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## JICA delegation calls on Chief Minister

**Gangtok November 15:** A six member Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) delegation headed by Chief representative JICA India, Mr. K. Matsumoto called on the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at Samman Bhawan, today.

The delegation presented a brief report on ongoing forestry projects and its progress.

The Chief Minister during the meeting requested them to explore all the possibilities to start some new projects which can be

taken up in the State of Sikkim.

The main highlight of the discussion during the meeting was for Urban mass transport, Tourism, Sustainable development in Horticulture and Agricultural sectors beside environmental conservation.

Biodiversity conservation was also discussed in detail during the meeting.

The (JICA) head Mr. Matsumoto during the call on also expressed his satisfaction on the presentation made by the the line departments during the workshop.

## Children's Day function celebrated

**Gangtok, November 14:** State level Children's Day function to commemorate the 130<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was celebrated at Chintan Bhawan, today.

Organized by the Education Department, the event was graced by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest. The event was also attended by Minister for Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima, Speaker (SLA) Mr. L.B. Das, Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. G.P. Upadhaya, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, HoDs, officers, teachers and children from various schools.

Earlier, Chief Minister paid respect to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru by garlanding his bust at Ridge Park near Mintokgang after which they proceeded towards Chintan Bhawan.

The programme started with the offering of bouquets to the chief guest after which the ceremonial lamp was lit.

Teachers of Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School presented the welcome song which was followed by patriotic songs presented by students of Bojoghari Senior Secondary School and Modern Senior Secondary School.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister wished the students on behalf of his government and said celebrating Nehru's birthday as Children's Day is an eternal honor to him. He said that Jawaharlal Nehru was one of the main pioneers of modern India and his immense contribution especially in building the foundation of all the

reputed infrastructures in the country is still acknowledged.

"Children have a conscious mind. Every little thing affects their brains, therefore special attention should be paid to their daily activities. In addition, taking care of children's mental and physical health is also very important. They are the future makers of the nation," he said.

He also shared his experiences working as a teacher and the strong relationships which he build with his students.

While addressing the gathering, he made various announcements such as, Right to Education entitlement like uniforms, mid-day meal, textbooks and exercise books provided by the Samagra Shiksha and Education Department to reach every child at the beginning of every academic session; ICDS operating from rented house should be shifted to schools for proper transition; Private schools which do not fulfill the NCTE norms, lack of B.Ed. and DIET trained teachers, no proper facilities as per the Right to Education Act and curriculum as per the National Curriculum Framework and NCERT guidelines will be closed down; Education Department to immediately formulate a policy to monitor all private schools and have full control over them in the matters of curriculum, training, pedagogy, school development plan and other requirements; there should be four levels of school education (a) Directorate of Elementary Education for pre-primary to class eight as per the

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## Chief Minister attends programme on importance of Sanskrit

**Gangtok, November 17:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang graced the function of the Importance of Sanskrit in Human Civilisation and present Scenario at Manan Kendra along with Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, Mr. M. K. Sharma; MLA (Gangtok), Mr. Y. T. Lepcha, MLA (Rhenock), Mr. Vishnu Kumar Khatiwada, Organisation Secretary of Shri Shri Duttatraya Seva Sangh, Mukul Kanitkarji; Swami Narayan Chaintanya; Professor Hari Prasad; Shastri Yogananda ji; Dr. Gyanendra Sapkota; Dr. Deepak Koirala; dignitaries, officials and the members of the Sangh.

The Chief Minister in his address said that Sanskrit is vital to Indian Culture because of its extensive use in religious literature, primarily in Hinduism and because most modern Indian languages have been directly derived from, or strongly influenced by Sanskrit. He stated that post Vedic religious text as well as text on medicine, astronomy, philosophy, art, architecture and important literary work are written in Sanskrit inspite of the development of religions



*Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang being felicitated by the Teachers Association in the function of the Importance of Sanskrit in Human Civilisation and present Scenario at Manan Kendra.*

language. Adding to his address he said that the importance of the study of the Sanskrit goes far beyond the aesthetic value of its literature and Sanskrit is the key to most of the branches of study of Indian Civilization.

The Chief Minister also

stated that Sanskrit serves as a link language not only within India but even outside in the South East Asian countries and its influence on foreign languages and even on

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## National Press Day celebrated

**Gangtok, November 16:** Associate Editor, Sikkim Express, Mr. Bijoy Gurung, has been honoured with the Y.N. Bhandari Memorial Award for excellence in Journalism while Senior Journalist, Mr. Bhanu Raj Thapa was conferred with the Grameen Patrakarita Purashkar.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang handed over the awards during the National Press Day function organized by Information and Public Relations Department which had the theme "Reporting Interpretation - A Journey" at Manan Kendra, today.

It may be mentioned here that Y.N. Bhandari Memorial Award is annually presented by the State Government while the Grameen Patrakarita Purashkar is awarded by the Press Club of Sikkim.

The Chief Minister who attended the event as chief guest was accompanied by Minister for Information and Public Relations Department, Mr. L.N. Sharma as guest of honour along with Cabinet Ministers, Mr. B.S. Panth, Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia



*Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang presenting the Y.N. Bhandari Memorial Award for excellence in Journalism to Associate Editor, Sikkim Express, Mr. Bijoy Gurung during the National Press Day Celebration at Manan Kendra.*

and Mr. Samdup Lepcha, Political Secretary to the Chief Minister Mr. Jacob Khaling, Press Advisor to the Chief Minister, Mr.

