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Chief Minister and team meet HH 14th Dalai Lama



Himachal Pradesh, September 21: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang along with Cabinet Minister Mr. Sonam Lama and senior officials of the State Government met and sought blessings from His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama at his official residence in Dharamshala, today.

On behalf of the people of Sikkim, the Chief Minister extended an invitation to His Holiness for his visit to Sikkim in October, this year.

During the interaction, the Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to His Holiness for accepting the invitation, which has brought joy and widespread happiness among devotees and followers in the State. The Chief Minister briefed His Holiness on the State Government's relentless effort to promote peace and harmony among all sections of the

society.

Accepting the invitation, His Holiness expressed his happiness at the prospect of visiting Sikkim, recalling his warm experiences and cordial relationship with the people of Sikkim.

His Holiness emphasised the promotion of Buddhism through logic and reasoning, highlighting the growing interest of scientific concepts in Buddhism for the promotion of mental health and peace of mind.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by the Minister for Ecclesiastical Department Mr. Sonam Lama, Chief Secretary Mr. V.B. Pathak, Chairman ARC, Secretary CMO, Secretary Ecclesiastical Department, Resident Commissioner Sikkim House, Chairman Sikkim Urja Ltd. and other officials.

CM calls on Governor



New Delhi, September 20: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang called on Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya at Sikkim House, New Delhi, today.

Enquiring about Governor's health and well-being, Chief

Minister briefly discussed about the schemes initiated by the State Government for the welfare of women and children. Likewise, several other schemes and programmes were also discussed during the call on.

Chief Minister inaugurates Chatten II Hydro Power Plant in Lachen

Mangan, September 25: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated the Chatten II Hydro Power Plant at Chatten, Lachen, today. The project was developed by Sikkim Power Development Corporation Limited (SPDCL).

Chairman, SPDCL Mr. Karma R. Bonpo thanked the Chief Minister on behalf of everyone present and briefed on the importance of the project.

The Chief Minister commended the efforts of everyone involved in achieving a milestone by making the project a success. He highlighted the importance of the project in the sustainable development and economic welfare of the State. He urged everyone to continue working together for further development of the State. Speaking on the Janta Bhet Karyakram, he assured to address the grievances of the public during his four-day visit.

It may be mentioned that the Hydro Electric Project (HEP), with 2x1.50 MW capacity was



commissioned on June 24, 2022.

The project contemplated as a run of the river scheme, envisages utilization of water of Chagyachu river. The trench weir is located across Chagyachu River. The Project will utilise a net head of 258.74 m and design discharge of 1.5 Cumecs for generation of 3

MW.

Further, the Chief Minister also visited Angora Rabbit farm at Rabum Lachen. During the visit, he inspected the demonstration of different by-products of Yak, Sheep and Rabbit exhibited at the

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Janta Bhet Karyakram commences at Chungthang

Mangan, September 25: The Janta Bhet Karyakram commenced at Rikzing Choling Monastery, Chungthang, wherein the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang met and interacted with the people of Chungthang, today.

Upon his arrival at the Monastery, the Chief Minister offered prayers for the well-being of the public. He also addressed the grievances regarding the delay of the Monastery's construction. He assured assistance for the completion of the construction and urged the concerned officials to promptly look into the matter and asked that they take immediate action.

A brief programme was held as part of the 'Model Energy Efficient Village Campaign', under the aegis of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, Government of India, where the beneficiaries were distributed LED bulbs by the Chief Minister. The LED bulbs were handed over to the Panchayats of wards under Chungthang block for onward distribution to beneficiaries. The distribution programme was organised by the Power Department, State Designated



Agency, Government of Sikkim. A total of five LED lights per household will be dispatched to a total of 370 households of Chungthang, it was informed.

Earlier, on his arrival, the Chief Minister was warmly welcomed by the public along with a guard of honour at Peigong, Chungthang.

Pearls of Wisdom

"When you change your thoughts, remember to also change your world."

-Norman Vincent Peale

Co-ordination meeting of NDZP and GPUs of Nandugaon BAC held

Namchi, September 19: A coordination meeting of Namchi District Zilla Panchayat (NDZP) and all GPUs of Nandugaon BAC was held at Tinik Chisopani Gram Panchayat Unit, today.

The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Adhyaksha NDZP and co-chaired by the Upa-adhyaksha NDZP.

Also present were Zilla, Sabhapati and Upa- Sabhapati of Denchong, Tinik Chisopani, Salghari and Poklok GPUs and BDO and AE Nandugaon BAC and staff of GPUs.

The meeting discussed establishment of communication and co-ordination between the

functioning of GPUs and Zilla Panchayat and achieve the objectives of Panchayati Raj in true sense. It was discussed to initiate a mechanism that shall resolve the grievances, difficulties, demands and other related issues of the GPUs at ZP level and re-address the pertaining issue to the higher level whenever essential or unresolved at district level, initiate transparency between GPUs and ZP on role and responsibility both in terms of individual accountability and finance and to strengthen the power and responsibility in GPUs and streamline and outreach the participation of people on Gram

Sabhas so as to judiciously maximise the disbursement of developmental programmes of both the State and Centre to the people of Nandugaon BAC without duplication.

The resolutions made during the meeting include; absence or sending lower-level subordinates by the line departments in Gram Sabhas that usually slow down the decision making on implementation of schemes, manpower requirement of Dong Denchong GPU for which the Zilla Panchayat shall pursue to the higher level, departmental tenders of various quality of work in GPUs.

Meeting on Joint Action Plan

Mangan, September 20: A meeting on 'Joint Action Plan on prevention of drugs and substance abuse among children and illicit trafficking' was held at the Office of the ADC Mangan, today.

The meeting chaired by ADM Mangan, Mr. Sonam Topgay Tashi was attended by Zilla Panchayat Mr. K.T. Bhutia, Additional SP Mangan Mr. Mani

Kumar Tamang, DCPO Mangan Ms. Wendy Lepcha, DPO Mangan, CEO Mangan, Welfare Officer, Chairperson Child Welfare Committee, AD Education, and representative from Excise Department.

