



SIKKIM HERALD

Vol. 66 No. 49 visit us at www.ipr.sikkim.gov.in

Gangtok (Tuesday) November 22, 2022

Regd. No.WB/SKM/01/2020-2022

CM meets MBBS students for academic session 2022-23



Gangtok, November 20: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang met four students, namely, Perna Limboo, Sabnam Rai, Suna Hang Limboo and Shirshy Rai who have qualified for MBBS for the academic session 2022-23, at his

official residence Mintokgang, today.

During the meeting, the CM provided financial assistance to pursue their studies. Further, he encouraged and wished them luck for their future endeavours.

Union MoS Subhas Sarkar visits Dentam PHC

Gyalshing, November 21: Union Minister of State for Education, Government of India, Dr. Subhas Sarkar visited Primary Health Centre, Dentam, to attend a brief meeting.

The meeting was attended by MLA Maneybong-Dentam Mr. N.K. Subba, MLA Gangtok Mr. Y.T. Lepcha, Zilla and Ward Panchayats, DC Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda, SP Soreng Mr. J. Jayapandian and other concerned officials.

The purpose of the meeting was to take stock of the progress being carried out under centrally sponsored schemes including the Aspirational District Programme.

Thorough discussions were held to evaluate the progress and status of the schemes being

implemented.

The Union Minister also interacted with the beneficiaries of schemes under health and rural development. He was apprised on the number of schools and institutes of higher learning in the district.

DC informed about the newly launched initiative of the State Government, wherein, all the districts were equipped with Mobile Medical Units that take healthcare to the doorstep of remotest villages in the State. She also apprised him on the Nikshay Mitra scheme, where, TB patients are being provided with nutritional supplements through NGOs and CSR funding of pharmaceutical companies. Later, the team also to inspect the PHC.

Sikkim partakes CPA Executive Committee meeting

Gangtok, November 17: Speaker SLA Mr. Arun Kr. Upreti and Deputy Speaker Mr. Sangay Lepcha accompanied by Senior Officers of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat attended joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone III & Executive Council, NERIPSTR at Nagaland Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Kohima, today.

The meeting began with the address of Speaker, Nagaland

Legislative Assembly Mr. Sharingain Longkumer where various agenda points were discussed. It was decided that the 19th Annual Conference of CPA India Region Zone III will be held in Gangtok, Sikkim during the second week of January, 2023.

The meeting was presided over by Speaker, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, who is also the Chairman, CPA India Region Zone III Mr. Pasang Dorjee Sona.

Governor attends 6th Convocation of Sikkim University

Gangtok, November 18: Governor also the Chief Rector of Sikkim University Mr. Ganga Prasad attended the 6th Convocation of Sikkim University held at Manan Kendra, today. Minister for Education Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha was present as special guest.

A total of 146 Gold and Silver medals were awarded to students. Apart from these – 3 ICAI medal of merit, 3 Prof. Sameera Maiti Gold Medal and 3 Sita Ram Jindal Foundation Gold Medal were also presented during the programme.

Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad lauded the effort of the University on initiating Saffron cultivation in Sikkim. He also emphasised on the high success rate of saffron cultivation which has also proved to be economically viable.

Minister Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha congratulated the Sikkim University for organising a series of cultural and academic event as part of celebrating the achievements of students during the Convocation Week. He urged all Universities to initiate a similar



practice of celebrating the occasion of Convocation.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Avinash Khare presented the University report in which he mentioned that three departments of Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo will resume at the new campus of Yangyang from November 28, 2022.

The convocation of Sikkim University will be held on two days - November 18-20, 2022 where a total of 12661 degrees will be awarded to students of batches

2019-20, 2021 and 2022.

Similarly, the third session of 6th Convocation of Sikkim University was held at Manan Kendra on November 20. Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture Department Mr. L.N. Sharma attended the programme as the chief guest in the presence of the Chancellor Lt. Gen. (Retd.), Vice Chancellor of Sikkim

Contd on page 05

Regu Fish Festival organised

Pakyong, November 21: The Directorate of Fisheries in Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department with the support of the National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad, organised a two-day Regu Fish Festival at Chuba, Regu, Pakyong district.

Minister for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments Mr. L.N. Sharma attended the event as the chief guest in the presence of MLA Rhenock constituency Mr. Bishnu Khatiwara and MLA Chujachen constituency Mr. K.B. Rai.

The festival was organised to promote fish eco- tourism in the village along with recreation and conservation aspects of fisheries and also to encourage the youth to take up entrepreneurship in the field of fisheries.

Addressing the public, Minister mentioned that the State Government under the leadership of the Chief Minister have put in efforts to uplift the rural population, economically.

He elaborated on Mukhya Mantri Matshya Utpadan Yojana and underlined the provision of a 60% subsidy in fish seeds and



fishing equipment for the fish farmers and fishermen, respectively. He urged people to take benefit of PMMSY under which, the financial assistance of ₹ One lakh eighty thousand is being provided to the farmers in three installments.