C.P. Sharma, Political Advisor, Mr. T.N. Dhakal, Economic and

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*Pearls of Wisdom*

*Change is the end result of all true learning.*

*- Leo Buscaglia*



# District Diary

## Samajik Adhikarita Shivir held

**Gyalshing, November 15:** Samajik Adhikarita Shivir, a mega camp for free distribution of Assistive Aids and Appliances to Divyangjan and Senior Citizens belonging to BPL Category under ADIP and Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana was held at Government Senior Secondary School, Kyongsa, Gyalshing, today.

The programme was jointly organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India in close coordination with the Social Justice and Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim and West District Administration.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang graced the occasion as the chief guest and the programme was presided over by the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot.

Deputy Speaker (SLA) Mr.

Sangey Lepcha, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, Dr. M.K. Sharma and Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, IPR and Printing and Stationery Mr. Lok Nath Sharma, Minister for Labour and Energy and Power Departments, Mr. M.N. Sherpa and the Minister for Public Health Engineering and Water Resources Departments, Mr. Bhim Hang Limboo also graced the occasion as the guests of honour.

Union Minister Dr. Thaawarchand Gehlot, in his address, mentioned that the Government of India in coordination with the States is fully committed for the welfare and empowerment of persons with disabilities for their safe, productive and dignified life and such kind of programme began only after the Prime Minister Mr.Narendra Modi’s initiatives.

Addressing the gathering Union Minister Dr. Ghelot informed that a total number of 3458 Aids and Appliances will be

distributed to 1073 beneficiaries at total cost of 104.52 Lakhs in the West District.

Till date, the Ministry has organised 8227 camps whereby Forty Lakhs beneficiaries have been benefited with Aids and Appliances since 2014 throughout the country.

Later, Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang and Union Minister Dr. Thaawarchand Ghelot jointly presented Aids and Appliances like Smart Cane, Wheel Chair, BTE Hearing Aids, Complete Dentures, Smart phones, Spectacles, Crutches, MSIED Kits etc. to the persons with disabilities and Senior Citizens.

Minister Dr. M.K. Sharma, in his brief address, extended warm welcome to the Union Minister and expressed gratitude for the Mega distribution camp. He also drew lights on various facilities being provided by the Government of Sikkim and schemes implemented in the State of Sikkim.

## Blood Bank unit at District Hospital Gyalshing inaugurated

**Gyalshing, November 15:** Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, Dr. M.K. Sharma inaugurated newly established Blood Bank within District Hospital Gyalshing in special presence of the Minister-cum-Area MLA of Gyalshing Bermiok Constituency Mr. Lok Nath Sharma and Minister for Power and Labour Deptts. Mr. M.N. Sherpa, today. Ministers jointly congratulated the blood donors and encouraged them to

motivate community for their participation towards the noble deed of blood donation.

Health Minister Dr. Sharma marked the establishment of blood bank as one of the necessary steps taken for the convenience of patients of West District.

It was informed that from now onwards the Gyalshing District Hospital will no longer require to bring blood from Namchi District Hospital.

Minister Mr. Lok Nath Sharma extended heartiest gratitude to the State Government and the Health department for the establishment of the Blood Bank. He appealed voluntary organisations to come forward for blood donation and encouraged public participation.

Further, he urged the Minister to provide additional medical facilities so as to reduce referred cases from Gyalshing hospital.

## Workshop on child rights and child related legislations held

**Mangan, November 14:** A Block level workshop on child rights and child related legislations was held at Panchayat Bhawan, Chungthang for members of Village level Child Protection Committees of Chungthang Block, North district, today.

The programme was attended by the Chairperson and members of Block Level Child Protection Committees (BLCPCs) of Chungthang Block and Chairperson and members of Village level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) formed in the two GPUs and two Dzumsas of Lachen and Lachung.

At the outset BDO (Chungthang), Mr. Sonam Palden Bhutia with his welcome address introduced the members of the

BLCPC, Chungthang.

The Chairperson, BLCPC (Chungthang), Mrs. Tshering Ongmu Lepcha addressed the gathering by motivating them to work hard towards protection of child rights.

The Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee (North), Mrs. Mingma Doma Bhutia highlighted on the role of CWC in handling cases of Child In Need of Care and Protection (CNCP), and urged all the Block and Village Level Committees to produce the child before CWC or report any such case relating to child in need of care and protection.

The DCPO (North), Ms.Wendy Lepcha highlighted the pertinent provisions of child

related legislations like JJ Act, 2015, POCSO (Amendment) Act, 2019, etc. and their roles as Child Protection Committees. It was also informed that 4 Block Level Child Protection Committees have been formed in all the four blocks of the District i.e. Mangan block, Dzongu Block, Kabi Block and Chungthang Block. 25 VLCPCs have been formed in all the GPUs & Dzumsas of the north District. All these GPUs+Dzumsas have been declared as “Child friendly GPUs+Dzumsas” and the Village level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) will be monitoring the GPUs/Dzumsas for effective implementation of the child protection mechanism in the community.

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## Children’s Day...

