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Sikkim celebrates 47th State Day



Gangtok, May 16: The 47th State Day of Sikkim was celebrated in a grand function held at Manan Kendra, Gangtok, today. The event was attended by the Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad as the chief guest and the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the guest of honour. The function was attended by Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, other dignitaries, awardees,

special invitees, and officers of the Government of Sikkim.

On their arrival, the Governor, the Chief Minister, and other dignitaries visited the photo exhibition put up by the IPR Department. The photographs on display were a combination of vintage photographs of the pre-merger era and photographs of the present-day Sikkim depicting the

milestones achieved by the State.

The function in the auditorium began with the offering of floral tribute to the portrait of Padma Vibhushan, Late L.D. Kazi, the first Chief Minister of Sikkim also referred as the father of democracy in Sikkim. This was followed by the welcome address by the Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim, Mr. S.C. Gupta where he briefly highlighted the journey traversed by the Sikkim in the last 47 years after becoming the 22nd State of India.

Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad congratulated the people of Sikkim on completing 47 years as the 22nd State of India. He said that Sikkim has established itself as a highly progressive State of India through path-breaking developmental initiatives in multiple sectors and also touched upon the key accomplishments of the Government in the past three years. He urged all to resolve to give continuity to the developmental

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Governor and CM visit stalls at MG Marg



Gangtok, May 16: Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad accompanied by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, Advisors, Chairpersons, HoDs, dignitaries, officials and locals visited the stalls put up by organisations like SHGs, Women and Child Development Department who exhibited a variety of items for sale and display at MG Marg, today.

Later, a cultural programme

was organised by the Culture Department on the occasion of State Day 2022, under the banner of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The cultural programme had the participants from various cultural groups representing different communities showcasing the diverse culture and traditions of Sikkim. The cultural spectacle was a delight for the audience, especially for tourists who were present during the programme.

Civil Services Day 2022 celebrated



Gangtok, May 14: A function to mark Civil Services Day was held at Manan Kendra, today. The event was graced by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest. Also present on the occasion were Cabinet Ministers, Chief Secretary, DGP and officers of various service, and retired bureaucrats.

Chief Minister began his address by paying tribute to the President of UAE, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who passed away on May 13 and for whom a day's mourning on May 14 has been announced by the Government of India.

The Chief Minister gave a brief background on Civil Services

Day and recalled the contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in laying the foundation of Civil Services in the country. He credited the civil servants of Sikkim for the accomplishments made by the Government in the past three years. He said that civil servants and public representatives are two sides of the same coin and have to work in close coordination to serve the people of Sikkim. He also lauded the effort of civil servants in the effective handling of COVID-19. The Chief Minister highlighted some of the key initiatives of the Government in the past three years, especially in the health and education sector.

During his address, the

Chief Minister also placed some suggestions to further strengthen the administration. He called for timely and effective implementation of all policy decisions of the Government. He reiterated that the utmost priority is to be laid on attendance and punctuality at work. He announced that henceforth District Collectors will be made the custodian of Government land records. He further urged all the departments to ensure that projects allocated in the Budget are initiated within the first quarter and sent to Planning and Finance for concurrence. He directed the Planning and Finance Departments to clear such proposals within seven working days. If they are not cleared within seven days, the Chief Secretary should intervene, he directed. Further, he categorically stated that if any department fails to initiate tenders within December 31, the budget allocated for the purpose would be re-appropriated to another department.

The Chief Minister also shared some regulatory measures envisaged by the Government. He informed that a Bill would be placed in the Assembly to make stringent rules for the recovery of loans from State Bank of Sikkim.

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Minister L.N. Sharma submits report on USA tour



Gangtok, May 16: The delegation that undertook 'Educational and business visit on Agriculture and food processing sector' to the United States of America called on the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at Mintokgang and presented a report about the visit, today.

Minister Mr. Sharma during the briefing, mentioned that the

visit was fruitful as the delegation was able to meet and discuss with potential partners for investment in the agriculture and allied sectors as well as business houses dealing with organic commodities.

Chief Minister desired that the foundation laid during this visit should translate into practice for

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Pearls of Wisdom

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

- Oscar Wilde

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje chairs interactive programme

Gyalshing, May 10: Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje chaired an interactive programme with DC Gyalshing, CMO Gyalshing, HoDs from different departments, school heads, representatives from NGOs and SHGs at district Conference Hall, Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, Kyongsha, today.

The meeting was also attended by Area MLA Rinchenpong constituency-cum-chairman Agriculture Department

Mr. Karma Sonam Lepcha, ADC (Dev), Addl. SP Gyalshing, SDM Gyalshing, CDPO cum DPO Gyalshing.

Union Minister threw light on various public centric schemes for the upliftment in living standard. She called upon all the Government officers of Gyalshing to discuss their office plans and urged all the officers to work in coordination for the benefit of the district and the community. She spoke about the marketing possibilities of agricultural, horticultural and animal husbandry products of Sikkim

and assured all the necessary support from the Centre.

DC Gyalshing highlighted various sectors of Aspirational District through power point presentation while HoDs from different line department had an open discussion on present and future action plans.

Later, Union Minister also visited ICDS centre at Pelling and interacted with the teachers and students. She visited Pemayantse monastery, Shangacholing monastery, sky walk and cardamom field.

SGAY houses inaugurated

Soreng, May 12: MLA Mr. Aditya Golay inaugurated Sikkim Garib Aawas Yojana (SGAY) houses under Soreng and Chumbung block at a function held at the Community Hall, Timborbung, today.

Also present were Advisor (Tribal Welfare Board), Chairperson (Skill Development Department), Panchayats, DC Soreng, ADC/Dev, BDOs of Soreng and Chumbung and locals.

MLA congratulated all the beneficiaries and expressed his gratitude towards the BDOs, Engineers, BAC staff and others on a successful deliverance of the

scheme. He informed that implementation recently announced Aama, Bahini and Vatsalya Schemes in the Soreng district is underway. Adding to this, he said that the Chief Minister has made Medical Assistant Cell in old STNM hospital for convenience of the visiting patients. He also urged the budding generation to focus on entrepreneurship by taking advantages of different schemes and benefits provided by the Government. He also distributed blankets to the 73 beneficiaries of SGAY.

DC Soreng highlighted on the importance of having a

concrete relationship between the beneficiaries and functionaries for growth and development. He said that a sense of community ownership should be there. Briefing on the importance of community hygiene, he advised to be mindful while segregating dry and wet waste for easier collection and disposal.

ADC/Dev informed that 313 SGAY houses have been completed under Soreng-Chakung constituency and 194 houses are yet to be completed within May.

DAC Gyalshing launches EMMIS Mobile App

Gyalshing, May 09: A mobile Application based on the Education Monitoring and Management Information System (EMMIS) was launched by DC, Gyalshing Mr. Karma R Bonpo in the presence of CEO, Education, ADC Gyalshing and Officers from the Education Department, today.

The EMMIS Mobile Application is an innovative software platform designed to enable a collaborative solution for teachers and students of the district. With the Mobile Application, the school teachers will be able to set up lesson plans, manage class routine and take the attendance of the students. The teachers can also upload video tutorials on various subjects and give online assessment to the students. With the mobile application, the students will be able to access the lesson plans and video tutorial uploaded by the teachers and also monitor their attendance.

DC stated that EMMIS can

be seamlessly introduced in other district of the State with no additional cost. He urged all the schools to make use of the digital application and contribute to the improvement in learning outcomes of the District.

The EMMIS Mobile Application is part of the comprehensive software system being designed by the District Administration to manage the education sector in the District. With the introduction of EMMIS Software, the District Administration has been able to access latest data on the school system. All Senior Secondary and Secondary School have been provided with Bio-metric attendance system and the data of the school attendance are now being seamlessly uploaded to the system. The EMMIS is now a one point digital solution for management of education and rich data on the education sector is now available with the district administration.