DCPO Mangan briefed the attendees about the roles and responsibilities of the Committee.

ADCMangan thoroughly discussed on the responsibilities

and strategic action of different departments and their Officers, developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). He further advised the course of action through which the Committee can work effectively and efficiently.

Health Deptt. organises National Mental Health Programme

Soreng, September 21: The National Mental Health Programme organised by Department of Health and Family Welfare Department in collaboration with Ripples of Change Foundation (ROCF), conducted an awareness programme on Mental Health Awareness and Needs Assessment at Soreng Senior Secondary School, today.

Counsellor Ms. Binita Sharma made a presentation on the importance of mental health emphasising the need for balance in the mental health. She also elaborated on effective stress management tips to lead a healthy and happier life.

Additionally, Programme Coordinator of ROCF Mr. Pratap Singh Tamang urged everyone to show compassion for those who

are affected by any ailment to overcome any medical problems.

The programme was attended by Panchayats, Principal and faculty members Dr. P.B. Chhetri, (Mental Health Counsellor) CHC, Counsellor, teachers, line department officials, SHG members and public.

District Level Advisory Committee meeting on Food Safety convened

Gyalshing, September 21: District Level Advisory Committee meeting on Food Safety was convened in accordance with the directives and guidelines laid down by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), operating under the purview of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI at the DAC Gyalshing, today.

The meeting was chaired by District Collector-cum-Chairperson DLAC Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda and attended by SP Gyalshing, SDM(Hq.), Addl. Director, DCSO, MEO GNP, AD Education, FSO/Resource Person and key stakeholders.

The primary objective of the meeting was to assess and strategise on enhancing food safety measures and standards at

the district level.

DC emphasised on the critical role that DLAC plays in establishing a robust food safety ecosystem that aligns with national and international standards. She assured support from district administration to ensure the safety of food products consumed by the residents of the district.

FSO-cum-Resource Person Dr. Shilpa Sunwar provided a comprehensive overview of various critical topics related to food safety. The presentation covered essential aspects such as food inspection and surveillance, regulatory compliance, public awareness campaigns and capacity-building initiatives. She also submitted quarterly report prepared by the department to the Chairperson

DLAC. The report includes valuable data and insights of the department's activities and progress in ensuring food safety measures of the district.

SP expressed concerns on the increasing consumption of the energy drink and the potential health risks associated with it. He also suggested the Food Safety Department to take proactive measures by conducting a thorough examination of the energy drink that has gained immense popularity among the people.

The DLAC meeting served as a vital platform for fostering dialogue and cooperation among stakeholders in the pursuit of enhancing food safety and adhering to FSSAI regulations.

Awareness on FPOs and farmers mobilization-cum-benefits distribution programme

Mangan, September 22: An awareness on Farmers Producers Organization and farmers mobilization-cum-benefits distribution programme for the farmers of Kabi Lungchok and adjoining areas was held at Lingchom Tingda Gram Prashasaanik Kendra (GPK), today.

The programme was organised by the Resource Institution - SIMFED under MOVCD-NER, Agriculture Department, Government of Sikkim.

Minister for Agriculture Deptt. Mr. L.N. Sharma attended the programme along with Minister-cum-Area MLA Kabi-Lungchok constituency Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia. Also present were Zilla Adhyaksha Mr. Kado Lepcha, Upadhyaksha Mrs. Sonam Kipa Bhutia, Zilla Panchayat, Panchayats from Kabi-Rongpa and Lingchom Tingda GPUs, Secretary Agriculture, CEO SOFDA, MD SIMFED, Directors, Senior Officers, District-In-charge, field functionaries and public.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma inaugurated the newly established office of Organic Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) Cooperative Society, Kabi, promoted by Sikkim Organic Farming Development Agency (SOFDA) under MOVCD-NER Phase III, Department of Agriculture.

The distribution of production incentives under Mukhya Mantri Krishi Atma Nirbhar Yojana (MMKANY) for the new phase was initiated

from Kabi Lungchok constituency.

The Minister handed over cheques of ₹51 lakh 66 thousand and 58 under production incentive scheme and distributed various agricultural equipment and machinery devices including power tiller, pulveriser machine, spray device, sintex, polypipes, GENAP Tank, liliun bulb to the beneficiaries from various Gram Panchayat Units. Livestock farmers also received Pig Production Incentives under Mukhya Mantri Pashudhan Samridhi Yojana.

He congratulated Farmers Producers Organization for their new office dedicated to the farming community to market their local produce and called for cooperation of all members. He also informed that a processing unit of IFFCO, Rangpo is on the verge of completion and shall be inaugurated within a few months. He also highlighted various schemes initiated by the State Government under the leadership of the Chief Minister.

Minister Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia expressed gratitude to the Agriculture Department for conducting benefit distribution programme in Kabi Lungchok and encouraged the farmers to increase their productivity.

Earlier, Consultant MOVCD-NER Mr. Sonam Rinchen Bhutia spoke on the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER) and the benefits of forming FPOs.

H&FWDeptt. Namchi to organise health melas under Ayushman Bhava

Namchi, September 23: Health and Family Welfare Department, Namchi is organising a series of weekly health melas under Ayushman Bhava at various HWC-PHSCs, HWC-PHCs, and HWC-CHC across Namchi District.

These melas are based on various themes and till date two weekly Ayushman Bhava health melas have been completed i.e. on September 16 and 22.

The Ayushman Bhava Health Mela will offer access to comprehensive primary health care services with drugs and diagnostics, teleconsultation with health specialists, and referral facilities, with special priorities to marginalized people for a continuum of care. It will also aid in the creation of ABHA Cards and issuance of PMJAY Cards for eligible citizens including follow-up of PMJAY-treated beneficiaries. Population-based screening for hypertension, diabetes, and

three common cancers such as oral, breast, and cervical. Moreover, there will also be full coverage of routine immunization.