NCTE and NCERT norms (b) Directorate of Secondary Education for Classes 9 to 12 (c) Directorate of Higher Education for Academic and scholastic education like undergraduate courses of BA, BSc, B. Com etc. and Master Degree (d) Directorate of Technical Education for professional and diploma courses like Engineering, Medical, Technical and other Vocational Courses; all schools must ensure that there is proper coordination with the society; maximum focus on KG classes, information and communication technology, vocational education, community participation; all companies, private sector undertakings, corporate bodies must give a minimum of 50% of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to education sector every year; two annual increments will be given to those teachers who admit their children in primary classes in government schools; Sikkim State Teachers’ Recruitment Board (SSTRB) must conduct recruitment of teachers every year at the end of the academic session; to ensure transparency and accountability, SSTRB must also have a Secretary from the Civil Service NOT working in the Education Department; like DIET for Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.), an institute under DIET for Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education (DECCE) for pre-service training of pre-primary teachers to also be established; MP LAD fund to be used for development of Education only and Education tour (exposure trip) for senior students every year

Concluding his address, the Chief Minister said, “We must dedicate ourselves in building a State and a Nation where child rights are guaranteed and secured so that every child rightfully grows up in an atmosphere of safety and comfort.”

While addressing the gathering, the Minister for Education expressed his delight in being a part of this wonderful occasion. He said that children are the future of tomorrow and greatness of any country is evaluated by the youth force in it, thus, it is our duty to make sure that we create an atmosphere of constructive development.

He also elaborated on Nehru’s life history where he talked about his love and concern towards children and how under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi, he turned out to be the leader of India’s struggle for independence. He laid the foundation of independent India as sovereign, socialist, secular and a democratic republic. For this, he was credited as the architect of modern India. Before his death.

During the programme, the Chief Minister also released a new textbook.

Earlier, a speech on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was given by Ms. Deepti Karki of Deorali Senior Secondary School.

The progrmme also witnessed a short presentation on DIKSHA- textbook for Classes I-III and another presentation on new textbooks developed by SCERT, Sikkim in collaboration with UNESCO-MGIEP and Azim Premji Foundation.

The function also showcased a documentary film on Lt. Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru.

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## Chief Minister...

modern Indian languages has been vast and immense.

Swami Narayan Chaitanya said that Gurukul in India has existed since ancient times and it is still practised today. It is where the students are taught how to live a cultured and discipline life. He stated that the main focus of Gurukul is imparting learning to the students in natural surroundings where they live with brotherhood, humanity, love and discipline with essential teachings in subjects like language, science, mathematics through group discussion and self learning.

He further quoted various hymns of religious text and urged all present there to become better

human beings with richness by thought and not by wealth.

Earlier, the Governor’s message was delivered by Deputy Secretary, PRO to Governor Mr. Khemraj Bhattarai. Shastri Yoganandji, Deepak Koirala, Gyanendra Sapkota, Hariprasad Adhikari and Shri Mukul K. also shared their views on the importance of Sanskrit and Gurukul.

Earlier, Mr. Tika Ram Dhal and Mr. Bhawani Shankar Neupaney were facilitated for their contribution in Sanskrit Language .

The Teachers Association also presented a citation to the Chief Minister for appointing 170 Sanskrit teachers.

Later, all the guest Swamiji were presented with memento by the Chief Minister.

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Government of Sikkim  
Buildings & Housing Department

No: 40/ETENDER/BHD/2019

Dated: 07/11/2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer (N/E), Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim invites percentage rate tenders from qualified Class II B contractors, within the East district, enlisted with the SPWD in single cover system through e-procurement. The bids should be submitted online through the website [www.sikkimtender.gov.in](http://www.sikkimtender.gov.in) for the work as listed below.

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1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Construction of Grade D 2 Block 16 Units Quarters for High Court Employees at VIP Colony Gangtok, East Sikkim	8.92	356.637	0.30	24 months

Important Events

I.	Publishing of Online Tender in e-procurement portal	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
II.	Uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
III.	Document download/Sale start date and time	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 1100 Hrs onwards
IV.	Last date & Time for seeking clarification regarding bids	14 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019 up to 1500 Hrs.
V.	Last date for online Submission of completed bids	6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019 up to 1600 Hrs.
VI.	Date for Submission of hard Copies (Tender fee and Bid Security) .	6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019 up to 1600 Hrs.
VII.	Date of opening of Tender bids	10 <sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at 1300Hrs

For all details on the bid visit [www.sikkimtender.gov.in](http://www.sikkimtender.gov.in)

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Government of Sikkim

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Dated: 07/11/2019

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1	2	3	4	5	6
	Construction of Grade B and D Quarters at High Court of Sikkim, Museum Complex, Forest Colony Gangtok, East Sikkim	16.4	656.15	0.30	30 months

Important Events

I.	Publishing of Online Tender in e-procurement portal	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
II.	Uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
III.	Document download/sale start date and time	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019-1600 Hrs onwards
IV.	Last date & Time for seeking clarification regarding bids	14 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019 up to 1500 Hrs.
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Government of Sikkim

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Department of Information and Public Relations  
Government of Sikkim,Tadong, Gangtok

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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.

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Health Care, Human Services & Family  
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Government of Sikkim  
East Sikkim

Memo No. 323/ HC/HS&FW

Dated: 12/11/2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed quotations are invited from interested individuals/groups for running the ***“Doctors / Staff Canteen”*** situated at Annexure Building, next to Accounts section at New Multi- Speciality Hospital, Sochayghang, Gangtok, East Sikkim .

Interested party/individuals having the following documents may apply:

- Sikkim subject/COI/
- Valid Certificate of firm registration with UD&HD or any other competent authority
- Valid trade licence having mess/catering category
- Valid Health Licence from FSSAI office, Convoy ground.
- GST Registration
- Experience certificate of running a canteen from any recognised Institute/or from Elected Representative.

The interested party can collect the tender forms, envelope and other terms and conditions of the contract, menu from the office of the Dietician, New STNM Multi Speciality hospital from 10 am to 2 pm on any working days w.e.f. 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 on production of B.R. of 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand) only duly credited to major Head- 0210.01-800- Other receipts (Sale of tender form for Doctors/ staffs Cafeteria).

