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Governor attends Rajya Puraskar Award Ceremony



Gangtok, June 29: Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur attended the Rajya Puraskar Award Ceremony of the Bharat Scouts and Guides at Lok Bhavan, today.

During the ceremony, the Governor presented the Rajya Puraskar Awards to 24 Scouts and

Guides of Sikkim (15 Guides and 9 Scouts).

In his address, the Governor said that the Bharat Scouts and Guides Rajya Puraskar award is not just recognition but a responsibility to continue serving with greater zeal. He urged them to

uphold the values of discipline, service and patriotism and work for a stronger, united and developed India.

The Governor highlighted its role in nurturing discipline, moral values, leadership qualities and a spirit of service among the youth.

He said that the nation stands on the shoulders of its youth. "As Scouts and Guides, you embody the spirit of Nation First. This spirit must guide you in every endeavour, inspiring you to contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat" said the Governor.

He further encouraged the youth to contribute towards the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

During the programme, children also shared their experiences.

The award ceremony was attended by Mr DB Chettri State Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, State Office bearers, scout masters, parents and Scouts and Guides from the State.

Gwala Diwas 2026 celebrated



Namchi, July 1: Sikkim Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited celebrated Gwala Diwas 2026 at Town Hall, Namchi recognising the invaluable contribution of dairy farmers and milk producers towards the socio-economic development of the State, today.

The programme was attended by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest, accompanied by Ms Raj Kumari Thapa Deputy Speaker (SLA) along with Mr Puran

Gurung Minister for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department.

The Chief Minister extended his best wishes to the entire fraternity of Sikkim Milk Union on the occasion of 6th Gwala Diwas 2026. He expressed satisfaction over the remarkable growth of Gwala Diwas since its inception in 2021, stating that the celebration has evolved into a significant platform to honour the invaluable contributions of dairy farmers, milk producers and Gwala

(herder) community, whose hard work continues to strengthen Sikkim's rural economy and dairy sector.

He noted that July 1st is a day of multiple important observances. Along with Gwala Diwas, it marks State-level Doctors' Day and National Chartered Accountants Day. He conveyed his gratitude towards the doctors and healthcare professionals for their selfless service and dedication in safeguarding the health of the people. On the occasion, he officially announced that July 1st shall henceforth be observed every year as Gwala Diwas in the State.

Highlighting the State Government's commitment towards environmental conservation, the Chief Minister announced that Sikkim Paryavaran Parva will be observed from July 1-14, every year to honour mother earth and encourage citizens to actively participate in protecting nature.

As part of the campaign, he informed that on July 7 from 11:00 am-11:07 am, all non-essential vehicular movement across the State will come to a complete halt as a symbolic gesture promoting

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**Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat
Sonam Tshering Marg, Nam-Nang, Gangtok,
737101**

No. 14/L&PA/SLAS

Dated: 25/6/2026

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Shri Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Hon'ble Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly has been pleased to reconvene a sitting of the House in the Assembly Hall, Gangtok on 20th July, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

The Hon'ble Members of Sikkim Legislative Assembly are notified accordingly.

BY ORDER.

**Sd/-
(Lalit Kumar Gurung)
Secretary**

CMs of Sikkim and West Bengal discuss key inter-state issues



Kolkata, July 2: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang called on Chief Minister of West Bengal Mr Suwendu Adhikari at Nabanna State Secretariat in Kolkata, where the two leaders discussed a range of issues concerning inter-state cooperation, connectivity and public welfare, today.

At the outset, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang congratulated Chief Minister of West Bengal Mr Suwendu Adhikari on assuming office as the Chief Minister of West Bengal and conveyed his best wishes for a successful tenure.

A major outcome of the meeting was the approval for the long-pending proposal to establish Suswastha Bhawan Sikkim at SNT complex in Siliguri. The facility is intended to provide accommodation and support to patients and their attendants from Sikkim seeking medical treatment in the region. Chief Minister of West Bengal acknowledged the importance of the project and accorded his approval and directed the concerned department to issue the necessary permission.