It may be mentioned that the Ayushman Bhava campaign was launched on September 16, 2023 at Namchi District Hospital and also at all HWC-PHCs and HWC-CHC across the Namchi District.

The campaign aims to ensure saturation coverage of health schemes and has three main components of an intervention under the umbrella of 'Ayushman Bhava' that is Ayushman-Apke Dwar 3.0, Ayushman Melas- weekly at all HWC-PHSCs, HWC-PHCs and HWC-CHC and Ayushman Sabhas and eventually ensuring the title of Ayushman Gram Panchayat or Ayushman Urban Ward. Furthermore, Seva Pakhwada consists of Swachhata Abhiyan, Blood Donation Camp, and organ donation pledges to be carried out.

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Chief Minister...

farm.

The Chief Minister also interacted with the employees of the farm, particularly those employed under the One Family One Job scheme.

Earlier, the Chief Minister who is on a four-day visit to Lachen Mangan constituency was welcomed by the staff of Mangan

Nagar Panchayat in Mangan and officials and public at Ringhim-Nampatam GPU, Singhik-Sentam GPU and Toong-Naga GPU, enroute Lachen. Present on the occasion were Minister-cum-Area MLA, Mr. Samdup Lepcha, other dignitaries and officers of the district.

The Chief Minister is accompanied in this visit by Cabinet Ministers Mr. Sonam Lama, Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia, Mr. B.S. Panth, Mr. L.N. Sharma, Mr. Bhim Hang Subba, Mr. Bishnu

Khawiwada, MLA Dzongu Mr. Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, MP Lok Sabha Mr. Indra Hang Subba, Political Secretary and Press Secretary to CM, HoDs, CMO officials, Zilla Adhyaksha, Up-Adhyaksha, Chairpersons, APS to CM (Mangan), DC Mangan, SP Mangan, Heads of Offices and officials of Mangan district.

Earlier, the Chief Minister was accorded warm receptions at Kabi, Dzongu and Mangan, respectively.

Awareness programme conducted for migrant labourers

Namchi, September 24: An awareness programme was conducted for the migrant labourers of the construction of a 500 bedded Hospital in Namchi on September 22 by the District Civil Supplies Department in coordination with Labour Department, Namchi, in compliance with the order dated 20th April, 2023, passed by the Supreme Court of India on the problems and miseries faced by the migrant labourers.

Over 180 migrant labourers attended the programme accompanied by their respective managers and 3 staff representatives from District Labour Department and 4 representatives from DCSO Office, Food and Civil Supplies department, District Namchi.

The objective of the awareness programme was to enhance wide publicity of the order, among the migrant labourers registered under e-Shram portal for availing the benefits of NFSA Scheme through ONORC.

The first session was conducted by the Labour Department of the concerned department, wherein information on the detailed benefits offered by e-Shram portal along with other related schemes, was disseminated. Ministry of Labour developed the e-Shram portal to create a national database of unorganized workers, that will be seeded with Aadhaar for optimum realization of their employability and extend benefits of social security scheme.

DCSO/Namchi District Mr.

Tenzing Bhutia stressed on the objectives, advantages and salient features of the NFSA 2013, that promotes subsidised food grains to approx 2/3rd of the country's 1.4 billion people. He highlighted the benefits of ONORC Scheme which empowers all NFSA migrant beneficiaries to access their PDS/ NFSA food grains from any Fair Price Shop, anywhere in the country by using their existing Ration Card with biometric authentication, thus making the food security portable.

The Food and Civil Supplies Department in coordination with nodal department will also organise sensitisation programmes with the migrant labourers in the district in future.

Sensitization programme on Ration Cards

Mangan, September 24: A sensitization programme on Ration Cards to the Migrants/ Unorganised workers under Mangan District was organised by Food and Civil Supplies Department in collaboration with Labour Department.

DCSO Mangan District, Mr. Palden Norbu Lachungpa spoke about the National Food Security Act 2013 (NFSA) and its role in ensuring access to basic food necessities to all people at all times. He stressed on the need for migrant workers/unauthorised workers to firstly be aware and enroll themselves under the ration card management system in their respective states to avail the benefits under it.

He further briefed on spreading the message and make everyone aware.

He also urged everyone to mandatorily seed their Aadhar

Cards to their Ration Cards and to apply for it without any further delay so that they could avail the benefits of the various incentives and schemes of the government under NFSA 2013.

It may be mentioned that beneficiaries under the NFSA fall into two categories: Priority Households (PHH) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households. NFSA legally entitles upto 75% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population to receive subsidized foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System.

He informed that the basic purpose of the programme was to ensure issuance of the Ration Cards to all registrants on e-Shram portal who have not been issued Ration Cards till date and to ensure their coverage under the NFSA 2013 and also to provide them with the benefits of the schemes by the

Central Government and the State Government.

In the second session, resource person, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mr. Karma Sonam Bhutia briefly highlighted the Sikkim Labour (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 2021, under which, registration and annual licensing of service providers or employers and commercial establishments along with the labourers has been made mandatory. He urged the migrant/ unorganised workers to apply for Labour Card in order to avail various schemes designed for the benefit of labourers. He also mentioned that applying for labour card will also help in accumulating comprehensive database of workforce in the State, which in turn, will intercept the predominant issue of monitoring and coordination of labourers in the State.

Awareness-cum-sensitisation programme for migrant labourers conducted

Pakyong, September 25: An awareness-cum-sensitisation programme for migrant labourers regarding Ration Card was conducted by Food and Civil Supplies Department in coordination with Labour Department in Pakyong, today.

DCSO Pakyong Mr. Bhim Pradhan highlighted the importance of National Food Security Act (NFSA), which aims to provide food and security at a

subsidised rate.