He threw light on the financial incentives introduced by the State Government under the Mukhyamantri Krishi Aatmanirbhar Yojana and

Contd. on page 05

Pearls of Wisdom

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

- Mae West

Distribution of milching cows to SC beneficiaries under PM-AJAY Schemes

Soreng, November 19: The distribution programme of milching cow to SC beneficiaries of Social Welfare Division, Soreng District under PM-AJAY Schemes (SCA to SCSP) was conducted today.

Present during the programme were Panchayat members, Dy. Director AH&VH, Dr. Perna Gurung, V.O. Rinchenpong

Dr. Churamani, Sr. Welfare Officer, Ms Prativa Tamang, Welfare Inspectors and beneficiaries.

Dy. Director AH&VH Dr. Perna Gurung informed about the importance of insurance coverage and its importance. She explained the meaning of deforming and quarantining the cattle.

Meeting on DPPAC on development of Incentivisation of Panchayats held

Namchi, November 19: A meeting on District Panchayat Performance Assessment Committee (DPPAC) on development of the Incentivisation of Panchayats and other issues was held at the District Administrative Centre, Namchi, today.

The meeting was chaired by DC Namchi cum Chairperson DPPAC Mr. M. Bharani Kumar along with ADCs (Dev.) Namchi and Ravangla, DPO Zilla and other officials.

During the meeting, it was informed that as part of rural development, the performance of Panchayats will be evaluated in 9 themes ranging from poverty free and enhanced livelihoods, healthy village, child friendly village, water sufficient village, clean and green village, self-

sufficient infrastructure in village, socially secured village, village with good governance and women-friendly Panchayat. The performance will be based on the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

The DC stressed that field visit of the concerned officials need to be conducted efficiently and that involvement of the newly elected Panchayats as well as the Panchayat Account Assistants needs to be sought out especially on the field visit days, which will commence from November 21. After the completion of field visits, another meeting will be convened to assess the reports. He added that the details of the works should be uploaded online, as per the norms.

First training-cum-meeting for BLOs on Special Summary Revision conducted

Mangan, November 18: First training-cum-meeting for Booth Level Officers on Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls was conducted at DAC Election Hall, Pentok, today.

The training was chaired by DC Mangan, Dr. A.B. Karki. Also present were Additional District Magistrate Mangan, Mr. Tenzing Denzongpa, SDMs Mangan, Dzongu and Kabi, Deputy Secretary Election Commission Mangan and BDOs Kabi and Chungthang.

DC instructed the BLOs to keep in coordination with the Election Commission while being strict, efficient and cautious in their work.

ADM Mangan, briefed

Street play-cum-sensitization programme on POCSO Act 2012 held

Mangan, November 18: As a part of Child Rights Week, the District Child Protection Unit Mangan District organised a street play-cum-sensitization programme on POCSO Act, 2012 at BAC premises, Mangan in

about the summary revision and laid emphasis on flagging Person with Disabilities (PwDs) on Electoral Database.

He also urged the trainees to be interactive and clear their doubts, if any.

Deputy Secretary Election Commission Mangan, Mr. Karma Sherpa highlighted the principal points on the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls.

The Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls is being carried out for Inclusion/ Deletion/ Correction/ Transfer of Names in the Electoral rolls. The second training for Booth Level Officers will be conducted on November 23, 2022.

collaboration with Education Department, Mangan, today.

The programme was held to create awareness to the public, administrative officials and students on teenage pregnancy and POCSO Act, 2012.

Commandant (SSB) and Inspector, Agriculture Department.

The DC reviewed various aspects and stressed on the need to set up a Detoxification Centre in the district. She emphasised on being vigilant towards cultivation of cannabis in the private land and advised for inspection every month by the concerned department.

Drug Inspector Mr. Lakpa Sangay informed about Drug and Cosmetic Act and its rules.

First meeting of DLAMC held

Gyalshing, November 21: The first meeting of the District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee (DLAMC) under the chairmanship of the DC Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda at her office in Gyalshing, today.

The meeting was attended by the members of the Committee, Additional SP, DMS Gyalshing, DCSO Gyalshing, PM/UIM Programmer, Social Welfare Officer, Assistant Director (DESM&E) Gyalshing, Assistant

Manager (UIDAI), Branch Manager (UBI Gyalshing), PS (UIDAI).

The DLAMC has been formed by the government in order to assist the State UID Nodal Department in the implementation of the UID programme.

The agendas of the meeting were to discuss on the status and progress of the Aadhaar enrollment in the district, directives issued by the

government with regard to the usage of Aadhaar, coordination and support for achieving Aadhaar saturation especially in the age-group of 0-5, establishment of child Aadhaar enrolment centres in selected health institutions in collaboration with H&FW department, establishment of PECs and document updation of the residents who were enrolled ten years prior.

