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Governor inaugurates Office Hall at Tingchim Chadey GPU



Mangan, November 23: Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad inaugurated the Office Hall at Tingchim Chadey GPU, Mangan, today.

The programme had the presence of Secretary to Governor Mr. Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia, ADC to Governor Dr. Siva Prasad Yellasiri, Area MLA cum Advisor Mr. Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, DC Mangan Dr. A. B. Karki, ADC (Dev.), ASP Chungthang, Dy. SP Mangan, SDM Mangan, BDO Mangan, Panchayat members, students and headmaster of Tingchim Senior Secondary School.

The Governor urged all the Panchayat members to make the most of the infrastructure and to work responsibly for the development of the GPU. He mentioned the importance of advancement of the country in science, technology and especially agricultural sector and also highlighted the success story of saffron cultivation trial in the State.

Area MLA cum Advisor expressed gratitude to the Governor for his immediate response to the demand of the establishment of the Office hall.

Chief Minister visits Pathing landslide affected area



Namchi, November 28: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang visited Pathing, Yangang to assess the damage caused by the ongoing landslide, today.

He was accompanied by Ministers Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, Mr. B.S. Panth, Mr. Bhim Hang Subba, Mr. L.B. Das, Area MLA Mrs. Rajkumari Thapa, ADC (Namchi) Mr. Anant Jain, SDM

(Hq.), HoDs and officials of line departments and locals.

The Chief Minister assured support to the people affected by the calamity and directed the officials to ensure necessary assistance to the people residing there.

He also announced an

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Sikkim Police celebrates 125th Raising Day

Gangtok, November 27: The 126th Raising Day of Sikkim Police and the concluding ceremony of Sikkim Police Quasiquicentennial commemorating 125 years of dedicated service, was organised at Paljor Stadium, today.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the event as the chief guest.

Also present were Cabinet Ministers, Advisors, Chairpersons, MP (Lok Sabha), Mayor, Deputy Mayor GMC, Zilla Adhakshya, Upa Adhyaksha (Gangtok District), Chief Secretary, ACS, Director General of Police, HoDs of various departments, DC Gangtok, dignitaries, retired Police Personnel, police officers and police personnel from different parts of the State.

After the guard of honour, the Chief Minister received the National Salute and inspected the 126th Raising Day Parade of Sikkim Police. The Parade comprised eight platoons, a Bikers platoon and Sikkim Police Pipe Band and Brass Band.

The Chief Minister



congratulated the Police fraternity of Sikkim on 125th year of establishing Sikkim Police. He commended the role of Sikkim Police in maintaining law and order in the State and keeping the safety and security of the State intact.

He lauded the efforts made by Sikkim Police, which had its inception in 1897 at Aitar in East Sikkim, with one Head Constable

and five other Constables who established the Police force in Sikkim. Sikkim Police, which started with six members 125 years ago, is now a strong team with more than seven thousand police personnel, he added.

He recalled how the department of Police has reformed itself with the changing times and

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Board of Directors of Football Development Pvt. Ltd. calls on CM

Gangtok, November 27: The Board of Directors of the Football Development Pvt. Ltd. called on the Chief Minister at his official Residence in Mintokgang, today.

International footballers like Mr. Nirmal Chettri, Mr. Sanju Pradhan, Mr. Bikash Jairu, Mr. Robin Gurung and Mr. Nim Tshering Lepcha, who are also the board members of FDPL were present during the meet.

During the call on, discussions on the strategies and status of organising the Sikkim Premier League (SPL) in January 2023, under the auspices of the Sikkim Government in collaboration with Teesta Urja Ltd. was made.

The Chief Minister advised the committee to cooperate with the Sports Department, SFA, Teesta Urja Ltd., senior ex-footballers, experienced sportspersons and different sports establishments.

He said that organising the SPL will not only provide a



platform but will be career-oriented avenue for youngsters to strive and prosper in achieving their endeavors towards fulfilling their

dreams.

Meanwhile, the Chief

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Pearls of Wisdom

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

- Mae West

Awareness-cum-demonstration programme on Fortified Rice

Namchi, November 22: Food and Drug Administration under the Health and Family Welfare Department conducted an awareness-cum-demonstration programme on Fortified Rice at a local hotel in Namchi, today.

The programme had the presence of CMO (Namchi) Dr. D.C. Sharma as the chief guest. Present amongst others were Director (Foods and Drugs Administration, Health and Family Welfare Department) Dr. Yudok Bhutia, DNO/DSO (Namchi), Coordinator (Food Fortification FSSAI), Deputy Director (IEC Cell) along with officials from FDA, other line departments and workers from Anganwadi, mid-day meal and ASHA.

CMO spoke about the importance of a balanced diet and other nutrients and explained

about aspects of nutrient deficiency that affects the growth and development of children and adults. He underlined that it is imperative for everyone to check that overall nutrition is being consumed.

Director Dr. Yudok Bhutia spoke about the objectives of the fortification of rice, which is envisaged by the Government of India to eradicate malnutrition diseases by the year 2024. She apprised that various measures are being undertaken by the Government in collaboration with different agencies for the availability of fortified foods in the market. She urged the stakeholders to create awareness about fortified foods and their health benefits at the grassroot level.

Coordinator Ms. Vijeta Singhari touched upon various

safety standards set by the FSSAI, for approval of the nutritional supplements to benefit the consumers. She updated the current nutritional status of the State and the country which indicates steady growth of anaemia. To combat anaemia, fortified foods are being approved which are safe, scientifically proven, affordable and widely accepted to boost and maintain a nutritional diet, she added. Besides, she also informed that these fortified foods are usually certified and have a logo of fortification of added minerals and vitamins.

During the programme, a live demonstration of fortified rice soaked with water was displayed, while a video on food fortification was also screened.

Mobile village clinic camp organised

Soreng, November 23: Health and Family Welfare Department organised a mobile village clinic camp at Primary School Lower Timberbong, today.

The camp had the presence of State IEC Officer Mr. Sonam Bhutia, MVC Project

Manager Mr. Prateek Dahal, Health Educator, Sr. ANM, Pharmacist, Panchayats from 24 workers of Asha, ICDC, AWWs and other officials.

Health Educator Soreng PHC stated that there are more patients diagnosed with Hyper

Tension, Diabetes, Cardio related illness and providing counselling is important. Few patients were also referred to the nearby District Hospitals. A total of 1195 patients were screened and 385 lab tests were done during the camp.

District Tuberculosis Forum meeting under NTEP organised

Mangan, November 22: District Tuberculosis Forum meeting under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) was organised by District TB Cell at DAC, Pentok, today.

The meeting had the presence of SDM Mangan Mr. Pema Wangchen Bhutia, CMO(Mangan), DTO (Mangan), DPO (Women & Child Welfare),

CDPO and representatives of Demazong People's Welfare Foundation Trust.

It was informed that 57 TB patients are currently registered in the district. Modalities regarding effective implementation of NTEP with the objective of detecting and eliminating the disease were also discussed. The meeting also

discussed issues regarding the need to form a district level Nikshay Mitra Committee, involvement of NGO's and community for better detection, increasing the number of diagnosis and conducting more awareness programme in order to tackle the issue of stigmatisation.

ADC Namchi holds Pathing landslide review meeting

Namchi, November 22: ADC (Namchi) Mr. Anant Jain convened a meeting at Yangyang, to take stock of the response and recovery of Pathing landslide, today.

The meeting had the presence of SDM (Yangyang) Mr. Milan Rai, BDO (Yangyang) Mr.

Sushil Gurung, DPO (Namchi) Mr. Abhishek Kharel along with officials of the line departments.

SDM Yangyang briefed about the landslide and response mechanism being adopted.

ADC Namchi allocated the roles and responsibilities of different line departments.

Later, the team visited relief camp set up at JHS Pathing School and ensured availability of basic facilities. Medical team have also been deputed to monitor the condition of affected people at the camp site.

DC Gyalshing chairs Nikshay Mitra meeting

Gyalshing, November 23: DC Gyalshing chaired Nikshay Mitra meeting to take stock of the progress of the scheme, today.

The meeting was attended by CMO Gyalshing Dr. Bikash Pradhan, District TB Officer Ms. S. Rai, Representative of Micro Labs, NGO representatives of Nawadeep Club, Khechopelri, Bhavishya Bharat Dentam and Lama Gaon Samaj, Gyalshing.

DC instructed for close coordination in terms of

delivering the food baskets to patients and progress updates to be given regularly. She called upon the NGOs to sensitise and motivate the patients to consume the nutritional supplements.

She thanked Microlabs Pharmaceutical Company for mobilising CSR fund for Tuberculosis patients of Gyalshing District and highlighted the need to reach the TB elimination target set by the Government of India by 2025.

CMO & DTO discussed about the mechanism to put into effect ensuring that TB patients receive nutritional support on time, in stipulated amount.

The scheme is being implemented by Health Department to eliminate Tuberculosis in board with Pharma companies of Sikkim for funding the food basket (nutritional supplements) of TB patients.

They also inspected construction of Gaushalas and provided relief materials to the victims.

He further directed AD, Animal Husbandry to carry out survey to identify livestock belonging to the victims and submit the report, accordingly.

MLA Yangang visits landslide affected area

Namchi, November 24: Area MLA (Yangang) Mrs. Raj Kumari Thapa along with SDM (Yangang) Mr. Milan Rai visited the landslide affected area adjacent to Dojok, to oversee the evacuation process carried out by Quick Response Team, Namchi District, today.

They assessed the quantum

of damage and learnt that eight houses have been evacuated and the victims have been shifted to a safer location.