The Chief Ministers also

discussed the reciprocal transport agreement between Sikkim and West Bengal, with particular emphasis on increasing the quota of countersignature permits for Sikkim-registered taxis operating in West Bengal. In a significant decision, the West Bengal Government approved an increase in the permit quota from 3,000 to 6,000, a move expected to benefit Sikkim's taxi operators and improve transportation and connectivity, especially between Sikkim and Siliguri.

Another key issue deliberated upon was the impact of Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) 2023, which resulted in accumulation of sediment along the Teesta riverbed and caused extensive damage to National Highway-10, affecting the state's connectivity. They agreed to jointly undertake scientific sediment management through dredging of the Teesta river to help address the issue.

The meeting concluded with both sides reaffirming their commitment to strengthening cooperation on matters of mutual interest and regional development.

Notice of publication of Draft Electoral Roll for all three constituencies under Mangan District

Mangan, July 5: Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) of 29-Kabi Lungchuk, 30-Dzongu and 31-Lachen-Mangan Assembly Constituencies under Mangan District have issued Notice of Publication of Electoral Roll in Draft for the information of electors under Mangan District.

As per the Notice, the electoral roll has been prepared in accordance with the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, and a copy thereof is available for inspection at the office of the respective EROs, and at the office of the concerned BLOs of the respective parts during office hours.

The qualifying date for the

preparation of the electoral roll is July 1, 2026.

If, with reference to the above said qualifying date, there be any claim for the inclusion of a name in the roll or any objection to the inclusion of any name or any objection to particulars in any entry, it should be lodged on or before August 4, 2026 in Form 6, Form 7 or Form 8, as may be appropriate.

Every such claim or objection should either be presented in the ERO's office or to the office of the concerned AEROs or sent by post to reach the designated address not later than the aforesaid date.

Any eligible citizen who is

going to attain the age of eighteen years on any of the qualifying dates in the year 2026, namely, January 1, 2026, April 1, 2026 or July 1, 2026, may also file his or her claim for inclusion of his or her name in the electoral roll in Form 6, in advance, starting from the date of this notice. The same shall be considered and decided in the respective quarter of the year with reference to the respective qualifying date.

For the convenience of the public/electors, a QR code of the draft Electoral Rolls and for ASDD voters is also attached along with the Notice.

Gyalshing Barnyak Assembly Constituency secures 4th position in EF process

Gyalshing, July 2: Gyalshing Barnyak Assembly Constituency secured fourth position among the four Assembly Constituencies of Gyalshing District in successfully completing the Enumeration Form (EF) process under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the Electoral Roll.

With the completion of this phase, the Constituency is prepared to move forward with the next stage of the Special Intensive

Revision in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission.

The District Administration appreciated the dedicated efforts and commitment of all stakeholders involved and urged them to maintain the same level of coordination, diligence and efficiency during the subsequent phases to ensure a free, fair, and accurate electoral roll.

Paryavaran Parva 2026 begins in Mangan with cleanliness drive and plantation activities

Mangan, July 1: Paryavaran Parva 2026 commenced in Mangan District with a series of environmental conservation activities at District Hospital premises under the guidance of Mr Manzil Kharel Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), Mangan, today.

The event was attended by Mr Roshan Limboo OSD, Dzongu Constituency. Also present were Chief Medical Officer, ACF, officials and staff of District Hospital Mangan, Forest Territorial Division, Environment and Soil Conservation Division and Social Forestry Division, under Forest and Environment Department, Mangan District.

As part of the inaugural programme, a cleanliness drive was conducted within the District Hospital premises, followed by a plantation drive. Banners highlighting the significance of Paryavaran Parva and the Mero Rukh Mero Santati (MRMS), 'Mero Bato Mero Bot' (MBMB) initiatives were also displayed.

Seedling distribution booths were simultaneously set up at the Range Office and Forest Check Posts under Mangan (Territorial) Division, including Lachen, Chungthang, Lachung and Dzongu, to encourage public participation in afforestation efforts.

