Defection of 12 SDF MLAs accepted as valid by Speaker

Gangtok, September 21 : The third session of the Tenth Assembly of Sikkim Legislative Assembly commenced today. The session was held for one day due to prevailing situation of COVID-19. The session began with an important announcement by the Speaker, (SLA) Mr. L. B. Das in the matter of Disqualification of 10(Ten) Members and 2 (Two) Members of the Tenth Sikkim Legislative Assembly under Article 191(2) and Para 2(1)(a) of 6(1) of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India, namely Mr. D. T. Lepcha, Mr. Ugen T. Gyatso, Mr. N. K. Subba, Mr. D. R. Thapu, Mr. K. S. Lepcha, Mr. K. B. Rai, Mr. Pintso N. Lepcha, Mr. T. Tshutta, Mrs. Farawati Tamang and Mrs. Raj Kumari Thapa of Sikkim Democratic Front (Legislature Party) and Mr. Em Prasad Sharma and Mr. G.T. Dhangel of Sikkim Democratic Front (Legislature Party) who had submitted documents before the Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly on 22/11/2019 and 27/11/2019, respectively, stating that having duly comprised of 253 Members have merged with the Bhairatya Janta Party (Legislature Party) and Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (Legislature Party). Therefore with powers conferred upon the Speaker of the 10th Sikkim Legislative Assembly under paragraph 6(1) of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India w.e.f clauses 8 and 9 of the Member of Sikkim Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on Ground of Defection Rules, 1985) their petition was found satisfactory in the interest of the established anti-defection law and thus the merger was accepted. Further the provisions of paragraph 2 (1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India i.e. disqualification on the ground of defection if he has voluntarily given up his membership of such political party shall not be attracted upon them. Consequent upon this decision seats are allotted to the Members along with the Members of Bharatiya Janta Party (Legislature Party) and Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (Legislature Party) respectively.

Thereafter, during the Financial Business, Chief Minister, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department presented the First Supplementary Demands for Grants for the Financial Year 2020-21. The first batch of Supplementary Demands for 2020-21 includes 34 grants, with a gross additional expenditure of 45123.63 lakh comprising of 25422.02 lakh on revenue account and 19701.61 lakh on capital account. The first supplementary demands for grants 2020-21 was voted and passed by the House.

Two new Bills, six amendments bills and one appropriation Bill introduced and passed in SLA

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Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department introduced the Sikkim Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2020, Bill No. 11 of 2020.

The Statement of objects and reasons of the Bill states that the State Government felt it expedient to amend the Sikkim Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2010 in view of the decision of Government of India to allow additional borrowing to the state up to 2% of GSDP in the current year 2020-21 to offset fiscal hardship caused on the resources of the State Government due to the serious negative effect of COVID-19.

The Bill was taken into consideration and passed by the House.

Likewise, Minister-in-Charge of Urban Development Department, Mr. Arun Upreti introduced the Sikkim Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2020, Bill No. 16 of 2020.

The Statement of objects and reasons of the Bill states that it has been considered expedient to amend the Sikkim Municipalities Act, 2007 (Act No. 5 of 2007) inter alia, to provide for deferment of the Municipality election in the event of certain unprecedented exigencies like the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation and also to provide for provision to make Municipalities elections apolitical. It is felt necessary to bring amendment in Section 12 and insertion of new section 14A in the Sikkim Municipalities Act, 2007 (Act. No. 5 of 2007).

The Bill was taken into consideration and passed by the House.

Similarly, Minister-in-Charge of Education Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha introduced the Kanchendzonga Buddhist University, Sikkim, Bill No. 15 of 2020.

The statement of objects and Reasons of the Bill states to promote knowledge, understanding and growth in all members of the community by providing effective educational opportunities as well as research opportunities and by promoting and creating innovative educational models in higher education, to focus on developing professional competence in emerging area of business by promoting and creating higher quality programs and training in Buddhist studies, Education, Vocational Domains, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, Science and Social Sciences, Science and Social Sciences.

Obituary Reference

Gangtok, September 21 : The Sikkim legislative Assembly which commenced today saw the obituary reference on passing away of former Member of SLA, late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri and former President of India late Mr. Pranab Mukherjee.