SDM along with District Project Officer Mr. Abhishek Kharel and Revenue Officer Mr. M. B. Chettri visited various sites to identify feasibility of land for rehabilitation of landslide victims.

Distribution of milching cows under Grant-in-Aid

Gyalshing, November 23: Distribution of milching cows under the project 'Grant-in-Aid' to the backward Limboo community, Sikkim for the financial year 2021-22 under North East Council (NEC) was held at Bermiok under Gyalshing district, today. The programme was organised by the office of the District Collector (DC) Gyalshing in coordination with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS), Gyalshing.

Minister for AH&VS-cum-Area MLA Gyalshing Bermiok constituency, Mr. L.N.Sharma attended the programme in the presence of DC Gyalshing, Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda, Chairman Sikkim Cooperative Milk Producer's Union, Zilla Panchayat Bermiok Berthang (T), Panchayats, Additional Director AH&VS Gyalshing, officials and beneficiaries.

The Minister distributed twenty five cows to the

beneficiaries. They were also handed with mineral supplements.

He threw light on the role and responsibilities of Panchayats and informed that a pig distribution programme will be organised for Martam and Pechrek/Hee Patal GPUs through Animal Husbandry Department wherein, thirty households will be benefited from each GPU. He also touched upon the schemes and programmes being initiated by the State government.

DC informed that a total of two hundred and fifty lactating cows will be distributed in Gyalshing district under NEC. She informed that the distribution would be taken up constituency wise.

Earlier, Dy. Director Dr. Rinchen C. Bhutia presented a technical report on the do's and don'ts of rearing and management of milching cow.

Minister Bhim Hang Subba visits Sidkeong Tulku Bird Park

Gyalshing, November 23: Minister for PHE and Skill Development Department Mr. Bhim Hang Subba visited Sidkeong Tulku Bird Park, today.

He was accompanied by Chairman PHE department Mr. Hari Narayan Subedi, Additional

Political Secretary to CM Mr. Madhusudan Sharma, OSD Culture Department Mr. S.P. Mangyung, DFO Wildlife and public.

The Minister inspected the area and interacted with the staff of Forest Department.

Training-cum-workshop and awareness programme held

Namchi, November 24: MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), Commerce and Industries Department in association with CLRI (Central Leather Research Institute), Chennai, Government of India organised a two-day leather and non-leather product making training-cum-workshop and awareness programme at the Conference Hall, District Administrative Centre, Namchi.

The programme was chaired by AD, MSME, Gangtok Mrs. Bimla Chettri.

Sr. Scientist, CLRI,

Government of India Dr. Suresh Kumar and his team were present as the speaker and trainers for the programme.

AD MSME, highlighted that the programme will help the students and members from various SHGs become self-reliant through the production and sale of the leather and non-leather products.

Present during the training were students from Namchi Government college, Government Vocational College, Dentam and SHG members.

Co-ordination meeting for Soreng District Zilla Panchayat held

Soreng, November 28: Zilla Adhakshya Soreng District Mrs. Tila Devi Gurung chaired a coordination meeting for Soreng District Zilla Panchayat (SDZP) at DAC Conference Hall, today.

The meeting had the presence of Upadhakshya Mr. Chandra Bir Kami, DC Soreng Mr. Bhim Thatal, ADM Soreng, SP Soreng, ADC (Dev.), DPO Zilla, BDOs, DFO(T), Zilla Panchayats and DAC officials.

Zilla Adhakshya informed that the inauguration of Zilla Bhawan at Timberbong is scheduled on December 09.

DC Soreng requested forming a reception committee for the inauguration of Zilla Bhawan. He requested DPO Zilla to document official files. A workshop will also be done for the verification of COI, NOC etc, he informed.

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**Government of Sikkim
Office of the District Collector-cum-District Magistrate
Gyalshing District
District Administrative Centre, Rabdentse**

Memo No.776/DC (Gyalshing)/2022

Dated:21/11/2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender is invited in the name of Governor of Sikkim from Registered Firm/ Supplier registered under Government of Sikkim from Gyalshing District for the supply of following items for **“Promotion of Sheep husbandry at 3 GPUs of Chongrang block”**

SL. No	Particulars	Nos
1	Banpala Sheep Male (uncastrated, 10-12 months of age and not less than 25kg in weight)	90 nos
2	Banpala Sheep Female (18-20 months in age and weight not less than 25kg in weight)	360 nos
	TOTAL	450 nos

The last date for submission of tender is 9th Dec 22 latest by 11:00 am in the form of technical Bid and financial bid separately and will be opened on the same day at 1:00 pm in presence of the bidders and the tender selection committee.

Condition of Contractor.

1. The tender fee of ₹5000/- (Five Thousand) only in the form of Demand Draft and Earnest Money Deposit of ₹2,50,000/- in the form of TDR/Demand Draft from any of the bank i.e. State Bank of Sikkim/ SISCO Bank/any of the Nationalised Bank favour of District Collector, Gyalshing District payable at Gyalshing, should be submitted in the office of District collector at least two days before the last date of submission of tender.

2. The rate quoted should be inclusive of Transportation, transit insurance, first Aid and feeding till the period of distribution.

3. The healthy animal duly examined by concerned Animal Health professional shall be considered for distribution and if unhealthy animal is supplied, same will be rejected in the spot and no cost will be payable to the Contractor.

4. The following documents in the form of technical bid shall be submitted:-

(i) Valid Trade Licence, Firm Registration, GST Registration and GST Clearance Certificate.

(ii) GST Return file and Income Tax Return file for last three financial year.

(iii) The annual turnover certificate not less than 20 Lakhs per year in an average for last three years duly certified by registered Chartered Accountant.

(iv) The statement of financial accounts for last three financial year duly certified by Charter Accountant.

(v) The experience certificate for the supply of live animal to any of the government Department/PSUs obtained from Additional Director/any Designated Officer/Secretary Animal Husbandry Department.

(vi) At least one supply order not below 50 lakhs for last three years for the supply of live animal to government of Sikkim/PSUs.

(vii) In case of Sikkim Subject registered bidder exempted from income tax act the bidder shall enclose Certificate of Identification/Sikkim Subject Certificate.

5. The Tender Selection Committee reserve the right to accept or reject the tender without mentioning any reason thereof.

6. If any dispute arises during the process the dispute will resolved within the Jurisdiction of Gyalshing District.

**(Yishey D Yongda) SCS
District Collector cum District Magistrate
Gyalshing District
DAC, Rabdentse
(1318)**

**Government of Sikkim
Public Health Engineering Department
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok-737101**

No.: PHE/4289/N/22-23/237

Dated 28.11.2022

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Sikkim, invites item Rate Bids in two Bids System from Class 1-AA Contractors through e-procurement. The bids should be submitted online through the website www.sikkimtender.gov.in for the work as listed below

Package No	Name of work	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value (₹ In Lakhs)	Bid value (₹ in Lakhs)	Cost of tender/bid form (₹ in Lakhs)	Completion period
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Pollution Abatement of River Teesta at Mangan Town, Sikkim (Laying of Sewer Pipelines and Allied works)	136.08	5443.44	2.00	30 months

The date and time of pre-bid meeting, submission of completed bid document is as under:

i)	Publishing of Online Tender in e-procurement portal	30.11.2022
ii)	Uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal	30.11.2022
iii)	Prebid Meeting	13.12.2022 at 1400 Hrs.
iv)	Last date for online Submission of completed bids	04.01.2023 up to 1600 Hrs.
v)	Date of submission of original copies of Tender Fee and Bid Security (EMD)	05.01.2023 up to 1600 Hrs.
vi)	Date of opening of technical bids	06.01.2023 at 1100 Hrs.
vii)	Date of opening of financial bids	10.01.2023 at 1100 Hrs.

For all details on the bid visit www.sikkimtender.gov.in

**Chief Engineer
Public Health Engineering Department
Government of Sikkim
(1320)**

**Government of Sikkim
Home Department
Tashiling Secretariat
Gangtok**

No. 217/GEN/HOME

Dated:22/11/2022

NOTICE

Shri Narayan Tamang, Driver, Home Department has been absenting from his official duties since 22.08.2022 and his whereabouts are not known.

He is therefore directed to report to duty within 10 days of publication of this notice, failing which disciplinary action shall be initiated against him in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Sikkim Government Servants (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1985.

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

**Deputy Secretary (Adm.)
Home Department
(1319, ii)**

**Government of Sikkim
Motor Vehicles Division, Transport
Department**

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No.GOS/MVD/T/20

Dated:23/11/2022

NOTIFICATION

with the approval of the competent authority and in order to streamline the online services rates, the Motor Vehicles Division hereby fixed uniform rates related to online services of Motor Vehicle Registration & Driving Licenses (Vahan and Sarathi) to be charged by registered private service centers and cyber cafes. The online services are as follows;

'A'		
Sl no.	Sarathi Services (Driving License)	Rate in Rupees
1.	Apply learner licence; -Uploading of documents and printout of forms	200
2.	Apply of Driving License; -Uploading of documents and printout of forms	100
3.	Renewal of Driving License (DL); -Uploading of documents and printout of forms	100
4.	Apply for International Driving Permit (IDP)	100
5.	Other online miscellaneous services which is not covered in above list	100

'B'		
Sl no.	Vahan Services (Vehicle Registration)	Rate in Rupees
1.	Apply for transfer of ownership; -Upload documents and print out of forms	150
2.	Apply of Renewal of registration; -Upload documents and print out of forms	100
3.	Apply for Hypothecation Cancellation/Addition -Upload documents and print out of forms	100
4.	Apply for Duplicate RC; -Upload documents and print out of forms	100
5.	Apply for Alteration/Change of Address; -Upload documents and print out of forms	100
6.	Apply for Conversion of Vehicle; -Upload documents and print out of forms	100
7.	Apply for Fitness; -Upload documents and print out of forms	100
8.	Apply for Temporary permit; -Upload documents and print out of forms	100
9.	Apply for Issue of NOC of vehicle; -Upload documents and print out of forms	100
10.	Other online miscellaneous services which is not covered in above list	100

**Raj Yadav (IAS)
Secretary
Transport Department
(1322)**

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**Tourism and Civil Aviation Department
Government of Sikkim
Paryatan Bhawan
Tadong East Sikkim**

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No.932/DOP&CAV

Dated:28/11/2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Lease tenders are invited for taking on lease the Tourism property viz “**Development of Eco Organic Tourism Village**” situated at Chowridara, Lingee Namch District of Tourism & Civil Aviation Department on “**AS IT IS WHERE IT IS BASIS**” from interested local residents within the territorial jurisdiction of Namchi District, Sikkim. The details of the properties/assets and additional information can be obtained from the Office of Under Secretary(Assets), Paryatan Bhawan, Tadong East Sikkim during office hour.

