Chief Minister interacts with students of Gyalshing Government College and SRC members

Gangtok, March 19: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang interacted with the students of Gyalshing Government College and its Student Representative Council (SRC) members at Samman Bhawan, today.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by MP Lok Sabha, Mr. Indra Hang Subba, by Minister of Education, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, Minister of PHE, Mr. Bhum Hang Subba, MLA, Mr. Bishnu Khattulawa, Political Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mr. Jacob Khuling, Additional Chief Secretary, Education, Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya, Director, Higher Education, Mr. Kapil Meena along with other officials from the Education Department and the Chief Minister’s Office.

Gyalshing College SRC president, Mr. Sanjay Hang Limboo, and member Mr. Pravin Sharma, laid out their grievances owing to the delay in the completion of the college construction work. They also placed forward the demand of a fully established college with availability of all basic amenities.

Addressing the gathering of students and SRC members, the Chief Minister reiterated that education and health sectors have been the top priority of the State government and that the government will do everything in its power to resolve the issues of the college at the earliest. He added that developmental process takes time and students need to be patient while the State government works towards expediting the completion of the college infrastructure.

Extending his full support, the Chief Minister assured that the academic building of the college and a boys’ hostel for students will start or have reached the campus by the academic year 2020-21. He also assured that the college will be transferred to the Health and Medical Infrastructure.

The Chief Minister reiterated that the Chief Secretary’s Relief Fund, for the purchase of new equipment and necessary essentials for quarantine wards and health facilities. The Chief Secretary directed the District Collectors to requisition for additional fund, if necessary, from the Health Department, especially for the up-gradation of quarantine facilities in the district headquarters and subdivisions.

The need for restricting the movement of labour force, especially along Rango-Mamring was discussed and necessary directions issued. In order to make tourists and visitors aware of the restrictions on travel to Sikkim, the Transport Department would be sticking posters with travel advisory on taxis plying from Siliguri. Likewise, the Chief Secretary suggested for a medical team to be stationed at SNT complex, Siliguri, and all passengers travelling by SNT buses to be thoroughly screened, to avoid overcrowding at Rango and Melli check posts.

Regarding movement of students studying in other States and cities following the outbreak of Corona Virus, it was decided that those who have already started or have reached the State will invariably have to report to the authorities and need to be home quarantined. However, those students who are still in the cities should be advised to stay put wherever they are, and avoid travelling to Sikkim. The Chief Secretary directed for an advisory to be issued especially to the parents to adhere to the travel restrictions.

The Chief Secretary advised the Students Welfare Association, Chief Patron Mr. Mingma Sherpa of Global Sherpas to distribute solar street lights as a CSR initiative which would benefit the people of Sikkim.

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The Health Department has further informed that the department has airtight plans and arrangements in place to deal with any unforeseen situations at any level. The department is focusing on maintaining the health and hygiene of the students. Moreover, the government has also urged all the Medical Officer Incharge (MOIs) of the various hospitals to ensure that the health department is always on high alert.

Additionally, the government has emphasized the importance of maintaining travel protocols. The authorities have also directed that all journeys, whether by road or rail, need to be minimized.

In the context of the current global situation, the government has also emphasized the importance of maintaining hygiene and practicing good habits.

In conclusion, the government has emphasized that all officials need to act promptly and responsibly to address the spread of the virus. They have also urged the public to maintain social distancing and follow all guidelines to prevent the spread of the disease.
### Government of Sikkim

**Social Justice and Welfare Department**

**Child Protection Scheme**

**Gangtok**

**Dated:** 06/03/2020

**Reference Employment Notice No.** 248/SJ&WD/CPS/2020, dated 03/02/2020, it is hereby informed to all eligible applicants that the date for the written examination have been fixed as below:

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**Timing:**

- Morning paper: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Afternoon paper: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Venue:**


Besides the above subjects, the applicants should have basic knowledge of the Child Protection Scheme.

There will be one question paper for each post, posing questions on the subjects indicated in the table above and knowledge about Child Protection Scheme. The question paper will be of 100 marks and will be multiple choice questions only.