He underlined the importance of One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC), which ensures to provide food grains from any fair shop in the country. He further informed that through Aadhar authentication biometric, they can claim their rights from one part of the country to another through Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Household (PHH) ration card.

Assistant Commissioner, Labour Department Mr. Arjun Upreti discussed different social security benefits, insurance schemes and facilities under the e-Shram portal and Building and Other Construction Worker (BOCW) scheme. He also briefed about the criteria and the registration process and urged everyone to enrol themselves to obtain the benefits.

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Government of Sikkim Buildings & Housing Department

Memo No:2155/SD/HQ-I/64

Date:25/09/23

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Online Applications are invited from eligible local candidates for filling up of **02 (two) posts of Assistant Geologist on temporary-regular basis in Level 15** of the Pay Matrix under Sikkim State Mines & Geology Service by **Direct Recruitment**. All applications are to be made online at the Commission's website.

The candidates are advised to visit the Sikkim Public Service Commission website for detailed advertisement, eligibility conditions, and scheme of examination etc. at www.spsc.sikkim.gov.in. Any further Instructions/Corrigendum/Addendum/Rejection List would be uploaded only on the Sikkim Public Service Commission website.

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NOTICE

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ROLL NO.	NAME OF CANDIDATES
34	ANUSHA PRADHAN
31	SONAM YANGCHEN BHUTIA
18	BINITA SHARMA
17	SANDHYA GURUNG
30	UMA LAMICHANEY
23	SONEY TAMANG

The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is **provisional**, subject to police verification, medical fitness and verification of all required documents by the State Government.

Yangchen D. Tamang (SCS)
Controller of Examinations
(209,i)

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Milan Gurung S/O Udai Man Gurung R/O Chakung, Mendogaon, Soreng District, Sikkim Presently posted at New STNM Hospital, Gangtok as Sanitary Attendant-cum-Jr.Safai Karmachari have lost his Official Personal file from ADM section,New STNM hospital, Gangtok.

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Minister Sonam Lama meets Union Secretary Deptt. of DW&S

Gangtok, September 18: Minister for Rural Development Department Mr. Sonam Lama met with the Union Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Mrs. Vini Mahajan, at her office in New Delhi to discuss the implementation of various schemes and progress made by Sikkim.

He was accompanied by Secretary, Rural Development Department Mr. Tshewang Gyachho.

The Union Secretary emphasised on the timely completion of government schemes and discussed upon schemes like Jal Jiwan Mission, Fifteenth Finance Commission, Swachha Bharat Mission and plastic waste free State among others.

She shared her views on achieving a plastic-free State and efficient waste and garbage management at the local level.

ATF participants meet Minister for T&CA Deptt.

Gangtok, September 19: The participants of the Asian Tourism Fair (ATF) met with Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Mr. B.S. Panth at Paryatan Bhawan, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, today.

Asian Tourism Fair (ATF) is a platform that provides opportunities for tourism buyers and sellers from Asian countries to come and showcase their latest products and services. This year, the event is scheduled to take place from September 21-23, 2023 at International Convention City, Bashundhara, Dhaka.

A total of 18 stakeholders from Sikkim is participating in the fair and will start their journey for Dhaka on September 20.

The Minister extended his best wishes to the participants and urged them to make the most out of it.

Chairman, STDC Mr. Lukendra Rasaily extended his gratitude to the Chief Minister and Tourism Minister for their enduring commitment towards

enhancement and development in the field of tourism. He expressed that the Asian Tourism Fair is a Travel exhibition that brings together the public, corporate, and development organizations from all over the world for improved business networking. He said that there is a lot of value and opportunity in establishing connections between people from other countries, locations, and areas through this exhibition.

The main exhibition, which focuses on B2B & B2C, is augmented by other extracurricular events including the exhibit of green initiatives, community-based tourism mart, convention on tourism skills, seminar, workshop and cultural exchange, he added.

Also present were Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Mr. Prakash Chettri, Additional Secretary Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Mrs. Bandana Chettri and Deputy Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Mrs. Chunkula Bhutia.

Health camp for Safai Mitras

Gangtok, September 22: Gangtok Municipal Corporation under the 'Swachhata Pakhwada and Indian Swachhata League 2.0' organised a health camp for Safai Mitras at GMC hall, today.

The health camp supported by Central Referral Hospital, Manipal, had the presence of Mayor GMC, Mr. Nell Bahadur Chettri, Councillors, Commissioner GMC, Nodal Officer, Solid Waste Management, GMC, AE GMC, officials and staff.

The Mayor stated that the health camp for Safai Mitras is being held as a part of Swachhata Pakhwada and Indian Swachhata League 2.0 envisioned by Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi.

He informed that considering the health and wellbeing of the Safai Mitras, health camps are being conducted at regular intervals. The GMC also initiated a free medical camp at Martam Landfill site for the Safai Mitras working in the landfill along with the locals residing in the periphery of the landfill.

He further maintained that the GMC has also extended

medical insurance to all the Safai Mitras.

He appealed to the citizens of Gangtok to actively practice waste segregation at source so that the Safai Mitras engaged in waste management do not have to segregate the waste further. He urged the Safai Mitras to take full advantage of the health camp and expressed gratitude to the doctors of CRH Manipal present for initiating the necessary check-up of the Safai Mitras of GMC.

The camp was facilitated by a team of doctors of various disciplines such as Orthopaedics, General Medicine, Ophthalmology, Gastroenterology and others. The health camp was attended by more than 60 Safai Mitras.

The Indian Swachhata League 2.0 is being held nationwide from September 15-October 02, 2023, wherein numerous programmes are being held in both rural and urban areas. The GMC had launched the Swachhata Pakhwada and Indian Swachhata League 2.0 on September 17, by carrying out a massive cleanliness drive at Ranipool Crematorium.

Heavenly Nirvana Path Sikkim organises Free Aamasha Healing Camp

Pakyong, September 21: A nine-day Free Aamasha Healing Camp, organised by Heavenly Nirvana Path Sikkim, supervised by Swami Bal Tapaswi Satguru Om Nanda Master Godangel was inaugurated by Minister for Culture, Printing and Stationery Departments Mr. Bishnu Khatiwada at Helipad ground, Dalapchand, today.

