

Governor inaugurates Sicheygaon | Chief Minister inaugurates **Rodhi Ghar Sub Post Office**



Gangtok, March 12:The inauguration of the Sicheygaon Sub Post Office was marked by the unveiling of the plaque by Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya. The event held at New STNM Sochyagang, commenced with the traditional lighting of lamps and a welcome song by the Post Office staff.

The Governor shed light on the pivotal role of the postal service in India's socio-economic landscape, highlighting the

postal network since independence. He emphasised on its crucial role in fostering communication, social cohesion, and economic development, particularly in rural areas. Furthermore, he underscored the modernisation of postal services, recognising their expanded role beyond traditional mail delivery. He lauded initiatives such as the 'Jan Dhan Yojana' and 'Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana', empowering

marginalised communities and promoting financial inclusion. Additionally, he commended the integration of postal services into the digital realm, facilitating ecommerce transactions and government services.

The Governor also lauded the efforts of Colonel Akhilesh Pandey, Post Master General, in enhancing postal infrastructure and services, including the establishment of the Post Office Export Centre and Parcel Packaging Unit in Gangtok Head Post Office. He expressed satisfaction over the export of products like Temi organic tea and emphasised the role of postal services in promoting local products on a global scale. He also expressed gratitude to the Post Master General, and the postal staff for their dedication and urged them to continue their efforts to foster social and economic equality through government schemes and initiatives.

Furthermore, the Governor unveiled a special cover commemorating 'Hamro Sankalp: Viksit Bharat Pushpit Sikkim,'

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CM attends Kirat Rai Sayachongmu Mangkhim opening ceremony

Soreng, March 11: Chief Minister, Mr Prem Singh Tamang along with Madam Krishna Rai attended the Kirat Rai Sayachongmu Mangkhim opening celebration, following the inauguration at Parengaon, Soreng district, today.

Present on the occasion were Mr Sangay Lepcha Deputy





Gangtok, March 12:Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated 'Rodhi Ghar' Gangtok at Sichey, today.

The inauguration was held in the presence of Madam Krishna Rai, Mr Bishnu Kumar Sharma, Minister for Culture Department and the members of Gurung Association of Sikkim and Sikkim Tamu Gurung Baudha Sangh.

Thereafter, the Chief Minister headed towards Golitar, Singtam, where he graced the inauguration ceremony of Rodhi Ghar in Golitar, Singtam.

The 'Rodhi Ghar', a symbol of the rich heritage and traditions of the Gurung Community, is located in Gangtok and was constructed at a cost of ₹5.29 crore. The project, initiated in 2021, came

to fruition under the guidance of the Chief Minister.

In addition to the inauguration of Rodhi Ghar, the Chief Minister virtually inaugurated Sherpa Bhawan in Perbing, Namchi district preserving the diverse cultures and traditions of all communities in the state of Sikkim.

The event witnessed the presence of Madam Krishna Rai, Mr Sangay Lepcha, Deputy Speaker, Cabinet Ministers Mr Sonam Lama, Mr MN Sherpa, Mr Sanjeet Kharel, Mr Bishnu Kumar Sharma and Mr LN Sharma, MLAs, Advisors, Chairpersons, Zilla Adhyakshas, Zilla Upadhyakshas, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and former Ministers.

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CM participates in Viksit Bharat Viksit North East programme

Namchi, March 9: Chief Minister During the event, the Prime

Speaker (SLA), Cabinet Ministers, Advisors, Chairpersons, MP Lok Sabha, Political Secretary to CM, MLAs, Zilla Adhakshyas, Upadhakshyas, Zilla Panchayats, Panchayats, DC Soreng, SP Soreng, HoDs, Officers, officials and other dignitaries.

The Chief Minister extended gratitude and appreciation to the residents of Parengaon for managing the construction of Mangkhim. He congratulated the stakeholders for the successful completion of the project, which would be an asset for all Kirat Rai community. He expressed his astonishment towards the change in landscape due to the project, which is being constructed under the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department. He also

acknowledged the participation and insights provided by the Mangpas, elders and the intellectuals of the community towards maintenence of the project's cultural and traditional aspects.

In addition, he informed that the first school of Rai language was established in Parengaon.

Further, he apprised that the various developmental projects have been sanctioned with the estimated cost of ₹22 crore including research centre, museum, manokamna centre, multi purpose building, parking lot and other amenities. Highlighting the

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Mr Prem Singh Tamang participated in the Viksit Bharat Viksit North East programme virtually from Namchi DAC, today.

Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various developmental projects amounting to ₹55,000 crore across the Northeast region under the Viksit Bharat - Viksit North East initiative, held in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

Minister virtually laid the foundation stone for a Multipurpose Community Centre in Soreng District and inaugurated the upgrading, carpeting, and construction of a new road from Tharpu to Daramdin.

Also present in the virtual programme were Mr Karma Namgyal Bhutia OSD to CM, Ms Annapurna Alley DC Namchi, Dr T N Gyatsho Sr SP Namchi and all HoDs under Namchi District.

Wisdom **Pearls** of

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."

- Oscar Wilde

Third round training of Presiding Officers and Polling Officers-I conducted

Soreng, March 11: The first day of the third round training of Presiding Officers and Polling Officers-I for the upcoming General Elections 2024 under Soreng district was conducted at Rurban Complex, today.

Present during the training were Mr Dhiraj Subedi ADCcum-Deputy DEO, Mr DR Bista SDM (Hq), Mr Sunny Kharel SDM Soreng/SLMT (State Level Master Trainer), Mr Dilip Sharma DPO Zilla/SLMT, Mr RK Pandey and Mrs Sushma Mohra ALMT (Assembly Level Master Trainer).

ADC mentioned that the

Mangan, March 9: The second Yuva Bharosa Sammelan (YBS) for Mangan district was held at three separate Centres in the district, today.

In Dzongu Constituency: The YBS for Dzongu was held at District Administration Centre, Mangan. Over 430 temporary appointment letters were handed out in the presence of Area MLA Dzongu Mr Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, Additional Secretary Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Ms Parina Gurung, SDM Dzongu, Mr

third round of training will be important for the Presiding and Polling Officers. He informed that the trainees will be divided into two groups for the training process of the EVMs. Presiding and Polling Officers need to submit Declaration Certificate provided by the Election Commission of India.

Mr Dilip Sharma DPO Zilla cum SLMT conducted the training for Presiding Officers and Polling Officers-I. He briefed about Forms and Formats, EVMs, Voters Register, Voters Slip, Marked copy of Electoral Roll, Form 17C- accounts of votes recorded, Declarations by the Presiding Officer, Presiding Officers Diary, Presiding Officers Report, VVPAT paper slips of mock poll, Tendered Ballot Paper and Unused Tendered Ballot Papers.

The demonstration and hands on training of EVMs was conducted by the Resource Persons/ SLMT/ ALMT to the Presiding Officers and Polling Officers such as Assembly of EVMs, setting up of Polling Stations, Polling Booths and Mock Poll.

YBS for Mangan district held

Arun Chettri, BDO Dzongu, Mr Mani Kumar Rai, BDO Mangan, Mr Kailash Thapa and officials of district administration.

In Lachen Mangan Constituency: The YBS was held at Chungthang BAC. Approximately more than 300 appointment letters were handed out in the presence of Secretary Power Department, Mr TT Lepcha, BDO Chungthang Mr TR Baniya and staff.

In Kabi Constituency: The YBS was held at Kabi BAC and approximately 139 appointment letters were disbursed in the presence of Ms Benu Gurung, Special Secretary, RDD, Mr TW Bhutia, BDO Kabi and staff.

The Yuva Bharosa Sammelan aims at creating job opportunities and regularising employment for eligible individuals. This proactive approach aligns with the broader objective of fostering economic stability and uplifting the workforce, ultimately leading to an improved standard of living.

Namchi, March 10: The youths to collectively work with distribution of appointment letters under 2nd Yuva Bharosa Sammelan, initiated by the Department of Personnel under Namchi Singithang and Poklok Kamrang constituencies was carried out at Namchi Town Hall, today.

The programme had the presence of Madam Krishna Rai, Ms Anjeeta Rajalim Zilla Adhyaksha Namchi District, Mr Tashi Tamang Chairperson Buildings and Housing Department, Mr Ganesh Rai Chairpersons NMC, Ms Sabitri Tamang Vice Chairperson NMC, Councillors NMC, Ms Norzing Tshering Secretary RDD, Mr Madhu Sudan Sharma Dy Secretary DoP, Mr Hari Shankar Sharma Principal Chief Engineer, Dr T N Gyatsho Sr SP Namchi, Mr Dilip Dong BDO Namchi, Mr Mukesh Dahal BDO Jorethang and officers from DoP, CMO, BAC and public.

While addressing the gathering, Madam Krishna Rai congratulated all for receiving the appointment letter. She urged the

honesty for the development and upliftment of the State.

Namchi district conducts 2nd Yuva Bharosa

Sammelan

She also underlined the vision and the dedication of the Chief Minister in making the state progressive and applauded the officers and staff of DoP who have worked relentlessly to make this Yuva Sammelan, a remarkable achievement of the State.

Principal Chief Engineer laid guidelines of State few Government's policies for the recruitment of all educated youths of the State. In addition, he expressed his gratitude towards the Chief Minister in providing the appointment letters to enhance the livelihood of the Sikkimese people.

At the outset, approximately 800 appointment letters were distributed to the educated unemployed youth of Namchi Singithang and Poklok-Kamrang constituencies.

Likewise, Madam Krishna Rai also handed over cheques to various individuals and associations under Chief Minister Discretionary Grant.

Mr Bishnu Kumar Sharma

Minister for Culture and Printing

and Stationery Departments, Mr

Em Prasad Sharma MLA, Mr

Ganza Denzongpa, Chairman Excise Department, Mr BB Chettri,

Department, Ms Sarika Pradhan,

Secretary Social Welfare

Department, Ms Hondala

Gyaltsen Secretary, Sikkim

Housing and Development

Board and Nodal Officer for West

Pandem Constituency Ms Anupa

Tamling ADC Pakyong, Mr DS

Subba SDM Pakyong, along

with respective BDOs of the

representatives from Zilla

Panchayat, Panchayats, and

Cooperation

BACs,

Sd/

SECRETARY

Chairman

concerned

Nagar Panchayats.