Commenting on the launch of the Mobile Application, the District Collector stated that there has been 100 percent digitisation of school data. All the transfers and promotion of students are now being managed online. The Application has freed the school heads to concentrate on the core activity of teaching and all the secondary activities like data collection for various officials scheme are now online. The State policy makers can also use the data to plan the future manpower requirements and undertake various data driven innervations to strengthen the human resource development.

The EMMIS mobile application is now available on Google play store for all the students and teachers. The application has been implemented by Netspeq solution Pvt. Ltd., a local software vendor of the Sikkim.

Kisan Gosthi cum Piglet distribution programme

Gyalshing, May 10: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gyalshing in collaboration with Eastern Regional Station, ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata conducted Kisan gosthi cum piglet distribution programme at KVK, Gyalshing, today.

The programme was chaired by Zilla Panchayat Mr. Roshan Khatiwada and was attended by Ward Presidents of

Upper Omchung and Bhaluthang, Principal Scientist cum Programme Coordinator NEH, Principal Scientist from ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata along with 80 farmers from Darap, Omchung, U. Bedung, Yangtey and Kabirthing from Gyalshing district.

Sr. Scientist and Head Mr. Dinesh Basnett deliberated on the objectives of the programme.

The programme also

discussed history of the institute, care and management of the piglets by the representatives of ICAR-IVRI, Kolkata. Later, the farmers and the scientists of KVK and ICAR-IVRI discussed various aspects of pig farming and its scope in NEH Region.

A total of 120 piglets along with mineral mixture and pig feeds were distributed to 80 farmers.

Village level Children's Parliament of Tingchim-Chaday GPU conducted

Mangan, May 13: The foundation of Village Level Children's Parliament of Tingchim-Chaday GPU was conducted by the District Child Protection Unit (Mangan), Child Protection Scheme, Women and Child Development Department in coordination with the Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) of the GPU, today.

The programme was facilitated under the Child Empowerment Centre. Prime Minister, Miss Sarina Tamang and the Ministers took oath to dedicate themselves for the welfare of each child in the village during the programme.

The programme was chaired by the Panchayat President-cum-Chairperson, VLCPC, Mr. Sarki Bhutia, who

administered the oath taking ceremony of the newly formed Child Parliament and motivated the children to be responsible enough assuring them full cooperation and support from the Committee.

DCPO, Mangan, Ms. Wendy M. Lepcha highlighted on child related legislations and the services/ facilities available for children under Child Protection Scheme, W&CDD.

The election process was conducted by Ms. Doma Bhutia who explained the roles and responsibilities of each ministers. The Child line Coordinator, Ms. Mrinalini Gurung shared about Child line services and the importance of reporting any case of violation of child rights.

Bharat Mala Project meeting held

Mangan, May 13: A meeting on Bharat Mala Project was held in Rangma Range, North Sikkim, at the 86 RCC GREF Office, today.

Owing to the numerous public complaints and demands, Minister for Roads and Bridges Department, Mr. Samdup Lepcha visited and inspected the GREF. Land compensation, demarcation, proper road grading, and safeguarding the public

property near roads and road protection walls were among the demands.

The Minister asked the GREF officials to repair patches under their jurisdiction to be completed on priority with proper mechanism. Officer Commanding of GREF, and Engineers assured to complete the work promptly. The site was also visited by the SDM, Panchayat and other public.

Friday File to Field initiative of Mangan DAC

Mangan, May 13: The File to the Field initiative cum Departmental inspection for assessing, managing and mitigating disaster during the monsoon and visit to ICDS, schools, GPUs and other infrastructure was conducted at Dikchu Naya Bazar and Lum Ward on April 13.

The field visit cum inspection was headed by DC Mangan, Dr A.B. Karki. Also present were SDMs Mangan, Dzongu and Kabi, BDOs Mangan and Dzongu, Officers from Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, Departments of Education, SPWD, Forest, Power, PMGSY, Horticulture, Irrigation AH&VS, RDD, Social Justice and Welfare, Women and Child Welfare Department, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, UDD, LRDM, DCSO and representatives from BSNL and GREF. The DAC team was welcomed at Phidang Bridge by Gram Panchayats and was escorted to visit the Phidang Monastery and Government Primary School Phidang. Urgent repair of the Gumpa and infrastructure for the mid day meal of the school and other necessities were noted by the team and the issues were re-

addressed by the line departments for a quick action.

The team visited the food godown of Dikchu wherein water facilities, electricity, fencing and road maintenance for goods carrier were addressed by the DCSO to the team. The team also visited Dikchu Naya Bazar where the bazar committee member met the team and addressed problems of drainage systems, dams safety measures and shop license issues.

DC asked the GREF representatives to keep the areas surrounding the GREF camp clean to preserve the beauty of the District. Beautification and construction of infrastructures at the entry point of the district at Dikchu Bridge was also discussed. They also visited Teesta 5 power station Dikchu to check and inspect the dam safety measures. The team also visited Lum ICDS Centre, Lum Monastery, Health and wellness centre Lum and Government Primary School Lum where various needs and requirements of the ward were addressed. The team concluded the day with a brief programme and a meeting at the Government Primary School Lum.

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Minister L.N...

the sole benefit of the farming community of the state. He also advised inviting the investors identified during this visit, to the Investors' meet to be held in the

State during October-November 2022. He stated that the priority areas for support need to be identified and a framework for the future course of action for bringing in investment as well as export of organic commodities needs to be prepared and executed through an absolute mechanism.

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**Education Department
Government of Sikkim
Gyalshing**

NIT NO:330/A/EDN/GYZ/W/12

DATED: 12/05/2022

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders in percentage basis are invited on behalf of the Government of Sikkim for the works mention below from the appropriate class (IV Grade) of registered Contractor enlisted under Sikkim Public Works Department, vide Notification No. 66/R&B/PWD/Sec. Dated. 08/01/2021, through competitive bidding within the jurisdiction of Gitang Karmatar GPU under **Mancybong-Dentam Constituency, West Sikkim where the work is to be executed to reach the office of the Assistant Engineer (West), Education Department, Gyalshing, West Sikkim.** The work details are tabulated below:

Sl. No	Name of Work	Constituency	Value put to tender (in ₹)	Earnest money 2.5% on Tender value	Bank Receipt for cost of tender document (₹)	Completion time
1.	Construction 6/R/S/B at Gitang Jr. High School, Cum Examination Hall under Gitang Karmatar GPU-19	Maneybong Dentam	1. Civil work = ₹65,27,258.00/- 2. Electrification = ₹2,00,000.00/- Total amount = ₹67,27,258.00/-	₹1,68,181/-	₹15,000.00	18 months

TIME SCHEDULE

i)	Date of submission of application with Bank Receipt for issue of Tender documents	31/05/2022 (Time between 10.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs)
ii)	Date of issue of Tender form/ Tender documents	01/06/2022 (Time between 10.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs)
iii)	Date and time of submission of Tender.	02/06/2022 (Time between 10.00 hrs to 12.30 hrs)
iv)	Date and time of opening of Tender	02/06/2022 (Timing 14.00 hrs)

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:

1) Tender is open only to the eligible contractors of appropriate class within the Gram Panchayat Unit-Ward.

2) (a) The intending tenderer/contractor should apply in writing for issue of tender form for/tender documents. The applicant should invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. Tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the intending tenderer. The application shall be submitted for the work listed above with all the required documents.(b) For cost of tender Form Challan may be collected from the Senior Accounts officer Education Department, Gyalshing, West Sikkim, through which the requisite cost of form may be deposited in State Bank of Sikkim.

3) The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) GST Registration certificate (b) Income tax clearance certificate (c) Professional tax certificate (d) PAN Card Number (e) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate an resident Proof of Ward form GPU along with the application during sale/issue of Tender Documents for verification.

4) Earnest Money (EM) 2.5% duly deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of T.D.R. in favor of Sr. Accounts Officer cum D&DO, Education Department. Rabdentse, West Sikkim. Tender form shall be issued only on production of T.D.R., as prescribed to those contractor or firms who have obtained the Tender Documents. Women contractors are exempted from depositing 2.5% TDR as per Notification No.104/R&B dated 08.10.2020.As per the Notification in case of such tender being accepted the lowest bidder within (enlisted women contractor) has to deposit earnest money at the rate 2.5% of the estimated cost put to tender before issue of work order.