The Minister expressed his gratitude to the Organizing Committee for hosting a free healing camp and extended his well-wishes for the success of the event. He urged the people residing in and around the district

to take advantage of the opportunity to receive healing and relief.

The healing camp from September 21- 29, aims to help people cure from various ailments, including depression, paralysis, gout, gastric issues, back problems, thyroid disorders, migraines, and more. The trained Lovism Healers will provide free medical aid and services to those seeking assistance.

During the ceremony, East District Coordinator, Heavenly Nirvana Path Mr. Rupen Rai informed that 70 patients have

already registered for the free healing services. Similar Aamasha healing camps are concurrently being held in four different locations across the state, including Mangan, Ravangla, Soreng, and Dalapchand. He also elaborated on the healing processes that will be administered during the camp.

The event also had the presence of Panchayats, SDM Rongli Mr. D.S. Subba, BDO Regu Mr. Dorji Sherpa and BDO Rhenock Mr. R.K. Gurung.

3rd Governor's Badminton Championship 2023

Gangtok, September 20: A press conference with regard to the upcoming 3rd Governor's Badminton Championship 2023 was convened by the Governor's Secretariat led by Secretary, Raj Bhawan, Mr. J.D. Bhutia at Raj Bhawan, today.

The Championship is set to be held from October 03-05, 2023 in collaboration with the Badminton Association of Sikkim.

The Badminton Championship will consist of four categories: doubles for political leaders and officers equivalent to Under Secretary rank and above, who will compete at the Raj Bhawan badminton hall, open men's and women's singles and mixed doubles at Paljor Stadium.

The winners will receive trophies, badminton kits, medals (gold, silver, and bronze), and

Certificates, it was informed.

On behalf of Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya, the Secretary to the Governor also the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, appealed for wide dissemination of information regarding the tournament to encourage broader participation from all segments of society, particularly individuals in open events who are registered with the Badminton Association of Sikkim (BAS) and are therefore eligible to take part in the tournament. Entry forms and payment receipts must be submitted to btournament23@gmail.com, he informed.

Since, this is a one-of-a-kind Governor's Badminton Championship Cup, it will be displayed worldwide under the Badminton World Federation

rules, the Secretary informed.

Furthermore, the trophy will be included in the Association of Sikkim's roster to draw the attention of national players. This was emphasized by the executives of the Badminton Association of Sikkim.

For any inquiries, related to forms the participants are requested to get in touch with the executives of the Badminton Association of Sikkim at badmintonsikkim@gmail.com or call at 9474350118.

Also present during the press conference were Executive Members of BAS, including President Mr. C. Zangpo, General Secretary of BAS, Tournament Director Mr. Sukanta Das, Deputy Secretary Raj Bhawan and Public Relations Officer of Raj Bhawan.

Education Deptt. organises language teacher training

Gangtok, September 21: Education Department organised a five-day language teacher training for four languages; Rai, Tamang, Sherpa and Gurung from September 16-20, 2023 at Limboo Bhawan, Gangtok, today.

The training funded by Sikkim Akademi was held at Makhim (Bhutia House) for Rai and Gurung teachers at Tamang Bhawan in Syari for Tamang teachers and at Limboo Bhawan in DPH for Sherpa teachers and had

the participation of over 134 language teachers.

The opening day of the training was attended by Director Secondary Education, Mr. K.C. Gyatsho Bhutia as the chief guest along with President, Sikkim Akademi, Mr. S.R. Khajum, Director, Exam/Scholarship/PM Poshan Mr. Sonam Denzongpa, as special guests.

The programme was also attended by Director, Language section Mr. Sonam Lepcha, and

other officials. Ms. Larisha Lepcha and Dr. Rabin Sharma were present as experts at Makhim (Bhutia Bhawan).

The closing day of the training was attended by Minister for Education Department Mr. K.N. Lepcha, as the chief guest along with Secretary, Education Department Mrs. Sumita Pradhan, President Sikkim Akademi Mr. S.R. Khajum, Director Secondary Education Mr. K.C. Gyatsho Bhutia and other dignitaries.

Meeting to review progress of Block Development Strategies under Aspirational Block Program

Namchi, September 21: A meeting was held at the office of DC Namchi to review the progress of Block Development Strategies under Aspirational Block Program of Niti Aayog, for three blocks, today.

The meeting had the presence of Nodal Officer for the State of Sikkim from Niti Aayog, Mr. Bhaskar J. Kashyap and Assistant Director, Niti Aayog. Also present were DC Namchi Mr. M. Bharani, ADC Dev. Soreng Mr. Gayas Pega, Director, SIRD Mr. Vishal Mukhia and other officials.

The Block Officials of Namchi, Arithang-Chongrang and Chumbong-Chakung presented their progress on documentation of 'Block Development Strategy' under Aspiration Blocks Program (ABP) of NITI Aayog. The blocks presented outcomes of several Chintan Shivirs conducted under the supervision of DCGyalshing, DC Namchi and DC Soreng to identify strengths, opportunities and challenges and innovative solutions to bring about transformational changes in the

blocks.

Nodal Officer for Sikkim from Niti Aayog, Mr. Bhaskar J. Kashyap appreciated Sikkim for being the front runner in ABP initiatives. He briefed the BLOs regarding preparation of Block Development Strategy and suggested intervention to be carried forward to bring about saturation to all the critical gaps identified during Chintan Shivir. He stressed that the BDS should be prepared within September 25 and uploaded by September 30, 2023 on the NITI Aayog portal.

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Co-ordination meeting of government advocates and other members of legal fraternity held

Gangtok, September 23: The first coordination meeting of Government Advocates and other members of the legal fraternity with the State Government was held at Deorali, today.