Appointment letters distributed in Pakyong

Pakyong, March 9: Subsequent to the 'Yuva Bharosa Sammelen' organised by the Department of Personnel, the appointment letters were handed out at the five respective Block Administrative Centres of Parakha, Rhenock, Regu, Duga, and Namcheybong under Pakyong District, today.

The Yuva Bharosa Sammelan, spearheaded by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, is dedicated to generating employment prospects for qualified candidates. This endeavour is in harmony with the overarching goal of nurturing economic resilience and enhancing the quality of life.

The distribution programme had the presence of

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In order to give wide publicity of Tender Notices/Employment Notices published in Sikkim Herald Classified and other local news papers the following procedures will be followed with immediate effect.

DC Soreng chairs awareness cum counselling programme on NMBA

Soreng, March 8: District Level Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (DLNMBA) committee organised an awareness-cumcounselling programme at the Soreng Senior Secondary School (SSSS) auditorium, today.

Attending the programme as the chief guest was Ms Yishey D Yongda DC Soreng-cum-Chairperson (DLNMBA) and accompanied by Mr Gaayas Pega ADC (Development), Mrs Rajni Pega DPO Soreng, Mrs Prativa Tamang Sr Welfare Officer, Dr PB Chettri, Principal SSSS, District Officers along with the newly appointed staff of Disaster Management Authority, District Aapada Mitras and students. Also, Mr Santa B Gurung SHO Soreng and Ms Yamuna Dhungel Counsellor Health Department were the resource persons for

The DC informed that the programme was an initiative in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department, to generate awareness about drug addiction and alcoholism, especially among students and young adults. Underlining the significant role played by school students, she encouraged them to be ambassadors for the battle against the growing menace.

The DC also extended her wishes on the International Women's Day and spoke on the necessity to strengthen female support system against all odds. Additionally, girl students from class 6 onwards were handed out copies of 'The Handbook on Menstrual Hygiene Management', a selfwritten book by the DC. Talking about the book, she encouraged everybody to have day to day healthy discussions menstruation among peers, family and social groups without any reservation on the topic.

Resource person, Mr Santa B Gurung, SHO Soreng spoke about drugs/substances abuse and alcohol and shared insights on the legal provisions of SADA and NDPS. He further highlighted various criminal offences under the law.

Ms Yamuna Dhungel, Counsellor Health Department stressed on drug addiction and alcoholism. She highlighted some instances of the harmful consequences of addiction.

At the outset, the programme agenda was set by Ms Rajni Pega DPO Soreng wherein she highlighted the objective of the programme.

Thereafter, the welcome address was given by Ms Prativa Tamang Sr Welfare Officer.

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Third round of training for Polling Officers-I at Mangan

Mangan, March 8: The third round of training for Polling Officers-I for the upcoming General Elections 2024 took place at the Election Hall of the District Administrative Centre Mangan, today.

At the outset, Mr Hem Kumar Chettri DC-cum-District Election Officer highlighted the importance of the comprehensive training and further urged all the officers to clear any doubts they may have regarding the electoral procedures. He spoke on the need to uphold integrity by

strictly adhering to laws for transparency in the process execution.

The training covered practical procedures for filling out various statutory and nonstatutory forms including 17-A, 17-B, 17-C, 14, 14-A, M21, voter slips, Mock Poll Certificates and Declaration Forms. The session

was followed by an interactive

Prem Kamal Rai, State-level

Master Trainer (SLMT), with

assistance from Mr Palden

The session was led by Mr

session.

Lachungpa, District-level Master Trainer-(DLMT)-cum District Civil Supplies Officer, Mr Padam Bdr Gurung, Assembly-Level Trainer-(ALT)-cum Deputy Director of Agriculture, Mr Ugen Tseten Bhutia and ALT-cum-Assistant Director of the Directorate of Fisheries and Mr Ganesh Thapa, ALT-cum-Welfare Officer.

It may be mentioned that the training was conducted in two batches and a total of 74 officials attended the session.

Tender Notices will be accepted by the Department for publication having minimum time of 35 days before the last date of submission of tenders. Other notices like Employment/Auction etc. will be accepted for publication having minimum time of 17 days.

Heads of Departments are requested to send the Tender Notices/ Employment Notices for publication in triplicate duly observing the above time limit.

No bill for advertisement pertaining to other department other than IPR should be entertained for payment if the same is not certified by Under Secretary/Director/ IPR.

All Tender Notices/Employment Notices etc. to be sent to the Department addressed to Secretary or Director, I.P.R. Department through official channel only and under no circumstances the I. P. R. Department will accept the advertisements sent through unauthorized person.

This issues with the approval of the Government.

Government of Sikkim Roads & Bridges Department Division Office, Namchi

NIT No: 22 (DIV) R&B/23-24

Date: 29/02/24

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Office of the Divisional Engineer, Namchi, invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of Class III Grade, enlisted in Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim vide Notification No: 21/R&B/PWD/Secy/2023-24 Dated 18.10.2023 for the work mentioned below through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction under 26-Melli Dara GPU where the works are to be executed. The work is listed as under-

SI. No.	Name of Work	Bid Value	Bid security@ 2.5% of the Bid value	Cost of tender /bid form	Completion period
1	Construction of road from Melli Turuk Sadam Road near Ramabung Primary School to Tamang gaon in Sikkim (Tamang gaon to Ramabung 200km)	₹1,47,91,475.00	₹3,69,787.00	₹30,000.00	12 months

Note: The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is exempted for all Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder being accepted as L1 bidder, the issue of Work Order.

SI. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1.	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	01/04/2024	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
	(at Office of the Divisional Engineer, R&B Deptt, Namchi)		
2.	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form	04/04/2024	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
	(at Office of the Divisional Engineer, R&B Deptt, Namchi)		
3.	Submission of bid documents (G.PK 26 Melli Dara)	05/04/2024	10:30 am to 2:00 pm
4.	Opening of bid documents (G.P.K. 26 Melli Dara)	05/04/2024	2:30 pm

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

1. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself herself. The tender document shall not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER.

2. The Contractor should be an elector of Melli Constituency and the residential address in the Enlistment Certificate should be within the territorial jurisdiction of the same Gram Panchayat Unit/Urban Local body.

3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the application

a) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. Further, it is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.

b) Latest Goods & Service Tax Clearance Certificate issued from the office of the Commercial Tax (To be submitted by the successful bidder only before issuance of Work Order as per Notification No: 07/GOS/CTD/2018-2019, dated: 27.06.2018.

c) PAN card.

d) Photo copy of latest voter ID card with both sides printed for proof of their Gram Panchayat Unit and territorial constituency.

e) Bank Receipt in original.

4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Accounts Officer, Roads and Bridges Department, Circle office, Namchi on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State of Sikkim (non-refundable) under the receipt Head '0059- 80-800.01-other receipts", during the time schedule mentioned above.

5. Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% of the cost put to tender shall be deposited in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee from State Bank of Sikkim or any nationalized bank in favor of the Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, Namchi. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the same. In case of the Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding, the cost of the Earnest Money Deposit shall be governed by Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020.

6. The soft copy of the BOQ shall be provided along with the tender documents on submission of Earnest Money Deposit as mentioned vide sl. no. 4. The intending bidder shall submit his/her bid in the printed format as per the soft copy of the BOQ provided. In case the bidder submits the bids in hand written format, the same shall be summarily rejected. 7. The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own and correct assessment before submitting the bid.

8. The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer in the BOQ provided should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the general direction and conditions of the contract and other laid down norms. Supporting documents listed vide SI No. 2 should be enclosed with the offer.

9. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Namchi, on the date and within the time indicated above.

10. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes in vogue.

11. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.

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

13. In case of any discrepancy in the specifications printed in the BOQ issued with the tender documents, specifications as per approved Schedule of Rates-2020 will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final.

14. The Department reserves the rights to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.

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

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

17. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.

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

19. The recoveries i/c deduction of taxes and dutiesas applicable shall be as per the rates notified by the Government from time to time and as applicable on the date of payment. 20. Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules. 21. In case of manpower employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.

22. The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken up at least of three stages during the construction period, ie. beginning, middle and completion stage.

23. Quarrying of non-stock materials shall be allowed only from designated/approved quarries.

24. The specifications in execution of the works are to be followed as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).

25. Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any act of negligence and shall bear the responsibility to repair/restore such damage.

26. Expenditure involved for material testing like cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed by the concerned authorities.

27. The cost of stock materials and bridges parts if any supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractor's bills as per the prevalent recovery rate.28. Defect liability period for the pavement work shall be for a period of five (05) years which shall not cover the damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides etc.

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Government of Sikkim Roads & Bridges Department Division Office, Namchi

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1.	Construction of New Road from Upper Tanzi PMGSY road to Middle Tanzi Namchi District in Sikkim (2.00km)	₹1,40,44,529.00	₹3,51,113.00	₹30,000.00	12 months

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3	Submission of bid documents (G.P.K-22 Tanzi Bikmat GPU)	06/04/2024	10:30 am to 2:00 pm
4	Opening of bid documents (G.PK 22- Tanzi Bikmat GPU)	06/04/2024	2:30 pm

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Date: 27/02/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Divisional Engineer (Namchi), Roads and Bridges Department invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of Class II-B Grade, enlisted in Roads & Bridges Department Government of Sikkim, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of Rangang-Yangang Constituency where the works are to be executed, for the execution of the work with the details as under: -

SI. No.	Name of Work	Cost of work put of tender	Earnest money @2.5% of the bid value	Cost of tender /bid form	Completion period
1.	Upgradation of carpeting work along Satam Samrook to Gangla road (Satam to Nambung Village) under Namchi District in Sikkim (2.00km)	₹2,40,09,404.00	₹6,00,235.00	₹30,000.00	18 months

Note: The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is exempted for all Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder being accepted as lowest bidder (L1 bidder), the issue of Work Order shall be governed by the Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020.

SI. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	21.03.2024	11:00 am to 2:00 pm
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form	22.03.2024	11:00 am to 2:00 pm
3	Submission of bid documents	26.03.2024	11:00 am to 1:00 pm
4	Opening of bid documents	Office of the Super	intending Engineer Roads and Bridges
		Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi.	

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

1. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document shall not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER.

2. The Contractor should be an elector of Rangang-Yangang Constituency and the residential address in the Enlistment Certificate should be within the territorial jurisdiction of the same Gram Panchayat Unit/Urban Local body.

