermediaries or Service-Providers or Sub-Service Providers, Owners, Employers and Establishments and annual licensing of Service-Providers or Sub Service-Providers and establishment to enable the various Programme-implementing agencies to effectively execute the plethora of existing welfare-schemes. The Act also capacitate the State Government to frame rules, regulation, guidelines and programmes for improving the working and living conditions of labourers and protect them from exploitation by their employers.

It may be mentioned here that the department has come up with a toll-free number regarding any labour queries @ 18003451474.

SGLC inaugurates Pro Bono club

Gangtok, June 27: The Sikkim Government Law College has been selected by the Department of Justice, Govt. of India to implement its Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono Legal Services) programme along with other premier law schools in India.

The Pro Bono Club under the Nyaya Bandhu Scheme was inaugurated by Member Secretary, SLISA Mr. S.P. Bhutia at the Moot Court Hall, Sikkim Government Law College (SGLC), today.

Member Secretary, SLISA congratulated and encouraged the students to explore the new ideas and activities, which has been proposed by the Club. He also shared his experience as a Judicial Officer and assured to extend any help to the students in terms of learning in the field of law.

Principal, Sikkim Government Law College Dr. T. D. Lama, also expressed his pleasure in welcoming the Probono Club in the College and urged the students to take responsibility reposed upon them by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India.

Assistant Professor/Faculty-in-Charge of the Pro Bono Club Ms. Tshering Choden gave a brief introduction on the activities that the club looks forward to which includes Pro Bono litigation assistance, community care assistance, research, documentation and newsletters etc.

Project Manager, Ministry of Justice, Govt. of India Ms. Sneha Sharma joined the programme via the virtual mode and gave a presentation on the said scheme. She added that the

Ministry of Justice has entrusted the task of Pro Bono legal services on the college on activities of legal awareness, research and field work.

A presentation was also made by Pro Bono Associate Ms. Neha Gupta where a list of proposed activities was discussed. She also gave a brief outline of the five-day workshop which was scheduled to start from June 27-July 1, 2022.

It may be mentioned here that the Pro Bono Club is an initiative under DISHA, Ministry of Law and Justice which seeks to strengthen the existing Pro Bono programmes by integrating Law schools and students within its fold. It ventures into different avenues like legal aid, legal awareness, legal journalism, legal activism etc.

Meeting of State Task Force on Immunisation conducted

Gangtok, June 24: A meeting of the State Task Force on Immunisation was convened under the chairmanship of Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, today. The meeting was organised in coordination with the World Health Organisation and attended by the officers from various line departments, Health department and an official from UNICEF.

The meeting was held to discuss the performance of Routine Immunization Programme and the coverage of COVID-19 vaccination in Sikkim.

Chairman, State Task Force, Mr. D. Anandan said that a strengthened routine immunisation system and services is critical to achieving

high coverage targets. He stated that in order to achieve the maximum target, an awareness campaign with a 'Har Ghar Dastak' approach plan in the State will help to monitor the immunisation process of the targeted groups and directed the concerned officials to ensure that every eligible child gets vaccinated. He said that the implementation of this action plan for immunisation will help in identifying critical gaps and strengths in immunisation processes. Further, he urged the nodal officers of all the concerned departments to gear up for the action plan to achieve 100% Immunisation in the State.

A detailed online presentation on the Routine

Immunization Review was presented by SMO, World Health Organization, Dr. Suvendu Ray. He shared the data of action taken on immunisation coverage so far along with action plan to upscale the immunisation to reach the targeted population.

Thereafter, COVID-19 Immunization Review and Supportive Supervision was presented by representative from UNICEF Dr. Ruchi. She presented a way forward on how the 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign will help in covering children and elderly age groups right at their doorstep.

The presentation was followed by an open house discussion.

Plantation drive organised

Gangtok, June 27: The officers and staff of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services organised a plantation drive at the Animal Husbandry

Complex, Sokeythang, today.

The plantation drive was led by the Secretary Animal Husbandry, Dr. P. Senthil Kumar and participated by a team of

officers and staff. The team planted about 250 to 300 tree saplings of Barr, Chaanp and Nevara at the complex.