Speaker (SLA), Mr. L. B. Das in his obituary reference on the passing away of late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri said that late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri was the first woman MLA of Sikkim who passed away on 10th June, 2020 in Siliguri Hospital due to cardiac arrest. He said that late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri joined active politics after the 1973 revolution and was elected to the Sikkim Legislative Assembly in the year 1974 and served her full term as an MLA from 1974 to 1979 from the then Lingzey constituency.

Born in Temi Tarku, South Sikkm in 14th June 1955 to parents Mr. Dhan Bahadur Tiwari and Smt. Amita Tiwari, late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri has left behind her husband Mr. N. B. Kharwar, two sons and two daughters. late Mrs. Chettri completed her primary education from Temi Tarku and high school from Pelling West Sikkim. She pursued her graduation from Kalampong College.

After serving as the first woman MLA for one term, late Mrs. Chettri resigned from active politics and joined social service. Subsequently, she opted for Government service and served as Secretary, Social Welfare Board till 2013. She continued to remain active in various organizations like the Balika Niketan, National Blind School, mostly working for the welfare and upliftment of women and children. In the year 2000, the State Government conferred the prestigious ‘Role of Honour’ upon Late Smt. Hemlata Chettri in honour of her notable contributions to the society.

The Speaker said that the passing away of late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri has left a huge void in the Sikkimese society.

In his obituary reference on the passing away of Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, the 13th President of India, Speaker Mr. L.B. Das said that late Mr. Mukherjee was a political stalwart and a rare leader in contemporary India. Born on December 11, 1935 in Birbhum, West Bengal to father Mr. Kamada Kinkar Mukherjee and mother Mrs. Rajkohini Mukherjee, late Mr. Pranab Mukherjee is remembered as one of the finest statesmen in the country. After completing his higher education from the University of Calcutta, late Mr. Mukherjee served in the office of the Deputy Accountant General. Subsequently, he also worked as an Assistant Professor of Political Science in Valya Sugar College in Calcutta in the year 1963. In the 70s, on the invitation of former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi, he joined active politics and was elected to the Upper House of Parliament, where he served for four terms.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang in his obituary remarks described the passing away of late Mr. Mukherjee as an irreparable loss to the nation. He outlined the illustrious political career of late Mr. Mukherjee spanning over five decades, where he held key portfolios in the Union Cabinet. Late Mr. Mukherjee was the most respected statesman and a rare political figure in the country. He had also visited Sikkim twice in the year 2013.

The Chief Minister condoling the demise of the former President of India expressed deep sorrow and said that an era has come to an end.

The Chief Minister also condoled the passing away of late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri, the first woman MLA of Sikkim, who passed away in Siliguri on the 10th of June, 2020. The Chief Minister said that the former legislator left an indelible mark both as public representative and later as a noted social worker. He shared that late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri was conferred with the ‘Role of Honour’ by the Government of Sikkim in the year 2000. She was also awarded the Best Performing legislator Award in 2016 for her notable contribution as the lone women legislator of Sikkim Legislative Assembly from 1974 to 1979.

The Chief Minister expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family of late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri and prayed for her soul.

The Chief Minister expressed his deep sorrow and anguish over the passing away of late Mrs. Basanti Sundas, Assistant Nursing Superintendent in STNM Hospital who lost her battle against COVID-19.
Government of Sikkim
Office of the Dy Inspector General of Police (Range) Police Headquarters

PRESS RELEASE

The Sikkim Police have been working tirelessly for the past six months to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the state. However, it is being observed that many citizens have become a bit callous and are not following the prescribed mandatory protocols of virus prevention. This issue was deliberated at a meeting of the State Task Force for COVID-19 chaired by the Honourable Chief Minister of Sikkim yesterday (18th September, 2020) at Samman Bhavan, Gangtok.

The Sikkim Police appeals to each and every citizen to behave in a very responsible manner both at home and outside. Of late it is being observed that many citizens have become a bit callous and are not following the protocols of virus prevention. This issue was deliberated at the meeting of the State Task Force for COVID-19 chaired by the Honourable Chief Minister of Sikkim yesterday (18th September, 2020) at Samman Bhavan, Gangtok.