5) The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (Excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in as above from the office of the Assistant Engineer (w) the production of requisite Bank receipt/challan of the State Bank of Sikkim towards the tender document (Non-refundable) under the receipt head: 0202-01 101-03 other receipts.

6) The Tender Documents, including the tender form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of tenderer and the name of work superscripted on it. Supporting documents listed at Sl. No.- 3(a) (b) (c), (d), (e) and (6) should be enclosed with the offer.

7) Sealed tender may be deposited in the Tender Box in the office of the Assistant Engineer (W) in his/her presence, on the date and within the time indicated above.

8) Tender will be opened by a tender opening committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.

9) The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and condition of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other levied taxes. Incomplete/Conditional tender shall be rejected forth with.

10) In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, rate as per approved schedule of rate will be taken as correct. For items outside of SOR, the rate shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis.

11) The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directive of the Department.

12) The Department reserves the right to hold payments to the contractor unless material/quality test certificates are not produced by the contractor when call upon to do so.

13) Avoidable damages due to the negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any) i/c accidents to labour at site, damage to any structural components due to negligence of workmanship.

14) The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order. If the contractor fails to take up the work within a period of 3 months the contract will be rescinded and the TDR shall be forfeited by the Department.

15) All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the Agreement to be entered with the contractor.

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

17) The recoveries of Goods and Service Tax and Royalties on the forest product shall be as per the rates notified by Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment.

18) Subletting of contractor 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.

19) In case the man powers 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.

**Assistant Engineer (W)
Education Department, Gyalshing Sub-Division
(Sl. No.1101)**

**Women & Child Development Department
Child Protection Scheme
Government of Sikkim**

No. 27/W&CDD/CPS/2022

Dated: 02/05/2022

Walk -In- Interview

**NOTICE FOR FILLING UP VACANT POSITION OF MEMBER OF
JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD (JJB)**

Applications are invited from eligible local candidates for filling up the post of Member, JJB on contractual basis for a period of three years under Child Protection Scheme in the Women and Child Development Department sponsored by the Ministry of Women & Child Development. The details of post and eligibility criteria are as under:

Sl. No	Name of the post	No. of post	Educational Qualifications	Sitting Allowance
3	Member, Juvenile Justice Board (01 post)	North-01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have atleast 07 (seven) years of experience of working with children 111 the field of education, health, or welfare activities OR Should be a practicing professional with a degree in Child psychology or Psychiatry or Sociology or in the field of Law 	1500/- per sitting.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. These posts do not carry any pay scale or salary.
2. The tenure of the post is for a period of 03 years.
3. The appointment shall not confer any rights for regularization in the future.

4. The member shall be selected through walk-in-interview of the eligible applicants.

5. Only candidates fulfilling the above eligibility criteria as prescribed against the post shall apply.

6. Candidates must be in good health and physically fit to discharge his/her duties.

7. Applicants for the post of Member of JJB should not be less than 27 (twenty seven) years of age at the time of submission of application or on the last date of submission of application(s).

8. Preference will be given to retired Government Officers having the required qualification(s).

9. As prescribed by the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015/Rules. The JJB Members are required to sit on all working days unless the case pendency is less.

10. No members shall be selected if he/she
(i) is associated with any Child Care Institution, directly or indirectly, during his tenure as a member of the board or committee or have any conflict of interest.

(ii) has been involved in any immoral act or in act of child abuse. NOC from concerned thana required.

Applicants along with the resume addressed to the Special Secretary-cum-Director, CPS, W&CDD, with the following valid documents, email id and contact number must be submitted to the office of Deputy Secretary, CPS, Women and Child Development Department, Lumsey, East Sikkim on or before 31/05/2022 latest by 4.00 pm. Only those applicants with prescribed and properly attested documents received within the stipulated date and time shall be entertained.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED:

1. Attested copy of requisite qualification from a recognized Board/ University.

2. Attested copy of Sikkim Subject Certificate/Certificate of Identification from the Concerned Authority.

3. Attested copy of valid Local Employment Card.

4. No Objection Certificate from the Secretary, Head of Department in the case of any temporary employee serving in Government Departments.

5. Experience Certificate duly certified by the relevant Issuing Authority.

Women & Child Development reserves the right to reject any application not found fulfilling the above terms and conditions. No TA/DA shall be admissible for attending the interview.

Date of interview will be intimated later on.

This notice is also available in the Sikkim Government website www.sikkim.gov.in

**Sd/-
(Ganga D. Pradhan, IAS)
Secretary
Women & Child Development Department
(Sl. No.1103, i)**

**Department of Information and Public Relations
Government of Sikkim
Soochna Bhawan, Tadong, Gangtok**

No. 59/IPR/22-23

Dated: 09/5/2022

NOTICE

Shri Pokhraj Rai, Photographer Assistant, IPR Department has been absenting himself from duty continuously since December, 2021. A Show Cause Notice was issued vide letter No.467/IPR/21-22 dated 24/2/2022 and posted to his home address mentioned in the initial appointment order through registered A/D bearing No.R W958460288IN dated 28/2/2022. However, he did not respond to this nor did the Office received back its acknowledgment slip till date.

In view of above, the same notice was delivered to him through WhatsApp on 01/04/2022 which was received and seen by him as per the blue tick appended with the post. But he has not responded to the notice till date even though he was given a week's time to respond to the notice. He is not taking any calls from the Office nor responding to any WhatsApp messages leading to serious questions on his whereabouts.

Therefore, this notice is published calling him to report to duty within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this notice failing which procedures for termination of temporary service will be initiated without any further notice.

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

**Deputy Secretary
IPR Department**

R.O. No.26/IPR/PUB/Classi/22-23(ii), Dt:09/05/22 (1104)

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initiatives of the State and contribute towards making Sikkim a self-sufficient State. Governor laid emphasis on empowering the farming community through various incentives and technical support and lauded the steps being taken in the field of agriculture, horticulture, and animal husbandry departments. He also spoke about the prospects of saffron cultivation in the State of Sikkim.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang in his address extending his State Day greetings to the people of Sikkim also offered greetings on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima and the festival of Shyadar Pidar. He extended his gratitude to the Prime Minister of India, Union Ministers, and all esteemed dignitaries of the Government of India and Chief Ministers of different States for their State Day greetings to the people of Sikkim. He offered his gratitude to all the former Governors and the former Chief Ministers of Sikkim for laying the foundation of Sikkim as the 22nd State of India.

Stating that the State Day celebration is unique this year as it is being celebrated from the 16th to the 19th of May, with several activities being organised at MG Marg, Gangtok. The events will culminate in a grand State Day function in New Delhi on the 19th of May, he informed. He further stated that the State Day celebrations are being aligned with the ongoing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. He mentioned that the Government of India is preparing a vision document for the year 2047 when the country will celebrate its 100 years of Independence. He urged the people of Sikkim to participate in realising the vision

of the nation. He further said that Sikkim will complete the milestone of 50 years of attaining Statehood in the year 2025. CM also spelled out numerous initiatives of the State Government in the past three years to usher in unprecedented development in the State. He also shared some of the awards and accolades received by the State in the past three years. He attributed these accomplishments to the sincere commitment and action of the government employees, public representatives, and the active participation of the people of Sikkim.

The key announcements during his address were Gyalshing Degree College will be renamed as Sanchaman Limboo Government Degree College, Gyalshing, Gelling Senior Secondary School will be renamed as Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Senior Secondary School, Government employees working on Adhoc, contractual and MR basis to be entitled to medical reimbursement on referral cases up to ₹2.5 lakhs under Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana and the Government will institutionalise youth-centric programmes called 'Golden Voice of Sikkim' and 'Golden Dancer of Sikkim' with handsome cash awards.