The winning bidder will have to pay ground rent of 13,300/- (Rupees Thirteen thousand three hundred only) per month as a user fees.

The tender forms accompanied by TDR (refundable) for 50,000/- (Fifty thousand) only in favour of Sr.AO-cum-D&DO, STNM Hospital drawn from State Bank of Sikkim, Gangtok should be deposited at the office of PCC cum Medical Superintendent, New STNM Multi Speciality hospital, Sochayghang, Gangtok on / before 12.30pm of 27<sup>th</sup> November'2019.

Tenders shall be received till 12.30 PM (sharp) of 27<sup>th</sup> November'2019. The quotations will be opened on the same day at 1.30 PM in the office of the PCC cum Medical Superintendent, New STNM Multi Speciality hospital, Sochayghang, Gangtok in the presence of Tenderers/ authorised representatives who may like to be present.

The Department reserves the right to modify/ delete any of the terms & conditions of the contract and also accept, reject or rescind any or all Tender without assigning any reasons thereof.

PCC Cum Medical Superintendent  
New STNM Hospital, Sochakghang  
HC,HS &FW Dept,  
Government of Sikkim

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

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

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

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This issues with the approval of the Government.

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By 2022, each block to have a tribal school on Eklavya model: Mr. Amit Shah

**New Delhi, November 16 (PIB):** Union Minister for Home Affairs, Mr.Amit Shah inaugurated the National Tribal Festival 'Aadi Mahotsav', in New Delhi today. Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Mr. Arjun Munda also graced the occasion, among other dignitaries. Addressing on the event, Mr. Shah said that Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has seen a vision of the 'Aadi Mahotsav' and developing 'Van Dhan Vikas Kendras', to accelerate the development of tribal people across the country, who reside in 40% of its area and constitute 8% of its population. Over a thousand tribal artisans from 27 states are participating in the event. This platform is helping the tribal artisans, their handicrafts, culture, traditions and food to showcase them in front of the world. Such a platform not only proves to be a vital source of employment to lakhs of tribals, but also gives them recognition and instills a sense of pride and worthiness in them, he said.

Through this initiative, Home Minister said, Modi government is showing its commitment to safeguard tribal culture and ensure its development in a sustainable manner, as it believes in Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay’s philosophy of Antyodaya. Mr. Shah said, "I want to assure crores of tribal brethren that the Narendra Modi government is committed to ensure sustainable development and improvement in standard of living of tribals, without disturbing their culture and traditions". He further said that it was first time since independence that, under the government led by Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a separate Ministry was formed for the development of tribals. Such an important thing was neglected by governments in the past, he added.

Union Home Minister launches first Winter-Grade Diesel outlet for Ladakh region

**New Delhi, November 17 (PIB):** Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah launched the first Winter-Grade Diesel outlet for Ladakh region, which will help to address the problem faced by people due to loss of fluidity in Diesel fuel during extreme winter conditions. He said, the winter grade diesel produced by Panipat Refinery for the first time has a pour point of – 33degree Celsius and does not lose its fluidity function even in the extreme winter weather of the region unlike the normal grade of Diesel which becomes exceedingly difficult to utilize.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shah said that the government led by Mr. Narendra Modi was committed since 2014 to bring the region of Ladakhat par with the rest of the country, which was neglected for the last 70 years. He said that the abrogation of Article 370 was a step in that direction. He also said that by bringing change

Remembering Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary, Home Minister said that it was he who gave the first call of a revolution against the British rule in the 'Ulgulan Andolan'. He was the person who showed new horizons to the tribal society with his revolutionary thoughts. In such a short life, he fought for the rights of the tribals and forest dwellers, which is why he came to be known as 'Bhagwan' among them. Talking about recognizing the immense contribution of tribals in fighting the British rule, Shri Shah said that Modi government has built museums worth over 180 crores across the country to preserve the contribution of tribal leaders in India's freedom struggle.

Mr. Shah called the tribals as the protectors of forests, which in turn are the lungs of the nation. The tribals are still attached to nature as well as maintain their centuries-old culture. Such a coexistence of nature with human culture is best exemplified by the tribal society. Tribals might not have the modern life of luxury and comfort, yet they have the gift of happiness that comes from staying in the lap of nature with harmony, he said. Shri Shah noted that in today's times of climate change, when the whole world is seeing ill effects of global warming, it is the tribals who are a live example for the whole world of how humans can sustainability coexist with nature.

Talking about the schemes of Government of India that are benefiting tribal population, Mr. Shah said that Narendra Modi government has given every household gas, electricity, free healthcare till 5 lakhs and houses with toilets, among others, which are the basic needs of the people. Talking about specific schemes about tribal

development, he said that Modi government initiated the concept of the District Mineral Fund, under which proceeds of over 32000 crores, besides budgetary allocations, have been employed in the last 5 years for development of tribal areas, villages and people. Further, an audio-visual digital library consisting of over 10,000 tribal cultural events has been developed by this government to preserve and protect the tribal culture and traditions for future generations, he said.

Talking about the government's push to increase penetration of education in tribal areas, Mr. Shah talked about how Modi government has initiated the 'Eklavya' model and increased the funds of Tribal Research institutes across the country. He said that by the 75<sup>th</sup> year of India's independence, 2022, each block would have a tribal school on Eklavya model. 465 schools have already been constructed, he added.