I. Details of lease tender:-

Sl. no.	Name of the property	Base Rent per month (₹)	TDR (Security Deposit) (₹)	Cost of tender form(₹)
01	Development of Eco Organic Tourism Village, Chowridara, Lingee, South Sikkim	2,93,754/-	8,81,202/-	5000/-

II. Time Schedule:

1. Date of Sale of Tender form Date **30.11.2022** during office hour.
2. Last date of sale of tender form Date **6.12.2022** till **4 pm**
3. Receipt of Tender form along with the relevant documents Date: **20.12.2022**, Upto **1200 hrs**
4. Opening of Tender form/Documents Date **20.12.2022** Time:**2 pm**

The tender will be opened in the office of the Additional Secretary, Tourism & Civil Department, Paryatan Bhawan, Tadong, East Sikkim. The intending bidder may visit the Tourism website www.sikkimtourism.gov.in for information and further details or contact office of the Under Secretary(Assets) in Paryatan Bhawan, Tadong, East Sikkim.

**Additional Secretary (Asset)
Tourism & Civil Aviation Department
(1321, ii)**

**Government of Sikkim
Buildings & Housing Department**

Memo:143/Gos/B&H/Pak/22-23,SE/NE bldgs-379

Dated: 18/11/22

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim, on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim invites percentage rate tender under single cover system from Class II B registered contractors within the District enlisted with the SPWD for execution of work as detailed below:

Sl.No	Name of work	Cost of Bidding documents	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value	Bid value
1	2	3	4	5
1	Upgradation and Beautification of Chupcha Choling Duchi Gurung Gumpa at Parakha.	₹50,000.00	₹8,69,100.00	Civil works: ₹3,29,42,289.00 Electrification: ₹18,21,711.00
			Total =	₹3,47,64,000.00

The date and time of tender and submission of completed bid document are as under:

- i) Date of submission of application:06/12/2022, 1500 hours.
- ii) Date of Sale of Tender Documents by the Department on:09/12/2022, 1400 hours.
- iii) Last Date of submission of bid Documents & copy of bid security:13/ 12/ 2022, 1400 hours.
- iv) Date of opening of Tender:14/ 12/ 2022, 11.00.AM.onwards.

2. Eligible Contractors having experience in the construction of building works and considers themselves capable to undertake execution of the project may procure tender documents from the office of the Divisional Engineer (HQ) Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim, Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok.

3. The completed tender documents must be submitted before:13/ 12/ 2022, 1400 hours. All the relevant papers such as i) Valid Enlistment copy i) Tax clearance certificate i). bidding documents including financial bid along with the cost of Tender form in the form of challan / TDR in favour of Chief Accounts Officer, Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim, payable at Gangtok on the scheduled date & time. If the copy of the relevant document i/c the cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) are not received on 13/ 12/ 2022, before 14.00 hours, the tender documents submitted by the bidder shall be considered non-responsive and shall be summarily rejected.

4.The tenderer / bidder are supposed to inspect the site before the submission of tender to acquaint him/her the working environment.

5.The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the bid(s) without assigning any reason thereof

6.The bidder should quote the rate for civil works only.

**Superintending Engineer
Buildings & Housing Department
(1316)**

Health Tips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Department of Information & Public Relations
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok**

No.(378-II)/IPR/09-10/341

Date: 12.02.2010

CIRCULAR

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

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

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

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

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

This issues with the approval of the Government.

**Sd/-
COMMISSIONER-CUM-SECRETARY**

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Sikkim Police...

has become a force of more than seven thousand personnel who serve under different branches, which include Headquarters, Crime Branch, Reserve Lines, Communication, Intelligence, Training, Home Guards, Civil Defence, Indian Reserve Battalion and Sikkim Armed Police along with the establishment at 6 Districts, Sub - Division and outpost.

He informed that the present classification of designation in Sikkim Police consists of one DGP, DGP 2 Special Branch, ADGP 2, IG 7, DIG 6, Senior SP 5, SP 19, ASP 25, DSP 41, Inspector 80, Sub Inspector 171, ASI 461, with other rank officers numbers almost up to 5457 along with more than one thousand Home Guards and nearly 750 Village Guards.

The Chief Minister stated that it is the responsibility of the Police force to protect and maintain the State's Rule of Law, check crime and punish offenders. He also mentioned that it is their responsibility to ensure civil defence and to safeguard human rights.

He also reminded that the Police also have the onus of supervising traffic management and applauded the efforts made by Sikkim Police for diligently accomplishing it. Despite the challenges and criticism they generally face, Sikkim Police has always been impartial, fair, brave, and immaculate in every decision they have taken, he added.

The Chief Minister requested Sikkim Police to sincerely perform their duty under the framework of the Indian Constitution.

In his announcement to honour the service of Police personnel working outside the State, the Government has increased the ration allowance from ₹2000/ to ₹3000/. Similarly, there has also been an increase in house rent from the existing 16% to 24%, it was informed. Likewise, the Children's Education allowance will also be raised with

a hike from ₹18000/ to ₹30000/.

The Chief Minister also mentioned that infrastructure development of the IRBn camp based at Wazirabad in Delhi is underway. He lauded the service of Sikkim Police for having a respectable image in other States of the country.

He mentioned that the State is committed to building a robust Police Station at Namchi and Gyalshing and the Sikkim Police Memorial to be set up soon. The Chief Minister said that every Police Outpost or Police Station would have Police quarters for their staff and families.

He briefed about the emergency response dial system for the public, with a 24/7 helpline number of 112, for Police, hospital, and fire services. He said that the new Fire Station is also being constructed in Soreng.

The Chief Minister further mentioned that 178 Home Guards have been regularised after completing their eight years of service at different Police establishments in the State. Additionally, 175 followers who are engaged in menial service at Police establishments will also be granted promotion to the rank of Constable after completing eight years of service, for which, he directed the Police department and Department of Personnel to conduct the regularisation process, accordingly.

He mentioned that Pakyong Police Station was ranked 7th in the top 10 best-performing Police Stations across the country for the year 2020. In the year 2022, Temi Police Station was recognised as the best performing Police Station, for which the Chief Minister congratulated the SHOs of Pakyong and Temi Police Station. He informed that the outposts in Yangyang and Yuksom have been upgraded with a new Police Station established at Dhupi Dara in Gyalshing.

Further, he said that the State Government has also granted promotions up to the IGP level to Police Officers so that they serve their duties more efficiently. A special investigation fund and traffic management fund have

been created as well, the Chief Minister added.

He said that the Quasiquicentennial Celebrations would continue every year to preserve the legacy of the Sikkim Police.

During the event, the Chief Minister felicitated the following levels of Police personnel under the Chief Minister's Meritorious Award; ASI Purna Kumar Subba, Band Master, Sikkim Police Band, HC Drv. Nimtook Lepcha Sikkim Police, PI Nirmal Rai, Communication Branch, Sikkim Police, PI Dawa Lhamu Pakhrin, SHO Namchi.

DIG, Special Branch, Mr. Praveen Gurung presented a yearly report regarding various achievements made by Sikkim Police. He also mentioned about the multiple events organised to commemorate the quasiquicentennial celebration, throughout the year.

DGP Mr. A. Sudhakar Rao expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries for their presence. He informed that law and order and the investigation services have been separated under the State Government, for which the Home Department has issued notification.

Also during the programme, the Chief Minister was presented with a Sikkim Police Memento by the Director General of Police, Sikkim, Mr. A. Sudhakar Rao.

Earlier, a study report on Gangtok Traffic was submitted by SMIT.

Likewise, a Report on Discipline on Reforms in Sikkim Police was submitted to the Chief Minister by the Police Department. At the outset, Sikkim Police Coffee Table book prepared for the occasion of the Quasiquicentennial Year was also released by the Chief Minister.

The event also had orchestra performance on melodies of the mountains, Unarmed Combat (UAC) displayed by Sikkim Police. A silent drill was performed by the IRBn, followed by a group dance by Reserve Lines Women Police.

Similarly, a mock drill was also performed by the SDRF team.

motto of #TogetherForSikkimFootball with 8 Teams, 6 Districts, 2 venues and 1 champion.

Two teams each from Gangtok and Namchi districts and one team each from four districts, with a total of eight teams, will take part in the Sikkim Premier league, providing opportunities for the football enthusiasts and nurturing club culture in Sikkim.

First meeting of DLAMC at Gyalshing District

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

The meeting was to discuss various issues with regard to the implementation of Aadhaar programme under Gyalshing District.