On the occasion, Students of Modern Senior Secondary School and Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School performed a group song each and lent festivity to the event. During the Award ceremony noted Mountaineer and Rock Climber Ms. Manita Pradhan was conferred the Sikkim Ratna, the highest civilian award of Sikkim for her extraordinary feat of scaling prominent peaks around the world, and more recently the Mount Everest, the highest mountain peak in the world. Ms. Manita Pradhan has had an illustrious career in the field of mountaineering and has

participated in various events of international repute. She has worked as an instructor in various Adventure and Mountaineering Institutions. The Sikkim Ratna comprises a cash award of ₹5 lakhs, a citation, shawl, and memento.

Similarly, prominent filmmaker of Sikkim, Mr. Ugyen Chopel was decorated with the Sikkim Sewa Ratna in recognition of his artistic achievements as well as his activism for social and environmental causes. The Sikkim Sewa Ratna comprises a cash award of ₹2 lakhs, a citation, shawl, and memento.

Likewise, Sikkim Sewa Samman was awarded to folk musician and dancer Mr. Naren Gurung in recognition of his artistic brilliance and for his role in preserving the folk-art form for his specialisations, which comprised comprehensive research and study in many subjects of Nepali folk songs and folk dance including lok parampara and folk tales. The Sikkim Sewa Samman comprises a cash award of ₹1 lakh, citation, shawl, and memento. The Citation was read by Principal Secretary, Home Department, Mr. R. Telang.

Thereafter, the Governor pinned the Quasiquicentennial Medals to two Police personnel, namely lady constable Amanna Rai and Lance Naik Bikash Sharma for their outstanding service. The brochure of the Chief Minister's Police Medals for Meritorious Service Award was unveiled on the occasion by the Governor and the Chief Minister to formally mark its institutionalisation. The Award will be conferred every year on the occasion of the Passing out Parade of Sikkim Police.

A short documentary video on 'Pre-Merger and Post-Merger Sikkim' prepared by the IPR Department was also screened on the occasion.

**Urban Development Department
Government of Sikkim**

No: 332/UDD/Secy/439

Dated:05/05/2022

NOTICE

This is for the information of general public that earth excavation for construction works in all notified areas under the Sikkim Allotment of House Sites and Construction of Building (Regulation and Control) act, 1985 and the Sikkim Municipalities Act, 2007 shall not be allowed with effect from 1st of June till 30th of September, 2022 due to the onset of monsoons. Further, no Construction Orders shall be issued during this period.

Anyone found carrying out construction in contravention of the above shall be penalized as per the relevant clause of the Sikkim Allotment of House Sites and Construction of Building (Regulation and Control) Act, 1985 and its subsequent amendments. Such person shall also be solely responsible for any loss of life and property, as a result of such excavation/construction.

However, any projects under the Central Government and the State Government which require relaxation from prohibition shall approach the Urban Development Department with proper justification and details of the project along with an undertaking to abide by all precautionary measures, for obtaining necessary permission based on the merit of individual case.

BY ORDER

**Sd/-
Secretary
Urban Development Department
(Sl. No.1108)**

**Sikkim Housing Development Board
Awass Bhawan Church Road**

Ref No.46/SH&DB/2022-23/509

Dated:11/05/2022

**SHOP/COMMERCIAL SPACE ON
LEASE**

Sikkim Housing and Development Board(SH&DB) invites interested applicant for shop/commercial space measuring approx. 104sq.ft/143sq.ft/169 sq.ft on lease basis at shopping complex, West Sikkim, Gyalshing.

For more details, the applicant may contact the office of SH&DB at Awass Bhawan, Church road, Gangtok or email us at: skmhousingdevboard@gmail.com.

**Under Secretary
Sikkim Housing and Development Board
(Sl. No.1109)**

**Before the Sub Divisional Magistrate,
East Sikkim at Gangtok.**

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Kingang Chuden Bhutia**, wife of Shri Damber Kumar Rai, aged about 54 years, buddhist by faith, by occupation housewife, a resident of Tathangchen, under P.O. Raj Bhawan, P.S. Sadar, East Sikkim, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:-

1.That I am the legally wedded wife of Shri Damber Kumar Rai.

2.That my actual/correct name is "KINGANG CHUDEN BHUTIA" which is lying recorded in all of my relevant documents including in my Sikkim Subject Certificate bearing Serial No, 72. Volume No. III, under Block Tathangchen, East Sikkim and in my Unique Identification Card bearing Aadhaar No. 6307 7734 8632

3 That by virtue of the aforesaid marriage I am also known by the name and title of 'BASANTI RAINI'

4. That whereas in Extended Army Group Insurance Certificate bearing Certificate No 30192/9412307/88 of my husband wherein my name has been lying recorded as "BASANTI RAINI".

5.That this affidavit is made bonafide and to declare that the person by the names of "KINGANG CHUDEN BHUTIA" and "BASANTI RAINI" denotes/refer to one and the same identical person i.e. myself and henceforth, I shall be known by my actual correct name i.e "KINGANG CHUDEN BHUTIA" in all official purposes, purpote, intends, deeds, dealings, transaction whatsoever.

**Deponent
Kingang Chuden Bhutia**

VERIFICATION

I the above named deponent do hereby verify and state that the statement made in above paragraphs of the instant affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing immaterial has been concealed therein.

And I verify and sign this affidavit on this the 19th day of February, 2014 at Gangtok, East Sikkim.

**Identified by:
Bikash Thapa**

**Deponent
Kingang Chuden Bhutia**

**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 Officers) which will facilitate in keeping track of regular delivery of Sikkim Herald to them.

Although some Departments have already complied, 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.)
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JUS organises interactive programme for journalists of Sikkim and Manipur

Gangtok, May 14: A valedictory dinner programme was organised for members of the All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU), who are on a five-day visit to Sikkim, by the Journalist Union of Sikkim (JUS) at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

The interactive programme also had the presence of representatives from Department of Information and Public Relations (IPR). The group of journalists from Manipur was led by Indian Journalists Union President Mr. Geethartha Pathak including 19 women and 12 men journalists.

The event was attended by IPR Secretary, Mrs. Siporah G. Targain and Director IPR, Mrs. Benu Gurung along with Journalist Union of Sikkim, President, Mr. Bhim Rawat and former bureaucrat Mr. Kiran Rasaily.

During the interactive

session, the Manipuri journalists expressed their admiration for the management of the traffic and road in Sikkim. The discussion also focused on gender discrimination, the insurgency problem and its impact along with other education and literacy concerns related to Manipur.

IPR Secretary in her address said that there is no gender discrimination in Sikkim and many Government departments are headed by women. She mentioned that there is less representation of women journalists in Sikkim and a constructive balance with an equal parity has to be immediately recognised and established in this regard. The Secretary appreciated the efforts put by young women who are coming up as journalists and also shared her compliments for Ms Nita Nirash, a bureaucrat who is now a well-known journalist in Sikkim.

IJU President, Mr. Geethartha Pathak spoke on gender parity while focusing on the exchange programme between the two states. He stated that the journalists need to fight for their rights, and to safeguard themselves and defend truth. He also mentioned about the endowment support provided to journalists in different states of northeast India. He said that the Assam Government provides ₹10,000/- as pension to the retired journalists and the highest is being given by Arunachal Pradesh at ₹25,000/-. He said that they have now demanded a uniform pension scheme for journalists across the country.

Secretary and Director IPR Department presented the books related to the biodiversity of Sikkim published by the Department to the team.

SPCB holds training to EHS Personnel

Gangtok, May 12: The State Pollution Control Board Sikkim (SPCB-Sikkim) organised a training programme for Environment, Health and Safety officials of industrial units located in the State at Sidkeong Tulku Conference Hall of Forest Secretariat, today.

Chairman SPCB-Sikkim, Dr. Thomas Chandy, in his address emphasised the important role of EHS officials in fulfilling various compliances of laws and cautioned everyone against any casual approach in this regard. The programme was attended by EHS representatives from pharmaceutical units, hydel projects, food processing units and distilleries.