DC Gyalshing chairs Career Plus Programme

Gyalshing, November 18: DC Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda chaired the Career Plus Programme (CPP) at Pelling Senior Secondary School, today.

Present among others were CEO Gyalshing Mr. Subbiah G, Principal, staff along with the students and guardians undergoing the coaching.

DC handed out tablets to 23 students enlisted under the programme for enabling their online and digital content and asked them to use the gadget properly. She emphasised that the gadget must be used for storing only educational applications for their exam preparation.

Project Manager, Mr. Piyush Agarwal facilitated a session on the BYJU's Aakash classes.

Chief Education Officer, Mr. Subbiah spoke about the efforts from the students for their productivity.

Students from schools such as Pelling Senior Secondary School, Darap Damber Singh Memorial Senior Secondary School, Dentam Senior Secondary School, Rimbik Secondary School and Gyalshing Girls Senior Secondary School (Kyongsa) have cleared the exam to avail of the Career Plus Programme.

The CPP implemented

under the aegis of NITI Aayog, facilitates the senior section students of schools with science stream for undergoing coaching classes to prepare for NEET and JEE exams, in collaboration with BYJU'S and AKASH institute. The CPP is an aspirational districts programme which aims to provide free of cost coaching for the preparation of JEE and NEET for the meritorious students, who were selected through the ACST examination conducted in the district. The time-line of the programme is 2 years. This coaching will be conducted in a hybrid-mode by the experienced faculties of Aakash Institute.

Sabhapati and Up-Sabhapati of Gram Panchayat Units elected of three districts

Gangtok, November 19: The election for Sabhapati and Up-Sabhapati of Gram Panchayats in Gangtok District was conducted at the Conference Hall of EDZP Bhawan, today.

Panchayat Returning Officer cum DC Gangtok Mr. Ragul K. along with Assistant Returning Officers cum ADC, Gangtok, Mr. Tushar Nikare, ADC Development Mrs. Radha Pradhan, BDO Gangtok and other officials were present.

The elected Sabhapatis and Up-Sabhapatis of Gangtok District were felicitated by the Returning officer and Assistant Returning Officers.

Similarly, in Mangan, Sabhapati and Up-Sabhapati of Gram Panchayats from Mangan District were elected at the chamber of Panchayat Returning Officer on November 17.

The process of electing Sabhapati and Up-Sabhapati was supervised by Panchayat Returning Officer, Dr. A.B Karki, Assistant Returning Officers and Sector Magistrates.

In Gyalshing, the first meeting of Gram Panchayats under Gyalshing district for election of Sabhapati, Up-Sabhapati of Gram Panchayats was chaired by Panchayat Returning Officer Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda at Zilla Bhawan on November 19.

The meeting was attended by the newly elected members of the 33 GPUs. GPU wise Sabhapati and Up-Sabhapati were elected following due procedure of names getting proposed and seconded by their respective Ward Panchayat colleagues.

The meeting had the presence of Zilla Adhyaksha Mr. D.S. Limboo and Up Adhyaksha Mrs. Anita Rai.

While congratulating the newly elected Sabhapati and Up-Sabhapati, DC Gyalshing in her address, wished all the new Panchayats a fruitful term. She added that the active participation and collective effort of every ward member is of utmost importance to move forward the GPU.

The programme saw the presence of ADC Gyalshing Mr. Khemraj Bhattarai, ADC (Dev.) Mr. Surat Gurung, BDOs, DPO and concerned officials.

For Soreng district, the first meeting of Gram Panchayat to elect Sabhapatis and Up-Sabhapatis was conducted at Soreng Senior Secondary School Auditorium on November 19.

The event was attended by the Presiding Officer cum DC Mr. Bhim Thatal, ADC Dev. Soreng Mr. Gaayas Pega, SDPO Soreng, DPO Zilla, BDOs of Soreng District and other officials.

The DC congratulated the elected Sabhapati and Up-Sabhapati. He added that every elected Panchayat are public representative and should work for the public mandate and be aware of Indian Constitution and its laws and acts. He directed the BDOs to make 200 copies of the Panchayat Act and distribute to the elected Panchayats.

Social Welfare Department Government of Sikkim

Memo No: GOS/660/SWD/EC/2022-23/13

Date: 19-11-2022

CORRIGENDUM

The date of submission/ opening of tender for the following works were postponed due to enforcement of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) vide ref. no.476/SEC/2022 dated 11.10.2022. Since the MCC has been now creased with effect from 14/11/2022 vide circular No. 589/SEC/2022 dated 14/11/2022., the tender process for the following work has been fixed on the date & time mentioned in the table below at Panchayat Bhawan, Dhupi Narkhola, Gyalshing District (West), Sikkim.

Sl.	Name of work	N.I.T No. & date	Submission of Tender	Opening of tender
01	Construction of Primary Health Centre at Dhupi (Karjee) in West Sikkim	GoS/660/SWD/EC/2022-23/18 &150, 12/09/2022	Date: 30/11/2022 Time: 10.00 am to 1:00 pm	Date:30/11/2022 Time: 1:30 pm onwards.