The Law & Order Branch of Sikkim Police will be launching a state wide special drive for compulsory wearing of face mask, maintaining social distancing and sanitizing hands and places of contact (by Corona positive persons) with immediate effect. This drive will be controlled by the police officers of the respective districts along with the force will conduct extensive checking in public places and vehicles and impose fines prescribed by the government on violators strictly.

We urge our fellow citizens to follow the new curfew imposed by the government in letter and spirit.

We extend our gratitude to all the general public for their cooperation to Sikkim Police in the fight against invisible enemy so far and again seek their wholehearted support in this campaign.

Issued in public interest and for the information of general public.

(Prawn Gurung)IPS
Deputy Inspector General of Police

Sikkim Government

Memo no. 139/Acts/Sec/Bds

Date: 08/09/2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Superintendent Engineer (South & West), Buildings and Housing Department invites tender (e-tender) from eligible and bona fide contractors for the construction of certain work as per the Schedule of Co-operative Society Building at Ndungau under Pockol-Kamrang Constituency in South Sikkim with tender value of 376.26 Lakhs.

The details will be available at the website www.sikkimgovernment.gov.in or at the site of uploading of bidding documents in an e-procurement portal will start from 16/09/2020 after 1:00 pm.

-Sd/-s-
Superintendent Engineer (S/W)

Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim

R.O. No.66/IPR/PUB-Class B/Gangtok,02/09/2020

1st Online Boxing Training-cum-Competition concludes

Gangtok, September 29: The closing ceremony of the 1st Online Boxing Training-cum-Competition was held on 18th September, 2020 at Samman Bhavan, Gangtok.

The Secretary interacted with the participants, parents and National Coaches. He thanked the National Coaches for their valuable time and taking part for making the event a success. He also informed that the quoters can never be winners.

The Online Boxing training-cum-competition had registration of 77 under 14 boys and girls and the training focused on shadow boxing, straddle stance and reach hold. The training was held under the supervision of Boxing Coach Mrs.Pratima Gooroong.

The National Coaches also took sessions during the training. Online Competition was also held at the end of the training.

In the girl's category, Aasha Singh Lohar, Kanchan Limbu and Yuno Limbu were declared first, second and third positions respectively. They were awarded cash prizes of 3000/-, 2000/- and 1000/- respectively.

The other important mention in the Home Department Order 33/Home/2020 dated 19/09/2020 was that the Sikkim Police would be adhering strictly to lockdown information to various GMC areas and the implementation of the same in due course of time.

The areas covered by the miking were Rangpu, 6th mile, 5th mile, Lumsey, Tadong, Deorali, Gangtok, Chandmari, Vajra, Tashi View point, Burtuk, DC Office Sichey, Arithang, Lalbazar, Titet Road, Kazi Road and other Development area and other areas.

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The State Pollution Control Board has been directed to implement the Guidelines for Environmental Management of Dairy Farms and Gaushalas prepared by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Guidelines for Environmental Management of Dairy Farms and Gaushalas, dated 20.05.2020 directing all Diary Farms and Gaushalas to comply with the given standards.

The interested students may visit the link https://sikkim.gov.in/departments/horticulture/cash-crop-department/essay-competition for further details.

Department of Health & Family Welfare
National Health Mission, District Health Society
District Hospital, Gyalshing, West Sikkim

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION/TENDER

Sealed quotations are invited from the local registered & eligible suppliers for the supply of following items for District Hospital Gyalshing under District Health Society - National Health Mission (NHM)-RKS:

1. Office Equipments/furniture & Fixtures
2. Office consumables & Stationaries
3. Medical Equipments & Instruments
4. Medicines & Consumables-JISSC, Emergency, Mental Health and PMJAY
5. Printing JSS Format, JSSReferral slip, JSSJEMedicines etc.

Interested firms may apply in writing to obtain the quotation form from the office of undersigned.

For further information, visit or contact to the office of undersigned.