3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the application

a) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. Further, it is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.

b) Latest Goods & Service Tax Clearance Certificate issued from the office of the Commercial Tax (To be submitted by the successful bidder only before issuance of Work Order as per Notification No: 07/GOS/CTD/2018-2019, dated. 27.06.2018.

c) PAN card

d) Photo copy of latest voter ID card with both sides printed for proof of their Gram Panchayat Unit and territorial constituency.

e) Bank Receipt in original.

4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Accounts Officer, Roads and Bridges Department, on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State of Sikkim (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "0059- 80-800.01-other receipts", during the time schedule mentioned above.

5. Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% of the cost put to tender shall be deposited in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee from State Bank of Sikkim or any nationalized bank in favor of the Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, Namchi. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the same. In case of the Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding, the cost of the Earnest Money Deposit shall be governed by Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020.

6. The soft copy of the BOQ shall be provided along with the tender documents on submission of Eamest Money Deposit as mentioned vide si no. 4. The intending bidder shall submit his/her bid in the printed format as per the soft copy of the BOQ provided. In case the bidder submits the bids in hand written format, the same shall be summarily rejected.

7. The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own and correct assessment before submitting the bid.

8. The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer in the BOQ provided should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the general direction and conditions of the contract and other laid down norms. Supporting documents listed vide SI No. 2 should be enclosed with the offer.

9. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Namchi, on the date and within the time indicated above.

10. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes in vogue.

11. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.

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

13. In case of any discrepancy in the specifications printed in the BOQ issued with the tender documents, specifications as per approved Schedule of Rates-2020 will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final.

14. The Department reserves the rights to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.

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

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

17. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.

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

19. The recoveries i/c deduction of taxes and dutiesas applicable shall be as per the rates notified by the Government from time to time and as applicable on the date of payment. 20. Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules. 21. In case of manpower employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws

22. The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken up at least of three stages during the construction period ie. beginning, middle and completion stage.

23. Quarrying of non-stock materials shall be allowed only from designated/approved quaries.

24. The specifications in execution of the works are to be followed as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).

25. Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any act of negligence and shall bear the responsibility to repair/restore such damage.

26. Expenditure involved for material testing like cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed by the concemed authorities

27. The cost of stock materials and bridges parts if any supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractor's bills as per the prevalent recovery rate. 28. Defect liability period for the pavement work shall be for a period of five (05) years which shall not cover the damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides etc.

> Superintending Engineer (Namchi), **Roads and Bridges Department,** Government of Sikkim (349)

Government of Sikkim Roads & Bridges Department Circle Office, Namchi

NIT No. 24/DIV/N/R&B/23-24

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Date: 01/03/2024

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Divisional Engineer (Namchi), Roads and Bridges Department invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of Class III Grade, enlisted in Roads & Bridges Department Government of Sikkim, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of 30-Kitam Manpur GPU where the works are to be executed, for the execution of the work with the details as under: -

SI. No.	Name of Work	Bid Value	Bid security@2.5% of the value	Cost of tender Bid/bid form	Completion period	Territorial Jurisdiction
1.	Construction of road from Kitam Gufa Dara to Belbotey ward in Sikkim	₹1,08,06,655.00	₹2,70,166.00	₹30,000.00	12 months	30-Kitam Manpur GPU

Note: The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is exempted for all Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder being accepted as L1 bidder, the issue of Work Order shall be governed by the Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020.

SI. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt (Office of the	01/04/2024	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
	Divisional Engineer Roads and Bridges Department, Division Namchi)		
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form (Office of the	04/04/2024	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
	Divisional Engineer Roads And Bridges Department, Division Namchi)		
3	Submission of bid documents (Gram Prashasan Kendra 30-Kitam Manpur GPU)	06/04/2024	11:00 am to 2:00 pm
4	Opening of bid documents (Gram Prashasan Kendra 30-Kitam Manpur GPU)	06/04/2024	2:30 pm

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

1. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document shall not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER.

2. The Contractor should be an elector of Melli Constituency and the residential address in the Enlistment Certificate should be within the territorial jurisdiction of the same Gram Panchayat Unit/Urban Local body.

3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the application

a) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. Further, it is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.

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c) PAN card

d) Photo copy of latest voter ID card with both sides printed for proof of their Gram Panchayat Unit and territorial constituency.

e) Bank Receipt in original.

4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Accounts Officer, Roads and Bridges Department, on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State of Sikkim (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "0059- 80-800.01-other receipts", during the time schedule mentioned above.

5. Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% of the cost put to tender shall be deposited in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee from State Bank of Sikkim or any nationalized bank in favor of the Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, Namchi. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the same. In case of the Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding, the cost of the Earnest Money Deposit shall be governed by Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020.

6. The soft copy of the BOQ shall be provided along with the tender documents on submission of Eamest Money Deposit as mentioned vide si no. 4. The intending bidder shall submit his/her bid in the printed format as per the soft copy of the BOQ provided. In case the bidder submits the bids in hand written format, the same shall be summarily rejected.

7. The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own and correct assessment before submitting the bid.

8. The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer in the BOQ provided should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the general direction and conditions of the contract and other laid down norms. Supporting documents listed vide SI No. 2 should be enclosed with the offer.

9. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Namchi, on the date and within the time indicated above.

10. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes in vogue.

11. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.

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

13. In case of any discrepancy in the specifications printed in the BOQ issued with the tender documents, specifications as per approved Schedule of Rates-2020 will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final.

14. The Department reserves the rights to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.

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

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

17. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.

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

The recoveries i/c deduction of taxes and dutiesas applicable shall be as per the rates notified by the Government from time to time and as applicable on the date of payment.
Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
In case of manpower employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.

22. The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken up at least of three stages during the construction period ie. beginning, middle and completion stage.

23. Quarrying of non-stock materials shall be allowed only from designated/approved quaries.

24. The specifications in execution of the works are to be followed as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).

25. Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any act of negligence and shall bear the responsibility to repair/restore such damage.

26. Expenditure involved for material testing like cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed by the concerned authorities.

27. The cost of stock materials and bridges parts if any supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractor's bills as per the prevalent recovery rate. 28. Defect liability period for the pavement work shall be for a period of five (05) years which shall not cover the damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides etc.

> Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Division Office, Namchi. (350)

Government of Sikkim Power Department

No.Gos/P/CE(HQ)/38/2023-24/114

Date:11/03/2024

e-Procurement Tender Notice Tender reference no: CE/HQ/ADB/Tender/Pkg3/Lot1-5/2023-2024, dated: 08.03.2024

For and on behalf of the Government of Sikkim, Chief Engineer cum Nodal Officer (ADB), Power Department, Government of Sikkim invites online bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of Turnkey contract for LT Network Renovation & Augmentation-Pkg3 (in 5 Lots) as follows under ADB financed Sikkim Power Sector Development Project.

Lot No.	OCB NO	NAME OF WORK
1.	CE/HQ/ADB/Tender/P	Turnkey Contract for LT Network Renovation &
	kg3/Lor1-2023-2024	Augmentation Pkg3-Lot1(PCE-1 Soreng & Geyzing District)
2.	CE/HQ/ADB/Tender Pk	Turnkey Contract for LT Network Renovation &
	g3/Lot2- 2023-2024	Augmentation- Pkg3-Lot2 (PCE-2 Gangtok District)
3.	CE/HQ/ADB/Tender/P	Turnkey Contract for LT Network Renovation &
	kg3/Lot 3-2023-2024	Augmentation Pkg3-Lot3 (PCE-2 Mangan Distrct)
4.	CE/HQ/ADB/Tender/P	Turnkey Contract for LT Network Renovation &
	kg3/Lot4-2023-2024	Augmentation Pkg3-Lot4 (PCE-3 Pakyong District)
5.	CE/HQ/ADB/Tender/P	Turnkey Contract for LT Network Renovation &
	kg3/Lot5-2023-2024	Augmentation Pkg3-Lot5 (PCE-3 Namchi District)

Open Competitive Bidding-International will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.

The complete Bidding Document in English can be downloaded from the official portal of the Government of Sikkim, https://sikkimtender.gov.in from 09/03/2024 up to 20/04/2024.

Bid Submission deadline: 16/04/2024 up to 14:30 Hrs IST.

Sd/-Chief Engineer cum Nodal Officer - ADB (362A)

Government of Sikkim Power Department

No.Gos/P/CE(HQ)/38/2023-24/114

Date:11/03/2024

<u>e-Procurement Tender Notice</u>

Tender reference no: CE/HQ/ADB/Tender/Pkg1/SS/2023-24, Dated: 04.03.2024 For and on behalf of the Government of Sikkim, Chief Engineer cum Nodal Officer (ADB), Power Department, Government of Sikkim, invites online bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of Turnkey contract for Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 66/11KV Substation Renovation and Modernization-Pkg1 under ADB financed Sikkim Power Sector Development Project.

Open Competitive Bidding-International will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.

The complete Bidding Document in English can be downloaded from the official portal of the Government of Sikkim, https://sikkimtender.gov.in from 05/03/2024 up to 16/04/2024.

Bid Submission deadline: 16/04/2024 up to 14 30 Hrs IST.

Sd/-Chief Engineer cum Nodal Officer - ADB (362B)

Government of Sikkim Roads & Bridges Department Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok

Date: 08/03/2024

NIT No. 36/Gos/R&B/2023-24/51 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Chief Engineer, Roads & Bridges Department invites sealed tenders on item Rate basis under Two Cover System from class I-A contractors enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department for the execution of the work with the details as under:-

Pack- age No.	Name of Work	Bid Value (in Lakhs)	Bid Security @2.5% of the Bid Value (in Lakhs)	Cost of Tender/ Bid Form (in Lakhs)	Completion period
1	Construction of 1Km Byepass Road connecting NH10 at Sikkim Supreme juice factory Chisopani to Lingzey Sawtar including 50 Meter Span Steel Bridge over Rani Khola in Pakyong District, Sikkim.	₹1042.97	₹26.07	₹1:00	12 months

Health & Family Welfare Department Government of Sikkim Gangtok-737103

NO.: 1141/NCD/H&FW Date:7.3.2024 <u>NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS TO</u> <u>RUN 24X7 CRISIS CENTER</u>

Sealed proposal is invited from reputed NGO's/Voluntary organizations from Sikkim, registered at NITI Aayog Portal and having experience of atleast 3 years in health sector to run Crisis center cum 24x7 HELPLINE at Gangtok for a duration of 1 Year.