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

The main agenda of the DLAMC meeting was status and progress of the Aadhaar enrollment in Gyalshing 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. State wide child (0-5 years) enrollment campaign launched by the CM in Gangtok on November 14, establishment of child Aadhaar enrollment centers in selected health institutions in collaboration with H&FW department for enrollment of children in the age group 0-5 years, establishment of PECs and document update of those residents who were enrolled ten years back.

The meeting also saw the presence of 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).

Intra district Quiz Competition on Electoral Process under SVEEP conducted

Pakyong, November 24: As part of the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, an intra district Quiz Competition on "Electoral Process" under the programme Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) was conducted at Rhenock Government College, Rhenock, today.

The event was organised by Election Cell, Pakyong in collaboration with Electoral Literacy Club, Rhenock Government College.

The members of the team that stood first were Master Karma Sherpa and Master Pranish Gurung

of the Department of Commerce, Rhenock Government College. They will be representing Pakyong District in State level Quiz Competition at the Conference Hall, Office of Chief Electoral Officer, Gangtok on November 30.

The event had the presence of Principal, Rhenock College, Deputy Secretary, Election Cell, Pakyong, Faculties of College, Convenor ELC Rhenock College and Students.

The event concluded with the distribution of Certificate of Appreciation and trophies to the winners and Certificate of Participation.

District Tuberculosis Forum meeting under NTEP organised

Mangan, November 22: The District Tuberculosis Forum meeting under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) was organised by District TB Cell at DAC, Mangan, today.

The meeting has the presence of SDM Mangan, Mr. Pema Wangchen Bhutia, CMO (Mangan), DTO (Mangan), DPO (Women & Child Welfare), CDPO and representatives of Demazong People's Welfare Foundation Trust.

The meeting saw discussion on the TB scenario in the district with a total number of 57 TB

patients currently registered in the district. Modalities regarding effective implementation of NTEP with the objective of detecting and eliminating the disease were further discussed. Various issues regarding the need to form a district level Nikshay Mitra Committee, involvement of NGO's and community for better detection, increasing the number of diagnosis and conducting more awareness programme on the issue in order to regulate the spread of the disease and also to tackle the issue of stigmatization were put forth.

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instant relief package of ₹1,30,000/ from Land Revenue and ₹50,000/ from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. He provided ₹1 Lakh to the individuals who lost their livestock due to the landslide from the CMRF and assured employment opportunities in government establishment to the affected

family.

He directed the concerned officials of the Land Revenue Department to acquire 10 acres of land in the area for SGAY housing/ flats to be constructed by the RDD and instructed them to build temporary accommodation with funds from CMRF (infrastructure & maintenance). He also directed the Land Revenue, Mines and Geology Departments to visit the area to discern the reason of the continuous landslide.



State-Level Workshop for Silk Samagra-2 organised

Gangtok, November 22: State-Level Workshop for the implementation of Integrated Development of Sericulture in Sikkim under Silk Samagra-2 was organised by the Directorate of Sericulture, Forest and Environment Department in association with Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India at Sidkeong Tulku Forest Conference Hall, Deorali, today.

Minister for Forest and Environment Department Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia attended the workshop as the chief guest accompanied by Additional PCCF Mr. Pradeep Kumar, APCCF Mr. Brijendra Swaroop, CCF, Director Directorate of Sericulture, Additional Director DOS along with Joint Secretary Technical, RO Guwahati Mr. J.C. Deca, Scientist-D Central Silk Technological Research Institute (CSTRI) Bangalore, Consultant CSB

Bangalore along with Scientist-D (Regional Sericultural) Research Station Central Silk Board, Kalimpong, Consultant Directorate of Sericulture Bodoland Territorial Council, officers from the line department and staff of the Forest and Environment Department and farmers.

The Minister highlighted the importance of intercropping as a form of supplementary income to the farmers. He applauded the result of sericulture farming in the State and urged that the facilities provided by the government should be welcomed by the stockholders under Silk Samagra 2 central sponsored scheme. He also announced a cash award of ₹10,000 each to 7 awardees.

Further, he thanked Ministry of Textiles, Central Silk Board Government of India for their guidance towards the development of Sericulture in the State.

State Level Kala Utsav held

Gangtok, November 22: The State Level Kala Utsav was held at the auditorium of Sir Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, Gangtok, today.

The programme was organised by the State Project Office SAMAGRA SHIKSHA, Education Department.

The programme was attended by the Minister for Education Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha in the presence of Secretary Education Department, Mr. D.C. Nepal, Director of textbook and Scholarship Mr. Sonam Lepcha, Principal TNSS School, Chief Education Officers from all districts, State Project Director Samagra Shiksha, dignitaries, officials of the Education Department, teachers and students.

Minister Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha stated that this event

gives the student an opportunity to display their talent and allows them to understand and celebrate cultural diversity. He further said that our culture and tradition must be nurtured and preserved to develop a better sense of identity and belongingness.

82 students from 42 schools in the State participated in the Kala Utsav programme. The winner of the competition will participate in the competition of artistic talent show at the National Level in Bhubaneswar, Orissa on January 2023.

Various competitions like dance, drama, music, visual arts (2D&3D), instrumental music, painting were organised. Later, the winners were presented with a certificate and memento by the dignitaries.

It may be mentioned that the Kala Utsav is an initiative of the

DFO, Directorate of Sericulture, Mrs. Srijana Chettri briefed about the status of Sericulture in Sikkim, wherein, history, various stages of cocoon production, training and challenges of cocoon production in the State were explained. She also mentioned about the functioning of Mamring, Rorathang and Nagdhara farms. She informed that official field visits and batch-wise exposure visits are being carried out to encourage farmers under the project Intensive Biboltine Sericulture Development (IBSD).

Likewise, a documentary featuring the life of the farmers engaged in sericulture was also screened. This was followed by the release of the Sericulture Activity Calendar. Similarly, four progressive farmers were felicitated with certificates for procuring the highest number of cocoons.

Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, launched in 2015, to promote arts in education, by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students in the country. The Ministry of Education recognises the importance of aesthetics and artistic experience of secondary-level students, which plays a major role in creating awareness about India's rich cultural heritage and its vibrant diversity. In the context of education of Arts (Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Crafts), the initiative is guided by the recommendations of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF-2005). The Utsav aims to promote talent in students and to inculcate the habit of creative thinking among students.

decorum throughout the training period and to take full advantage of the opportunity. The Secretary further announced that the travelling cost of the candidates will be borne by the Department.

Deputy Director, Skill Development Department Mr. Dharma Das Sharma assured the parents and guardians that a periodic inspection of the training centre will be conducted by the officials of the Skill Development Department. He also requested them to promote the Rojgar Mela cum Prime Minister National Apprenticeship Mela under Skill Development Department, for the participation of more unemployed youths.

Minister Mr. B.S. Panth said that such exposure will go a long way in understanding each other's culture and other important aspects, for the development of the region. He assured logistical support to the team to make their visit fruitful.

Rojgar Mela organised

Gangtok, November 22: As a part of the 'Rojgar Mela' initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister of State for Education, Government of India, Dr. Subhas Sarkar handed over 24 appointment letters to the newly selected youths at the programme organised by ITBP sectorial headquarters at the Conference Hall of Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, today.

He was accompanied by Minister for Health and IT, Dr. M.K. Sharma, Principal Chief Investment Advisor, Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya, Secretary, Education Department, Mr. D.C. Nepal, Vice Chancellor, Sikkim University, Dr. Avinash Khare, DIG ITBP Gangtok, Mr. R.P.S. Raghuvanshi and other dignitaries.

The appointment letters were handed over to fourteen Indo Tibetan Border Police recruits (including three female), six Sashastra Seema Bal recruits, two Border Security Force and two Assam Rifles recruits.

Union MoS for Education, Dr. Subhas Sarkar said that on October 22, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Rozgar Mela, a recruitment drive for 10 lakh personnel, with the aim to provide job opportunities for the youth and welfare of the citizens. He stated that the Rozgar Mela is a step towards fulfilment of the commitment of the Prime Minister to accord highest priority to employment generation. The target of providing 10 lakh jobs will be completed in a time-bound manner in the coming months, he added.

He informed that 75,000 appointment letters were handed over to newly inducted appointees under Rozgar Mela,

earlier in October this year. In addition to the categories of posts filled earlier, posts of teachers, lecturers, nurses, nursing officers, doctors, pharmacists, radiographers and other technical and paramedical posts are also being filled. A significant number of posts are being filled by the Ministry of Home Affairs in various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), he added. Expressing pride over how the Armed Forces have been maintaining the territorial integrity of the nation for years, Dr. Sarkar congratulated the new appointees who are going to be part of the prestigious Armed Force of the nation.

The Union Minister also elaborated on the Karmayogi Prarambh module launched by the PM and informed that the orientation course includes Code of Conduct for Government servants, workplace ethics, integrity, human resource policies and other benefits and allowances that will help them to get acclimatised to the policies and transition smoothly into new roles. They will also get an opportunity to explore other courses on gotkarmayogi.gov.in platform to enhance their knowledge, skills and competencies. He also applauded the State's progress in various sectors.

It is to be mentioned that the Rozgar Mela was organised across forty-five locations in different States and Union Territories of India, joined by Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi through live video conferencing. The Prime Minister also launched the Karmayogi Prarambh module, an online orientation course for all new appointees in various Government departments.

PMNAM cum Rojgar Mela organised

Gangtok, November 17: Skill Development Department organised PMNAM cum Rojgar Mela at Niyukti Kendra, Directorate of Capacity Building, Khadi Bhawan, Deorali, today.