Chief Medical Officer
District Hospital Gyalshing, West Sikkim
R.O. No. 82/IPR/PUB/Class-20/20-21, Dt: 17/09/2020

Government of Sikkim Planning and Development Department
Tashiding Sikkim

Notice No.051-PCD/DE-580/20-21

Shri Shanky Rai
Director, NHM

DADEP District Health Society, Gyalshing

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Government of Sikkim
Rural Development Department

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, invites percentage rate tender under single cover system from the eligible class of contractors (Class II within District) enlisted with the SPWD for execution of work as detailed below:

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<td>Providing Drinking Water Supply Scheme for Malbasye Block under Soreng Chakung Constituency in West Sikkim.</td>
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The date and time of tender and submission of completed bid document are as under:

i) Uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal by the Department: 28/09/2020
ii) Last date for submission of bids online by the Bidders: 04/11/2020, 1600 hours
iii) Last date of submission of hard copy of bid security: 05/11/2020
iv) Last date of opening of bids: 06/11/2020

2. Eligible Contractors having experience in the construction of building works may download the details and bidding documents from the e-procurement portal i.e sikkimtender.gov.in w.e.f 28.09.2020.

3. The completed tender documents must be uploaded in the e-procurement portal on or before 04/11/2020, 1600- hours. The relevant documents as per the bidding documents along with the cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the form of challan 1 demand draft and TDR respectively drawn in favour of Additional Director (Accounts), Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim should be uploaded in the portal.

4. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason thereof.

Before the Ld. Oath Commissioner of Sikkim at Gangtok

AFFIDAVIT

I, Om Nath Chetri (Gautam), aged 34 years, son of Shri Mohan Prasad Chetri (Gautam), Hindu by faith, by occupation Indian Army, resident of Aritar, P.O. Aritar & P.S. Rhenock, East Sikkim, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:

1. That Miss Manisha Gautam and Master Manish Gautam are my natural daughter and son.
2. That in my Certificate of Identification, bearing Sl.No.351/SDM/P, dated 12.04.1996, issued by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, East, my name/caste has been recorded “OMNATH GAUTAM”.
3. That in my Service record and in the Residential Certificate, bearing Memo No.811/SDO(P), dated 12.04.1996, issued by the Sub - Divisional Magistrate, Pakyong Sub-Division, East District, my name/caste has been recorded “OMNATH CHETTRI”.
4. That “CHETTRI” is our caste and “GAUTAM” is our sub-caste/title.
5. That in my Army Service record and in the Residential Certificate, bearing Memo No.811/SDO(P), dated 12.04.1996, issued by the Sub - Divisional Magistrate, Pakyong Sub-Division, East District, my name/caste has been recorded “OMNATH CHETTRI”.

That Miss Manisha Gautam and Master Manish Gautam are my natural daughter and son and “CHETTRI” is our caste and “GAUTAM” is our sub-caste/title and the person by the names of “OMNATH GAUTAM” and “OMNATH CHETTRI” is the names of one and the same person i.e. myself.

By the deponent herein, do hereby verify and state that the statements contained in paragraphs 1 to 5 of the foregoing affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Nothing false is contained therein and nothing material is concealed there from. Sworn to this Affidavit at Gangtok, East Sikkim, on this 5th day of August, 2013.

Verification

Karma Loday Bhutra

No.2021N-11044-2480 Date:18/09/2020

Before the Ld. Oath Commissioner of Sikkim at Gangtok

AFFIDAVIT

I, Lila Maya Chettri (Gautarn) @ Lila Maya Sharma is legally wedded spouse of No. 5849621 Y Rank Har Name Om Nath Chetri (Gautarn) presently residing at Rong Mangoed, P.O. Garwhal P.S. Phugsal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:

1. That I have change name from Lila Maya Sharma to Lila Maya Chettri (Gautarn) due to inclusion of her maiden surname in Dependant Identity Card. That my date of birth is 4th September 1981 (Fourth day of September Nineteenth Eighty One).
2. That I am producing this affidavit for the purpose of evidence for my name.
3. That, I shall at all times hereafter in all records, deeds and writing and in all proceeding dealing with transaction, private as well as under all occasions what so ever be known as only Lila Maya Chettri (Gautarn).
4. That what is stated above is true and correct to be best of my knowledge, information and belief. Nothing material has been concealed there from.