Observing how the earlier governments have neglected the development of the under privileged sections of the society and how privileged classes have cornered benefits of development, Home Minister said that tribals and dalits have never been the priority of any government earlier, but Modi government is a firm believer that the poor and underprivileged sections have the first right over the resources of the country before anyone else. This government truly believes in Prime Minister Modi's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', he said.

Concluding his speech, Mr. Shah assured the tribal people across the country that Narendra Modi government is standing like a rock behind the adivasis and would leave no stone unturned in the path of their development.

with an outlay of 50,000 Crore will be completed in 4 years.

The Home Minister said that this Winter-Grade Diesel will not only smoothen the travel and transportation during peak tourist season in extreme cold, but will also help in giving a boost to tourism and supply needs of the people of the region and helping in the overall economic development.

Tour and Taxi operators and the common man linked through the video-conferencing from Leh thanked the Union Home Minister for taking this historic measure and said this new version of Diesel will bring a New Dawn in the region.

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and other senior officials of the Home Ministry and Petroleum Ministry were present on the occasion.

High Court of Sikkim  
Gangtok

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(ii) been convicted in any criminal case.

4. **Essential Qualification:-**  
Graduates in Law, Post Graduates in Law or Doctorates in Law from any recognized University in India only would be eligible to apply for appointment as Law Clerks. Candidates practicing at the Bar or having professional experience or literary works in Law to their credit will be given preference.

5. **Restriction of Practice:-**  
On appointment, the candidate shall not practice as an Advocate or shall not take any engagement/ appointment anywhere.

6. **Period of Engagement:-** The tenure of the Law Clerks would be initially for a period of one year extendable by another year to the maximum. The extension of the initial term would be contingent on the recommendation of the Judge under whom he/she is working. However, the appointment may at any time be terminated, without assigning any reason, if so recommended by the Judge for under whom he/she is working.

7. Candidates fulfilling the above conditions may apply for the post along with supporting documents, duly attested by a Gazetted Officer and 3(three) recent passport size photographs, in the prescribed proforma annexed to the advertisement and addressed to the Registrar General. The application shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the faculty of the University/College where the applicant has studied. Application forms received without supporting documents and photographs are liable to be rejected summarily. Candidates are also required to mention their proper address and mobile / contact numbers in their applications.

8. Information submitted by an applicant in his/her application form will be binding on the candidate and if found to be false, his/her candidature will be liable to be rejected.

9. The High Court reserves the right to cancel, alter or modify the advertisement or other terms and conditions of the advertisement without any prior notice.

10. All other matters which are not specifically provided in this advertisement shall be decided by the High Court.

11. The last date for receipt of applications is 17.12.2019.

12. Applications received after the last date shall not be entertained on any ground.

13. No T.A./D.A. shall be paid for appearing in the interview.

Sd/-  
Registrar General  
High Court of Sikkim, Gangtok

**Note:** - No query regarding recruitment shall be entertained on mobile/ telephone.

PROFORMA OF APPLICATION

1. Name :

2. Name of the Parents/ Guardian :

3. Educational qualifications (mark sheets to be annexed) :

4. Particulars of awards or achievements in the University or college, if any :

5. Particulars or articles and/ or dissertations if any, published in legal journals. :

6. Past experience, if any, with any law firm Practice at the Bar etc. (Full particulars to be furnished) :

7. Reasons for offering to be a Law Clerk :

The application shall be accompanied by two certificates or recommendations from the faculty of University/ College where the candidate had studied and passed the qualifying examination.

Every candidate shall pay 100/- as examination fee through demand draft or postal order to be drawn in the name of the Registrar General, High Court of Sikkim

Additional information, as may be called for.

Signature of the Applicant

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## National workshop on Challenges for Biodiversity Conservation and Human

**Gangtok, November 15:** Three-daylong national workshop on “Challenges for Biodiversity Conservation and Human-Wildlife Conflict -Identifying the Problems and Possible Solutions” hosted by JICA assisted Sikkim Biodiversity Conservation Forest Management Project (SBFP) under Forest & Environment Department commenced at Chintan Bhawan, today.

The workshop was inaugurated by Speaker (SLA), Mr. L.B. Das by lighting the ceremonial lamp in the presence of Minister for Forest Department, Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia, Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta, Principal Secretary-cum- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mr. M.L. Srivastava, Chief Representative, JICA India, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Development Specialist, JICA India, Mr. Vineet Sarin, and Martam-Rumtek MLA, Mr. Sonam Venchungpa.

In his welcome address, Principal Secretary-cum-PCCF, Forest Department, Mr. Srivastava, spoke in brief about Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) and its objectives. He informed that JICA offers developmental assistance to India with human security and quality growth being its main broad mission. Mr. Srivastava pointed out a number of projects taken up by JICA in the country under various domains like health and medical care, transportation, power & energy, private sector development programme, agricultural and rural development and many other categories.

Highlighting on the key achievements of JICA assisted SBFP with introduction of eco tourism policy in the State being one amongst them, Mr. Srivastava said that SBFP has achieved in bringing a distinct paradigm shift in ensuring transparency and accountability in the villages propelling Sikkim as the first State in the country to effectively ensure field forestry convergence and Panchayati Raj issues.

Speaking about the workshop on human-wildlife conflict, Mr. Srivastava stressed on the need to come up with practical and effective solutions and urged for more stakeholders’

participation in conflict management so as to mitigate the conflict issues amicably to an extent that is possible. He further listed out some of the initiatives undertaken by the Forest Department to deal with human-wildlife conflict.

Concluding his address, Mr. Srivastava maintained that the active involvement of the civil society is a must.