Minister of Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha attended the meeting along with Press Secretary to CM Mr. Bikash Basnet and Councillor, GMC Mrs. Kala Rai.

Also present were OSD (Legal) to CM Mr. O.P. Bhandari, President of BAR Association Mr. Tashi Norbu Basi, representatives of Legal/Law Officers, Legal retainers, standing councils and advocates from all the districts of Sikkim.

The Minister acknowledged the legal fraternity for organising the event, which has opened up the gate for proper coordination between legal professionals and the government. He suggested

organising similar engagements in future, so that they can address the challenges and issues faced by the legal fraternity.

President, BAR Association, and representatives of Advocates placed various grievances pertaining to legal fraternity of Sikkim. The Minister assured to put forward the issues before the Chief Minister for timely solution.

The members of the legal fraternity thanked the Chief Minister and the State Government for appointing highest numbers of law officers, legal retainers and standing councils, which have given opportunity to maximum numbers of Sikkimese advocates to serve for the government.

During the meeting, a two-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to Late Advocate Mr. Udai P. Sharma who passed away on September 22.

Earlier, OSD (Legal) to CM,

Mr. O.P. Bhandari said that the meeting was special for the legal fraternity, as it was the first coordination meeting of such nature after the formation of the present Government in 2019. He said that the meeting was a step towards addressing the issues of the legal fraternity in the State, and discuss ways to build a bridge between the State Government and the legal fraternity for the welfare of the people. He shared about the steps being taken to strengthen the organizational structure of the Legal Cell and also apprised about the plans to organise legal awareness programmes in all the districts of Sikkim for the benefit of the rural population.

The event was also addressed by representatives of legal officers, retainers and standing councils.

GMC under Swachhata Pakhwada and Indian Swachhata League 2.0 inaugurates HHWC Centre

Gangtok, September 23: Gangtok Municipal Corporation (GMC) under the 'Swachhata Pakhwada and Indian Swachhata League 2.0' inaugurated Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centre at Lal Bazaar and initiated segregation of waste IEC at Kanchenjunga Shopping complex, today.

Mayor GMC, Mr. Nell Bahadur Chettri along with Deputy Mayor Mrs. Tshering Palden Bhutia and Councillors, Commissioner GMC, Nodal Officer Solid Waste Management, officials and staff of GMC inaugurated the Household Hazardous Waste Centre at Lal Bazar, Gangtok.

The Mayor GMC said that as per the Solid Waste Management bylaws and direction of State Pollution Control Board, Sikkim, the establishment of Household Hazardous Waste centre was mandatory and is being initiated today.

There are three types of wastes; wet, dry and hazardous. Earlier, the citizens were dumping mixed waste at the garbage collecting vehicles where the Safai Mitras engaged used to do the needful by separating the waste and initiate the needful management. With the continuous IEC programme by GMC on source segregation, the wet and dry waste are segregated at source enabling the GMC to manage the waste appropriately. Now, the GMC is introducing Household Hazardous Waste centre wherein appeal is made to the citizens of Gangtok to bring along the hazardous waste to the centre for proper management and disposal of the waste based on the guidelines.

During the IEC programme on Source segregation, the Mayor

mentioned that in Lal Bazaar, more than 500 plus shops exist and all are engaged in earning their livelihood. The shopping complex is developed by the State Government and provided to the stakeholders. He requested the stakeholders to implement the government rules, norms and keep the complex clean. He called upon the stakeholders of Kanchenjunga shopping complex to extend support in proper implementation of source segregation with a view to avert all kind of calamities along with health hazards.

He also issued strict instructions to the meat vendors to operate their business as per the rule of the State Government. He added that complaints of unhygienic practices are being received, which can amount to appropriate action as per the rules. Failure to abide by the established norms can also lead to shifting of the shops to other locations, he added.

Similarly, he informed about on the sufferings of the villagers residing in the periphery of Martam landfill site. With a view of availing respite to the people living in the village surrounding the landfill site, segregation of waste at source is important, he added.

Commissioner GMC, Mr. R.B. Bhandari maintained that there are 13 items identified as Household Hazardous Waste like batteries, tube lights, light bulbs, discarded medicine, paints, glues and their containers, pesticides, herbicide and their container and others. The centre inaugurated will be manned and will also have a register where the details of hazardous waste submitted by the citizens will be recorded, which later would be disposed off as per

the rules and norms, he informed.

He appealed to the people residing in GMC to help in managing the hazardous waste so that it is disposed appropriately as per the rule and law and avert any health-related issues or calamities. He maintained that as per the direction of National Green Tribunal, existing bylaws, Government notification and rules as laid down in the solid waste management rule, 2016 segregation of waste at source is compulsory. The GMC cannot accept mixed waste while collecting waste from different locations and there even exists the provision of fines in case of noncompliance too.

He further maintained that the results of the awareness camps held earlier is positive as the changes met is visible, the cooperation, support met from the people and councillors is immense.

He informed that as per the solid waste management bylaws imposition of fines on non-segregated waste dumping exists but the GMC with a view to firstly aware the stakeholders is organising IEC programs in all the wards so that in day ahead if the people in spite of the awareness do not comply the source segregation the action, penalty as per the law will be imposed. But Sikkim is a state with less population and the people are law abiding citizens, and till date wherever we have carried out the IEC program on Segregation of Waste the implementation is excellent, he added. He expressed hope that the stakeholders of Lal Bazaar will also extend all possible help in the success of waste segregation at source.

Minister L.B. Das inspects various locations in Tsomgo lake

Gangtok, September 23: Minister for Urban Development Department Mr. L.B. Das inspected various locations in and around Tsomgo lake to identify prospective water sources to cater to the people of West Pendam constituency and surrounding areas, today.

The Minister was accompanied by Chairman, Housing Board Mr. Karma Tashi Bhutia, Zilla Panchayat West Pendam Mr. Bibek Chettri, Municipal Executive Officer Rangpo, Panchayat President, Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, BDO Duga, RO Kyongshala, Panchayats from concerned regions and officials from UDD, PHE and Forest Departments.