Date: 18.09.2020
Place: Gangtok

Signature of Dependent

Contact No. 03592-281913
Membr. Secretary
State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim,
Department of Forest & Environment
Government of Sikkim,
Deorali, Gangtok.

Chief Scientific Officer
State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim
R.O.No.63/IPR/Pub/Class-20-21-I, Dt:01/09/2020
Government of Sikkim
Home Department
Gangtok
No:33/Home/2020
DATED: 19/09/2020
ORDER
WHEREAS it has been allowed to free interstate movement of people without any requirement of registration with effect from 1st of October 2020 and also permit hotels, homestays and other tourism related services to operate from 10th October 2020; And WHEREAS, prior to that, it is considered expedient to take special measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 within Gangtok Municipal Corporation area;
NOW THEREFORE, after careful consideration and partial modification of Notification No. 30/Home 2020 dated 31/08/2020, it is hereby decided that:
1. There shall be complete lock down only within G.M.C. Area with effect from 21st September to 27th September, 2020. The following activities will be prohibited during the above stated period within G.M.C. Area.

A. Movement of persons and vehicles
1. There shall be no movement of passenger or private vehicles, including two wheelers in the area. However, the vehicles carrying persons responsible for carrying out essential activities shall be exempted on production of ID cards or other relevant document to the police personnel on duty.
2. Movement of Government vehicles of all officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above shall be exempted during the office hours on production of valid ID cards.
3. Movement of vehicles carrying essential supplies shall be exempted. Empty goods vehicle shall be allowed to exit from the area.
4. Movement of vehicles used by officials, staff of Assembly Secretariat, Hon’ble MLAs of Sikkim Legislative Assembly and others holding valid passes from assembly secretariat shall be permitted on 21st September. 2020.
5. Movement of vehicles for medical emergency purposes will be allowed on the basis of medical papers.

B. Commercial Establishment
1. All shops, shopping complexes, commercial establishments, spas, salons, vehicle showrooms, gymnasmus, garages, tyre repair shops shall remain closed. Medical shops and shops selling daily ration shall be exempted.
2. All restaurants, bars, fast food centres, sweet shops, bakeries shall remain closed.
3. All Hotels, Guest Houses, homestays shall remain closed except those empanelled by the DM, East.
C. Functioning of Government Offices
1. The Central Government offices shall continue to function as per Govt guidelines. No Gazetted Officers report to the office. Pooleed vehicle may be arranged by HC/CCD/Secretary on need basis and issuance of 2 passes for this purpose by HC/CCD/Secretary.
3. Movement of Government Vehicles will be allowed on production of valid official 10 during working hours plus minus one hour only.

2. Additional Directives
1. The Health Department shall issue fresh COVID-19 protocol for free interstate movement of people w.e.f 1st October, 2020.
2. Inner Line Permits for foreign tourists having valid visas shall be issued from 10th October, 2020.
3. Tourism Department consultation with Health Department shall issue an SOP for operation of hotels, homestays and other tourism related services with effect from 10th October, 2020. The bookings for hotels and homestays complying with the SOP shall start from 27th September, 2020.
5. Odd-Even restrictions for movement of taxis and passenger vehicles shall be lifted w.e.f 1st October, 2020. Private vehicles shall continue to follow these restrictions till further orders.

Government of Sikkim
Home Department
Gangtok
No:35/Home/2020
DATED: 14/09/2020
CIRCULAR

Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide letter No. 15/1/2020-Public dated 23rd July, 2020 has informed that on the occasion of important national, cultural and sports events, the National Flags made of plastic are also being used in place of National Flags made of paper. Since, plastic flags are not biodegradable like paper flags these do not get decomposed for a long time and ensuring appropriate disposal of National Flags made of plastic commensurate with the dignity of the flag, is a practical problem. Therefore, the Ministry has requested to ensure that on the occasions of important national, cultural and sports events, Flags made of paper only are used by the public in terms of the provisions of the ‘Flag Code of India, 2002’ and such paper Flags are not discarded or thrown on the ground after the event. Such Flags are to be disposed of, in private, consistent with the dignity of the Flag.