Divisional Engineer
Social Welfare Deparment (1315)

**Education Department
Government of Sikkim
Gangtok**

NIT No:-334/1/EDN/GYG/W/2

Dated:- 18/11/2022.

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders in percentage basis are invited on behalf of the Government of Sikkim for the works mentioned below from the appropriate class (III Grade) of registered Contractor enlisted under Sikkim Public Works Department, vide **Notification No. 515/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated:-12/06/2018**, through competitive bidding within the jurisdiction 23-Sankhu-Radhu Khandu GPU under **Maneybong Dentam Constituency, West Sikkim where the work is to be executed to reach the Office of the Superintending Engineer** (Namchi/Soreng/Geyzing), **Education Department, Gangtok, East 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
	Const. of rooms/Auditorium at Khandu School, in West Sikkim.	Maneybong Dentam	1. Civil work=1,52,09,507/- 2. Electrification = 18,25,141.00 Total=1,70,34,648.00/- Note in sl.no.02 rate quoted above on tender will not be accepted.	₹4,25,866/-	₹ 30,000.00	18 months

TIME SCHEDULE

i)	Date of submission of application with Bank Receipt for issue of Tender documents	30/11/2022 (Time between 10.00 hrs to 14.00 hrs)
ii)	Date of issue of Tender form/ Tender documents	01/12/2022 (Time between 10.00 hrs to 14.00 hrs)
iii)	Date and time of submission of Tender	02 / 12 /2022 (Time between 10.00 hrs to 12.30 hrs)
iv)	Date and time of opening of Tender	02/12/2022 (Timing 13.30 hrs)

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

- Tender is open only to the eligible contractors of appropriate class/Area
- (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.
- 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 along with the application during sale/issue of Tender Documents for verification.
- 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, Education, Department, Government of Sikkim Gyalshing, 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.
- 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 Superintending Engineer (Namchi/Soreng/Geyzing), Education Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim. The work on 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.
- 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 (4) should be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed tender may be deposited in the Tender Box in the office of the Superintending Engineer (Namchi/Soreng/Geyzing), Education Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim. The work in his/her presence, on the date and within the time indicated above.
- 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.
- The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance General Direction and condition of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Department reserves the right to hold payments to the contractor unless material/quality test certificates are not produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
- 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.
- 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.
- All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the Agreement to be entered with the contractor.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**Superintending Engineer (South/West) PLG
Education Department
Govt. of Sikkim
(1313)**

**Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Sikkim Undertaking)
1st floor, Near Passport Seva Kendra, Manan Bhawan
Gangtok-737101, Sikkim
ESTD-1998**

Ref No:741/STDC/2021-22

Date:18/11/2022

AUCTION NOTICE

Sealed Tender is invited from the interested firms/individuals for the Auction of Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation vehicle bearing the following description/ particulars:-

- Make/ Model- TOYOTA/INNOVA
-Engine No- 2KD6402701
-Chassis No- MBJ11JV4007 1959198-1109
-Date of purchase- 28th Nov,2009
-Vehicle No-SK-01-Z-0050

On "as in where is basis". The valuation of the Vehicle has been evaluated by Transport Department at ₹1, 08,092/- (Rupees One Lakh Eight Thousand and Ninety Two) only.

Sealed tender should reach to the office of Chief Executive Officer, Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation Limited, 1st Floor Manan Kendra, Gangtok, duly accompanied by earnest money in the form of TDR of ₹10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only, drawn in favour of Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation before 14th Dec, 2022 and the cost of tender form is ₹1,000/- (Rupees one thousand) only non refundable.

The tender will be open on the same day between 14:00 - 15:00 hours in the presence of interested parties present.

The vehicle can be inspected with the permission of Asst. Manager (Mkt) at STDC Head Office, 1st Floor, Manan Kendra, Gangtok during working hours between 10AM to 3 PM, Contact No - 9830162508.

Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without any reasons thereof.

**Chief Executive Officer
Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation
1st Floor, Manan Kendra, Gangtok
(1314)**

Special Summary Revision of Electoral Roll launched

Gangtok, November 09: Special Summary Revision (SSR) of Electoral Roll for Sikkim with reference to January 1, 2023, as the qualifying date as part of the nationwide electoral roll revision, was launched at the Auditorium of Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, Tadong, today.

The Chief Electoral Officer Sikkim, Mr. D. Anandan declared the launch of Special Summary Revision (SSR) 2023, in the presence of Electoral Roll Observers Mr. Anil Raj Rai, Secretary Land Revenue Department and Mrs. Roshni Rai, Special Secretary, Urban Development Department.

This was followed by the screening of a demo video on Voter Helpline App. The Mobile Application is prepared to take forward the effort to build an active democratic citizenry in the country. It is the initiative of the Election Commission of India, which aims to provide a single point of service and information delivery to voters across the country.