The quest for new source of water is considered the need of the hour for residents of West Pendam especially the area covering West Pendam, Rangpo MNP and Singtam periphery. Further, it was informed that the State Government has recognised various sources of water around Tsomgo lake such as Yakla, Rong Chu river and Tamchey. In this context, the Government of Sikkim in accordance with Jal Jeevan Mission scheme has initiated an ambitious project to provide water from Tsomgo to residents of West Pendam through a distance of 43 kms, which will provide clean water to two GPUs in West Pendam and one GPU in Rhenock.

Sensitization programme on benefit under NS Act 2013 scheme conducted

Gyalshing, September 25: A sensitization programme on the benefit under the National Food Security Act 2013 scheme was conducted by Food and Civil Supplies Department, Gyalshing district to the registrants of eShram portal migrant labours at NHPC Dam site Reshi, today.

The programme was attended by DCSO, Gyalshing Mr. Arjun Rai and also had the presence of Asst. Labour Commissioner Mr. Norbu Bhutia and Labour Inspector.

The migrant labours working in the project were made aware on the need to register under

the eShram portal for availing various benefits including the scheme under NFSA and Portability under One Nation One Ration Card to avail foodgrains from any Fair price Shop of their choice.

Addressing the gathering, DCSO urged the registrants to prepare Ration Card who have not availed so far and also to avail the foodgrains through ONORC portability. The gathering was also addressed by Asst. Labour Commissioner Mr. Norbu Bhutia and urged labours to enroll themselves to eShram portal and prepare labour card mandatorily.

F&CS Deptt. conducts sensitisation programme for Migrant Labourers

Soreng, September 25: A sensitisation programme for the Migrant Labourers regarding the importance of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) and other schemes was conducted by the Food and Civil Supplies Department, Soreng district, today.

The programme was conducted by DCSO, Food and Civil Supplies Department Mr. Jas Man Subba accompanied by Asst. Dir, Food and Civil Supplies Department Mr. Dushyant Dhital and Asst. Labour Commissioner Mr. Prakash Chandra Subba.

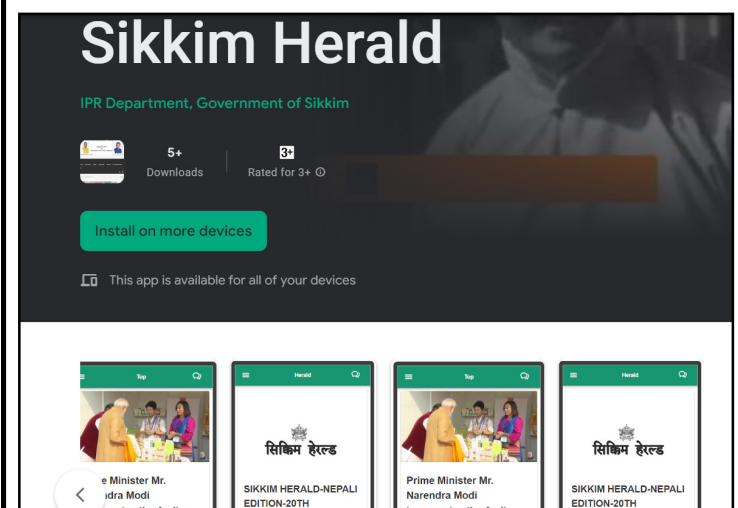
The programme was conducted at various places in Soreng District namely Daramdin

GPU, the Construction site of Vindraban Dham, Dodak, and the Constitution site of 100 Bedded District Hospital, Soreng.

DCSO Soreng highlighted the importance of NFSA and ONORC for availing the benefits of food grains from anywhere in the Government Fair Price Shop. He also interacted with the migrant labourers.

AD (F&CSD) highlighted the importance of the programme and NFSA Act 2013. He further highlighted the e-Shram portal along with other related schemes and benefits to enlighten the migrant labourers working at the project sites.

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Team led by Minister RDD call on Chief Minister



Gangtok, September 24: The officials of the Rural Development Department and Urban Development Department led by Minister for RDD Mr. Sonam Lama called on Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence in Mintokgang, today. The team apprised the Chief Minister on the progress of the activities under Swachhata Hi Seva-2023 (SHS) fortnight which began on September 15 and will culminate on October 02, 2023.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary Mr. D. Anandan was accompanied by the Secretary-RDD Mr. Tshewang Gyachho, Secretary UDD Mr. Mingma T. Sherpa, Principal Chief Engineer RDD Mr. Sanjeev Rai, Mission Director (SBM-Grameen) Mrs. Benu Gurung, Chief Engineer RDD Mr. Rajeev Subba, Director (Panchayat) Mr. Tenzing Denzongpa, Mission Director (SBM Urban) Mr. Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia and Additional Secretary UDD, Mr. Hemant Rai.

Minister Mr. Sonam Lama informed about the activities being conducted across the State on the occasion of SHS.

The Chief Minister

appealed to all to come forward for the 'Shramdaan', a voluntary service to clean high footfall public places like taxi and bus stands, public toilets, cantonment boards, tourist places, zoos, national parks and sanctuaries, historical monuments, heritage sites, river fronts, ghats, drains, schools, Anganwadi's, PHC, CHC, PHSC, legacy wastes and other public places in both rural and urban areas of the State. He further appealed for IEC campaigns to encourage alternatives to Single Use Plastic (SUP).

Theme of SHS-2023 is 'Garbage Free India' with the focus on visual cleanliness and welfare of Safai Mitras and other sanitation workers. He everyone to show respect and appreciation to the sanitation workers who work tirelessly to keep Sikkim clean and disease free.

He further appealed one and all to come forward to offer their voluntary services to clean the public places on October 01, 2023 at 10 am for one hour to support the mass cleanliness and shramdaan which will be participated by the Chief Minister himself.