**Duration:** 2 hours.

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**SIKKIM HERALD**

**Gangtok (Friday) March 20, 2020**

**Government of Sikkim Water Security & Public Health Engineering Department**

**No.1111/SEWP/WPH/2016**

**Dated:** 12/03/2020

**PUBLIC APPEAL**

The Public Health and Engineering Department, Government of Sikkim would like to appeal its valid consumers and general public to kindly observe few precautionary measures for better management of sewage and sewerage system.

1. Do not flush clogging materials down the flush like towels, rags, latex items, crockeries, discarded items, baby napkins, sanitary napkins, debris, hazardous waste, plastic items.
2. Connection and discharge of storm water and roof water outlet to government sewer line are not permitted.
3. Sewer connection from individual house to government sewer line should be done only after obtaining necessary connection order form the office of the divisional engineer, sewerage, phed, gangtok. Illegal connection is not allowed and is punishable under the law.
4. House sewer connections are to be done by the consumers at their own risk and cost and the department will not be involved in the same.
5. Repair of sewage leakages from private households and sewer pipes are the responsibility of the property owner. Such repair, should be done immediately after detection by the house owner at their own cost.
6. Notices served form the office of the assistant engineer regarding sewerage system shall be complied immediately.
7. Consumers are requested to make the payment of bill and clear up the arrears on time.
8. Sewage of houses in areas with no government sewer line facility shall be treated and disposed through proper method like septic tank and soak pit. Discharging raw sewage into jhoras is illegal and punishable.
9. Any complaint regarding sewerage system can be placed at the office of the assistant engineer (sewerage), phed department, indra by pass, to timely resolve and to provide better service to the public.

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**Directorate of Sikkim State Lotteries**

**Finance Department, Government of Sikkim**

**Deorali, Gangtok-737102**

**No. FIN/DSLL/19-20/18495**

**Dated:** 13/03/2020

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST/TENDER**

For and on behalf of the Governor, the Directorate of Sikkim State Lotteries, Finance Department Government of Sikkim hereby invites sealed tender/bids from the eligible Proprietorship firm/partnership Firm/company registered under the law for selection and appointment as Distributor/Marketing Agent for marketing and sale of 16 (sixteen) Online Weekly Lottery draws per day, in the ratio of 8:8.

The intending bidders may visit the website of the Government of Sikkim (www.sikkimlotteries.com) for details.

**Sd/-**

Assistant Director (Pub.), Sikkim State Lotteries, Government of Sikkim

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**Department of Information and Public Relations**

**Government of Sikkim, Tadong, Gangtok**

**ATTENTION**

Instances of non-receipt of Sikkim Herald in various Departments have been reported even though the same are being delivered by the Department regularly.

In view of above, it is proposed to deliver the Sikkim Herald to a designated delivery point in different Departments through a designated contact person (Nodal Officer) which will facilitate in keeping track of regular delivery of Sikkim Herald to them.

Although some Departments have already compiled, there are still few Departments who have still not designated a Nodal Officer for the same. Kindly intimate the name, designation and contact number (both landline & mobile) of the Nodal Officer who will be responsible for receipt of Sikkim Herald in their respective Departments at the earliest to the undersigned.

Assistant Director (Pub.), Sikkim Herald, Mob. No. 7909971115
Cabinet approves various proposals

Gangtok, March 16: During the the Cabinet meeting which was held at Sadaan, an approved and sanctioned the following proposals:

1. Development of Eco-Friendly Tourist Complex at Thangpu near Chopkha Valley, Ladakh at North Sikkim at Rs.100.00 lakhs.

2. Land compensation of Rs.33,527.27/- for construction of an approved approach road at Mengluk, South Sikkim.

3. Land compensation of Rs.32,255.32/- for development of Tourist Infrastructure at Sunfu Waterfall at Daramdin in West Sikkim.

4. Forest compensation for construction of tourist infrastructure at Sanja Kanya Waterfall at Tumling in Sikkim at Rs.20,42,758.00.

5. Flood Damage Repair along NH310 from Tadhi View Point to Mangan in North Sikkim at Rs.94,305.39 lakhs.

6. Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats of Sikkim at Rs.4,00,597.60 lakhs.