The programme was organised to provide job, apprenticeship and training opportunities for the youth of Sikkim.

Candidates were provided with a range of job and training opportunities. One of the key highlights of the event was free Cabin crew management and Airport operations training with no cost fooding and lodging, funded by the Skill Development Department under DDU-GKY

scheme at Jett wings Corporate Campus, Guwahati, Assam.

14 candidates were selected for the training and shall report to the training centre on November 22, 2022. On November 21, the Department conducted a flag-off ceremony for the candidates and counselling-cum-awareness programme for the parents and guardians of the selected candidates.

Secretary, Skill Development Department Mr. Karma Namgyal Bhutia congratulated the trainees on their selection for free Cabin Crew Management and Airport Operations training and also ensured job placement. He advised the candidates to maintain

three-day visit to Sikkim.

The team during their interaction with the Minister expressed keen interest to understand the good practices of Sikkim and the developmental initiatives of the State Government.

Minister Bhim Hang Limboo attends Annual day 2022

Gyalshing, November 23: Minister PHE and Skill Development Department, Mr. Bhim Hang Limboo attended the Annual day 2022 at Pelling Senior Secondary School as the chief guest accompanied by Chairman SIDICO Mr. Janak Gurung, Chairman PHE Mr. Hari Narayan Subedi, Additional Political Secretary to CM, OSD Culture Department, CEO Education Department, SDM (Hq.) Gyalshing, AD Education, Principal, teachers, students, SMCs, School heads, officials and the alumni.

The Minister presented a brief review of the Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme (CMMSS) and informed that it is a unique educational scheme which caters to the needs of Sikkimese students studying in Government schools.

He stated that Pelling

Senior Secondary School would be made a model school with the best infrastructural facilities in the near future.

CEO Education Department explained about the scholarship schemes of the State and Central Governments and urged the students to avail it online.

He mentioned that the State Government has given topmost priority to the Education Sector with the allocation of budget to ensure that the children are well educated.

Later, the school also felicitated the senior citizens and social workers for rendering their service towards the school.

Principal, Mr. Y.N. Rana presented the Annual Report of the school highlighted various activities by the school and achievements made throughout the year.

Members of Press Club Kokrajhar meets Minister IPR

Gangtok, November 22: President and members of the Press Club of Kokrajhar met with Minister for IPR Department Mr. B.S. Panth, today.

The delegation led by President, Press Club of Kokrajhar, Mrs. Monalisha Sharma is on a

Nation Wide Gender Campaign to be launched

Gangtok, Novenmber 23: A month-long Nation Wide Gender Campaign will be launched on the occasion of International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25, 2022 by President of India.

The campaign starts from November 25 and will conclude on December 23, 2022. To discuss the roll out plan for Gender Campaign, a State-level consultative workshop with line departments was held on November 23 at RDD Conference Hall chaired by Pr. Secretary, RDD C.S. Rao. The workshop saw participants from various line Departments.

The workshop was done under the supervision of Sikkim State Rural Livelihood Project (SRLM) under Rural Development Department.

The goal of the campaign is to advance the agency and rights of women and gender-diverse individuals, by addressing structural barriers for dignified

living with no fear of discrimination and violence based on their gender and inter sectional identities. The campaign is community-led State facilitated with the theme 'Equity & Gender Based Violence'.

The campaign on Gender Based Violence (GBV) is sub categorised into themes per week, in which communities will lead the programme on 'Identify and Acknowledge Gender Based Violence' as week one theme in which various forms of violence would be discussed at block and village/GPU level forums facilitated by SRLM with other line departments. Week two, three and four will focus on the theme 'Speak Up', 'Seek Support' and 'Show Solidarity', respectively.

Chief Executive Officer (SRLM) Mr. Tenzing T. Kaleon stated that the campaign on GBV is community driven and the line departments need to take up activities as per their expertise. He suggested that the line

departments should guide the community with regard to GBV by deputing their block level officials in weekly awareness campaign at block and villge/GPU.

Dy. Chief Executive Officer (SRLM) Mr. Sisum W. Bhutia gave a presentation on Gender Based Violence and also highlighted the roles of the line departments.

The department officials agreed to cooperate and facilitate at all levels for the success of the campaign. The workshop also witnessed a healthy exchange of ideas between line departments and SRLM. To facilitate smooth implementation of the campaign and dissemination of information, a core committee was constituted today.

Pr. Secretary RDD, C.S. Rao emphasised on the importance of prevention of GBV. He also mentioned that a joint effort from various line departments was imperative for the success of the campaign.

Annual General Meeting of Pakyong Multi Purpose Corporative Society held

Pakyong, November 24:The Annual General Meeting of Pakyong Multi Purpose Corporative Society was held at Yakten Gram Prashasan Kendra, Pakyong, today.

The meeting was attended by Department officers, Asst. Registrar of Cooperative Societies, AO and Cooperative Inspector along with the President, Manager and the members of the society.

Asst. Registrar, Cooperative Societies briefed the gathering about the importance and functioning of the cooperatives for the upliftment committee management in the cooperative societies. He also informed the gathering about various upcoming ventures like computerisation and cooperative marts.

AO presented the Audit

report where the Managing Committee was briefed about the books of accounts to be maintained by the society. The members were also given general information about GST and Income tax.

Share certificates were distributed to the weaker section of the society and Dividends were distributed among the members of the society, as well.

AH&VS and SMU organises stakeholders meeting

Namchi, Novemeber 23: Animal Husbandry and Sikkim Milk Union organised a stakeholders meeting with an objective to provide Kishan Credit Card-AH (KCC-AH) to the dairy farmers of Sikkim at the Conference Hall of Animal Husbandry Dept, Karfector, today.

The meeting was chaired by Secretary Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department-cum Managing Director, Sikkim Milk Union, Dr. P. Senthil Kumar in the presence of representatives from Banks and SISCO Bank Nodal Officer, Veterinary Officer and Procurement Officials, Filed Supervisors and Secretaries of Village Milk Producer's Co-operative Societies of Namchi, Soreng and Gyalshing Districts.

The Resources person from

Banks explained about the advantages of KCC, fund limits and purpose for which it can be used and suggested to link the existing bank account of the dairy farmers where milk payment is received with the KCC, so that account become regular and easily eligible to get interest subvention benefits.

SISCO Bank Officials explained about the KCC application form and supporting documents required, eligibility for getting the KCC-AH and clarified the participants on the doubts in filling the form and utilisation of KCC funds.

Secretary, Animal Husbandry Senthil Kumar motivated the participants to ensure 100% coverage of KCC-AH to all dairy farmers of the State and set a time line to achieve the same

and also explained about the advantages of the tripartite agreement of SBI with Sikkim Milk and Animal Husbandry Department, the technical aspects of the KCC, interest rates, repayment process and it renewal. He also informed the officers and staff to coordinate with Village Milk Producer's Co-operative Societies, Banks and Animal Husbandry Department to ensure smooth application process in obtaining the KCC-AH card to dairy farmers and other Animal Husbandry farmers of the State. He informed that application forms shall be collected for verification by the concerned bank official on the day of milk incentive distribution programme and once verified and accepted, the bank will issue KCC AH within a weeks time.

Training on Permaculture Design Course organised

Gyalshing, November 20: A training on Permaculture Design Course is being organised by Gyalshing District Administration for a period of 12 days, from November 20-December 02.

The training partner for the course is TIEEDI (Take It Easy Easy Does It), an organisation whose work focuses on experiential environment education, regenerative tourism, natural farming, decentralised waste management solutions,

sustainable land and building design consultation.

The training is being funded under SANKALP provided by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, to prepare a team of Master Trainers in all aspects of Permaculture Design and Zero Waste.

10 participants have been nominated from every BAC, Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat and NGOs. The Master Trainers will further train other NGO groups,

Panchayats and ULBs, SHGs, members of religious groups, School and College students.

The residential course by 'Teaching Where It Matters' the training wing of TIEEDI, will impart important aspects of permaculture design such as designing productive ecosystems and landscapes. At the end of the course, the participants will be awarded with certifications from national and internationally accredited organisations.

Minister L.N. Sharma visits Gyalshing Omchung GPU

Gyalshing, November 24: Minister-cum-Area MLA, Gyalshing Bermiok constituency, Mr. L.N. Sharma visited Gyalshing Omchung Gram Panchayat Unit, today. He was accompanied by Zilla Panchayat, Gyalshing Omchung (TC) Mr. Sagar Sharma, Panchayat members and officials.

At the outset, he inspected the proposed site of Sadbhav Mandap at Middle Omchung. Thereafter, he visited Middle Gyalshing Secondary School to review the work progress of the additional infrastructure of School building.

He spoke to the Senior officials of engineering cell/ Education Department and urged to resolve the issue of school construction and make necessary

arrangements in order to accommodate the students of higher classes. The concerned officials assured to resume the construction work, immediately.

He also interacted with the students and encouraged to develop skills in the field of their interest.

Further, he touched upon the wide scope of adopting sustainable agricultural and livestock profession.

Later, he visited a proposed site for the construction of Haat Ghar under Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

This was followed by his visit at Legship Senior Secondary School where he enquired about various aspects of infrastructural upgradation and interacted with the students.

Welcome and Flag-off programme for AICS trainees

Gyalshing, November 24: A welcome and flag-off programme was organised for Sixty members of All India Civil Service trainees (IAS, IFS, IPS, IRS) from Lall Bahadur Shastri National Academy Dehradun, Mussoorie for eight days Sikkim Himalayan Trek, today.

The programme was attended by Director, Joint Secretary, Joint Director (Adventure), Assistant Director (Adventure), Assistant Director, (Pelling TIC), and officials from Tourism and Civil Aviation

Department.