Member Secretary, SPCB-Sikkim Dr. Gopal Pradhan dwelt on the important role of the EHS officials in ensuring proper functioning of the effluent treatment plants and other aspects of waste management of

industries.

Executive Environmental Engineer Mr. Ranjan Rai, steered the technical session and discussed the environmental and its implementation in specific categories of industries. He highlighted the tasks to be undertaken under the supervision of EHS officials for ensuring compliance with standards prescribed under the environmental laws and emphasised the importance of maintaining records of effluent treatment plant components for environmental audit purpose and self assessment.

Mr. Shamir Gurung of SPCB-Sikkim explained the Hazardous Waste Management Rules 2016, especially the safety aspects of hazardous waste handling and storage of such wastes. He also emphasised the importance of maintenance of records of hazardous wastes and reporting as

per schedule of the relevant Rules to the SPCB.

Mr. Pravash Chettri of technical wing of SPCB-Sikkim discussed the Extended Producer Responsibility of industries, which manufacture PET bottles, plastic containers and sheets for medicine. He explained the provision of the new Rules in this regard.

It may be mentioned that an interactive meeting was also held under the Chairmanship of Chairman, SPCB-Sikkim with heads of industrial units located in the State on 11th May 2022 at the Conference Hall of Forest Secretariat.

This meeting discussed various matters related to environmental conservation and sustainable development as these apply to industries based in the State.

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Civil Services...

Likewise, emphasis will be laid on ensuring public service delivery within a time frame. He announced that a Circuit House would be established in each district to facilitate the accommodation of officers and official guests, and District Collectors will be given the responsibility of maintaining them. Similarly, all CSR funds will be centralised and will be managed by the District Collectors. He informed that a mini-Secretariat would be established in Lumsey, Tadong to accommodate the offices within the capital. Likewise, a composite office would be established in Mining to accommodate all the offices of various departments located in and around Rangpo.

The Chief Minister suggested for the constitution of an annual award in the name of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to honour the best performing civil servant on the occasion of Civil Services Day every year.

Earlier, Chief Secretary, Mr S.C. Gupta, in his opening address, gave a brief background on how the civil services came into being and evolved over time. He added that the civil services have been able to re-invent with the change in time and prove its mettle in the governance. He suggested for the formulation of 'Vision 2047' for the State of Sikkim through honest appraisal and active brainstorming.

The programme had a virtual address by guest speaker Mr. K.V. Subramanian, Professor of Economics at Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, and former Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India. He shared his thoughts and insights on the topic 'India becoming a 5 trillion-dollar economy and the role of the North East States in achieving that'.

Earlier, the programme began

with the welcome address by Principal Secretary, Home Department, Mr R. Telang. He said that civil servants are perceived to be managers of the status-quo who maintain and manage the system in a way that change does not happen disruptively. He added that COVID-19 changed that perception to a great extent and compelled some swift action to transform the forces of disruption into forces of positive change.

During the programme, Secretary, Social Justice and Welfare Department, Mr Tshewang Gyachho made a brief presentation about the Scholarship Scheme being implemented by the Department.

The programme also had the presentations on the best practices in the districts by the District Collectors of all the six districts.

Likewise, SP Gangtok Mr Tenzing Loden Lepcha made a presentation on Mission SAFAI (Sikkim Against Fraud Action Initiative).

During the programme, the Chief Minister presented the Award for the Best Cabinet Memo. The Award was presented to the Social Justice and Welfare Department for quality and clarity in all the Cabinet Memos sent by the department. The Letter of Appreciation was received by Secretary, Social Justice and Welfare Department.

As a special gesture, retired Secretaries in the last one year were felicitated on the occasion by the Chief Minister. Present among those invited were former Additional Chief Secretary, Dr K. Jayakumar, former Secretary Mr. Kuber Bhandari, and former Principal Director cum Secretary Mr. C.L. Sharma.

One of the highlights of the day was the cultural presentations by Civil Servants from various services.

Health Tips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Reduce your risk of coronavirus infection:



Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub

Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms



Thoroughly cook meat and eggs



No unprotected contact with live wild or farm animals

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District surveillance Officer

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New STNM

AMS : 9434711402

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

Union Minister chairs interactive meeting in Kyongsha

Gyalshing, May 14: Union Minister of State for Steel and Rural Development, Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste chaired an interactive meeting with District Officers, Non Government Organisation (NGOs) and Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Gyalshing District at the Conference Hall of Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, Kyongsha, today.

The meeting had the presence of the MLA Rinchenpong Constituency Mr. K.S. Lepcha, Zilla Adhyaksha (WDZP), Mrs. Devika Subba, Zilla Upadhyaksha Mr. Ashok Gurung, ADC (Gyalshing) Mr. Agawane Rohan Ramesh, ADC(Dev.) Mr. Surat Gurung, SDM (Gyalshing) Mr. S.K. Alley, HODs and representatives of various departments, Senior officers and others.

Addressing the gathering, Union Minister emphasised the

implementation of central schemes in an efficient way to provide maximum benefits to the public. He highlighted the vision of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to uplift the marginalised section and directed all concerned officials to work efficiently to complete the pending works in stipulated time.

Since Gyalshing has been considered as an Aspirational District, he stressed upon the proper plans for the developments and asked the departments to work accordingly.

The Minister took stock on health, education, agriculture, horticulture and rural development sectors and directed them to render their selfless service for the upliftment of the community.

He also directed ADC, Gyalshing to constitute a monitoring team to visit the rural areas for proper implementation of

the schemes.

The Minister also had a detailed query on Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Eklavya Adarsh Vidhalaya, AYUSH etc. and had an interaction with the members of Self-Help Groups and NGOs of the District.

ADC Gyalshing gave power point presentation on the schemes as per the Aspirational District.

Later, the Union Minister accompanied by District officials visited the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Kyongsha and interacted with the students. He also visited the District Hospital Gyalshing.

Thereafter, the Minister visited Pemayangtse Monastery and Chenrezig Singkham Riwo Potala and offered his prayers.

Apada Sewa Mobile App launched & Namchi District EOC inaugurated

Namchi, May 10: Minister for Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department Mr. K.N. Lepcha launched the ‘Apada Sewa’ mobile application at Integrated Command Care Centre at Namchi, today. The programme was organised by the Namchi District Disaster Management Authority.

The programme had the presence of DC (Namchi) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, ADC (Namchi), ADC (HQ), CEO (NSCL), DPO (Namchi), AD (SDMA) and officials from NIC Namchi and NSCL.

Minister applauded the efforts undertaken by the Namchi DDMA in collaboration with other departments to improve the disaster mitigation measures at the district level by developing the application. The use of new technology would further strengthen and expand the preparatory measures of disaster management plans, he added. He also advised disaster preparedness measures involving the community especially in the rural areas.

DC Namchi in his address said that this initiative is in the initial phase of transforming the

endeavours of achieving e-governance in the district and said that it will generate a system at the administration level empowering the people at large.

DPO Namchi highlighted the aim and benefits of using ‘Apada Sewa’ mobile application. He said that the application is based on a user-friendly interface that will help the user in making effective, efficient and accountable disaster management work. The users can also keep record thereby avoiding any duplicate or erroneous claims of ex-gratia. Further, it will expedite the processing of claims for instant relief or restoration works to the bonafide beneficiary of disaster calamity, he added.

It may be mentioned here that ‘Apada Sewa’ mobile application is a joint initiative developed by National Informatics Centre Namchi and Namchi Smart City Limited under the supervision of Namchi DDMA. The application envisages the digitisation and smooth processing of disaster reporting, geo-tagging, surveying and systematic formulation for the processing of

natural calamity claims. One of the main features of the application is that the concerned official can allocate disaster management work to key administrators based at various locations, which is done for faster mobility and in providing aid to people and places struck by man-made or natural disasters.