Details regarding terms and conditions can be collected from NCD cell, Health Department, Tashiling Secretariat or can be downloaded from the Sikkim government website (www.sikkim.gov.in). Proposals along with the supporting documents must reach the undersigned by 22 March 2024.

Proposals received after the due date and time will not be considered. The shortlisted NGOs will be asked to make presentation for the selection committee on a date which will be communicated.

The Health & Family Welfare Department reserves the right to reject any proposal without assigning any reason whatsoever.

NOTE: In accordance to the Office memoranduin of NITI Aayog, NGOs are to be registered with NITI Aayog Portal (NGO-DARPAN) and should have unique identifiers before submitting their applications.

> Dr. Sangeeta Pradhan Director cum SPO (NMHP) Health & Family Welfare Department (360)

Government Sikkim Gazette Extraordinary Published by Authority Tuesday 27th February, 2024 Gangtok No. 62 Government of Sikkim Land Revenue & Disaster Management Depratment Tashiling Secretariat, Block-B Gangtok-737101 Dated: 26/02/2024 No. 31/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 11(1) OF RIGHT TO FAIR **COMPENSATION AND TRANSPARENCY IN** LAND ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND

RESETTLEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 30 OF 2013) Whereas, it appears to the Governor that land is likely to be needed

for a public purpose, namely for FDR 2023-24 works to provide connectivity between km 0.200 (old) to km 5.600 (old) on Lachen -Kalep under 86 RCC/758 BRTF (P) Swastik in Sikkim, Ministry of Defence, Government of India in the blocks of Lachen, North Sikkim. It is hereby notified that the pieces of land comprising cadastral plots mentioned under the **"Schedule of Properties"** below and measuring more or less area **1.0660 hectares** (Private land) is likely to be needed for the aforesaid public purpose at the public expense, within the aforesaid block of Lachen, North Sikkim.

"SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES"

LACHEN BLOCK

Plot nos. 1390, 1383, 1333 & 1232 measuring more or less area 1.0660 hectares.

- East: Road (Sikkim Sarkar) (Khasmal).
- West: Sikkim Sarkar (khasmal) Road
- North: Private.
- South: Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal) Private.

The schedule for submission of completed bid document is as under:

SL No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of Submission of Application along with	18/03/2024	10:00 am to 4:30 pm
	Bank Receipt		
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender	20/03/2024	10 00 am to 4:30 pm
	Form on production of Bid Security Fee in the		
	form of TDR		
3	Last Date and Time of Submission of Pri-Bid	26/03/2024	4:30 PM
	Queries		
4	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	28/03/2024	1:30 PM
5	Submission of Bid Documents	04/04/2024	10:00 am to 4 30 pm
6	Opening of Technical Bid	Shall be inform	ned to the bidders
7	Opening of Financial Bid	Shall be inform	ned to the qualified bidders

Note: The intending bidders shall have to fulfill the criteria laid down in Para 11.7 of Sikkim Public Works Manual-2009 and the subsequent amendment in this regard.

Chief Engineer Roads & Bridges Department Government of Sikkim (363) No person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land specified in this preliminary notification or create any encumbrance on such land from the date of publication of this Notification without prior approval of the District Collector, Mangan, North Sikkim.

The plan of land may be inspected in the Office of the District Collector, Mangan, North Sikkim,

By order.

Anil Raj Rai, IAS Secretary, Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department (361)

Read and Advertise in Sikkim Herald

International Women's Day celebrated

Gangtok, March 8: International Women's Day celebration themed 'Inspire Inclusion' was organised by Women and Child Development Department at Chintan Bhawan, today.

Sanjeet Kharel, Mr Minister for Women and Child Development Department, in his address, elaborated on the pivotal role that women play in shaping the society. He delved into the multifaceted contributions of women across diverse sectors, emphasising their indispensable presence and impact in every sphere of life.

He highlighted how women and their contributions extend beyond traditional roles, with their influence felt in fields such as science, technology, politics, and entrepreneurship.

Additionally, he emphasised the State Government's dedicated endeavours and initiatives aimed promoting women at empowerment. He provided a comprehensive overview of the specific programmes, policies, and measures enacted by the government to tackle gender

disparities and create an environment conducive to women advancement and equal participation in social, economic, and political spheres.

Ms Normit Lepcha, Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, provided a concise overview of the programme's significance.

Additionally, she shed light on various initiatives undertaken by the State Government to empower women in the State. Furthermore, She discussed about inclusive theme of 'Inspire Inclusion', emphasising the importance of promoting diversity and inclusivity within the realm of women empowerment initiatives.

Dr Sandhya Thapa, Professor, Sikkim University, emphasised the historical evolution of women's roles and the ongoing challenges they face in various aspects of society. She also addressed the importance of gender equality, stressing the necessity to break barriers and confront gender stereotypes.

The programme had the presence of Ms Chung Kipu Lepcha, Chairperson Sikkim State Commission for Women, Ms Tshering Palden Deputy Mayor, GMC, Ms Normit Lepcha Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, Dr Sandhya Thapa Professor, Sikkim University, Ms Durga Upreti Managing Director, Women and Child Development Department, Ms Sujana Sharma Chief Account Officer, Women and Child Development Department, Members of Internal Complaint Committee, Members of Self Help Group, women entrepreneurs, students and dignataries.

At the outset, the Minister inaugurated three vehicles to establish a women empowerment hub in the district. Subsequently, he visited the stalls arranged by entrepreneurs and self-help groups.

The event had included cultural performances by Tapashree Academy. Additionally, a brief video showcasing the department's initiatives was also presented.

DC-cum-DEO inspects various **Polling Stations in Pakyong district**

Pakyong, March 10:DC-cum-District Election Officer Mr Tashi Chophel, carried out a comprehensive inspection of the Polling Stations in Thegu, Gnathang, Kupup and Zuluk to prepare for the upcoming General Elections,today.

The objective of his visit is to check that every aspect of the electoral process is carefully

organised and executed, ensuring an impartial and transparent election.

Accompanied by Mr Dak Man Subba, SDM Pakyong, Mr S Subba, SDM Pakyong, Mr PT Lepcha, DFO cum Sector Officer along with Police Officers, the team thoroughly assessed the logistics and arrangements at each Polling Stations.

DC-cum-DEO Pakyong conducts review meeting

Pakyong, March 8:Mr Tashi Chophel, DC Pakyong-cum-DEO conducted a review meeting at DAC Pakyong to discuss the preparations for the upcoming General Elections.

The meeting had an in-depth discussions with the District Nodal Officer, Flying Squad Teams (FST), Static Surveillance Teams (SST) and Video Surveillance Teams (VST).

During the meeting with the District Nodal Officer, a thorough assessment of the overall preparedness for the upcoming General Elections was carried out. DC Pakyong inquired with

the concerned officers about their responsibilities and readiness for the upcoming General Elections, covering all aspects pertaining to election deployment, expenditure monitoring, postal ballots, transport management, media arrangements, electoral roles, EVM management, and other related matters. In the meeting with FST, SST, and VST, a comprehensive overview of their assigned responsibilities and tasks was provided.

Emphasis was laid on the importance of submitting daily reports to the respective Sector

Magistrates. Furthermore, FST received detailed instructions on the utilisation of the cVIGIL app. This app enables the FST to promptly respond to any information received regarding malpractice or a violation of the Model Code of Conduct. The teams are expected to swiftly address any complaints by reaching the location without delay.

SST teams were informed about the essential Election Seizure Management System (ESMS) App, which plays a vital role in efficiently handling and monitoring seized items, thereby ensuring transparency.

Subsequently, mobile phones were provided to the FST and SST for video recording purposes, while video cameras were allocated to the VST for onsite video recording to monitor candidate expenditures during the election process.

The meeting was also attended by Ms Anupa Tamling ADC Pakyong, Mr Rinzing Chopel Rai ASP Pakyong, SDM (Hq), SDM Pakyong, Joint Secretary Election Cell, and Nodal Officers from the District.

Inauguration of exhibition-cum-sale of Urban SHG products

Gangtok, March 8: Mr Sanjeet Kharel, Minister for Buildings and Housing Department along with Mr YT Lepcha MLA Gangtok Constituency attended the inauguration of Exhibition-cum-Sale of Urban Self Help Group (SHG) products at MG Marg, today.

The exhibition was organised by the Urban Development Department (UDD) under the auspices of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

The Minister said that the State Government is dedicated to providing all possible assistance for grassroots initiatives to promote economic self-sufficiency within marginalised communities.

He emphasised that the Exhibition-cum-Sale provides a NULAM, Social Mobilisation and

platform for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to exhibit their wide variety of products.

He also encouraged everyone to participate in empowering local artisans and entrepreneurs.

He applauded the collective enthusiasm of both participants and the organisers in building a more equitable and prosperous society.

Similarly, Mr Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia, State Mission Director for the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), stated that a total of 45 Urban Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from Gangtok and Namchi Districts participated, and the exhibition will continue for one week.

He further mentioned that within the framework of DAY-

Institution Development (SMID) aims to enhance community engagement, strengthen local institutions, and promote sustainable development.

Also present were Mr MT Sherpa Secretary Urban Development Department, Mr Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia, State Mission Director for National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), Mr Shailendra Sharma, Principal Chief Engineer, UDD, Ms Yogita Rai, Principal Town Planner, UDD, Mr Hemant Rai, Director-Municipalities, UDD, Ms Srijana Chettri, Deputy Secretary NULM, UDD, Ms Pema Bhutia, ATPO-UDD, Ms Doma Bhutia, ATPO-UDD, Mr RB Bhandari, Commissioner GMC, Mr Bishnu Thapa, Bazar Officer GMC, Officials from UDD and NULAM -UDD.

Training for Presiding and Polling **Officers-I concludes**

Gangtok, March 8: The third round of training for Presiding and Polling Officers-I for upcoming General Elections concluded at DAC Gangtok, today.

Mr Rohan Agawane ADC Gangtok- cum - State Level Master Trainer, Mr Sonam Wongval Lepcha DPO (DDMA) Gangtokcum-Nodal Officer Training Management Team and Mr Abhijeet Patil Assistant Collector Gangtok, conducted the training at Gangtok Zilla Bhawan and DAC Conference hall, respectively. The training included imparting details on EVM components, VVPATs,

Do's and Don'ts on Poll Day, Form 17C, Role of Presiding and Polling Officers-I on poll day.