Awareness videos prepared by the Election Department on the State Icons Padmashree Awardee Ms. Draupadi Ghimirey, Dronacharya Awardee Mrs. Sandhya Gurung and PwD State Icon Mr. Bikram Bhattarai, urging voters to exercise their franchise was also screened.

Later, soft copy of the Integrated Draft Roll was handed over to the representatives of recognised political parties.

Chief Electoral Officer Sikkim, stated that eligible applicants who will be attaining the age of 18 years and above on January 1, 2023 as qualifying date and subsequent qualifying dates of the year i.e., April 1, 2023; July 1, 2023 and October 1, 2023 can now submit in advance their claims in Form-6, beginning from the date of draft publication of electoral roll. The applications received related to January 1 as qualifying date will be processed and electoral roll will be updated with final publication in January 2023. The forms/claims with respect to the other three subsequent qualifying dates of the year, received in advance, during the SSR period and continuous updation thereafter will be processed during the relevant quarter, preferably in the first month of the quarter.

Individuals seeking

inclusion of name in the voters' list shall submit their details on Form 6, those seeking deletion of names shall submit Form 7, and those seeking change of address or change in constituency shall submit details in Form 8, and those seeking linking of voter id to Aadhaar may submit Form 6 B, he added.

The CEO also stressed on collaborating with the Women and Child Development Department for reaching out to identify more voters with special needs. He stressed that the focus of ECI has been to enhance participation, strengthen facilitation, mould public perceptions about the potential of PwDs and include their voice as equal citizens that set the stage for their social and economic integration.

Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Mrs. Pema Lhaden Lama, briefed about the theme of this year's Special Summary Revision - 'A step for participative election or Peddle for participative elections under the larger scheme of 'No Voter to be left behind', ensuring step towards an inclusive and pure electoral roll. The draft electoral roll reflects the new addition, deletion and modifications taken up during the revision period from January 14, 2022 to October 30, 2022, she added.

She mentioned that as per the draft, there were 14,815 additions and 9,231 deletions and 1996 service voters. Final Roll reflected 1.26% net increase. There has been a total number of 4,49,845 electors, which includes 2,27,344 male and 2,22,501 female voters.

On the occasion, Mr. Anil Raj Rai and Mrs. Roshni Rai were felicitated for their continuous support as Electoral Roll Observers for the State of Sikkim.

The programme also had patriotic songs performed by artistes of the Culture Department.

The programme organised by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim, had the presence of the Chief Electoral Officer, Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Roll Observers, members of SVEEP Core Committee, SSCAE, representatives of Political parties and State Icons.

Teachers and students of Electoral Literacy Club from various schools and colleges were also in attendance.

Labour Deptt. holds meetings with participants of SAC and SB&OCW Welfare Board

Gangtok, November 18: Labour Department held two important meetings with participants of the State Advisory Committee and Sikkim Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board at Shram Bhawan, today.

Minister for Labour Department Mr. L.N. Sharma chaired the meetings along with MLA Mr. Aditya Golay as Member representing the Sikkim Legislative Assembly in the meeting of State Advisory Committee. Present among others were Committee Members including Secretary Labour Mr. Karma Namgyal Bhutia, PCE-cum-Secretary Roads and Bridges Department, PCE-cum-Secretary Buildings and Housing Department, Special Labour Commissioner, Dy. Manager Teesta

Urja, Sr. HR NHPC, Worker's representative and senior officials.

The Minister stressed on expedite the registration process and ensure output-oriented exercise for the welfare of the labours. He also informed that the Committee has decided to skill up the workers and provide certificates which will help to strengthen their career. He also stressed on the proposal of establishing infrastructures in all districts and urged for cooperation and intervention from all line departments for the welfare of labours. He also urged all members to comply with the assigned responsibilities with utmost dedication for the welfare of labours.

The meeting of State Advisory Committee was followed

by the meeting of Sikkim Building and Other Construction Worker's Welfare Board, which was also joined by the Pr. Director, Finance Department mR. Linus Rai, representatives from GREF -129 RCC besides the members of the State Advisory Committee.

The meeting discussed on the proposal of holding awareness and sensitisation camp on labour laws at construction sites, procurement and remodification of vehicles, distribution of COVID relief amount and welfare materials, renovation of BOCW hostel, strengthening of district labour offices, IEC activities for generating massive awareness on various schemes, training programmes and other related subjects.

Secretary SJ&W Deptt. holds press conference

Gangtok, November 18: Secretary Social Justice and Welfare Department, Mr. Tshewang Gyachho addressed a press conference to share the details on scholarship schemes of the Department.

Also present were Special Secretary Mr. Suman Gurung, Director Mr. Karma Sonam Bhutia, Deputy Secretary Mrs. Champa Sharma and Deputy Director Mr. Vaishnav Gajmer.