At the outset of the programme, the Minister inaugurated Namchi District Emergency Operation Centre located in the Integrated Command and Control Centre, Namchi Car Plaza. The District Emergency Operation Centre is a 24/7 dedicated emergency service wherein disaster-related issues will be addressed. The contact no of the control room is 03595 264100 and can take up to 10 calls. The programme also saw felicitation of individuals for their contribution towards the development of the ‘Apada Sewa’ mobile app by the Namchi DDMA. ADC (Namchi), ADC (Hq), SDM (Namchi), and DPO (Namchi) were also honoured for their contribution of COVID-19 management.

Officers submitted their report relating to Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain Campaign 2022. The mission of Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Amrit Sarovar is aimed at developing and rejuvenating water bodies in each district of the country as a part of ‘Azadi ka Mahotsav’.

across the State and far flung areas.

The Minister offered his prayers to Lord Buddha for the peace and prosperity of Sikkim and sought blessings on behalf of the Sikkimese people.

Meeting on Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Amrit Sarovar held

Pakyong, May12: DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chophel chaired a meeting on ‘Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Amrit Sarovar’ at Rurban Complex, Pakyong, today.

The DC was accompanied by ADC Dev. Pakyong Mr. Tenzing Denzongpa, DFO, JD Horticulture, BDOs Regu, Rhenock, Duga, Pakyong, Parakha, ACF Wildlife,

ACF Territorial, AEs of 5 Blocks, SPORDD, Sr. VAA, JR.VAA, Field facilitator and GPK functionaries of five blocks under Pakyong District.

The session was conducted for the submission of scientific water conservation plan to the Rural Development Department. Likewise, Block Development

Minister Mr. Arun Upreti attends Buddha Purnima celebration

Namchi, May 16: Minister for Urban Development Department Mr. Arun Upreti attended the Buddha Purnima celebration at Buddha Park, Ravangla, today.

He expressed his gratitude for being blessed to have a

darshan of Relics (Ringsel) of Lord Buddha at Tathagata Tsal in Ravangla, organised by Udhor Chhusum, Kayged Tegchenlig Gonpa. The auspicious occasion was witnessed by the Sangter Tulku Rinpoche and devotees from

Sikkim Sunuwar Mukhia Koinchbu organises Shyadar Pidar 2022

Namchi, May 16: Shyadar Pidar was organised by Sikkim Sunuwar (Mukhia) Koinchbu at Niz Rameng Ward with Chief Guest MLA Soreng-Chakung constituency Mr. Aditya Golay, today.

Also present were Minister for Buildings and Housing Department Mr. Sanjit Kharel alongside President Sikkim Sunwar Mukhia Koinchbu Mr. D. B. Mukhia and representatives from the community. At the outset, the dignitaries offered their obeisance at a traditional shrine set up at the premises.

MLA Mr. Aditya Golay extended greetings on the auspicious day of Shyadar Pidar, 2022 and added that the day also coincides with 47th State Day of Sikkim and Buddha Purnima. He spoke about the importance of the event and informed that the day is particularly observed to offer gratitude to the Mother Nature for healthy agriculture and other good fortunes. He emphasised upon the importance of preserving the unique culture and tradition of various communities of the state that have been passed unto generations for posterity and conservation.

Extending his greetings, Minister Mr. Sanjit Kharel informed that establishment of a Temple at the premises will be

constructed by the State Government. He briefly highlighted the traditional heritage and cultural importance of the Shyadar Pidar festival and encouraged the younger generations to imbibe it. He also informed that the State Government has laid focus on the development of various communities of the state by identifying and protecting various languages and cultural. Moreover, he listed out various developmental projects, which are being set up at Namthang-Ratepani constituency.

President, Organising Committee Mr. D. B. Mukhia spoke about the importance of Shyadar Pidar and its importance in the community. He also put forward various demands for the benefit of the community.

Sikkim Sunwar Mukhia Koinchbu also felicitated various individuals who have contributed in upliftment of the community.

CM was also felicitated for relentlessly elevating the state and its citizens towards greater heights. Other personnel who were honoured were Land donors Mr. Ratna Bahadur Sunwar and Mr. Keshar Singh Sunwar followed by (Naso, Shaman) Mr. Kumar Mukhia and Dr. C. B. Sunwar. Various cultural extravaganza were showcased during the course of the event.

State Level Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition organised

Gangtok, May 12: The valedictory function of the two-day State Level Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition organised by State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Sikkim in collaboration with NCERT at DIET, Lower Burtuk, Gangtok was held today.

Minister for Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha attended the programme as the chief guest along with Principal Secretary, Education Department, Mr. R. Telang as the guest of honour. The guests and other officials made a visit to the exhibition stalls and interacted with the students. The theme of the exhibition was ‘Technology and Toys’.

Minister, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha said that there should be ample opportunities for students in the form of interactive sessions with faculties of concerned Departments. He expressed his gratitude to SCERT for organising the event and appreciated the students for showing such dedication towards the subjects.

Joint Director, SCERT, Dr. Shanti Ram Adhikari said that SCERT has been organising such programmes to guide students to grow and excel in the activities of their interest. He apprised that thirty six schools

from all the districts participated in the event, out of which, top ten schools were selected for the Eastern India Science Fare in Kolkata.

Assistant Professor, SCERT, Dr. Mahendra Tamang apprised that the programme aimed at creating a platform for students to exhibit their ideas in the field of Science, Mathematics and Environment.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary, Education Department, Mr. R. Telang said that practical sessions in such fields is an important aspect and also appealed to the students to focus on their observation skills as well.

Two DIET teams also exhibited their teaching and learning materials.

Faculty, SCERT, Mr. Suraj Kumar Sharma gave a brief presentation about the exhibition and said that this event will be a forum for the students to showcase their innovative ideas. He also said that the themes for the event were eco-friendly, environment, software apps and modeling. Thereafter, the chief guest presented awards and certificates to the winners and participants of the two-day exhibition.

The top ten winners were acknowledged with certificates and trophies.

Union Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey calls on Chief Minister

Gangtok, May 15: The Union Minister for Heavy Industries (GOI), Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey called on the Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence at Mintokgang, today.

The Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the Union Minister and his team for their visit and informed that he has approached the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Yogi Adityanath for the allotment of

five acres of land at shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra for the construction of a Guest House, Dharmasala, and other required facilities for the devotees of Sikkim. He further informed that the Government is also looking forward to the construction of a Guest House for pilgrims from Sikkim in Banaras.

The Union Minister was accompanied by Member of Rajya Sabha (UP), Seema Dwivedi,

Secretary for Ministry of Heavy Industry, Mr. Arun Goel. It was a courtesy call by the Union Minister who expressed his happiness to learn about the Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana being successfully implemented in the State. He also appreciated the pace of development and progress in Sikkim. Secretary to CM, Dr. S.D Dhakal was also present during the call on.

Minister UDD attends workshop in New Delhi

New Delhi, May 09: Minister for Urban Development and Food and Consumer Affairs Departments Mr. Arun Kumar Upreti attended the one-day National Workshop of the Ministers for Consumer Affairs of States/UTs, Principal Secretaries, Controllers, Industries/Associations on the matters pertaining to decriminalisation of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, today.

The workshop was chaired by Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles Mr. Piyush Goyal and attended by Union Minister of State for Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Environment, Forest and Climate Change Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Ministry of Rural

Development, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Mr. Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti and Ministers from different States.

During the meeting, Mr. Arun Upreti shared the perspective of the State of Sikkim with the panel of Ministers. He also met the officials of the Ministry and requested for co-ordination and support for future consumer related activities in the State.

STF calls for first meeting on Single use plastic

Gangtok, May 13: The First Meeting of State Level Special Task Force (STF) For Phasing out Single Use Plastic (SUP) was held at the Conference Hall, Tashiling Secretariat, today.

The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta and was attended by Secretary Urban Development Department, Mr. M.T. Sherpa, Heads of various Departments, officials and staff of Urban Development Department.

The Chief Secretary said that the government has been initiating various measures to manage the waste and to maintain a clean environment. He called for possible measures to spread

awareness and heighten enforcement wherever necessary.

He also added that sourcing locally and avoiding air-freight transported goods is another way to reduce the environmental impacts. The Chief Secretary further urged all the members to enforce the alternative policies that will achieve the intended goal of completely phasing out single use plastics in the State.