As such, the Ministry of Home Affairs has requested to comply with the provisions of Flag Code of India, 2002 and the Prevention of Insults to National Honours Act, 1971 strictly and ensure that the plastic made national flags are not used in the functions.

(Sd/-
(R. Telang, IAS)
Principal Secretary, Home Department
Goverment of Sikkim
File No. Home/Conf’d/174/2016

Read and Advertise in Sikkim Herald

Government of Sikkim
Motor Vechiles Division, Transport Department
Yatayat Bhawan, Gangtok: 737101
Ph No: 03592-201073, Fax No: 03592-201074,
Email: headofficemvd@gmail.com
No:104/MVD/T
DATED: 09/09/2020
OFFICE ORDER
In addition to the Office Order No: GOS/MVD/T/Secy/831 dated 17/7/2020 and now with the approval of the Government, the following orders are hereby enforced with immediate effect:
1. The launching of online services for various activities like online payment of taxes, transfer of ownership, driving license, permits, dealer point registration and any other activities within the scope of Motor Vehicles Division shall hereby continue in both online and offline (manual) modes.
2. Till such time the officers and staffs are accustomed in the online process of the application, the manual processing of application shall continue with awareness and training of staffs by the respective RTO/ORTO and ARTCO’s and shall invite existing service providers like cyber cafes for familiarization.
3. This shall hereby be enforced immediately and shall continue till 31st December, 2020.

By Order,
(Sd/-
Gorden of Sikkim
Transport Department

Education Department;
Goverment of Sikkim
PO: Tashiling; Gangtok; East Sikkim- 737103.

In reference to the Order of Home Department vide Home 33/2020 dated September 19, 2020, the Education Department issues the following advisory:

Compartmental Examinations scheduled from September 22, 2020.

1. Compartment Examinations of the CBSE will be held as per the datesheet from September 22, 2020, to September 30, 2020. Keeping in view the complete lockdown declared within Gangtok Municipal Corporation Area, the candidates are advised to travel with their valid Admit Cards to authenticate their travel to their Examination centers. This will also be applicable to ICSE/Term End Examinations.
2. Further, the Education Department had issued a circular vide Ref. 48/Secy/Education/2020-21 on August 31, 2020 with some instructions for the heads of schools, colleges and educational institutes, professors, teachers, and all other non-teaching staff members. The following instructions as per the said circular are again issued for implementation:

Partial reopening of schools and visit of students of Classes 9 to 12 to school on voluntary basis:
(a) 50% of the teaching and non-teaching staff members should attend the institutions from September 21, 2020, which may be arranged either on an alternative basis or any such convenient arrangement as may be deemed fit by the respective institutes. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department shall be followed by all.
(b) Students of classes 9 to 12 may be permitted to visit their schools in areas outside the containment zones only on a voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers from September 21, 2020, subject to the written consent of their parents/guardians and strict adherence to the applicable SOP.
(c) These instructions shall not be applicable to those areas and persons falling within the containment zones and those educational institutions which are acquired/requisitioned by the District Administration under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 until de-notified and sufficiently sanitized.
(d) Instructions at (a) and (b) above shall not be applicable in the GMC Area (Gangtok) where lockdown will be in operation till September 27, 2020.

By Order,
(Sd/-
(R. Upadhyaya, IAS)
Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department

Log on to www.ipr.sikkim.gov.in
Gangtok, September 17: The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has organized a seminar for stakeholders for KrishiLoan Mela 2020 held at the Conference Hall of KrishiBhawan, today. It was addressed by the Honourable Minister for Agriculture, Mr. A.K. Yadav.