The training also had interactive sessions where ADC Gangtok interacted with the Presiding and Polling Officers-I concerning the Statutory Booklet on General Election 2024.

A total of 46 Presiding Officers and 52 Polling Officers including 14 PwD personnel attended the training.

Third round training for Presiding and Polling Officers-I

Pakyong, March 8: The second day of the third round training for Presiding and Polling Officers-I for the upcoming General Elections 2024 was held at Rurban Joint Secretary, Planning Department-cum-District Level Master Trainer (DLMT).

The session covered a wide range of topics, including poll

and non-statutory forms, such as Forms 17 A, 17 B, 17 C, 14 A, 14, and M-21 Mock Poll Certificate and Declaration forms.

Similarly, Mr Tashi Pinsto Mapen Assembly Level Master Trainer (ALMT), Mr Sonam Zangpo Bhutia, ALMT, Mr Raju Pradhan, ALMT and Mr Bimal Kr Pradhan, ALMT conducted a theory class on EVM handling and provided hands-on training on Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs).

Complex in Pakyong, today.

A total of 100 Presiding and Polling Officers-I participated in the session, simultaneously held at Conference Hall and Training hall of Rurban Complex.

Theoretical training was provided by Mrs Merina Rai, Joint Secretary, Election Departmentcum-State Level Master Trainer (SLMT) and Mrs Tenzing Pema,

day arrangements, roles and responsibilities of the Presiding Polling Officers, and familiarisation with the polling materials, preparation of EVMs, and conducting mock poll exercises.

The trainees were also acquainted with a comprehensive understanding of the procedures for completing various statutory

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symbolising the collective pursuit of national progress and cultural heritage preservation.

Similarly, Post Master General, in his welcome address, highlighted the transformative initiatives undertaken by the Post Office, ranging from digitalisation to the provision of essential services like banking and insurance. He emphasised the Post Office's role as a one-stop solution for various needs, including

Hands-on training on EVM for the Presiding and Polling-I Officers was also conducted.

medical assistance and financial planning.

The event witnessed distribution of new passbooks to depositors, symbolising the beginning of a new chapter for the Sicheygaon Sub Post Office. Post Master Reema Lepcha, alongside the chief guest, facilitated the handing over of the passbooks, reaffirming the commitment to serving the community.

Also present were Dr Ruth Yonzon Medical Superintendent STNM, Nursing College students, locals, depositors, staff, and officials of the Post Office.

Pakyong District Administration under SVEEP organises | Yuva Bharosa Sammelan organised open 10k run in Pakyong Gangtok, March 9: The second

Pakyong, March 12:The Pakyong District Administrative organised open 10k run in Pakyong, today. The initiative is a part of the Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Programme carrying the inspiring slogan 'Chunav ka Parv, Desh Ka Garv' (Elections: the biggest Festival and Pride of the Nation).

In the presence of Mr Tashi Chophel, DC Pakyong, Ms Anupa Tamling, ADC Pakyong, Mr Bishal Sharma, Additional Political Secretary to the CM, Mr Mahendra Chettri, SDM Hq, Ms Merina Rai, Joint Secretary

Namchi, March 11: The first round of National Deworming Day was launched at Namchi Public School by Namchi District Hospital, today.

The programme was graced by the School Principal Father Stanley in the presence of Chief Medical Officer Namchi, Dr SN Adhikari, CDPO, ICDS Supervisor, DRCHO, CNO, DPHNO, IEC team, ANM, ASHAs of District Hospital Namchi, teachers and staff of Namchi Public School along with the students.

Election Cell, and representatives from SARATHI. the races for both male and female categories were flagged off.

During the event, Ms Merina Rai, Joint Secretary Election Cell, explained that the event aimed to boost voter awareness and empower eligible voters to actively participate in the democratic process as part of the SVEEP initiative.

She emphasised the importance of increasing voter turnout for the General Elections 2024 and urged all eligible voters to exercise their right to vote.

The event culminated with

Launching of NDD

DRCHO Namchi highlighted on the objective of deworming programme, which is being carried out all over Sikkim covering all Private Schools, Government Schools and Aganwadi Centres, during which all children aged 1 – 19 years will be given chewable deworming tablet free of cost and all left out children during NDD, and the Mop up Day is on March 18, 2024. He also briefed on Soil-Transmitted Helminths (STH), which is a crucial public health concern for the country. As

the announcement of the 10k run winners in both male and female categories, as follows. In the male category, 1st Pradip Mahato bagged the cash prize of ₹20,000/-, 2nd: Bikash Bhujel with a cash prize of ₹15,000/-, 3rd Puran Rai and Vivek Chettri won cash prizes of ₹10,000/- each.

Winner in the female category, 1st Sabina Rai won a cash prize of ₹20,000, 2nd Priya Tamang won a cash prize of ₹15,000/-, 3rd Priya Chettri won a cash prize of ₹10,000/-. Certificates were also awarded to both the winners and participants of the event.

many as 22 crore children in the age bar between 1 to 19 years are estimated to be at risk of worm infections. These infections interfere with nutrient intake in children and also contribute to anaemia, malnourishment, and impaired mental and physical growth. Therefore it is important to deworm 1-19 years children to combat above intestinal parasitic infections leading to such unhealthy consequences.

Training for Polling Party designated for General **Elections 2024 under Gangtok District**

Gangtok, March 9: Training for Polling Party designated for Postal Ballot, Home Voting, Facilitation Centres and Postal Voting Centres for General Elections 2024 under Gangtok District was conducted at DIET Conference Hall, Burtuk, today.

The objective of the programme was to apprise everyone about the new instruction given by Election Commission of India (ECI) for maximum inclusion of voters during General Elections 2024. In this election, the ECI has included new features such as Home Voting for 85+ year old senior citizens and Person with Disabilities (PwD) with 40% disability, benchmark Facilitation Centre for Government employees' postal ballot and installation of Postal Voting Centre (PVC) for postal ballots of essential service such as health workers. Total number of 131 Polling Officers and Presiding Officers involved in the upcoming General Elections 2024 participated in the programme. The programme had the presence of Mr Tushar Nikhare District Collector Gangtok-cum-District Election Officer (DEO) Mr Rohan Agawane ADC Gangtok-cum-State Level Master Trainer, Mr Sonam Wongyal Lepcha Deputy Director DDMA Gangtok-cum-Nodal Officer Training Management Team and Mr Suresh Rai SDM Rabdang-cum-Nodal Officer Postal Ballot.

Mr Tushar Nikhare District Collector Gangtok-cum-District Election Officer (DEO) Gangtok, in his brief address, hoped that the trainees are clear about their roles on the poll day. He directed everyone to be mentally prepared for the poll day as election protocol ought to be followed strictly.

DEO Gangtok The cautioned the Polling Officers to be vigilant about the ballot box during the Home Voting procedure and gave detailed instruction on all the process involved in it. He stressed on the importance of secrecy of vote elaborated on the new during Home Voting with instruction from ECI to create samples of real life scenarios involved in the process. He concluded his address by extending best wishes to everyone present and hoped the election will proceed without any hassles. Mr Rohan Agawane ADC Gangtok-cum-State Level Master Trainer, gave a detailed demonstration of sample postal ballot through a powerpoint presentation.In the live demonstration of postal ballot he spoke about different categories of postal ballots available to voters. He apprised about the new centres such as Facilitation Centre and Postal Voting Centres (PVC) available to Polling Officers and Presiding Officers. He also gave live

sample demonstration of filling up forms.

Further, ADC Gangtok gave detailed discourse on roles and responsibilities of Polling Officers involved in Home Voting, Facilitation Centre and PVC. He elaborated on the composition of team for Home Voting and explained the process in detail.

SDM Rabdang-cum-Nodal Officer Postal Ballot, in his address, spoke about the new instructions given by ECI for senior citizens 85+ and PwD with 40% benchmark disability who are eligible for Home Voting.

Furthermore, he Facilitation Centres for Government employees for casting postal their ballot.Touching the subject of ballot papers, he spoke at length about different ballot papers-Pink Ballot paper for Assembly, White Ballot paper for Parliamentary and Blue Ballot paper for Sangha. His address also included details about Postal Voting Centre (PVC) created for Government employees in essential services. An interactive session between the concerned Officials and Officials in Postal Ballot Polling Party also took place during the course of the programme.

Yuva Bharosa Sammelan was organised by the Department of Personnel (DoP) in all the Block Administrative Centres (BAC) of all six districts of Sikkim.today. The temporary appointment orders that could not be distributed during the first Yuva Bharosa Sammelan on February 29, due to various reasons, were handed out to the eligible candidates in the statewide Sammelan.

In Gangtok district, fresh appointment orders on temporary capacity were distributed in each of the following assembly constituencies:

- 27 Gangtok Constituency:

The eligible candidates belonging to Gangtok, Arithang and Upper Tadong received their temporary appointment orders at the GMC Hall, Deorali. The appointment letters were handed out by Mr Arun K Upreti, Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly in the presence of Ms Tshering Palden Bhutia, Deputy Mayor, GMC, Ms Sangdup Bhutia, Sr AO-cum-Nodal Officer of the Sammelan, Mr R B Bhandari, Commissioner, GMC, Ms K D Rechung, Secretary, Administrative Reforms Commission and DoP officials.

-24 Martam - Rumtek Constituency:

The candidates received their temporary appointment orders at Martam BAC from Mr Sonam Venchungpa, Area MLA, in the presence of Mr Uday Gurung, Conservator Forest (CF), Forest and Environment Department, Mr Rohan Rai, BDO, Martam and DoP officials.

-28 Upper Burtuk Constituency:

Eligible individuals received their temporary appointment orders at Ranka BAC in the presence of Mr ST Bhutia, SNT

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projects, he expressed that an additional budget will be sanctioned for the project, if needed.