Addressing the conference, the Secretary highlighted the onboarding of the National Scholarship Portal. He informed that from this year onwards, students need to log into scholarship.gov.in to avail the scholarship. The portal has been changed from state to national as per the guidelines/directives of the Government of India, he added.

He informed that the scholarship criteria would apply to students whose parent's income is below 2.5 lakh per annum. He further added that those parents who work as Safai Karmacharis and are employed under any sanitation work, can avail scholarships starting from classes one and above, and there will be no income slab for them.

It was also informed that in some cases, the students/parents suppress facts and misinform while submitting the annual income certificate. Henceforth, to avail scholarships, an undertaking with an oath from the Oath Commissioner along with an affidavit will be required.

He further informed that the Fee Regulatory Committee of the State had framed a fee structure in four categories, but according to new guidelines, there is a change

in the fee structure obtained by the Central and State OBC, this year onwards. Whereas, the fee structure of ST and SC remains unchanged.

The pre-matric scholarships under the Central and State OBC category for students studying in classes 9 and 10 at Government Schools will avail ₹4000 each. The students applying for scholarships under the State schemes should register in the National scholarship portal for the renewal of the scholarship. He urged the students to fill the scholarship forms themselves so that the information shared and uploaded in the portal is correct. The forms should be filled according to the time specified by the Government. He informed that after the onboarding of the national portal, the GoI regulates the dates for filling up the forms.

10th edition of International Tourism Mart held

Aizawl, November 17: The 10th edition of International Tourism Mart was held at R. Dengthuama Stadium, Aizawl, Mizoram from November 17-19, 2022.

The event organised annually by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India at different locations of North East for promotion of rich natural and cultural heritage of the eight North Eastern States was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and DoNER, Mr. G. Kishan Reddy and Chief Minister of Mizoram, Mr. Zoramthanga, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and

other senior officials from the ministry, senior officials from Government of Mizoram, State Delegates and Industry Stakeholders were also present during the inauguration.

Sikkim Tourism Department was represented by Special Secretary Ms. Karma D. Youtso along with Assistant Director Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim Mr. Prashant Pakhrin and Mrs. Leepandi Targain took part as local tourism stakeholder from the state.

Ms. Karma D. Youtso in presentation threw light on the

different initiatives taken by the State Government to develop and promote tourism in the state. Presentation on the steps taken by the State to promote responsible and sustainable tourism by highlighting rural tourism development and promotion initiatives taken by the department and Investment opportunities in tourism sector Sikkim was also shared.

She also participated in the panel discussion held on sustainable tourism and tourism investment opportunities in the State.

Singtam District Hospital launches Let's start talking about mental health

Gangtok, November 17: Singtam District Hospital launched 'Let's start talking about mental health' to generate awareness on mental health, today.

The programme had the presence of Chief Medical Officer cum Additional Director, Health and Family Welfare Department Dr. Tempo Gyalsten Bhutia as the chief guest.

Dr. Tempo Bhutia laid

emphasis on mental health being as important as physical health. Mental health comprises of emotional, psychological, social and spiritual health and it is determinant of how one can handle stress and cope with day-to-day activities. He also emphasised on the importance of regular exercise, morning walk, meditation, yoga and balanced nutritious diet.

Resource person HoD,

Department of Psychiatry Dr. Satish Rasaily, DNO, East Dr. Sheetal Chettri, Social Worker Ms. Pinkey Bhutia and Psychologist Ms. Sonam Tongden deliberated on concept of mental health, stigma and mental illness, addiction, suicide prevention and mental health services available in the district.

Government of Sikkim Health and Family Welfare Department Gangtok

Memo No: 137/MECH/H&FW/22-23

Dated: 14/11/2022

TENDER NOTICE

Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, invites Online e-Tenders (Technical & Financial Bid) from the registered firms for "**SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENTS FOR NEPHROLOGY DEPARTMENT AND TRAUMA UNIT, STNM HOSPITAL, SOHAKYGANG, GANGTOK**".

The tender details downloaded from the website viewed <https://www.sikkimtender.gov.in> for which, the bidders should have the necessary portal enrolment with his/her own Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

**Superintending Engineer (Mech.),
Health & FW Deptt.
(1310, i)**

Government of Sikkim
Water Resources Department
Gyalshing, Sikkim

Memo No:638/AE/WR/GYZ **Dated: 19/11/2022**

CORRIGENDUM

In the NIT floated vide **Memo No.489(b)/AE/WRD/GYZ** dated 14/9/2022 and **Memo No.596/AE/WRD/GYZ** dated 30/9/2022 under Water Resources Department, Sub-Division Gyalshing, It is to inform that Tender for the work “309-SMI Schemes PMKSY” which was earlier scheduled on 22/11/2022 is postponed until further notice, due to technical & unforeseeable causes for Yangthang constituency in West Sikkim only.