The officer trainees will proceed in two groups viz Singalila and Goechala trek.

The trekking programme is being conducted by Adarsh tours ,treks and expedition and Khangri trek and tours with their supporting staff.

Sikkim Police and ITBP have contributed their service for safety and security of the trekkers. The trek will conclude on December 02, 2022.

Training on landslide risk management concludes

Mangan, November 24:Three-days training on landslide risk management for engineers concluded at MDZP Conference Hall, Mangan, today.

The programme was organised by Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with Department of Civil Engineering, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT).

The programme had the presence of Minister for Land, Revenue and Disaster Management Departments Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha accompanied by Area MLA Tadong Mr. G.T. Dhungel, Secretary Land Revenue and Disaster Management, Mr. Anil Raj Rai, ADC (Mangan), Director SMIT, HOD Civil engineering Department SMIT, Former Director General GSI, Councilors, Director and Additional Director of SSDMA

,officials of NDMA, District Administration and Engineers.

Minister Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha commended the organisers for successfully conducting the training. He highlighted the urgency to understand the importance of disaster management in the State and appealed the engineers to work rigorously in order to lessen the gravity of disaster in the State.

Area MLA highlighted the importance and responsibilities of engineers in the development of the nation as a whole.

The training concluded with a demonstration of Mangan Landslide mitigation by Project Manager, Mr. Pemzang Saring and a field visit of the Mangan Landslide led by JE (Water Resource), Mr. Jimila Bhutia.

Thereafter, momentos and certificates were handed over to the trainees.

Meeting of DLIMC

Mangan, Novemeber 24: ADC Mangan, Mr. Tenzing D. Denzongpa chaired a meeting of the District Level Implementing and Monitoring committee (DLIMC) for the finalisation of list of PACS (MPCS) for computerisation and forwarding to SLIMC.

The meeting was attended by DDM NABARD (North), Branch Head (SISCO), Inspector (Cooperation Department) and

President/Manager (Phodong MPCS).

The meeting was held to discuss the finalisation of the 23 MPCS of the district for the centrally sponsored project of 'Computerisation of PACS Declaration of Audit and Reconciliation'. The importance of computerisation and digitalisation of co-operative banks for the benefit of the people in rural areas was also highlighted.

SLSA organises training programme

Gangtok, November 26: The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority organised a training programme on the effective implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 read with Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Rules, 2012 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 for all Stakeholders at Sikkim Judicial Academy, Sokeythang, today. The programme commenced with the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution.

Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai highlighted the important provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and the POCSO Act, 2012 and various issues relating to child-in-conflict-with-law, child-in-need of care and protection, the role and responsibility of members of District Child Protection Units, Special Juvenile Police Units, Counselors, Outreach Workers and the Courts. The importance of the 1st responder to the incident was explained at length. The purpose of 'Mission Vatsalya' of Ministry of Women and Child Development was also explained. A suggestion was put forth for the constitution of Crisis Intervention Team for child victims. The media were also briefed on the provisions of Section 23 of the POCSO Act while reporting such offences and the bar on disclosing the identity of the victim.

Resource Person, Mr. Justice S.P. Wangdi, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Chairperson, Police Accountability Commission of Sikkim apprised the participants on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 with a detailed historical background of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the present position of the law with emphasis on the landmark judgments passed by the Supreme Court, which had paved the way for enactment of the beneficial legislation. He also stressed on the rehabilitative approach towards children.

Resource Person, Mrs. K.C. Barphungpa, Judge, Special Court (POCSO Act), Gangtok District and

Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, East stressed on the provisions of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and the POCSO, Rules, 2012. Various provisions under the POCSO Act and its penal repercussions were explained. The stakeholders were sensitised on the manner of recording statements of the POCSO survivors.

Resource Person, Dr. Shaibya Saldanha, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and Founder of Enfold, India spoke on Medical examination of POCSO survivors and approach on Trauma Informed Care and Medical Examination and Collection of Forensic Evidence, Documentation and writing a medical report. She elaborated on the method of medical examination that is to be adopted in cases of POCSO survivors and how doctors have to consider the matter with confidentiality and urgency.

Resource Person, Dr. Sonam O. Lassopa, Senior Clinical Psychologist, New STNM Multispecialty Hospital, Gangtok spoke on the topic Dealing with trauma faced by POCSO survivors and their family members and an overview of their mental health. She discussed the trauma faced by POCSO survivors, coping mechanisms and ways in which the first responders can help the children cope with aspects of mental health.

The programme had the participation of Judges of the Special Courts of the POCSO Act, 2012, Director, Sikkim Judicial Academy, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim, Mrs. Matilda Isaacs, Consultant, Sikkim SLSA, Designated Senior Advocate, High Court of Sikkim, Officers from Police Department, Women and Child Development Department, Medical Officers, Psychiatrists and Psychologists from the Health and Family Welfare Department, Public Prosecutors, Additional Public Prosecutors, Members of the Juvenile Justice Boards and Child Welfare Committees, Retainer Lawyers and Panel Advocates of Sikkim SLSA, Officers and staff of Sikkim SLSA and Press and Media.

MP (Lok Sabha) chairs first meeting in Pakyong

Pakyong, November 25: Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Mr. Indra Hang Subba chaired the first meeting at RURBAN Community Complex, RDD, Pakyong, today.

The meeting had the presence of DC Pakyong, Mr. Tashi Chophel, SP Pakyong, Mr. Karma Gyamtso Bhutia, ADC Pakyong, DFO (T), ADC (Dev.) Pakyong, SDM Pakyong (Hq.), SDM Pakyong, SDM Rongli and Rangpo, Zilla Panchayats, BDOs, District HoDs, Gram and Ward Panchayats and Government officials.

MP Mr. Indra Hang Subba stated that the creation of the district leads to decentralisation of power, resulting to ease of governance. He emphasised on sensitisation

of Government schemes for the BPL category and rural areas as the cornerstone of development for the district. He stressed on the sensitisation of Panchayats, Government officials and the public about the Government schemes.

DC Pakyong Mr Tashi Chophel gave a brief history of the compositions and objectives of DISHA. He apprised that 41 programmes should be covered by DISHA in the District and urged all the line departments to work collectively for the development of the District and State.

ADC (Dev.) Mr. Robin Sewa presented a review of various ongoing projects like Reconstruction of Earthquake

Damaged Rural Houses (REDRH), Pradhan Mantri-Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G), Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana (SGAY), Swachha Bharat Mission (SBM).

CMO Pakyong, DE (RDD, PMGYS), Joint Director (Agriculture and Horticulture Department), Joint Director (Animal Husbandary and Veterinary Services Department) presented the evaluation report on the status of various schemes and programmes being implemented in the district.

Zilla Up-Adhyaksha Pakyong directed CMO H&FW Department to conduct a mental awareness programme to prevent suicide cases in the district.

Review meeting of DLCC conducted

Soreng, November 25: DC Soreng, Mr. Bhim Thatal chaired the quarterly review meeting of District Level Consultative Committee (DLCC) conducted by the lead banks at the DAC Conference Hall, today.

The 2nd quarter for the financial year 2022-2023 ended on September 30, 2022.

The meeting was attended by LDM, SBI (Lead Bank) Mr. Gopal Lama, AGM RBI, ADM NABARD, officials from line department and banking heads under the district.

DC Soreng on his review of the Annual Credit Report of

Priority or Non- Priority Sector from Agriculture, AH&VS, MSME including Government Sponsored Schemes expressed that the performance of some banks were satisfactory and also urged the other banks to improve their performances. He added that Soreng being named as the aspirational district, the banking sector requires increased financial activities especially through programmes focusing on rural areas.

He expressed concern over public's state of awareness with regard to various Central and State Schemes and urged the

banks to act as a bridge between the financial institutes and the stakeholders. He also suggested improvising of the Credit Report (CR) by organising workshops at each block under the district. He also touched upon the practice of Aaganma Prashasan or door-step governance and strategies to generate financial awareness amongst the rural population.

ADM NABARD, urged the line department of State Government to identify beneficiaries for centrally funded KCC schemes and policies.

Review-cum-coordination meeting of AH&VS Deptt. held

Gangtok, Novemeber 25: Review-cum-coordination meeting of the Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Veterinary Services Department was held in the Conference Hall of Krishi Bhawan under the chairpersonship of Secretary Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, today.

The meeting was attended by the Secretary, AHVS, Pr. Directors, Director-Animal Husbandry, Director-Vet Services, Addl Directors, JDs,

Dy Secretary, DDs, Assistant Director-Fisheries, Accounts Officers, Vet Officers and other officers of the Department including scheme In-charge and Departmental District Head of all Districts.

The meeting discussed the progress made by the various sections of the Department. District wise and scheme wise presentation was made in the meeting. Various issues on the implementation and ways and means to improve the functioning of the department

was also discussed.

Secretary, AH&VS highlighted some of the findings during his recent field visits and requested the departmental officials to read the guidelines of various schemes throughly including Piggery incentive and Dairy incentive schemes of the Government for proper implementation. He urged the officers to work collectively uplift the economic conditions of the farming community of Sikkim.

Awareness-cum-product making demonstration and training programme concludes

Namchi, November 25: A two-day awareness-cum-product making demonstration and training programme concluded at the Conference Hall of Zilla Bhawan, Namchi, today.

The programme was conducted by MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), Commerce and Industries Department, Government of Sikkim, in association with CLRI (Central Leather Research Institute), Chennai, Government

of India.