Furthermore, he highlighted various works carried out by the State Government in the global pandemic. He further stated that several projects, which were pending since many years due to multiple issues have been completed or is on the verge of completion by the State Government, he added. He assured to fill the shortages of language teachers in Government Schools to preserve languages. He also the highlighted several schemes being implemented for the benefits of the people. Furthermore, he assured that people will be benefitted continuously with the current policies of the State Government. Political Secretary to Chief Minister Mr Jacob Khaling in his address expressed that the State Government has done all the holistic development for the Kirat Rai community and has been

Advisor, Mr Prakash Chhetri, PCEcum-Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Ms Bandana Chettri, Additional Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Ms Chunkula Bhutia, Deputy Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Ms Babita Rai, BDO Ranka and Mr Yogendra Raj Pradhan, Programmer, DoP.

Tumin-Lingee -16 Constituency

Temporary appointment orders were distributed at Rakdong-Tintek BAC in the presence of Mr Balaram Pandey, Zilla Adhyaksha, Gangtok, Mr Dorjee Dadul Bhutia, Secretary, PWD, Mr Puskar Khatiwara, BDO Tintek, Officials from DoP and staff of Tintek BAC.

- 17 Khamdong-Singtam Constituency:

Temporary appointment orders were handed out to eligible candidates at Khamdong BAC by Mr Sonam Lama, Minister for Rural Development Department in the presence of Mr Srawan Dhakal, BDO Khamdong, Mr Am Prasad Sharma, Former MLA and officials from DoP and BAC staff.

- 23 Shyari Constituency:

Candidates received their temporary appointment orders from Ms Deeki Yangzom Barfungpa, Secretary, Mines and Geology Department-cum-Nodal Officer for the Sammelan accompanied by Mr. Phigu Bhutia, Principal Director, Mines and Geology Department along with officials from DoP.

The Sammelan under 23 Syari Constituency was organised at BAC Nandok under the supervision of Mr T T Gensapa, BDO Nandok.

Minister-cum-Area MLA Mr Kunga Nima Lepcha also visited the BAC for a brief period.

supportive towards the preservation of language and cultural aspects of different communities from the beginning. He further highlighted some of the upcoming projects that will benefit the Kirat Rai community. Acknowledging the supportive gestures of the Chief Minister, he extended gratitude to the Chief Minister.

During the programme, the Chief Minister was also felicitated by various groups for his selfless service towards the public.

On the occasion, home stay allotment orders under the scheme 'Mega Home Stay Project in Sikkim' under the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department were distributed to the beneficiaries. Additionally, the Chief Minister also provided financial assistance to individuals who had expressed their interest to promote and encourage business activity in their respective areas.

The land donors were felicitated with the Letter of Appreciation through the hands of Chief Minister. Likewise, a book named 'Trilingual Lexical Verb Dictionary' written by DK Rai was also released during the programme.

Chief Minister attends inaugural ceremony of Semechung **Bhawan at Chumbong**

Soreng, March 8: The Heavenly Nirvana Sarbadharma Path (HNSP) Lovism Sikkim organised the inaugural ceremony of Semechung Bhawan at Chumbong under Soreng district, today.

Chief Minister, Mr Prem Singh Tamang graced the occasion as the chief guest and was accompanied by Swami Bal Tapaswi Satguru Om Nanda Master Godangel, Guru Hajur, Cabinet Minister, MLAs, Political Secretary to CM, Zilla Adhyakshas (Soreng, Gyalshing Namchi), Advisors, and Chairpersons, Former Ministers, Secretaries, DC Soreng, SP Soreng, District HoDs, dignitaries, guests and public.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest.

Addressing on the auspicious occasion, the Chief Minister marked the day to be momentous and said that the construction of the Bhawan was as per the necessity and request put forth by the HNSP family, which was acknowledged by the Government. He extended his congratulatory wishes to the community.

Reflecting upon his political journey, he said that the support from the people of Chumbong-Chakung block has been one of his significant accomplishments and

are closest to his heart. He also remembered some of the prominent local social leaders who made pivotal contributions for their community and paid his due respect towards them.

He enumerated some of the continued developmental projects in the district that were successfully launched and are underway by the Government in the last five years while facing the challenges of global pandemic and natural disaster in the State, such as the ITI Campus, BDO Office, New Community Hall, better roadconnectivity that were meant for the welfare of the people and the society. He also mentioned the Government's initiative of providing a job to one member of the family especially belonging to the marginalised section as a crucial step towards empowering them.

Furthermore, he also touched upon various progressive schemes implemented by the Government, such as the Sikkim Garib Aawas Yojana, Sikkim Aama Shashaktikaran Yojana, Aama Sahayog Yojana, Mero Rukh Mero Santati, Vatsalya and others. He emphasized several public beneficial initiatives like house upgradation, distribution of GCI sheets, inverters, financial assistance that have provided essential assistance and aid for the and under privileged.

needy ones.

In his closing remarks, he extended gratitude towards Swami Bal Tapaswi Satguru Om Nanda Master Godangel, Guru Hajur and the HSNP family for allowing him to be a part of historic moment.

At the conclusion of the event, HH Master Godangel delivered a benediction to the attendees and expressed his sincere gratitude towards the Chief Minister for his continued support.

At the outset, a detailed technical report about the project by Ms Pragya Singh Chief Engineer, Culture Department was presented.

The programme also included felicitation to Mr Aditya Golay MLA (Soreng-Chakung), Mr Jacob Khaling Political Secretary to CM, Culture Department and the land donors for their individual and holistic contributions.

The committee also presented a letter of appreciation to the chief guest as a token of gratitude.

The chief guest also distributed cheques to beneficiaries under various schemes such as Chief Minister Medical Assistance Scheme, Chief Minister's Relief Fund and financial aids through Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant to the needy

Third round of training for Presiding and Polling Officers-**I** concludes

Pakyong, March 11: The third round of training for Presiding and Polling Officers-I in connection with the upcoming General Elections 2024 was concluded at the conference hall and training hall of the Rurban Complex in Pakyong today.

The training was conducted simultaneously in two venues for 124 Presiding and Polling Officers-L

In conversation with the trainees, Mr Tashi Chophel, DC Pakyong, advised them to actively participate in the handson training and clear any doubts regarding the election process. He emphasised the importance of providing a cumulative report every two hours on the day of the poll.

Furthermore, he urged the

election approaches. As part of the training, the participants were thoroughly briefed on various topics, including poll day arrangements, duties of Presiding and Polling Officers, and mock poll exercises.

The training also provided a revision session for the participants to assess their understanding of the guidelines and ensure that they were wellprepared for the upcoming election.

Forms 17A, 17B, 17C, 14A, 14 and M-21 Mock Poll Certificate and Declaration forms were among the statutory and non-statutory forms that the trainees were instructed to complete.

During the training, the participants were also educated how to differentiate the voter slips trainees to exercise caution as the for Parliament, Assembly, and

Sangha based on their designated colours.

The theoretical training was facilitated by Mrs Merina Rai, Joint Secretary, Election Departmentcum-State Level Master Trainer, and Ms Tenzing Pema, Joint Secretary, Planning Departmentcum-District Level Master Trainer (DLMT)

Similarly, Mr Tashi Pintso Mapen, Assembly Level Master Trainer (ALMT), Mr Sonam Zangpo Bhutia, ALMT, Mr Raju Pradhan, ALMT and Mr Bimal Kr Pradhan, ALMT conducted a theory class on EVM administration and hands-on training on Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs).

CM and Master God Angel Guru Hajur attends 88th Trimurti Shiva Jayanti Mahotsav

Gangtok, March 8:On the occasion of Maha Shivratri and International Women's Day, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, accompanied by Madam Krishna Rai and Master God Angel Guru Hajur, attended the 88th Trimurti Shiva Jayanti Mahotsav organised by Brahma Kumaris, Sikkim, at Shanti Kund, Development Area today.

Expressing greetings for International Women's Day, the Chief Minister commended Brahmakumaris for their social contribution towards a simple yet peaceful life, which Sikkim appreciates. He praised their

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During the ceremony, the Chief Minister expressed his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Gurung Community for the remarkable construction of Rodhi Ghar. He reiterated the government's steadfast commitment to supporting and enriching the cultural tapestry of Sikkim, emphasising the importance of preserving and celebrating the unique traditions of all communities across the State.

Moreover, the Chief Minister announced the government's support for the inclusion of the Gurung language in the CBSE curriculum, a significant step towards preserving and promoting the linguistic diversity of the region.

He emphasised the value of recording and conserving language, oral history, and cultural traditions while also ensuring financial support for businesses, groups, and cultural institutions as part of a commitment to community upliftment.

Highlighting the significant initiatives undertaken by the State Government, the Chief Minister commended projects such as the beautification of Megi Dara Gumpa in Rinchenpong, Soreng district and the construction of the Mahatma Sirijunga Study Centre in Hee Goan, Gyalshing District.

efforts in spreading the message of inner peace and happiness and emphasised the importance of accepting the truths of life and death to avoid negative thoughts and vibes. He urged people to serve mankind, putting aside negative emotions like ego, greed, and jealousy, advocating for timely service.

The celebration was attended by MLA Mr Sonam Venchungpa, Chairpersons, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, former Speaker Mrs Kalawati Subba, former Ministers and MLAs, dignitaries, guests, students and devotees.

initiatives, such as the Vatsalya Yojana, Aama Scheme and scholarship programmes, aimed at providing essential support to uplift and empower communities across Sikkim.

Furthermore, Mr Rohit Raj Maharaj, in his welcome speech, extended his heartfelt appreciation to the Chief Minister for his exemplary efforts. He added that the Chief Minister's unwavering dedication and determination to improving the lives of the people are worthy of admiration.

In addition, Mr GM Gurung, former Minister and Chief Patron of the programme, expressed his sincere gratitude to the Chief Minister for unveiling the highly anticipated Rodhi Ghar.

He highlighted Sikkim's significant advancements during the last four and a half years, crediting the State Government's constant guidance and support for this progress.

Additionally, he enumerated several noteworthy accomplishments, such as the construction of new roads and schools, renovations of existing educational institutions, expansion of housing schemes, and the enhancement of essential public services.

Similarly, Mr DB Gurung, Chairman of the State Bank of Sikkim and also the Chief Patron of the programme, lauded the government's commitment to uplifting the needy and disadvantaged.

The Sadam Gumba Committee Parakha Tamu Gurung Gumba Committee, and Chuba Gumba Committee also presented their felicitations to the Chief Minister.

VSK inaugurated

Gangtok, March 11: Mr Kunga Nima Lepcha, Minister for Education Department inaugurated the Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) at District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Burtuk, today.