The PCCF’s address was followed by a video message presentation wherein the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang conveyed his welcome greetings to the JICA representatives and to all attending the event. He expressed happiness over the workshop being organized by JICA assisted SBFP to address challenges of biodiversity conservation and human-wildlife conflict. He hoped that through this platform of knowledge sharing and discussion, a proper and practical solution to resolve various issues pertaining to biodiversity conservation and human-wildlife conflict could be deliberated upon successfully.

The inaugural session was also addressed by JICA India Chief Representative, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, who expressed gratitude to the organizers for hosting the workshop and also complimented the State for its cleanliness, fresh air and great scenery while adjudging Sikkim as a special State in terms of its history and also the State’s potential to be developed.

He spoke in brief about India-Japan relation and stated that for India, Japan is the largest bilateral development partner. Likewise, for Japan, India is the oldest and largest partner of Official Development Assistance (ODA). He further discussed various engagements of JICA with the State in the forestry sector and emphasised on the achievements and impacts of its projects.

Forest Minister, Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia, in his address said that the newly formed government is at its youngest stage and is looking forward to working with JICA for the development of the State in the years to come.

Presenting an overview of the State since its engagement

with JICA, the Forest Minister stated that finding an absolute solution for human-wildlife conflict may not be possible but best efforts should still be made in order to achieve an effective solution to mitigate the issue.

He said that more researches need to be done and necessary measures need to be taken to revive agriculture eg. cardamom cultivation and also explore its potential for sustainable development through eco tourism, he added.

He also urged the experts and researchers in the workshop to continue creating inclusive management plans that are dynamic and present strong scientific reasoning.

Addressing the gathering, chief guest Mr. L.B. Das (Speaker, SLA), presented an overview of the flora, fauna, pristine lakes, cultural heritage and organic history of the State.

He suggested plantation of fruit bearing trees in the forest areas to at least minimise the occurrences of wild animals straying away to human habitats for food.

He further emphasized on erecting solar fences to stray away wild animals and shed focus on intensive patrolling during peak seasons of human-wildlife conflict.

During the programme, the chief guest along with other dignitaries on the dais released three publications of the Forest Department namely Rapid Biodiversity Survey (RBS) Report-V, Rapid Biodiversity Survey (RBS) Report-VI and a book on “Wildlife Population Estimation- Phase II”.

Simultaneously, a plenary meeting with the heads of line departments of the State along with JICA representstives was also convened under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for discussing prospective projects.

State Departments of Urban Development, Roads & Bridges, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Forest, Tourism, Mines & Geology, Education and Sports presented their proposed projects to which the JICA representatives assured to provided assistance as per their cadre after further discussions and considerations in the days to come.

extended best wishes to the Press Club of Sikkim for having their pending demand of a proper infrastructure fulfilled.

In his address, he also expressed his proposal of introducing four new awards for journalists next year namely Chief Minister’s Award for Best Rural Reporting, Chief Minister’s Award for Best Climate Change Reporting, Chief Minister’s Award for Best Women’s Issues Reporting and CM’s Award for Best Women’s Rights Reporting.

Chief Minister further assured that all other concerns of the Press Club of Sikkim including provision of health insurance facilities for media fraternity and pension for the welfare of journalists will be deliberated over by the State

## Inter-College Debate Competition held

**Gangtok, November 13:** Inter-College Debate Competition with the themed ‘The Digital Age has Paralysed the Young Minds’ and Felicitation of Youth Icon, MP (Lok Shaba) Mr. Indra Hang Subba was organised by Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, Gangtok.

Six institutes like SRM College-Tadong, Sikkim Government Law College-Burtuk, Harkamaya B.Ed. College, ICFAI University, Sikkim Government College Burtuk and the host institute participated in the competition.

The Jury comprised of the news editor of All India Radio, Mrs. Anita Niroula and Dr. Durga P. Chettri who is an Associate Professor, Head of Department, Political Science, Sikkim University. The Chairperson for the occasion was Principal of NBBDC, Dr. Bina Pradhan.

After the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and the dignitaries present the convener of the Debate Committee Mr. T.B. Chettri, Department of Nepali delivered his welcome address. The participating students were given five minutes each to voice their arguments, which they executed with precision and flair. Ms. Nisha Gupta from Sikkim Law College, Burtuk, was adjudged the ‘Best Speaker’ of the debate. Harkamaya B.Ed. College took home the runners-up trophy, while Nar Bahadur Bhandari

Degree College bagged the first prize.

The Principal of the college Dr. Bina Pradhan, in her address, informed the gathering that an inter-college seminar had been organised in the past, where the need to provide similar opportunities for the students had resulted in the organisation of inter-college debate competition. The Principal commenting on the education scenario of Sikkim stressed on the need to implement New Education Policy for the students of Sikkim.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Indra Hang expressed his delight on the quality of arguments placed by the students, although he observed that the participants had focused heavily on social media when there was scope to explore the theme from multiple perspectives. Encouraging the students, Mr. Indra Hang also conveyed the importance of holding high aspirations in life while drawing his example. Speaking about his idol Shashi Tharoor and his five pointers Education, Expansion, Equity, Employability chalked out by Parliamentarian Tharoor, Mr. Hang stated that Sikkim should follow similar guidelines.

The event concluded successfully by presenting tokens of appreciation to the jury members followed by the prize distribution.

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### National Press...

Financial Advisor, Mr. C.L. Denzongpa, MLAs, Mr. Y.T. Lepcha, Mr. Bishnu Khatiwara, Mr. Aditya Golay, Additional Chief Secretaries, HoDs and other dignitaries.