Minister Tshering Thendup Bhutia reviews developmental projects in Yuksom-Tashiding

Gyalshing, June 30: Mr Tshering Thendup Bhutia Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department and also Area MLA Yuksom-Tashiding Constituency, conducted an extensive inspection of various ongoing developmental projects across the constituency and reviewed the progress of the works, today.

The Minister began his inspection with a visit to the under-construction bridge at Khangchendzonga Waterfall on Yuksom route. Reviewing the progress on-site, he directed the concerned departmental officials and the executing contractor to expedite the construction and ensure timely completion. The bridge has long been a much-needed infrastructure project for the area and its construction is expected to significantly improve connectivity, accessibility and facilitate tourism in the area.

Later, he inspected the construction of homestays at various villages under the State Government's Mega Homestay

The District-wide observance of Paryavaran Parva will continue until July 14, featuring a range of environmental awareness and conservation activities organised by the Mangan (Territorial) Division.

The scheduled activities include distribution of saplings to new MRMS beneficiaries, plantation drives in the different location under Mangan District, avenue plantation along the Manul-Meyong road in coordination with BRO GREF 107 RCC, landslide mitigation plantation at Lanthey Khola, exposure visits for students to Pakshep and Tingchim nurseries, MRMS awareness programmes, cleanliness drives, celebration of MRMS beneficiaries, distribution of MRMS certificates and a cleanliness campaign at Tingchim Lake.

As part of the observance, 'A Day for Mother Earth' will be celebrated on July 7 across the District. The occasion will include a two-minute vehicle stoppage at Mangan Bazaar and other urban areas in coordination with Mangan District Police, symbolising collective commitment towards environmental protection and sustainable living.

Namchi launches 14-day Sikkim Paryavaran Parva

Namchi, July 1: Forest and Environment Department, Namchi Division organised the commencement of 14-day-long Sikkim Paryavaran Parva under the theme 'Leave a Green Legacy' at Central Park, Namchi, today.

The annual fortnight-long programme commenced today and will continue until July 14, encompassing plantation drives, awareness programmes, cleanliness campaigns and several other environmental conservation activities.

Mr Satish Chandra Rai Area MLA Namchi-Singithang Consituency attended the event as the chief guest along with DFO (T) Namchi, DFO (Wildlife), DFO (Social Forestry), DFO (E&SC), ACF (T) Namchi, ACF T Melli, ACF E&SC alongwith others.

Area MLA stated that the celebration is a noble initiative

dedicated to environmental conservation.

He said that the initiative reflects the State Government's commitment to securing a brighter future for children while nurturing a sense of responsibility towards nature. He congratulated the beneficiaries and encouraged them to contribute towards safeguarding the environment, stating that collective efforts today will ensure a greener and brighter future for the younger generation.

DFO (Territorial), Namchi, informed that the 14-day-long celebration aims to promote environmental conservation and strengthen public participation in protecting nature. He stated that a series of activities, including plantation drives and awareness programmes under initiatives such as 'Mero Rukh Mero

Santati' and 'Mero Bato Mero Bot', envisioned by the Chief Minister, will be conducted across the District throughout the celebration.

He further informed that around 700 registered beneficiaries from Namchi District are expected to participate in the 'Mero Rukh Mero Santati' plantation initiative during the campaign

During the inaugural day, the chief guest handed over plantation certificates and passbook of Sikkim Sishu Samridhi Yojana to the beneficiaries, followed by flagging off the vehicle carrying saplings for public distribution.

Later, the beneficiaries participated in a plantation drive at the designated site.

Fortnight-long Sikkim Paryavaran Parva 2026

Gyalshing, July 1: Yuksom Range under Forest and Environment Department launched the fortnight-long Sikkim Paryavaran Parva 2026 with an inaugural programme at office of Khangchendzonga National Park (KNP) in Yuksom, today.

The state-wide environmental campaign, being observed from July 1 to 14 July under the theme Leave a Green Legacy, aims to promote environmental conservation, afforestation, and public awareness through a series of activities, including tree plantation drives, roadside

plantations, large-scale cleanliness campaigns, and a special observance dedicated to honouring mother earth.

The inaugural programme was attended by Mr NB Limboo Advisor State Medicinal Plants Board in the presence of Mr DS Limboo Gyalshing Zilla Adhyaksha.