A brief presentation of the action plan was presented by Special Secretary, UDD, Mrs Roshni Rai, Special Secretary cum Mission Director SBM Grahmin, RDD, Mrs Sarika Pradhan and Member Secretary, State Pollution

Control Board, Dr. Gopal Pradhan.

During the discussion, Members suggested for the alternative mechanism through which single use plastic items could be recycled or utilised.

Earlier, presentation on the draft Comprehensive Action Plan for phasing out single use plastic was made by Nodal Officer, SBM(U).

The meeting deliberated on the comprehensive action plan for implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules (PWMR), 2016 and phasing out single use plastic (SUP) with identified activities and timelines.

Kishan credit card loans disbursed

Pakyong, May 13: The Aho Yangtam Multipurpose Cooperative Society disbursed Kishan Credit Card loans to 16 of its members amounting to ₹42

thousand to 7 lakhs, today.

The loan was availed from SISCO bank through the Multipurpose Cooperative Society. The society also inaugurated a

Cash Kendra under the Deposit Mobilization Agency scheme wherein members can deposit and withdraw cash at the kendra itself.

Speaker WBLA calls on Speaker SLA

Gangtok, May 13: Speaker, West Bengal Legislative Assembly, Mr. Biman Banerjee called on Speaker, SLA Mr. L.B. Das in the capital, today. It was a courtesy call made by the West Bengal Speaker who

is on a three-day visit to Sikkim along with his spouse, Mrs. Nandita Bannerjee.

During the meeting, Speaker SLA, Mr. L.B. Das discussed and exchanged views over the current

status of the Sikkim and WB Legislative Assemblies. He also presented a memento to the SLA Speaker.

First set to CoI's handed over in Pakyong

Pakyong, May 13: MLAs Namcheybong and Rhenock constituencies Mr. Em Prasad Sharma and Mr. Bishnu Khatiwara handed over the first set of Certificate of Identifications (CoI) at Mini Hall of Pakyong DAC, today.

A total of twenty five people from five constituencies namely, Rhenock, Chujachen, Gnathang-Machong, Namcheybong and West Pandam received the CoIs from MLAs, DC and ADC Pakyong. These new CoI holders were carefully verified by various line

departments of the newly formed district of Pakyong.

The programme had the presence of DC Pakyong, Mr. Tashi Chopel, ADM, Pakyong, govt. officials and the general public.

CM attends Tshechu puja at Ralang

Namchi, May 11: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the auspicious Tshechu Puja at Densa Palchen Chosling Monastery at Ralang, today. He was accompanied by the Cabinet Ministers, Officials and devotees.

CM offered his prayers for the well-being of Sikkim and its citizens and also interacted with the 12th Goshir Gyaltsab Rimpoche. Ritual dance of the eight manifestation of Guru Rinpoche

and others deities were also showcased. The 12th Goshir Gyaltsab Rimpoche is set to perform the holy Red Vajra Crown ceremony followed by the long life empowerment of Konchog Chidue Tsewang on May 12, 2022.

The Teschu puja commenced from May 04 will conclude on May 12 and is being observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Padmasambhava.

Hindi Advisory Committee Meeting held

Gangtok, May 15: Hindi Advisory Committee Meeting under the chairmanship of the Minister for Heavy Industries was held at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

The meeting was chaired by the Union Minister for Heavy Industries, Government of India, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey and was attended by Member of Rajya Sabha (UP) Seema Dwivedi, Secretary for Ministry of Heavy

Industries, Mr. Arun Goel, alongside members of the Ministry's Hindi Advisory Committee.

The meeting had discussions about different perspectives shared by the committee members along with their valuable suggestions regarding the use of the Hindi Language and its promotion.

Sorong Tea ready to make a foray in Sikkim

Mangan, May 16: The three day training and packaging of nettle tea-Sorong Tea under Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana concluded at Naga Namgor, today.

The chief guest Minister for Roads and Bridges Department Mr. Samdup Lepcha attended the programme in the presence of Chairperson, State Women Commission Mrs. Chung Kipu Lepcha along with ADM Mangan, SDM Dzongu, Social Welfare Chairman, Councillor Mangan, Joint registrar (Cooperation Department), officers from various other departments, Ward Panchayats and SHG members of

the Naga Namgor Kendra.

Minister applauded the efforts made by the SHG members and the implementing department for encouraging rural entrepreneurship and for paving a way for the start of many success stories to come from Mangan district.

The nettle tea being the first of its kind in the State garnered appreciation and encouragement from the guests. The product is also being displayed in stalls no. 5 and 6 in MG Marg, Gangtok, in a three-day event being organised by the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department.

Sikkim Registration and Licensing of Tourist Trade Bill 2022 held

Gangtok, May 10: A meeting to re-enact laws relating to registration and licensing of persons, entities and organisation engaged in tourist trade and matters connected therewith under the proposed 'The Sikkim Registration and Licensing of Tourist Trade Bill 2022' was held at Paryatan Bhawan, Tadong, today.

The meeting was chaired by ACS, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya in the presence of Chairman STDC Mr. Lukendra Rasaily, PCE cum Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr. Prakash Chettri, tourism stakeholders and officers from the Department.

ACS informed about the main objective of the Bill i.e 'Ease of Doing Business' by way of Cooperative involvement and management through digital platform. He further informed that

the proposed draft Bill would be available in official website (www.sikkimtourism.gov.in) of the department for seeking suggestions, if any, within ten days from the day of its publication in the website.

During the meeting, various points and issues on the proposed draft Bill were discussed in depth and feedback from the stakeholders was taken note of which, would be incorporated in the bill after the approval from the Government, accordingly. The stakeholders welcomed the initiative of the Tourism Department and also gave their suggestions. The suggestions would be incorporated in the proposed Bill. The proposed Bill shall replace the previous Sikkim Registration of Tourist Trade Act, 1998.



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CM distributes grants from CMDG&CMRF

Gangtok, May 15: The Chief Minister's Office under the banner of 'Parivartan –towards the path of progress and prosperity' organised the programme for distribution of Grants under Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant (CMDG) and Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) at Manan Kendra, today.

The function was chaired by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang accompanied by Minister for Education Department, Mr. K.N. Lepcha, Press Advisor to CM, Principal Secretary, Education Department, Advisors, Chairpersons, Vice-Chancellor SMIMS, Director, Education Department, DC Soreng, Government officials, students, and the public.

The Chief Minister distributed Laptops to eighty nine MBBS Students of the 2021-2022 Batch. Similarly, he also shared some Grant in Aid to NGOs, Grant to the Entrepreneurs, Chief Minister's Scholarship, Sanctioned Intimation of Works and Medical Grant.

CM in his address congratulated the beneficiaries under the CMDG and CMRF and stated that since the formation of

the present government, assistance is being provided to the people from CMDG in setting up businesses and improving infrastructure including the construction of religious buildings and establishment of higher education centres. He also informed that the government is assisting the public through the CMRF by providing instant relief for medical purposes and urged the beneficiaries to utilise the funds meticulously.

Minister Mr. K.N. Lepcha highlighted various schemes initiated by the State Government to improve the education system in the State and encouraged the students to take benefit of the schemes.

The programme began with a welcome address by the Secretary to CM, Dr. S.D. Dhakal.

Miss Manisha Subedi, a medical student studying at SMIMS presented her gratitude to the Government of Sikkim for taking up the wonderful initiative in the field of education.

Earlier in the programme, a video presentation regarding the allotment of MBBS seats for students in Sikkim was also screened.

Chief Minister launched scheme on Milk Incentive

Gangtok, May 11: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang launched a scheme on Milk Incentive to the Dairy farmers under Co-operative Set up, today. The scheme facilitates all dairy farmers of Sikkim producing and supplying milk through Co-op Societies will receive ₹8 per litre as Government incentive.