Also present for the event were President, Press Club of Sikkim, Mr. Joseph Lepcha, along with PCS Executives, IPR officials, representatives of Nepali Sahitya Parishad, Press and media fraternity and students of Journalism and Mass Communications.

On the occasion of National Press Day, the Annual Grant of 5 lakhs was presented by the State Government to Press

Club of Sikkim which was handed by the chief guest to the PCS President. Likewise, Positive Journalism Grant of 50,000 was also presented to five journalists, namely, Mr. Shekhar Khawas (Himalayan Darpan), Mr. Jeewan Katuwal (Hamro Awaj), Ms. Pratima Rai (Freelance Journalist, West Sikkim), Mr. Thakur Subedi (Hamro Prajashakti) and Mr. Madhu Sharma (Yug Awaj).

The chief guest also handed over the documents and keys of the much awaited Press Club Bhawan to the PCS President. The newly set up Press Club Bhawan is located at the Tourism Department Complex near M.P. Golai in 5<sup>th</sup> Mile, Tadong.

Congratulating all the awardees, the Chief Minister also

Government at the earliest.

Maintaining that a free press is the cornerstone of democracy, the Chief Minister said that the State Government is fully committed to upholding freedom of press and expression.

Minister Mr. Lok Nath Sharma, in his address, marked the day as a significant occasion to ensure freedom of press, their responsibilities and accountability for secured democratic system. He also outlined unparalleled role of press for vibrant democracy and also touched upon constraints and impediments of media persons in the states.

Further, he applauded the role of press in the State and urged every member of press fraternity to continue their duties and be more responsive, proactive and accountable with highest standards of professionalism.

Addressing the National Press Day, Mr. Sharma came out with a suggestion to install digital device for display of Governmental Schemes and Public orientated programmes in all District Administrative Centre, Sub Divisional Magistrate Offices, BDO offices, GPK so as to ensure massive awareness amongst public and visitors.

The Minister also underlined the degree of faith and belief of the people on the news report of established media house and advised to continue

constructive journalism in the State. He also urged media fraternity to come forward with their advises and suggestions to be a part of reengineering process of the state.

Lastly, he also congratulated all the awardees for their achievement and extended best wishes for their future endeavours.

The programme was also addressed by Political Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mr. Jacob Khaling, and PCS President, Mr. Joseph Lepcha.

The event also featured a talk on the theme “Reporting Interpretation - A Journey” which was presented by Senior Journalist, Mr. Pema Wangchuk.

Ms. Shristhi Pradhan, a Mass Communication student of Sikkim University, also delivered a short speech on Journalism.

A cultural presentation was also showcased by students of Tapashree Dance Academy, Arithang during the function.

At the onset of the programme, the chief guest took a tour of the photography exhibition of vintage photographs set up by the IPR Department at the lobby of Manan Kendra.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Secretary, IPR, Ms. Namrata Thapa, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Director, IPR.



# District Collector (East) with team visits Amba GPU

**Gangtok, November 15:** As per the directions of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang regarding the adoption of Amba GPU, a team headed by the District Collector (East) Mr. Raj Yadav comprising of Zilla Panchayat Amba Taza TC, Panchayat members of the GPU, ADC (East), ADC (Dev) Pakyong, SDM (Pakyong), BDO (Pakyong) and other officials of various line departments visited Amba Gram Panchayat Unit.

During the field visit, the District Collector (East) gave the following decisions and directions DE (PMGSY), RDD to fill the potholes in the PMGSY road leading from SDAC, Pakyong till Tokchi road; Repair of damaged footpath from Tokchi road to ICDS Centre Ward No.1- Nindi Lassithang has been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; DE Tourism Department to finish the remaining works in the 10 nos. of Homestays in various parts of the GPU and make it operational; Repair of ICDS Centre and toilet and installation of railing and drain around the ICDS Centre- Nindi Lassithang Ward has been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGAS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; Repair of damaged footpath from Homestay to Machong road has been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; Waiting shed along the footpath between Homestay and Machong road will be painted by the Panchayat; JE/R&B Department directed to ensure timely completion of the CRF Road from Ganchung to Mamring via Nalakthang; Repair of damaged footpath from Machong road to Raigaon sanctioned under NC in convergence with MNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; IOCL Rangpo has been directed to install 30 nos. of stand-alone solar lights in different parts of the GPU, 7 nos. of ICDS Centres, 6 nos. of Primary Schools, 4 nos. of Senior Secondary Schools, 3 nos. of PHSC, 10 nos. of Village Clusters. An agreement shall be drawn between IOCL Rangpo and Amba GPU for the installation of the solar lights. The Panchayat will be responsible for the maintenance of the solar lights after installation

by IOCL; ADC/Dev (Pakyong) and SDM (Pakyong) have been directed to conduct camps to identify citizens who have not obtained EPIC/Voter cards, Aadhaar cards, Ration Cards, Bank accounts, etc. and ensure 100% compliance of the same; the construction of ICDS centre at Ward No.- 02 Mamring Gumpa will be completed soon and the centre presently functioning from private premises will be shifted after completion of the same; repair of damaged footpath from Mahuadara to Mamring Senior Secondary School has been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong.