CM calls on Union Minister R.K. Singh

New Delhi, September 20: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang called on the Union Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy Mr. R.K. Singh at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi, today.

Discussing upon various concerns related to the hydroelectricity power projects in Sikkim, he informed the Union Minister that the abandoned smaller hydropower projects established a long time ago have been made operational.

Further, the Chief Minister

also informed the Union Minister about the initiative of the State Government to solve the long pending issues of compensation to the land owners for transmission lines and thanked him for his consideration to run the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in Sikkim.

The Union Minister appreciated the steps taken by the State Government towards the development of the state, despite the challenges imposed by the hilly terrain.

CM disburses cheques under CMDG programme

Gangtok, September 19: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang engaged with representatives from diverse organisations and professionals at his official residence in Mintokgang, today.

The Chief Minister disbursed cheques under the Chief

Minister's Discretionary Grants (CMDG) programme. Additionally, patients undergoing medical treatment received financial assistance through Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme (CMMAS).

CM inaugurates Taj Guras Kutir Resort and Spa

Gangtok, September 24: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated the Taj Guras Kutir Resort and Spa, Gangtok in Pangthang, today.

He extended his best wishes to Ambuja Neotia and IHCL for their maiden collaborative project. Highlighting on the Sikkim's reputation as a pristine and secure tourism destination, the Chief Minister assured that the establishment will become a shining jewel in the hospitality industry.

Furthermore, emphasising on the importance of fostering local talents and nurturing the youths, he encouraged the resort to prioritise employment of skilled youths from the State which will not only create job opportunities but also contribute to the growth and prosperity of the community.

Earlier, Mr. Harshvardhan Neotia commended the role of the Chief Minister and the State Government during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the



achievements made in the fields of healthcare and education in his tenure.

Likewise, Ms. Deepika Rao Executive VP, IHCL said that their goal is to develop Sikkim into a high-level tourism destination.

The event was attended by Minister for Tourism Mr. B.S. Panth Forest Minister Mr. Karma Loday

Bhutia, ACS Tourism Mr. M.L. Srivastava, CMO Secretary Mrs T. Kizom, Secretary Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Mr. Prakash Chettri, Secretary for Culture Department Mr. Basant Kumar Lama, officials from the State Government and members of Ambuja Neotia and IHCL.

CM meets patients in New Delhi

New Delhi, September 20: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang met with twenty individuals referred to New Delhi for medical treatment and extended medical assistance from the CSR fund of

the Sikkim Power Development Corporation Limited (SPDCL) at Sikkim House, New Delhi, today.

Also present were Speaker SLA Mr. Arun Upreti, Chief Secretary Mr. V.B. Pathak and

other dignitaries.

The Chief Minister wished for their speedy recovery and expressed hope that they enjoyed the best of health for years to come.

Chief Justice High Court of Sikkim inaugurates Additional Court Building

Gyalshing, September 24: Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim, Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder inaugurated the Additional Court Building at District and Sessions Judge, District Court in Kyongsha, Gyalshing, today.

The programme was attended by Minister for Law Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha and Former Judge of the High Court of Sikkim, Mr. Justice S. P. Wangdi.

District and Sessions Judge, District Court, Gyalshing Mrs. K. C. Barfungpa emphasised on the importance of the new judicial edifice in serving justice to the community effectively.

Mr. Justice Biswanath Somadder emphasised on the significance of such developments in the legal infrastructure of the region. He highlighted the

importance of a robust and well-equipped judicial system in ensuring the rule of law and access to justice for all. He extended gratitude to the concerned department in bringing the project to fruition and said that Gyalshing District has unveiled a new building, including a state-of-the-art vulnerable witness deposition area, designed in accordance with the Supreme Court's judgment. The facility sets a high standard for future constructions and is expected to inspire replication throughout the state, he added.

He informed that the building is designed with litigants in mind, featuring modern amenities like ramps elevators and washrooms etc. However, the responsibility of judicial officers lies in maximizing resource utilisation. The facility is a symbol

of the commitment to delivering justice efficiently.

Principal Chief Engineer-cum-Secretary, Buildings and Housing Department Mr. Pravin Kr. Pradhan presented technical report highlighting the planning and execution of the structure.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Director, Sikkim Judicial Academy, Mr. Nima Gyalpo Sherpa, Registrar General, High Court of Sikkim, Mr. Prajwal Khatiwada, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Gangtok Mr. Karma Wangchuk Bhutia, District Collector Gyalshing, Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda, Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Gyalshing Mr. Jabyang Dorjee Sherpa, legal luminaries, government officials, and members of the legal fraternity.

Minister K.N. Lepcha visits key institutions in Gyalshing District

Gyalshing, September 25: Minister for Education, Health and Family Departments Mr. K.N. Lepcha visited various key institutions within Gyalshing District, today.

His visits aimed to assess and ensure the efficient functioning of critical facilities that impact the lives of the public.

DC Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda accompanied the Minister during the visit.

The Minister commenced his visit from Pemayangtse Monastery followed by a brief stoppage at the SHEDRA monastic institute. Thereafter, a visit was

made to Government Senior Secondary School, Pelling, where he was received by CEO Mr. Subbiah G. Principal and staff. The Minister interacted with faculty members and motivated the students to work hard towards realising their aims.

He also visited District Administrative Centre, Gyalshing where he interacted with officials and staff. The DC escorted the Minister to the existing record rooms of DAC and the under-construction record room building which would form an annexe block, and has been taken up under initiative of the DC to systematise

the existing record keeping of the district.

At the District Hospital, the Minister inspected vital healthcare services, including the CT scan, X-Ray, OPD Sections, Blood Bank, and the Integrated Public Health Laboratory (IPHL) under the PM-ABHIM initiative.

Later, he also inspected Paramedical Training Centre at Kyongsha, which commenced its operations from June 2023. The Paramedical Training Centre is currently training its first batch of twenty paramedics who will be placed under PHSCs upon completion of their course.