7. Grants of Rs.30.00 lakhs to Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA).

8. Implementation of National E-Governance Plan in Agriculture (NeGP-A) phase II in Sikkim at Rs.55.55 lakhs.


10. Implementation of Seed Village scheme under Sub Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials (SMS) at Rs.17.00 lakhs.


12. Grants of Rs.48.00 lakhs to various Religious Institutions.

13. Secure Himalaya Project at Rs.16.00 lakhs.

14. Rs.11,39.01 lakhs for Strengthening, Modernization and Improvement of Transmission and distribution system of Raj Bhawan, MIntong, High Court, VIP Area and surrounding areas in Gangtok-East Sikkim.

15. Construction of 45 m span SFB over Kholing Khola under Ban Namplak GP at Rs.52.85 lakhs.

16. Improvement of Pavement and Drainage System along Dzayang and Tshoigyi Saryi in East Sikkim at Rs.378.48 lakhs.

17. Improvement of Pavement and Drainage System along Dhajey to Barbing Road in East Sikkim at Rs.236.29 lakhs.

18. Implementation of various Roads under PMGSY II (Batch I) at Rs.6,64.66 crores.

19. Construction of 3650 houses under SGSY at Rs.48,922.22 crores and Rs.45.05 crores for providing Television and furniture to 3500 numbers of houses under SGSY.

20. Under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSAb)- I, Central Share of Rs.50.00 lakhs and State Share of Rs.25.00 lakhs for year 2018- 19. Rs.91.44 lakcs as State Share for 2019-20. ii. Rs.72.65 crores total as ROGA allocation for 2020-21.

21. Construction of 30 mtr span Steel bridge over Naray Khola along Tashitumhang to Tareyshahang Road in East Sikkim at Rs.72,015.31800 lakhs.

22. Construction of 30 mtr span Steel Bridge over Duray Khola along Tashitumhang to Tareyshahang Road in East Sikkim at Rs.91,11,645.000.

23. Construction of Block Administrative Centre at Chamong in West Sikkim at Rs.50.00 lakhs.

24. Up-grading of existing roads in the State of Sikkim at Rs.9,888.40 lakhs and de-sanctioned Rs.2,051.71 lakhs.

25. Up-grading of existing roads in the State of Sikkim at Rs.9,775.56 lakhs and de-sanctioned at Rs.1,179.13 lakhs.

26. Payment for construction of VIP Pavilion and Public gallery of Football Stadium at Jorethang in South Sikkim at Rs.19,17,890.00.

27. Rs.32.00 lakhs as grants-in-aid to Sports Association and Sports Academics.

28. Carpeting and Surface Improvement of various Buzan in and around Gangtok in East Sikkim at Rs.50.00 lakhs.

29. Implementation of Child Protection Schemes (CPS) for the financial year 2019-20 at Rs.60.00 lakhs.

30. Rs.60.40 lakhs as grant-in-aid to Sikkim Institute of Science and Technology (SIST).

31. Procurement of Regional Language Textbooks for school students for the academic session 2020-21 at Rs.2,27,72.25/.


33. Implementation of Forest Fire Prevention & Management Scheme (FPSM) at Rs.21,83.13 lakhs.

34. Construction of Limboo Bhawan at Asans Lazing at Rs.96,58,787.00.

Further, the following proposals were approved by the Cabinet:


3. Creation of Regulatory Authority under Real Estate Regulatory Authority (REA) and Appellate Authority.

4. Creation of 143 posts to regularize the temporary staff employed under MNREGA, who have completed 8 years of continuous service.

5. Creation of 10 posts of Special Educators.

Precautionary meeting on COVID-19

Gangtok, March 18: In the alarming situation of the spreading of COVID-19 globally, a precautionary awareness meeting was organized for the employees of government and private sector companies and line Departments at the Conference Hall of the State Health, Gangtok, which was chaired by Mr. H.K. Negi. The meeting was organized jointly with the Department of Industries and Commerce, and Labour Department wherein Secretary, Mr. H.K. Sharma and Director MSME, Mr. N. Jawnat attended the programme.