Mr. A.K. Yadav in his address mentioned that it was a welcome step by the banks to extend the credit to the farmers. He added that the scheme will go a long way in doubling the farmers' income and that Sikkim is famous for large cardamom, ginger and oranges and these are among the strength which the state must be capitalised and worked upon. He said that appropriate forums and platforms will take place to resolve the operational bottlenecks and resolve the problems approached during the meeting. He further urged the stakeholders to take a holistic view and approach to make this scheme a success. He also thanked all the private banks operating in Sikkim for providing loans to the farmers in enhancing the farmers' income.

Secretary, Agriculture Department, Mr.RinzingChewang urged the stakeholders to educate and sensitise the farmers before disbursing the loans. He added that visibility should be ascertained before sanctioning of loans and said that the concept of schemes should be properly understood by the farmers before availing availing the loans. He mentioned that the Nodal Officers should be specific to the particular scheme, the banks should also orient the farmers about the benefits being availed by the farmers under the scheme.

Director, Agriculture Department, Pradeep Bhandari highlighted on the various specialisation and its importance. He urged the stakeholders to take a proactive role to facilitate farmers. He added that it was the aim of the Government to support the farmers and their overall improvement.

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Minister in his brief address congratulated the entire team of preparation of the book and stated that this will be immensely beneficial for the practising foresters, researchers, academicians, scientists and the public.

It may be mentioned here that the Research and Extension section of the department has taken up a commendable initiative by coming out with detailed status report of forest nurseries in the state of Sikkim in the current financial year 2020-21. This includes inter alia, the past and present history, soil and water, climate, status of nurseries, nursery production and the KCC scheme.

The report has been prepared under the supervision of Assistant Conservator of Forest, Mr.ChewangTamshing and its team comprising of SDOs (Nursery), DFOs (Nursery), Manager, Linkage Facilitator (Consultant), Mr. Pradeep Bhandari and others who worked hard under the guidance of the state. The report mentioned that the same was launched on the 28th August 2020 from West Block, Secretariat, Hon’ble Chief Minister. He added that major steps have been taken in the past few months for the farmers and their overall improvement.

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SSDA organises a webinar to commemorate State Disaster Risk Reduction

Gangtok, September 18: Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) organized a State Level Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Day in National Informatics Centre (NIC), Gangtok today. The presentation was organized online duly following the COVID-19 protocol. The theme of the presentation was "Sikkim Disaster Resilient State. The presentation was presented by the SAJ organization, an NGO which was a part of the Disaster Management activities in Sikkim. Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha highlighted the Sikkim State’s preparedness level of the State to manage the effect of the disaster. He said that the Government is actively investing and enhancing on the resilience practices in the State. He mentioned that enhanced resilience allows better anticipation of disasters resulting in better recovery and reduced losses. The Minister further informed about the activities carried out by SSDMA to pave a way towards making Sikkim a Disaster Resilient State. He highlighted the importance of making the State a disaster resilient and the participation of all the line officers of all the line departments, NGOs and the participating in the Disaster Management to make Sikkim a Disaster Resilient State.

The Bill was considered and passed by the House. The Chief Minister, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department, introduced the Sikkim Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2020. The Bill was passed by the members of the House with the Speaker adjourning the one day session.

The bill has been framed to provide for the enactment of the Sikkim Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (CGST Act) and to amend the same. The purpose of the Bill is to provide for the collection of tax on the sale of goods or services or both made in the State and to provide for the determination of the said tax and to promote the economic development of the State.

The House also passed the Sikkim Appropriation Bill, 2020; Bill No. 12 of 2020 for the First Supplementary Demands for Grants for the Financial Year 2020-21, which was introduced in the House by the Chief Minister of the State. The Bill was considered and passed by the House. The Sikkim Bill, 2020; Bill No. 13 of 2020 for the Second Supplementary Demands for Grants for the Financial Year 2020-21 was also introduced in the House by the Chief Minister of the State.

The Speaker also presented the Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the period ending March 31, 2020 of the Government of Sikkim for the remaining part of the financial year 2020-21.

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The Speaker also presented the Annual Report of Government Departments in the House. While presenting his valedictory remarks, Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang thanked the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members, Chief Secretary, DGP, Heads of various Departments, SLA Secretariat, officers, police personnel and staff for their presence and contribution to the session. The Chief Minister also thanked all the COVID-19 frontline workers for the handling of the pandemic and the development of the State.