Repair of the Amba Mamring Gumpa Monastic School (Sheda) and the damaged kitchen and construction of footpath from the kitchen have been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong. The Panchayat members will carry out the beautification, landscaping and gardening of the Sheda; CIPLA Pharmaceuticals Ltd. will construct a 10-Room Building costing approximately 40 lakh in consultation with the SMC, Government Senior Secondary School, Mamring; 2 lakh has been sanctioned for the repair of Class XI and Mid Day Meal kitchen at the Mamring Senior Secondary School under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; Repair of damaged toilet and construction of one ekra room on the top floor of the new building of the School has been sanctioned and will be executed by the SMC; Repair of the approach road to the the Mamring Senior Secondary School has been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; Repair of the footpath and construction of ramp to the PHSC, Mamring has been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; Repair of the PHSC building, flooring (tiles), truss roof, internal electrification have been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and

will be executed by BDO Pakyong; Zilla Panchayat has sanctioned 2 lakh for fencing around the PHSC; Panchayat members will ensure supply of water till the PHSC and repair of the water storage tanks and installation of 2 nos. of poly tanks have been sanctioned; all the works pertaining to the PHSC shall be done under the supervision of the Sr. Medical Officer, DHS; Repair of the approach road to the Gram Prashasan Kendra, 23- Amba GPU has been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; ADC/Dev (Pakyong) will prepare a proposal for 10 lakh for construction of Meeting-cum-Conference Hall above the GPK under MGNREGA; Repair of footpath to the ICDS Centre at Ward No. 03- West Amba and repair and beautification of the ICDS Centre have been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong.

Chuthang Pithang have been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; Repair of the ceiling, flooring and painting of Class VII, VIII, Science Lab and Vocational Training Labs have been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; Repair of the ceiling, flooring and painting of Class IV and V have been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; ADC/Dev (Pakyong) has been directed to construct 01 no. of Community Toilet near the Sec. School, Amba. Further, 04 nos. of CCTV cameras and 01 no. of DVR will be given by ADC/Dev (Pakyong) for the security of the Secondary School, Amba; Repair of the Mid-day Meal kitchen and flooring of the staff toilet have been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong; Area MLA has donated a xerox machine for the benefit of the Secondary School, Amba and Repair of the footpath from the road to the ICDS Centre at Ward No.04- Chuthang Pithang has been sanctioned under NC in convergence with MGNREGS and will be executed by BDO Pakyong. Painting of the Centre will be done by the Panchayat.

# State Level Annual School Sports Competition 2019 kicks off

**Gangtok, November 14:** The State Level Annual School Sports Competition 2019 kicked off at Paljor Stadium, today.

Minister for Sports Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepch graced the event as the chief guest accompanied by Secretary, Department of Sports Mr. Kuber Bhandari along with the participants, host of officials from line departments, senior sportspersons and students at large.

The event which started from November 13 concluded on November 15 and featured more than 700 participants selected from 33 blocks, 175 JHS, 138 Secondary Schools and 107 Senior Secondary Schools of the State in various discipline of sports like Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Football, Karate, Table Tennis and Taekwondo at different venues in the capital.

Addressing the gathering, Minister of Sports, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha firstly expressed his happiness on attending the event and offered his best wishes to all the athletes participating in the three days long event.

In his motivating address to the participants he said, “Physical activity plays an important part in the overall development of a student’s life and I exhort the students to make sports an important and integral part of their lives. There is no dearth of talents in our state and there is a high potential in terms of young athletes and sportspersons. I truly believe that our state will produce many renowned athletes in the future”.

Lastly, he offered his best wishes to all the participating athletes for the upcoming National event scheduled to be held in New Delhi later this year.

Also speaking during the event, Secretary, Department of Sports motivated and instilled much faith and confidence among the participants and assured them full support in their sporting endeavour.

Lastly, he conveyed his best wishes to the athletes and encouraged them to deliver their best performance and earn a good name for the State.

Finally, the event kick started with the Chief Guest declaring the event open.

# State Level Band Competition 2019

**Gangtok, November 15:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of State level band competition for Schools under Samagra Shiksha, Education Department was conducted at Guards’ Ground, Gangtok. Minister for Housing and Building, Transport Department, Mr. Sanjit Kharel graced the occasion as the chief guest. Chairman State Trading Corporation, Mr. Bishnu Kumar Khatiwada and Advisor to Chief Minister (Press and Media), Mr. C.P. Sharma graced the programme as the guest of honour.

State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Mr. Bhim Thatal during his welcome address briefed about the Band competition and also highlighted that in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Sikkim team got the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up and winner in the

National level competitions. The band competition was conducted in two categories i.e. Boys and Girls.

In Boys category, 3 schools took part and in Girls category, 4 schools participated in the competition. Under Boys category, North Sikkim Academy, Magan and in Girls category West Point Senior Secondary School, East Sikkim bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position. These two teams will now represent the State in the Zonal level Band Competition to be held in the month of December 2019 at Guwahati.

The Minister congratulated the winners and by awarding cash prize to them, He also encouraged and extended his best wishes to them to perform well in the Zonal level competitions.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Sikkim United Cup Football Tournament 2019

**Gangtok, November 14:** The 8<sup>th</sup> Sikkim United Cup Football Tournament 2019 was kicked off at Paljor Stadium, today. The inaugural match was played between AGAPE Christian Fellowship and Bethesda Church.

Minister for Forest and Environment Department, Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia graced the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest in special presence of the Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, AH&VS, IPR, Printing & Stationery Departments, Mr. Lok Nath

Sharma, MLAs including Mr. G.T. Dhungel, Mr. Em Prasad Sharma, Political Secretary to the Chief Minister Mr. Jacob Khaling, Secretary Horticulture Mr. M.T. Sherpa and other dignitaries.

A total of twenty nine teams from all four districts of Sikkim, Kalimpong and Darjeeling participated in the tournament which was organised by Sikkim Christian Sports Association. The final match of the tournament is scheduled for November 30, 2019.

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