Director, Mr. N. Jawnat shared some of the precautionary measures to be taken up in the working areas of the companies in mobile for prevention of the potential spread of COVID-19. He requested the companies to also maintain the unit’s gate for screening the temperature of employees/workers entering the unit’s premises and for decontaminating themselves and before boarding the transportation bus. He also requested for putting up visual aids and instructions for handwashing at appropriate locations about hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette. Alcohol based hand sanitizer with tissues may be placed at entrance, waiting room, cafeteria, storeroom and bus stops. Brackets of sanitizer boxes in the unit area for creating temporary quarantine space for any such employee coming from support buses to be routinely sanitized and cleaned and he requested the companies to provide special masks to the workers and make arrangement for maintaining distance between them while working.

Secretary, Mr. H.K Sharma, urged the companies to co-operate with the government in this pandemic situation and requested them to discourage visit of the external visitors and employees from outside the Sikkim, unless it is extremely important for carrying of business until further notice. He requested the companies to abide the principle of safety and prevention of COVID-19 by implementing the potential threat for infection where there is mass gathering of people from different parts of Sikkim.

Principal Secretary Mr. H.D. Negi extended support to the government in this situation and recommended the lane of the street machine which was installed at Labour Department for making face mask.

IPR Dept. holds meeting with media on fraternity-calls for intensifying awareness campaign on prevention of COVID-19

Gangtok, March 17: The Department of Information & Public Relations organized a meeting with media persons to discuss the ways to intensify the campaign against Coronavirus, today.

The meeting was chaired by Secretary, IPR Department, Ms. Namrata Thapa and was attended by representatives from most of the local daily newspapers, All India Radio, Doordarshan, Samvaad Television, Red FM and Radio Mirchi and Digital/Social Media houses, and representative from Sikkim Film Cooperative Society (SFCS). The programme was also attended by the presence of State IEC Officer, IEC Bureau, Health Department, Mr. Sonam G Bhutia, who was specifically invited to sensitize the media fraternity on COVID-19.

Secretary, Ms Namrata Thapa in her opening remarks drew the attention of the media persons on the latest decisions made by the State Government as preventive measures. She called for intensifying the awareness on COVID-19, and appealed for proactive support from the media fraternity to reach out to the people of Sikkim. She informed that the IPR Department is working in close coordination with the State Health Department to prepare print and audio-visual awareness material on various aspects of Corona Virus. She said that these materials would be shared with the media fraternity for exclusive coverage. The Secretary also shared the communication strategies prepared by the IPR Department in consultation with the State Health Department.

Representatives of the media persons also expressed their alarm about the alarming situation of the spreading of COVID-19 from the resource person from Health Department. Some of the media persons also expressed their appreciation to the health and official representatives of Sikkim for their necessity towards Corona Virus. Secretary, Ms Namrata Thapa summed up the meeting by thanking all the media persons for attending the programme and in case of any doubt, facts should be verified with the concerned departments before they are made public. FAQs on COVID 19

1) Can I leave my house?
   Absolutely! The point is not to remain indoors but to avoid being in close contact with people.

2) Can I go to the market?
   Yes! But minimize the number of trips and pick a time when markets are least crowded.

3) Can I visit restaurants?
   In general avoid going to restaurants, esp. smaller ones as it still means you are close to other diners. But if you’re going out, pick a place that is clean and hygienic. Choose spacious restaurants.

4) Can I visit friends and family and can they come to visit me?
   That depends on how healthy they are or how healthy you are. If you have vulnerable people in your family, or those who are very old, then limit in-person contact. Some careful intervention in small groups is ok. At the same time, do not isolate yourself or others. Check in with your friends and family often, but cautiously.

5) Can kids visit playgrounds and the outdoors?
   If children have any illness, even if it’s not related to COVID19, keep them at home.

   Kids tend to touch their mouths, noses and faces constantly, so outdoors with few kids and fewer contaminated surfaces are ideal. Carry hand sanitizers, disinfecting wipes and make children wash their hands whenever possible.