The Speaker M.L.B Das while presenting his valedictory remarks thanked the Members for their response to the Speaker’s call for the purview of the One Day Session. He also thanked the members for their contribution to the holding of the one day session.

The session came to an end with the Speaker adjourning the House sine die.
Chief Minister launches Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme

Gangtok, September 18: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang launched the Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme at Samman Bhawan, today.

The ‘Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme’, is envisioned to generate equitable entrepreneurial opportunities in rural as well as urban areas of Sikkim, particularly among the educated unemployed youth to become self-employed by setting up of manufacturing/service/business/co-operative/Agriculture and allied enterprises by availing loan with back and financial assistance. The state Government has initiated the scheme that would create new livelihoods options for the youth of the State and make them self-reliant, he added. The Chief Minister also suggested the nodal department to constitute a committee to guide and inform the beneficiaries of the scheme and its implementation criteria, projects covered under the scheme and its application processes.

The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang welcomed the newly appointed advisors, Chairpersons and Chairmen at a programme held at Samman Bhawan.

The Chief Minister, in his address, said that the advisors and Chairpersons have equal responsibilities and must play a leading role in decision making process of the State as well as to deliberate and decide on the various policies and rules of the State Government. The Chief Minister also spoke on roles and responsibilities, effective participation, inclusiveness in taking the welfare measures and other policies and schemes of the State and Central Government so that it percolates down to the grass roots and make themselves self-sufficient.

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Governor condoles passing away of ANS Basanti Sundas

Gangtok, September 19: The Governor of Sikkim, Ganga Prasad condoled the demise of Mrs. Basanti Sundas, a Head Nurse and Nursing Superintendent who passed away on September 18 due to COVID-19 at New STNM hospital, Sochayang. She was on COVID-19 duty at the Emergency ward of New STNM hospital. The deceased has become the first case of medical fraternity succumbing to deadly virus infection in the State.

The Governor in his condoleance message said that, “I am deeply pained about her demise. It is sad to lose such a hardworking, brilliant and dedicated COVID-19 warrior, Assistant Nursing Superintendent of New STNM and skilled care in her family.”

The Governor has appealed to the people of Sikkim to follow guru mantra of use of mask, social distancing, personal hygiene and Stay Home, Stay Safe to win the battle against COVID-19.

SNT and Education Departments make transport arrangement for Students writing exams

Gangtok, September 20: With the complete lockdown imposed in Gangtok Municipal Corporation (GMC) Area from September 21 to 27, 2020, the SNT Division of the Transport Department will be releasing 8 special SNT services from three points at Ranipol, Ranka and Tashi View Point on Monday to ensure the wide range of opportunities in rural as well as urban areas of Sikkim, particularly among the educated unemployed youth of the State and also to deliberate on the wide range of opportunities for the educated unemployed youths of the State. The scheme is to generate entrepreneurship and create jobs for the educated unemployed youths of the State and also to garner the multi talented youths to take up entrepreneurial activities in their desired fields, he said. He also informed that admissible financial assistance of either 50% or 35% of the approved bankable project cost in the form of bank end subsidy will be provided by the State Government through Commerce and Industries Department. The end backed subsidy shall be released by the Commerce and Industries Department to the concerned public sector banks/PSU financial institutions upon sanction and disbursement of the project by them.

The Secretary Commerce and Industries Department Mr. R. K. Sharma in his welcome address highlighted the significance of the Skilled Youth Start-up scheme and expressed his wishes to the youths to utilize the scheme and make themselves self-employed by availing loan with bank and financial assistance.

In the occasion, Chief Minister and other dignitaries also released the scheme booklet and brochure.

State Task Force meeting held

Gangtok, September 18: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang chaired a meeting of the State Task Force at Samman Bhawan, today.

The Chief Minister made a special mention of the selfless service of late Mrs. Sundas who was the first health worker who lost her life to the virus. He said that the services of late Mrs. Sundas will always be remembered. She has left behind her husband and two sons. The Chief Minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of late Mrs. Basanti Sundas.

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