Present as the chief guest was Chairman Farmers Welfare Board Mr. Phurden Lepcha, Special Guest ADC Namchi accompanied by DPO Namchi, AD (MSME), Senior Scientist (CLRI).

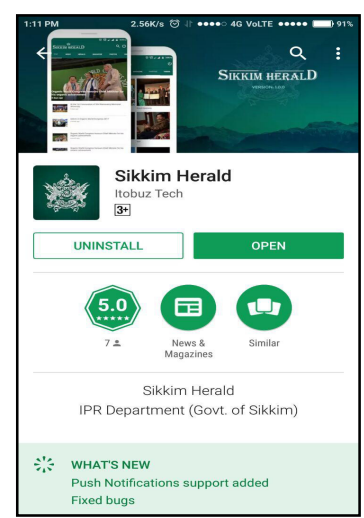
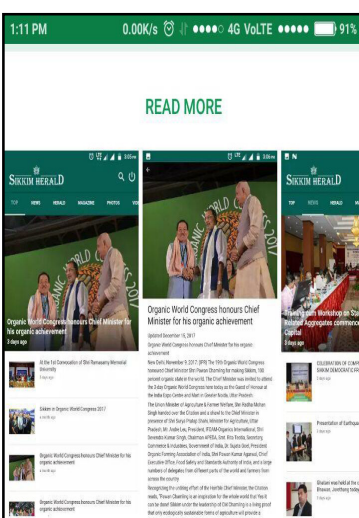
The workshop targeted students, youths, aspiring entrepreneurs and members of different SHGs to make them self-reliant and experts in making leather and non-leather

products.

ADC Namchi appealed them to convert their interest in leather and non-leather product making and create a business with a team to make it profitable venture.

Chairman, Farmers Welfare Board urged the members of various SHGs to bring up micro industries at village level and also assured to provide training for the same.

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Ministry of Deptt. of AH& Dairying organises regional review meeting

Kolkata, November 28: Ministry of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying organised a regional review meeting for to review the progress and new project proposals of North Eastern States in Kolkata, today.

The meeting chaired by Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh had the presence of officials of Government of India, Secretaries and officials of all North Eastern States from AHVS Department, NDDDB and other

relevant officials.

Sikkim was represented by Secretary, AHVS P. Senthil Kumar, CEO, SLDB Dr. Karma Doma Bhutia and Joint Director (research) Dr. Pema Bhutia. Progress report of Animal Husbandry schemes in the State was presented during the meeting.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of schemes such as Rashtriya Gokul Mission, National Livestock Mission, National Programme on Dairy Development, Integrated Sample

Survey, National Livestock Disease Control programme, etc., In all the schemes implemented by Sikkim received appreciation for its performance.

Sikkim Secretary AHVS requested the Government of India to support the new proposals submitted by the State and RKVY type support for Animal Husbandry sector and to consider a scheme on organic Animal Husbandry for NE states.

NABARD launches Special Development Project

Gangtok, November 25: The launching of a special Development Project for saturation of dairy farmers with KCC-AH, enabling financial/digital inclusion and strengthening MPCs in Sikkim was held in a local hotel in Gangtok, today. The programme was organised by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department, Mr. L.N. Sharma, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest in the notable presence of the Chairman, Sikkim Cooperative Milk Producer's Union Mr. Yam Kumar Sharma, Secretary, Cooperation Department Mrs. Yashoda Bhandari, Secretary to the Chief Minister Mrs. T. Kizom, Secretary AH&VS Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, Secretary Horticulture Mr. BB Subba, Secretary Agriculture Mr. Jigme Dorjee Bhutia, DGM Reserve Bank of India (Sikkim Regional Office) Mr. Kalyan Chakraborty, Regional Manager SBI Mr. S.D. Lama, Principal Directors, Bankers, Panchayats, Progressive Farmers and representatives from Farmers Producers Organisations (FPOs), officials and others.

Minister Sharma, in his address, stated that the government is continuously making efforts to increase the production and income of farmers. He commended NABARD for the new initiative and applauded the provision of collateral-free KCC loans up to one lakh sixty thousand to the livestock farmers without land ownership and parcha.

He outlined the vision of the Chief Minister and mentioned that the launch of recently initiated programmes like Mukhya Mantri Pashudhan Samridhi Yojana, Production Incentive Schemes will help to generate a strong impact in fulfilling the vision of a self-reliant state.

He also urged bankers to consider farmer's proposals on special priority and advised

them to have a pragmatic thought for absolute implementation of the programme in practice.

Minister Sharma urged to seek the participation of Self Help Groups, FPOs, and Kisan front along with the MPCs for adequate sensitisation and mobilisation of the farming community for acquiring benefits through Kishan Credit Cards.

He also advised developing a mission to produce feed and fodder in the state and create producer's societies in goatery, piggery, poultry, and other allied sectors.

He expressed his confidence in making repayment by the farmers against a 3% subsidy in the interest rate and stressed for smooth execution of the comprehensive exercise of issuing KCC cards and subsidised loans.

Earlier, the General Manager & Officer-in-Charge, NABARD Mr. Sanjay Kr. Gupta, in his opening remarks, highlighted the programme's objectives for strengthening the dairy and other animal husbandry sectors by sanctioning an amount of rupees seventy-five (75) crores to ten thousand farmers through Kisan Credit Card -Animal Husbandry (KCC-AH). He informed that the farmers would have to repay within one year of receiving the loan to benefit from a subsidised interest rate. He also urged SLBC for smooth implementation of the programmes to improve credit flow at the ground level.

Secretary Agriculture Mr. Jigme Dorjee Bhutia mentioned that the project is the need of the hour and stressed achieving the targeted goal by practical execution of work and reviewing performance on a periodical basis.

Secretary AH&VS Dr. P. Senthil Kumar underlined a strategic working mechanism to be executed in collaboration at various levels to benefit the farmers in dairy and allied sectors. He also informed about the requisite documents for acquiring KCC-AH cards.

Similarly, he briefed on the challenges and official procedures involved in issuing the KCC cards.

Secretary to CM Mrs. T. Kizom touched upon the vision of the Chief Minister for uplifting the farming community and advised to see possibilities in extending the repayment duration.

DGM RBI marked the initiative as important and prioritised the project. He asked the banking sector for complete cooperation to take the subject further and achieve.

Regional Manager, SBI, Mr. S.D. Lama, threw light on the work performance of the banking sector and assured of fulfilling commitments.

Mr. Pravin Sahebrao Muley, DGM, NABARD, made a presentation about the special developmental project covering all aspects in detail.

CEO of Pasi FPO /Milk Producer's Cooperative Society shared his experiences regarding the ground scenario in dairy sectors. He remarked that local farmers now have shown interest in dairy and vegetable production after the state government's launching of the financial incentives.

President of Sumin Lingzey MPCs informed that there is a sharp rise in the production of milk after the implementation of the financial incentive of rupees eight per litre of milk. He further extended gratitude to the state government for introducing encouraging initiatives.

During the programme, Minister Mr. L. N. Sharma handed over KCC-AH Rupay cards to the farmers.

The programme also saw the release of a booklet and pamphlet on the Special Developmental Project: KCC-AH and the KIOSK inauguration.

Representatives from different banks and other participants participated in the interactive session and the action plan preparation.

Joint Secretary Ministry of DoNER visits Gyalshing

Gyalshing, November 28: Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Mrs. Anuradha S. Chagti commenced on a day tour of the district accompanied by DC Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda and HOs.

The tour began with the inspection of the Passenger Ropeway System Project, Pelling, funded under the PM DeVINE, implemented by Tourism Department of the State.

Chief Engineer Mr. Niraj Pradhan and his team gave a technical presentation following which an on-site inspection was conducted. As informed, the Ropeway will be operational from March end. The team then inspected the Upper Terminal of the project at Sanga Choeling monastery. The dignitaries also visited the Chenrezig Shingkham Riwo Potala.

Similarly, Area MLA cum Deputy Speaker, SLA Mrs. Sangay Lepcha along with Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Mrs. Anuradha S. Chagti inaugurated the ICDS Centre, Labing, today.

The inaugural programme had the presence of Advisor Ecclesiastical Department Mr. R.S. Bhutia, DC Gyalshing Ms. Yishey D. Yongda, SDM Yuksom Mr. T. T. Bhutia, BDO(Chongrang), Panchayat Members and officers of the district and public.

The ICDS Centre has been constructed with NEC funding (Backward Block Development) at an estimated cost of ₹9,27,000/. Similarly, five other ICDS buildings within the block have been built under the NEC funding.

The Joint Secretary assessed the villages selected under the SAMBHAV Mission Mode Programme and interacted with beneficiaries covered under the schemes such as Milching Cows distribution, Poultry Farming and Apiculture. Thereafter, the team also visited Primary Health Centre, where diagnostic machines have been funded by NEC.

Likewise, an interactive session was held at Arithang-Chongrang Gram Prashasan Kendra with the SHG Federations, farmer groups, beneficiaries of various schemes and Panchayats, in the presence of Deputy Speaker-cum-Area MLA Mr. Sangay Lepcha accompanied by Advisor Ecclesiastical Department Mr. R.S. Bhutia, DC Gyalshing and officers of the district.

During the interaction, the Joint Secretary enquired about the utilisation and implementation of various Central and State Government Schemes. She took note of the overall progress report and

challenges faced by SHG federations. She was apprised about the requirements of the SHG federations office in the region. She appreciated the interest and involvement of women in the village development process.

DC Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda informed about NEC's developmental intervention in Chongrang Block in various sectors like health, education, women and child development and overall social upliftment. She called upon everyone to avail facilities being provided and also to take up collective ownership. She congratulated the Panchayats and requested them to come forward and work with full dedication.