Sd/-
Assistant Engineer
Water Resources Department
Gyalshing Sub-Division
(1317,B)

CM attends review meeting in Guwahati

Guwahati, November 09: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the review meeting to discuss the progress of NH works in North Eastern States and Sikkim in Guwahati.

The review meeting was chaired by the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Mr. Nitin Gadkari in the presence of Gen (Rtd) Dr V.K. Singh, Minister of State for Road, Transport and Highways along with officers from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India, NHIDCL, BRO, contractor representatives and Authority Engineers.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Minister, Roads and Bridges Department, Mr. Samdup Lepcha, officers from the Chief Minister's Office and the Roads and Bridges Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

In the interactive session, officers from the NHIDCL involved

in the development of NH projects in the state briefed regarding various issues faced by NHIDCL in terms of land acquisition, forest clearances and issues affecting the smooth implementation of the project in the State. ADG-BRO also requested for the State Government's intervention towards several land and forest issues being faced by BRO, in the development of roads in the border region.

Minister for Road, Transport & Highways requested intervention of the Chief Minister towards issues raised by the NHIDCL, so as to ensure early completion of all projects for the benefit of the state.

The Chief Minister informed that the State has always been proactive towards resolving the issues as and when raised by the affected stakeholders and assured to hold a review meeting with all the stakeholders immediately to

solve any pending issues related to the road projects so that vision of the Govt. of India of supplementing infrastructure in the North Eastern region is properly addressed.

Furthermore, the State Government has submitted a proposal for replacement of 51 nos. of bridges amounting to ₹300 crores not within the ambit of NH but looking into the gravity of the need, NITI AAYOG also recommended for the same taking into consideration the adverse situations and defence logistics.

The Minister (RT&H), Mr. Nitin Gadkari assured supplementing an amount of ₹15.00 crores as a one-time grant to meet up the replacement of precarious bridges along state roads. An additional package under CRF/CRIF for ₹50.00 crores have been assured to accelerate various ongoing schemes under CRF/CRIF in the State.

First meeting of newly elected Zilla and Gram Panchayat members

Gangtok, November 18: Panchayat Returning Officer cum DC Gangtok Mr. Ragul K. chaired the first meeting of the Zilla Panchayats at the Conference Hall of EDZP, Gangtok, today.

Present among others were Assistant Returning Officer cum ADC Mr. Tushar Nikare and other officials.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect the members for Zilla Adhyaksha and Zilla Upa-Adhyaksha. The reservation for the Zilla Adhyaksha is OBC State and the reservation for the Zilla Upa-Adhyaksha is OBC State Women.

After the election process, Mr. Balaram Adhikari of Samdong - Kambal was elected as Zilla Adhyaksha and Mrs. Devi Maya Pradhan of Samlik - Namli as Zilla Upadhyaksha.

Returning Officer congratulated the elected representatives of Zilla Panchayats under Gangtok District and said that Gangtok has a well existing established administrative, accounts and engineering cell. He urged the elected members to work with a collective approach for the development of the State.

Similarly in Namchi, the first meeting of the newly elected Zilla and Gram Panchayat members of Namchi District convened at the Conference Hall of DAC Namchi on November 18.

The meeting was chaired by Panchayat Returning Officer (Namchi) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar in the presence of ADC (Namchi) SDM (Namchi) and SDM (Hq.) and other officials.

The Panchayat Returning Officer conducted the election for the posts of Zilla Adhyaksha and Zilla Upadhyaksha where Ms. Anjeeta Rai from Sukrabarey-Suntaley Territorial Constituency

was elected as Zilla Adhyaksha whose candidature was proposed by Mr. Chandra Kumar Gurung and seconded by Ms. Remika Tamang. Likewise, Mr. Bikash Tamang from Kateng-Mamring Territorial Constituency was elected as Zilla Upadhyaksha. His candidature was proposed by Mr K.D. Kafley and seconded by Mr. Dorjee Bhutia.

Following this, the election of Sabhapati and Upa-Sabhapati of all 54 GPUs of Namchi District was also conducted.

Likewise, in Gyalshing, the first meeting of the elected Zilla Panchayat Members of Gyalshing District was held at the Conference Hall of District Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, Kyongsa, on November 17.

Minister-cum-Area MLA (Gyalshing - Barnyark Constituency) Mr. L. N. Sharma attended the meeting along with MP Lok Sabha Mr. Indra Hang Subba, Chairpersons SBS, PHE and Transport Departments, Additional Political Secretary to CM (West) and Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat Members.

Panchayat Returning Officer Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda conducted the election for the Zilla Adhyaksha and Up-Adhyaksha. The members unanimously elected Mr. Dhan Singh Limboo representing Yuksam-Khecheopalri, Territorial Constituency as Adhyaksha. Likewise, Mrs. Anita Rai of 10. Bongten-Sardung Territorial Constituency was elected as Up-Adhyaksha.

Once the declaration was made by the elected members, the Presiding Officer read out the acceptance for the same.