The scheme have been received well by the dairy farmers of the State. The significance of dairy farming among the unemployed youth and dairy farmers have grown significantly and has resulted in increased milk production in the State. The scheme is being implemented through the Sikkim Co-Operative Milk Producer's Union Ltd. for Gangtok, Pakyong, Namchi, Gyalshing and Soreng District and North Sikkim Co-Operative Milk Producer's Union Ltd. for Mangan District.

It may be mentioned that under the Scheme, the Milk Union shall release incentive in the form of account payee cheques in favour of the Village Milk Producer's Co-operative Societies for release it to the dairy farmers directly to their bank accounts on Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. From December 21 to March 22, milk incentive amounting to ₹700.05 lakh has been released to the Village Milk Producer's Co-operative Societies by the Sikkim Co-operative Milk Producer's Union Ltd. for the dairy farmers.

With this, all milk incentive payments for the financial year 2021-22 have been completed. The incentive benefits over 14,000 dairy farmers of the Village Co-operative Societies. Each farmer receives ₹8/- per litre as per the supplies made to the Sikkim Co-Operative Milk Producer's Union Ltd.

Deputy Speaker SLA attends inaugural session of 18th CPA Zone III Conference

Itanagar, May 12: Speaker, Lok Sabha, Mr. Om Birla along with Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Mr. Pema Khandu, Speaker Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Mr. Passang Dorjee Sona, Deputy Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh, Mr. Chowna Mein, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Mr. Harivansh Narayan Singh chaired the inaugural session of 18th CPA Zone III Conference. The Conference will continue till May 13, 2022 and has the participation of Speakers and Deputy Speakers of all the

North Eastern States, including Sikkim.

On May 11, Deputy Speaker SLA, Mr. Sangay Lepcha along with Special Secretary Mr. Lalit Kr. Gurung attended Executive meeting of 18th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association CPA Zone III.

The meeting presided over by Speaker Arunachal Pradesh Mr. Passang Dorjee Sona was also attended by Speaker Assam, Mr. Biswajit Daimory and Deputy Speaker, Arunachal Pradesh Mr. Tesam Pongte.

International Nurses Day celebrated

Gangtok, May 12: International Nurses Day was celebrated at STNM Hospital in the presence of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest. Also present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr. M.K. Sharma, Press Secretary to CM, DG-cum-Secretary, Health, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia, Former Nursing Superintendent of STNM Hospital Mrs. Dawa Lamu Targain, senior officers and doctors, invited guests and the nursing fraternity of STNM Hospital.

Chief Minister in his address extended International Nurses Day greetings to all and congratulated the nursing fraternity for organising the event on a grand scale. He suggested that International Nurses Day should be made a part of the calendar of annual events of the Health department and celebrated in a befitting manner every year. At the outset, he illustrated the significance of the day and paid tribute to Florence Nightingale, popularly known as 'the lady with the lamp' who introduced the world to modern nursing. CM lauded the tireless effort of the nurses of Sikkim especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent vaccination drive, which has put Sikkim on a high pedestal in the national ranking in terms of health care delivery. He reiterated that the Government has laid highest priority on the health sector both in terms of infrastructural up-gradation and up-scaling of manpower.

Speaking about STNM Hospital, he said that it is now equipped to cater to the medical needs of the people of Sikkim and neighbouring regions and mentioned that utmost care is being taken to ensure hygiene. Likewise, security within the hospital premises and wards has been enhanced with the deployment of additional force of the Sikkim Armed Police. He said that STNM Hospital is the pride and prestige of Sikkim and every individual should maintain and safeguard it. He also touched upon other initiatives of the Government in the health sector. He also spoke about the women-centric schemes namely Aama, Bahini and Vatsalya announced recently by the Government. CM also announced that the

Government will constitute an annual award called 'Chief Minister's Best Nurse Award', which will be awarded to the best three nurses in the State every year on the occasion of International Nurses Day (12th May). The Award will be presented from 2023 where a cash prize of ₹5 lakhs, ₹3 lakhs and ₹2 lakhs to the best three nurses will be provided.

Earlier, Health Minister Dr. M.K. Sharma in his address expressed his gratitude to the nursing fraternity for their selfless service. He said that this year's theme for International Nurses Day justified the role of the nurses in ensuring universal and equitable health care for all. He further added that the COVID-19 pandemic testified in true sense the role of the nurses as a vital workforce and added that nurses also act as the key to share health related messages to the public and the society at large. The Minister said that nursing in Sikkim has evolved from modern to multi specialised nursing. He congratulated the nurses who were felicitated on the occasion, also who received the Florence Nightingale National Award and Best Vaccinators Award recently. The Minister also remembered Late Basanti Sundas and other nurses and health staff who passed away due to COVID-19. He also paid his tribute to Late Dr. Sanjay Upreti and recounted the bravery displayed by him to save the life of a fellow health worker.

The programme began with the lighting of ceremonial lamp before the portrait of Florence Nightingale followed by cutting of the cake to mark the occasion.

The programme had a theme-based dance performance by students of Sikkim Government College of Nursing and nurses of Trauma ICU, STNM Hospital. Likewise, a poem on COVID-19 written by Mr. Shiva Prasad Neopaney of Rautey Rumtek was recited by Nurse Neelam Pathak. Thereafter, nurses of different departments of STNM Hospital and District Hospitals were felicitated by the chief guest in honour of their commendable service.

A brief report on Sikkim State Nursing Service was presented by Joint Director, Nursing, Mrs. Uden Bhutia. A

philanthropic donation in the memory of Late Chabilal Singh Cintury, 1st Electrical Engineer from Sikkim, popularly known as 'Bijuli Babu', was made to the Hospital by his grandson Dr. Gyanendra Cintury.

At the outset, Chief Minister also inaugurated two high end equipment installed in the Cath-Lab operation theatre of Cardiology Department, STNM Hospital, Sohyagang, namely Intravascular Ultrasound System (IVUS) System of Heart and Electrophysiological Study and Radio-frequency Lab. The addition of these two high-end facilities further strengthens the health infrastructure of STNM Hospital and will enable the public to access the services within the State.

Similarly, International Nurses Day was celebrated at Namthang Health and Wellness Centre (HWC). Present during the celebration were Medical Officer in Charge Dr. Mingyur Lassopa, Senior Dental Surgeon Dr. Subodh Pradhan along with the nurses, Mid Level Health Provider, ANMs and other staff.

Dr. Mingyur Lassopa spoke about the importance of International Nurse Day which she said is the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the English social reformer, statistician and founder of Modern Nursing. The day is dedicated to health care system, she said. She thanked the efforts of the nurses who have relentlessly extended a helping hand to those in need.

During the course of the celebration, Senior ANM Tila Rupa Chettri also shared her thirty years of service experiences and said that there are many challenges in the field but the nurses take additional precautions with regard to infection control and screening for the safety of patients. Other nurses also spoke about their experiences and highlighted that being a nurse is a life changing job. They also spoke about the efficient teamwork that was needed to the COVID-19 pandemic and also pledged to valiantly serve the patients.

Namthang HWC also presented token of appreciation acknowledging the sacrifices put up by the nurses.

Union Minister call on CM

Gangtok, May 14: The Union Minister for Steel, Government of India, Mr. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh called on the Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence at Mintokgang, today.

He appreciated the development of the state in the last three years in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. He applauded the banning of packaged water bottles and appreciated the State government's effort to maintain a clean and healthy environment in

the state.

During the call, important issues on connectivity with regards to transportation were elaborately discussed and the Union Minister suggested naming the train to Sikkim as Sikkim Rajdhani and also instructed to design the Rail coaches according to Sikkimese tradition. In this regard, the Chief Minister proposed to write to the Railway Minister.

The Chief Minister informed that the proposal for having a

National Level Yoga Centre in the vicinity of Gurudongmar Lake has been discussed with the Union Minister of AYUSH Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, which will help the Yoga aspirants to practice meditation in a calm and silent Himalayan territory.

Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the Union Minister for his visit to the State.

Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta, and Secretary to the Chief Minister, Dr. S.D. Dhakal were also present during the call on.