Earlier, BDO, Chongrang presented a brief on the Village profile.

Thereafter, Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER visited Karji Mangnam GPU to inspect the NEC-funded SAMBHAV scheme.

Deputy Speaker cum Area MLA, Yuksom Tashiding constituency Mr. Sangay Lepcha, DC Gyalshing and HOs were also present during the inspection. The entourage visited Karji Secondary School, GPK, Pokhari Lake and convened a meeting with the Panchayats and the public.

DC Gyalshing gave a brief on the block profile of Karji Mangnam. Various issues were discussed including the schemes being implemented by the State and Central Governments for housing, sanitation, drinking water facilities, MGNREGA, power connectivity and road maintenance.

The Joint Secretary stressed upon the importance of empowerment, financial independence and encouraged women groups to form SHGs. She expressed gratitude towards the Area MLA and District Administration for prioritising the visit.

On November 27, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India, Mrs. Anuradha S. Chagti arrived at Pelling to review the development of Backward Block (Chongrang), Gyalshing District.

Mrs. Anuradha S. Chagti was accompanied by Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Mr. Ajay Chagti, Senior Consultant, Ministry of DoNER, Ms. Kanupriya Attrey, Liaison Officers, Deputy Director (AH&VS Department), Dr. Rinchen Ongmoo Bhutia and Assistant Director, Education Department, Mr. Rajen Tamang.

CM attends meeting on Union Budget 2023-24

New Delhi, November 25: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the meeting scheduled to discuss the forthcoming Union Budget 2023-24, chaired by the Union Finance Minister Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, today.

Finance Ministers from all the States including Legislators of Union Territories, Finance Secretary (Economic Affairs) Government of India, Chief Secretaries and Central and State Governments officials attended the meeting.

The Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the Union Finance Minister for

providing the platform for representatives from the states and the Union Territories to participate and submit their respective proposals and suggestions for the forthcoming budget.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister provided comprehensive detail about the changing orientation of Sikkim's economy, the growth trajectory, and the fiscal and institutional interventions required to sustain the relatively higher growth rate. He also highlighted the national-level achievements of Sikkim and demonstrated critical variables like the Sustainable Development

Goals, environmental and energy security, structural change, and service sector-led new employment opportunities. To make the state economically self-reliant, dynamic, competitive, and resilient, the Chief Minister requested a range of fiscal, financial, institutional, and policy interventions from the Ministry of Finance and other Ministries of the Government of India.

The Union Finance Minister acknowledged the suggestions of the State Government and assured to accommodate the issues in budget 2023-24.

Chief Minister calls on Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy

New Delhi, November 24: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang called on the Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of North East Region Mr. G. Kishan Reddy at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, today.

He expressed his gratitude to the Union Minister and the Union Council of Ministers for approving the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for the North East (PM-DevINE). He also informed about the amount earmarked as gap funding for the design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Passenger Ropeway System from Pelling to Sanga-Choeling in West Sikkim and Passenger Ropeway from Dhapper to Bhaleydhunga in South Sikkim. He added that the projects have been recommended by the State Level Empowered

Committee, and the DPR have been submitted to the Ministry of DoNER.

Speaking on the proposals submitted to the Ministry, he sought the consideration and support of the Union Minister for the construction of the Toy Museum and Cultural Lab and Tagore Cultural Centre for the youth, Culture and Convention Centre near Pakyong Airport and Tagore Cultural Centre for Bhutia Community at Kewzing.

The Chief Minister added that the State Government will forward a few proposals recommended by the 15 Finance Commission under State specific projects for Sikkim and requested the Union Minister for his consideration.

Highlighting the setback

faced by the tourism sector due to the abrupt suspension of flights from the Greenfield Airport located at Pakyong, he requested the Union Minister to pursue this with the concerned Ministry for the restoration of flight operations. He also sought the support of the Ministry for increasing the frequency of flights from Bagdogra to Guwahati, which will be helpful for the people of Sikkim and the neighboring states visiting the Kamakhya temple for pilgrimage and will also boost the inter-state tourism in the North-East region.

Chief Secretary, Mr. V.B. Pathak, Resident Commissioner, Sikkim House Mr. Ashwini Chand, and Secretary to CM Dr. S.D. Dhakal were also present during the meeting.

CM performs Ganga Arati at Kirateshwar Shiva Dham

Gyalshing, November 22: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang performed Ganga Arati at the banks of Rangeet river, Kirateshwar Shiva Dham, Legship, today.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Cabinet Ministers, MLA, Advisors,

Chairpersons, Adhakshya Gyalshing District, DC Gyalshing other dignitaries.

During the programme, books penned by Mr. Surya Bahadur Chettri named 'Pracheen Shiv Odhar Tatha Aajako Shri Kirateshwar Shiv Dham', 'Gaurakshya; Gaupalan Ani Jaivik

Kheti' by Mr. Suresh Regmi and Kabita Calender by Mr. Sanjay Pradhan were also released.

Thereafter, cultural performances, bhajans and religious text recitation was also performed.

Bala Chaturdasi Festival celebration-cum-Mela 2022 inaugurated

Gyalshing, November 22: The fortnightly Bala Chaturdasi Festival celebration-cum-Mela 2022 was inaugurated by the Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at Legship, today.

On the occasion of Bala Chaturdasi Festival, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of 'Riverfront Development and Heritage Site'.

He was accompanied by Deputy Speaker, SLA Mr. Sangay Lepcha, Minister-cum-Patron of the programme, Mr. L.N. Sharma, Ministers, MLAs, dignitaries and officials.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated a library named 'Sarvajanic Dharmik Pustakalaya' in the Mandir premises.

The Chief Minister congratulated the Mandir

Committee for organising the festival and having new developmental projects. He also expressed happiness over the fulfillment of his commitment made a year ago with regard to several developmental works for the upgradation of Kirateshwar Shiva Dham.

He congratulated the newly elected Panchayat members and urged them to work collectively. Further, he stated that a part of Chief Minister's fund would be decentralised to Zilla Panchayat Territory and Gram Panchayat level.

The Chief Minister mentioned that the State Government has carried out notable developmental works in education, health, rural development and other sectors

and touched upon schemes like Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana, Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana, Jhora Training works for the welfare of the public.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma stressed on mega tourism project that includes upgradation of Kirateshwar Shiva Dham, protection of river, construction of Shiva statue, Swayambhunath Temple, bridge, Ganga Arati base, establishment of rock climbing training Centre etc. He also mentioned various developmental works carried out under Gyalshing-Barnyak Constituency. He also apprised that the long pending demand of drinking water supply has also sanctioned and the construction work is under progress.

Religious Discourse on Lord Buddha's Fundamental Teachings

Namchi, November 26: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang accompanied by his wife Mrs. Krishna Rai, Minister for Land Revenue and Disaster Management Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha attended the Religious Discourse programme on Lord Buddha's Fundamental

Teachings on human life and Domnang Pravachan by Khempo Vagindra Shila Jyu, at the Community Hall, Jorethang, today.

The programme also had the presence of the buddhist monks and famous spiritual singer, Ani Choying Drolma.

Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang meets SEED Cell members

New Delhi, November 24: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang met the members of SEED Cell led by Mrs. Usha Theengh Lama at Sikkim House, New Delhi, today.

During the interaction, he enquired about their progress in the national capital and advised them to work collectively. Further, he briefed them about the State Government's plan to provide suitable space for the entrepreneurs starting from New Delhi.

The Chief Minister urged the beneficiaries to refrain from subletting the shops and spaces provided and suggested that they work in collaboration with the Self-Help Groups and assist them.

The entrepreneurs from Sikkim are presently in New Delhi to participate in the International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan and have been successful in their endeavors, receiving bulk orders from various states in India and abroad.

Speaker SLA calls on Speaker Lok Sabha Om Birla

New Delhi, November 28: Speaker SLA Mr. Arun Kr. Upreti called on Speaker, Lok Sabha Mr. Om Birla at his official chamber in Lok Sabha, Parliament House, New Delhi, today.

This is his first meeting with the Speaker, Lok Sabha after his assumption of office of the Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Arun Kr. Upreti requested the presence of Speaker, Lok Sabha to inaugurate the 19th Annual Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone III scheduled to be held on January 10-12, 2023 in Gangtok, Sikkim.

The invitation was extended

following the decision taken in the Executive Committee Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone III held in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh on May 12, 2022 and in Kohima, Nagaland on November 17, 2022.

The Speaker, Lok Sabha accepted the invitation, however, owing to pre-occupied schedule of the Speaker, the new date shall be confirmed by him and will be communicated to the Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat in due course of time.

They discussed matter of common interest in the parliamentary procedure and also exchanged good wishes for their successful tenure.

Samvidhan Diwas observed

Gangtok, November 28: Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Diwas was observed at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

Officers and staff from all the Departments located within the premises were present. The Preamble to the Constitution was read out to the officials by Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. R. Telang.

Similarly, in Mangan, the Preamble to the Constitution was read out to the officials by ADC Mangan, Mr. Tenzing D. Denzongpa at DAC, Mangan.

It may be mentioned that the preamble was administered in all the office premises and

educational institutes of the districts throughout the state.

In Pakyong, DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chopel administered the pledge on Constitution Day along with ADC Pakyong Ms. Anupa Tamiling, SDM (Hq.) Mr. Thendup Lepcha and officials and staff of DAC Pakyong.

Meanwhile, other departments of the district also observed the day by taking the pledge presided over by the Head of Departments.

In Soreng, DC Soreng, Mr. Bhim Thatal administered the pledge on Constitution Day to the officials and staff of District Administrative Centre.