Organised by Samagra Shiksha-Education Department, the programme was attended by Mr R Telang, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Education Department, Mr Sonam Denzongpa, Principal Director, Education Department, Chief Education Officers from all six districts, officials from SCERT, Samagra Shiksha-Education Department and staff from DIET. Vidya Samiksha Kendra is

one stop control and command centre to be established in every state. It serves many functions such as tracking student enrolment and progress in their learning levels, mainstreaming out of school children, textbook delivery, provide additional support required by teachers and schools, to identify and work on strengthening academic and administrative structure and ensure appropriate classspecific learning outcomes among student.

The Minister in his address spoke about the significant objectives of Vidhya Samiksha Kendra and expressed hope that VSK will help and

improve the school education system in every possible aspect. The Minister interacted with grade eight students of Singtam Senior Secondary School through video conference.

Earlier Mr R Telang, ACS, Education Department, in his welcome address, spoke briefly about the functions of VSK. He said that VSK aims to improve academic performance of students, empowers the teachers in schools and enable effective utilization of available resources.

During the programme, official VSK introductory video was also released.

mentioned He also developments such as Yuma Mangkhim and the Cultural Centre in Assam Lingzey, along with the preservation and beautification of the historic Mahatma Sirijunga showcasing Cave, the government's commitment to heritage conservation and cultural promotion.

He announced plans for the construction of a museum and Buddhist studies and meditation centre, as well as the installation of the Statue of Gurung Padmashamvabha in Mangnu, Dentam, Gyalshing district in order to preserve the rich cultural heritage of Sikkim.

He also outlined various government schemes and

Likewise, the exemplary work of the contractors of Rodhi Ghar, Mr Uttam Adhikari and Mr Karma Gyampo Bhutia, was also acknowledged and honoured by the Chief Minister.

During the ceremony, the organising committee featured enthralling Gurung dance forms in addition to traditional Ghatu dance.

The ceremony served as a testament to the rich culture and strong community spirit of the Gurung community, showcasing their cherished traditions and values.

Chief Minister inaugurates Namchi CM dedicates various infrastructures to Gyalshing public **Town Hall** The Chief Minister was owned properties near the

Gyalshing, March 10:Chief Minister, Mr Prem Singh Tamang, attended a ceremony at Gyalshing Bazar, dedicating various public infrastructure projects to communities of Gyalshing and Yangthang Constituencies, today.

The ceremony commenced with the virtual inauguration of CT scan facilities at the District Hospital, Gyalshing, ensuring enhanced medical services for the residents. Additionally, the virtual inauguration of Hamro Dawai Kendra at STNM Hospital, Sochaygang, Gangtok provides free medicines to those in need, reaffirming the government's commitment to accessible healthcare.

The Chief Minister also distributed financial aid to 14 organisations and individuals under the Chief Minister's Discretionary Fund, and 12 beneficiaries under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Moreover, interest-free loans were provided to four registered PWD workers under the Labour Department demonstrating the State Government's dedication to uplifting marginalised communities and facilitating sustainable development.

honoured by the monks of Pemayangtse Monastery, in recognisition of his exemplary leadership and unwavering support for the community and the region.

Addressing the people, the Chief Minister reiterated the importance of responsible of stewardship public infrastructure projects, urging the public to actively take ownership for availing long-term benefits. He highlighted the government's achievements over the past five years, including the establishment of essential facilities, regularisation of temporary employees, and comprehensive enhancement of public infrastructure, among others.

A key announcement made during the ceremony was construction of the parking plaza and town hall in between the market area. CM reiterated that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Urban and Housing Development Department and Pemayangtse monastery. This agreement involves the exchange of designated areas in Gyalshing bazar with State Governmentmonastery. Additionally, he informed about the transformation of the Singshore Bridge situated under Maneybong-Dentam constituency into a top-notch glass bridge, with 99% of the required process finalised. This project is poised to significantly enhance tourism prospects in the region, further contributing to its economic development.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence in the positive impact of these transformative initiatives on the region's progress and prosperity. He called upon citizens to collectively contribute to sustaining the growth and development of the community, emphasising the importance of shared responsibility.

Earlier, Chief Minister visited the nearby Gyalshing Maney Lakhang and offered prayers and inaugurated the wellness park developed in the monastery premises.

The programme had the presence of Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Political Secretary to CM, Advisors, Chairmen, Government officials. District Officials and public.

policies.

Namchi, March 9: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the inaugural ceremony of Namchi Town Hall under Namchi district, today.

The inaugural ceremony had the presence of Mr Sanjeet Kharel Minister for Buildings and Housing Department, Mr L B Das Minister for Urban Development Department, Advisors, Chairpersons, Councillors, Ms Annapurna Alley DC Namchi, Dr TN Gyatsho Sr SP, Mr Anant Jain ADC Namchi, SDM (Hq), SDM (Namchi), HoDs from the line departments and public.

While addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister congratulated the public of Namchi for the assets that has been inaugurated today. He applauded the dedication of the officers, architects, engineers, contractors involved in the completion of these projects.

He also underlined the infrastructural development, which has been sanctioned by the State Government such as establishments of Block Development Centres, Universities, construction of Rai Khim, Brahmakumari Centres and Skywalk at Bhaleydunga, which will provide social upliftment for the people of the district.

Highlighting on the various achievements and progress of the State Government, he reiterated on the recently launched schemes such as Sishu Samridhi Yojana and Aama Sahayog Yojana and other At the outset, he informed

that the Prime Minister of India had virtually laid the foundation stone of Multipurpose Community Centre in Soreng district and inauguration of upgradation and carpeting of new road from Tharpu to Daramdin under Viksit Bharat-Viksit Northeast earlier today.

Principal Chief Engineer briefed about the technical aspects of the project, wherein he informed that Namchi Town Hall has been established at the old existing community hall, which comprises an auditorium, conference halls, restaurants, art gallery, library, mini futsal arena and an underground parking area. A video presentation highlighting the description of Namchi Town Hall by the Buildings and Housing Department was also screened.

The Chief Minister presented mementoes to the officers, staff and contractors of Namchi Town Hall project. Likewise, he also handed over the cheques under Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant to various individuals and associations.

Earlier, the Chief Minister also inaugurated Hanuman Mandir Namchi, Pedestrian Subways and Foot Over Bridge and attended the virtual inauguration of various projects underViksit Bharat-Viksit Northeast at DAC Namchi, which was chaired by the Prime Minister of India Mr Narendra Modi.

Sustainable Lifestyle Hands-on Workshop on Mission LiFE held

Gangtok, March 11: State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) Sikkim in partnership with Sikkim EIACP Hub of Forest and Environment Department, organised a two-day long sustainable lifestyle hands-on workshop on skilling in preparing eco-friendly alternatives for single use plastics.

held at Sidkeong Tulku Forest Conference Hall, Deorali, Gangtok on 8th and 11th of March, wherein 100 students and ecoclub green teachers of schools in and around Gangtok participated. The programme was conducted as a part of Mission LiFE - Lifestyle for Environment campaign (2022-2028) sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The inaugural session of the event held on March 8 also witnessed the observance of International Women's Day. The workshop primarily focused on providing hands-on skilling on preparing decoratives from natural resources such as leaves, flowers, bamboo, plant

twigs, and also demonstrated plastic waste recycling in the process for making various useful handicrafts. The event aimed to promote eco-friendly lifestyle by eliminating the use of Single-Use Plastics as decorative, which are most common during functions such as birthdays, marriages etc.

The resource experts led The workshop was by Ana Lama and team from Sikkim Blossoms, a voluntary organization based in Gangtok conducted the sessions in which the participants showed enthusiasm. Participating schools showing best products as outcome of the training were also rewarded with eco-friendly bamboo handicrafts as gifts. The workshop had the presence of Member Secretary Dr Gopal Pradhan, Joint Director Mrs Kusum Gurung, Principal Chief Scientific Officer Mr B K Chettri, DFO (NTFP/ SPCB) Ms Yangchen Bhutia, Sr Scientific Officer Ms Kunzang Z Bhutia and Sr Programme Officer (ENVIS) Mr Rajen Pradhan as other facilitators and speakers.

Chief Secretary sensitises HoDs on Model Code of Conduct

Gangtok, March 12 : A meeting was held to deliberate on the rules and regulations to be followed by the departments during the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), in the relation to the upcoming General Elections-2024 to Lok Sabha and Sikkim Legislative Assembly at the Conference Hall of Tashiling Secretariat, today.

The meeting was chaired by Mr VB Pathak Chief Secretary. Present in the meeting were Mr AK Singh, Director General of Police (DGP), Mr R Telang, ACS Education Department, Mr Avichal, ADGP, Mr D Anandan, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sikkim, Heads of all Departments

(HoDs), senior officers from the is issue by the Commission. Office of Chief Electoral Officer and other concerned Departments.

Mr Jigmi Wangchuk Bhutia, Additional Secretary-cum-Nodal Officer for MCC made a detailed power point presentation on the rules and regulations to be followed by all the departments during the time of MCC.

MCC comes into effect immediately from the time and day the Election Commission of India announces the schedule of elections. It stays in operation till such time 'Due Constitution Notification' (notification regarding list of elected members)

MCC applies to all Government Departments and all organisations/committees/ corporations/commissions etc. funded wholly or partially by the Central Government or any State Government, it was informed.

The Chief Secretary briefed the attendees on the do's and dont's during MCC and pressed for cooperation of the departments to ensure that rules are followed by all.

During the meeting, the participants engaged in discussion to clarify their doubts and address issues concerning their relevant department.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Suk Maya Limbu, D/o Late Keshar Singh, aged about 32 years, by faith Christian, by profession Self Employed, R/o Upper Niya under P.O & P.S Yangang, District: Namchi, Sikkim do solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:

1. That my true and correct name is "Suk Maya Limbu" and my father's true and correct name is 'Keshar Singh Limbu" and my mother's true and correct name is "Bhim Maya Limbu" same has been recorded in my Birth Certificate bearing Regd. No. 173 issued by the Office of the Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Sikkim on 01.02.2024 and in all of my relevant documents.

2. That however in my Student Identity Card bearing Enroll. No.180004222016 issued by the National Institute of Open Schooling my mother's name has been inadvertently recorded as "Indra Maya Subba"

3. That "Limbu" is our Caste and "Subba" is our Title.

4. That this Affidavit is made to declare on oath that my mother's true and correct name is "Bhim Maya Limbu" however the person by the names "Bhim Maya Limbu" and "Indra Maya Subba" refers to the one, same and single identical person i.e., My mother.