DC stressed on the need to work collectively for the betterment of the district and

emphasised that all stakeholders have to contribute for the upliftment of society as a whole.

Adhyaksha for Gyalshing District thanked the DC and her team for having conducted peaceful and smooth Panchayat Elections. Further, he maintained that the newly elected members will focus on moulding model villages and work for the betterment of the district.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma extended his best wishes to the newly elected members for a successful tenure and appealed to all the elected representatives to assume full responsibility in realising the goal towards grassroots development.

In Pakyong, the first meeting of Zilla Panchayats and Gram Panchayats for election of Adhyaksha, Upadhyaksha of Zilla Panchayat and Sabhapati, Upsabhapati of Gram Panchayats was chaired by Panchayat Returning Officer Mr. Tashi Chopel at Rurban Community Complex, RDD, Pakyong on November 19.

Mrs. Laden Bhutia from Pakyong Pachey Territorial Constituency was elected as the new Zilla Adhyaksha proposed by Mr. Meg Raj Sharma and seconded by Ms. Subadra Devi Dangal, whereas, Ms. Prabha Pradhan from Chalamthang Pacheykhani Territorial Constituency was elected as Upadhyaksha, candidature was proposed by Ms. Subadra Devi Dangal and seconded by Mr. Sachin Rai. Likewise, SabhaPati and UpaSabhapati of 28 GPUs under Pakyong district were also elected.

The PRO congratulated and extended best wishes to the newly elected Zilla Adhyaksha, Upadhyaksha and SabhaPatis and UpaSabhapatis.

Union Minister of State Subhas Sarkar visits Gyalshing

Gyalshing, November 20: Union Minister of State for Education, Dr. Subhas Sarkar arrived at Pelling, Gyalshing District, today.

Upon his arrival, he was welcomed by DC Gyalshing, Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda along with SP Soreng Mr. J. Jayapandiyar, Additional SP Gyalshing, Mr.

Passang T. Lepcha and other officials.

The Union Minister was accompanied by MLA Gangtok Mr. Y.T. Lepcha, Assistant Private Secretary Mr. Susanta Mukhopadhyay and 2nd P.A Mr. Sabysachi Chakraborty.

Workshop on Sikkim Start-up Ecosystem

Gangtok, November 21: The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Division under Commerce and Industries Department in coordination with Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India organised a workshop on Sikkim Start-up Ecosystem at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

The inaugural session was attended by MLA, Martam Rumtek Constituency, Mr. Sonam Venchungpa as the chief guest. He was accompanied by Director, MSME, Commerce and Industries, Mr. M. Ravikumar, Additional Secretary, Commerce and Industries, Mrs. Choden Gyatso and officials from various line departments.

Also present were resource persons CEO, AIC SMUTBI, Mr. Tej Chingtham, Mrs. Anisa Bawari from Khaitan Legal Associates, Mumbai, Mr. Neeraj Kumar Khater and Ms. Inayat Pawar from Startup India (GoI), State entrepreneurs and representatives from Self Help Groups and the students' community.

Martam Rumtek MLA, Mr. Sonam Venchungpa said that with strong motivation and efficient entrepreneurial mindset, one can

not only become self-employed but will also create employment opportunities for others. He assured that the State and Central governments are committed to provide support and overcome any challenges faced by aspiring entrepreneurs in their start-up journey in any capacity. He also urged the participants to take full advantage of the workshop.

Director MSME, Mr. M. Ravikumar said that Sikkim is recognised as an emerging start-up ecosystem and the State government has taken initiative in promoting, grooming and upscaling the capacities of aspiring entrepreneurs and help them standardise their businesses. He briefed the gathering about the State policies and incentives focused on aspiring and growth-stage entrepreneurs involving provision of financial assistance and subsidies to start-ups.

Mr. Neeraj Kumar Khater from Start-up India gave a brief on Start-up India benefits and incentives.

The workshop featured awareness and sensitisation session on various aspects of entrepreneurship followed by bootcamps and an open-floor question and answer session.

Sikkim Akademi inaugurates its first library at Art Gallery

Gangtok, November 21: The Sikkim Akademi inaugurated its first library at the Art Gallery, Sikkim Akademi, Manan Kendra, today.

The programme was attended by Minister for Education Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha as the chief guest. He congratulated Sikkim Akademi for having its first library and talked about the importance of library and the need for trained librarians in the State. He lauded Sikkim Akademi for their effort in uplifting the culture, tradition and literature of Sikkim and assured necessary support.

Padmashri Mr. Sanu Lama

suggested that more books are required in the the library for public use.

The library comprises of English, Hindi and Nepali sections which also contains books published by Sikkim Akademi.

Also present were the members of Nepali Sahitya Parishad, President of Kalakar Sangh, President of Dr. Shovakanti Thegim Trust, representatives of All India Radio, professors of Sikkim University and officials from Culture and Language Department.