5. That this Affidavit is made bonafide.

Deponent Suk Maya Limbu

VERIFICATION

I, the above deponent do verify and state that the statements contained in the above paragraphs are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing materials has been concealed therefrom. Sworn and Signed this Affidavit on this the 22nd day of February, 2024 at Gangtok District, Sikkim.

Identified by me:	Deponent
Bikash Limbu	Suk Maya Limbu

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Gyalshing witnesses inauguration of Kyongsa Stadium and Chief Minister inaugurates State-of-**Indoor Gymnasium** Art Academic Blocks Gyan Kunj

Gyalshing, March 10:Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated the Kyongsa Stadium and Indoor Gymnasium hall, today marking a significant milestone in the advancement of sports infrastructure in Gyalshing.

The Kyongsa Stadium and Indoor Gymnasium hall with an estimated project cost of ₹33 crore, stands as a testament to the commitment of the State

inaugurated three storied

Gyalshing Police Station, today.

The inauguration ceremony was

attended by Minister Buildings

and Housing Deartment Mr

Sanjeet Kharel, Minister-cum-Area

MLA, Mr LN Sharma, Director

General of Police Mr AK Singh,

SDGP Mr Akshay Sachdeva, ADGP

Mr Avichal, DIGs Mr Thakur

Government towards promoting sports and providing world-class facilities for athletes and enthusiasts alike. The state-of-theart amenities are set to elevate the sporting experience for both players and spectators.

Additionally, the Indoor Stadium boasts modern facilities including two badminton courts, a taekwondo hall, a gymnasium, and a boxing club. This Indoor Stadium is designed to cater to a diverse range of sports and activities, fostering a culture of fitness and wellness in the community.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Mr KN Lepcha Minister for Sports and Youth affairs, Minister-cum-Area MLA Mr LN Sharma, Ms Yogeeta Rai Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs, Sports enthusiasts and members of the community.

Gyalshing, March 10:Chief a significant milestone in the Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, unveiled a new chapter in educational infrastructure today with the inauguration of the Academic Blocks 'Gyan Kunj' at Sanchaman Limboo Degree College (SMLGDC), Gyalshing, today.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister emphasised the unwavering government's commitment to advancing education and empowering the youth of Sikkim, he commended the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders involved in realising the transformative project within a span of three years.

The Chief Minister also made several announcements aimed at further enhancing the quality of education in the region. These announcements include renaming the institution as the Sanchaman Limboo Government Degree College, 'Arigaon', Gyalshing, and the introduction of 'Science Stream' and Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from the upcoming academic session. Furthermore, he assured the regularisation of left-out lecturers under the four-year regularisation provision.

Highlighting the importance of exposure trips, he announced plans for international trips for teaching faculties and domestic tours for students. He underscored the State Government's commitment in providing first-class infrastructure for higher education. He also informed that the project had been completed with an estimated cost of ₹99.53 crore.

The Chief Minister officially handed over the infrastructure of the college to the college community and people of Sikkim, urging them to take ownership and ensure its care.

The newly inaugurated building, spanning a total built-up area of 154501.13 square feet, marks development of the college. It boasts 36 spacious classrooms, equipped with modern amenities to facilitate an enriching learning environment. Complementing the academic spaces are 12 cuttingedge laboratories, designed to foster innovation and hands-on learning experiences for students across various disciplines.

In addition to academic facilities, the new infrastructure includes a digital seminar hall, four seminar halls, and one conference hall serving as venues for intellectual discourse, cultural events, and academic gatherings. These spaces are poised to become hubs of collaborative learning and knowledge exchange, contributing to the holistic development of the college community.

The new building also houses a range of support services tailored to meet the needs of students and faculty members alike. The college has a special facility of ramps and rails with wheel chairs for the Person with Disabilities, along with a lift facility up to 884 kg capacity and a fully equipped firefighting system.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the spouse of former CM late Mr Sanchaman Limboo Mrs Nirmala Pradhan, Mr Sangay Lepcha Deputy Speaker SLA, Mr KN Lepcha Minister for Education Department, Mr Sanjeet Kharel Minister Social Welfare Department, Mr LN Sharma Minister Agriculture and Horticulture Department, Mr Bhim Hang Limboo PHE Department, Mr Indra Hang Subba MP (Lok Sabha), Mr Jacob Khaling Political Secretary to CM, Advisors, Chairmen, Additional Chief Secretary (Education), Secretaries, Zilla Adhayksha (Gyalshing), DC Soreng, SP Gyalshing, ADCs Gyalshing, Principal (SMLGDC) and faculty members, students and public at large.

Chief Minister inaugurates Pedestrian Subway and Foot Over Bridge

Namchi, March 9: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated the Non Motorized Transport and Walkability (Pedestrian Subway and Foot Over Bridge) under Namchi Smart City Limited (NSCL), today. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Mr Sanjeet Kharel Minister for Buildings and Housing Department, Advisors,

Chairpersons, DC Namchi,Sr SP(Namchi), along with the HoDs from the line departments and other dignitaries

It may be mentioned that the Foot Over Bridge covers 27 metres and the length of the footpath is 42 metres has been constructed for the convenience of the people of Namchi.

CM inaugurates Gyalshing Police Station

District Police Officials and Gyalshing, March 10:Chief community members. Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang

> The three storied building includes span a total built-up area of 1806 square feet with an estimated cost of ₹2. 996 crores.

> The newly constructed Police Station is equipped with modern facilities and amenities to support the police force in carrying out their duties effectively. It is strategically located to cater to the

strengthen law enforcement efforts and improve response to emergencies.

The Chief Minister expressed gratitude to the police force for their unwavering dedication and commitment in maintaining law and order. He reiterated the government's pledge continue investing in to infrastructure and resources to empower law enforcement agencies and uphold the rule of

National Commission for Women celebrates International Women's Day

Gangtok, March 12: The National Commission for Women celebrated International Women's Day, North Eastern Region, organised by Sikkim State Commission for Women at Chintan Bhawan, today.

The programme was attended by Chairperson, National Commission of Women, Ms Rekha Sharma, Ms Chungkipu Lepcha, Chairperson Sikkim State Commission for Women, Ms Claudia Lyngwa, Deputy Inspector General of Meghalaya Police, Ms Tithi Debbarman, Musician from Tripura, Ms Tashi Choden, Entrepreneur from Sikkim, Dr Theyiesinuo Keditsu, social worker and social entrepreneur from Nagaland and Ms Rinchen Wangmo Yolmo, entrepreneur from Darjeeling, students from different educational institutes and officials from Sikkim State Commission for Women.

The Chairperson, National Commission for Women, stressed on the importance of educating a girl child. She urged the youth to talk about their achievements which will in turn inspire others. She stated "every girl should have her life in her own hands" and

The programme also featured address by inspirational women speakers from all over the North Eastern region of India.

Mrs Claudia Lyngwa, Deputy Inspector General, Meghalaya Police spoke about her journey from Assistant Commandant to training the 1st Batch of the Indian Reserve Battalion. She spoke about being a part of more than 300 counter insurgencies and her work which has led her to win gallantry medals from both the Central and State governments. She urged the students present to empower themselves by not standing behind and stated that women are just as strong- if not stronger than men.

During her address, Ms Tithi Debbarman provided detailed insights into the concept of women of substance. Additionally, she elaborated on her musical journey, shedding light on the challenges she encountered along the way. Moreover, she addressed the societal role of women, stressing the significance of education and the value of extracurricular pursuits. Ms Debbarman emphasised the collective responsibility we all share in advancing the status of women, advocating for collaborative efforts towards gender equality and empowerment. During her presentation, Ms Tashi Choden, founder, Sikkim Coffee, shared insights into the journey of establishing the brand within the state. She elaborated on the challenges encountered while setting up the brand, emphasising the importance of perseverance and dedication in overcoming obstacles along the path to success.

brand, reflecting on the milestones attained through dedication and hard work to continuous learning and improvement within the industry.

During her address, Dr Theyiesinuo Keditsu, delved into the realm of fashion with a focus on cultural attire. She emphasised the importance of leveraging technology to promote and cultural preserve attire, emphasising that traditional clothing holds significant cultural significance. Dr Keditsu elaborated on the idea of reshaping narrative surrounding the traditional fashion, advocating for a deeper appreciation and understanding of indigenous attire. She underscored the ability of cultural clothing to convey rich stories and traditions, emphasising the importance of preserving and promoting them in a rapidly changing world.

In her address, Rinchen Wangmo Yolmo, baker from Darjeeling, spoke about the importance of promoting selfreliance as part of the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat initiative. She expressed gratitude to the organisers for the platform provided and elaborated on the significance of embracing failure as a stepping stone towards success. Furthermore, she shared insights from her baking journey, emphasizing the challenges faced and lessons learned along the way. Additionally, she highlighted her achievements, aiming to inspire aspiring students and entrepreneurs to embark on their own entrepreneurial journey. The session also featured interactive discussions.

Thapa and Mr HP Chettri, SP needs of the local community and (Gyalshing) Mr J Jayapandiyan, neighboring areas, aiming to law.

stressed on the importance of 'speaking up'.

Ms Chungkipu Lepcha, Chairperson, Sikkim State Commission for Women, in her address highlighted the the importance of the slogan 'Tu Bol' and thanked the Chief Minister of Sikkim for the elevated status of women in the state. She also spoke about the work of Sikkim State Commission for Women which was set up in 2001. She highlighted the importance of the schemes provided by the Prime Minister which the State Government has implemented successfully, thereby leading to progress and development in the state.

Furthermore, Ms Choden highlighted the achievements of Sikkim Coffee as a prominent

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Ms M Lilabati, Senior Coordinator, National Commission for Women

CM inaugurates Hanuman Mandir

Namchi, March 9: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated Hanuman Mandir in Namchi, today.

He was accompanied by Mr Sanjeet Kharel Minister for Buildings and Housing Department, Advisors, Chairpersons, DC Namchi, Sr SP (Namchi), HoDs along with other

dignitaries and Mandir Committee.

During the inaugural ceremony, the Chief Minister was presented with the token of appreciation by the Hanuman Mandir Committee along with the family of Late Hera Man Rai for contributing land for the establishment of the temple.

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