Among those present were Range Officer (KNP/T) Mr Tenzing W Bhutia, Panchayat Vice President, Panchayats.

Officials and staff of the KNP and T Range, including Block Officer, Forest Guards, and local stakeholders, actively

participated in the plantation programme.

Mr Tenzing W Bhutia Range Officer highlighted the objectives of Paryavaran Parva and urged everyone to actively contribute towards conserving the environment and leaving a greener legacy for future generations.

The statewide observance of Sikkim Paryavaran Parva 2026 was officially launched earlier in the day at MG Marg, Gangtok, marking the beginning of two weeks of environment-focused activities across the state.

strategies and key interventions. The technical session covering the programme's ten thematic areas and project categories was presented by Mr Amir Bhandari AD (IT).

During the meeting, members deliberated on the preparation of DPR, with representatives from various line departments sharing suggestions and recommendations to facilitate the implementation of the programme. The proposed DPR will subsequently be submitted to the State Level Screening Committee (SLSC) for further consideration and approval.

DLC Soreng holds meeting on Vibrant Village Programme-II

Soreng, June 30: District Level Committee (DLC) under the Vibrant Village Programme-II (VVP-II) convened a meeting at the District Administrative Centre (DAC), Soreng, under the chairmanship of Mr Dhiraj Subedi District Collector-cum-Chairperson of the Committee, today.

The meeting focused on the preparation and timely submission of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the implementation of Vibrant Village Programme-II in Soreng district, with discussions centred on key measures, priorities and challenges.

Addressing the meeting, the DC-cum-Chairperson highlighted the key focus areas of the programme and urged all line departments to prioritise the district's developmental needs, while ensuring the timely submission of Detailed Project Report (DPR). He further emphasised the importance of preparing a comprehensive, practical and well-coordinated action plan and DPR.

Mr Prem K Subba SDM (Hq) delivered the introductory remarks and presented an overview of the Vibrant Village Programme-II, outlining its objectives, implementation

Project being implemented by Tourism and Civil Aviation Department. The flagship initiative aims to promote rural tourism by developing culturally inspired homestays equipped with modern visitor amenities. The programme also seeks to strengthen sustainable eco-tourism, create employment opportunities for local youth and women and enhance rural livelihoods while preserving Sikkim's traditional architecture and cultural heritage.

During the visit, the Minister also attended the distribution programme of honeybee boxes under the DST-SEED Project of the Government of India, implemented locally by the Khangchendzonga Conservation Committee (KCC), Yuksom.

Gram Panchayats, officials from the concerned Departments, representatives of the implementing agencies and local residents were present during the inspection.

Date: 25/06/2026

Sealed quotations are invited from interested firms having valid Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission(Gramin), {V-B RAM-G} empanelment with Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim for supply of the following materials under Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) for the period from 1.7.2026 to 31.3.2027 to be supplied to the various Gram Panchayat Units falling under the following Block Administrative Centres under 6 (six) districts of Sikkim.

IV. Namchi District	V. Gyalshing District	VI. Soreng District
1.Namchi	1. Gyalshing	1. Soreng
2.Namthang	2. Yuksom	2. Chumbong
3.Sikkip	3. Chongrong	3. Daramdin
4.Poklok Nandugaon	4. Hee-Martam	4. Mangalbaria
5.Sumbuk	5. Dentam	5. Kaluk
<i>Ravongla Sub Division</i>	****	6. Baiguney
6. Ravongla	****	****
7.Temi Tarku	****	****
8.Yangang	****	****

SL. NO.	ITEM	SPECIFICATION	UNIT
1.	Cement	50 kg (Birla Gold, Ambuja, Birla Samrat, Ultratech, Star, Lafarge, ACC, Dalmia or Pendent)	Per kg
2.	TMT Rod (6 mm, 8 mm, 10 mm, 12 mm, 16 mm, 20 mm)	Durgapur or Equivalent	Per kg
3.	Angle Iron (various sizes)(Light, Medium, Heavy)	Durgapur or Equivalent	Per kg
4.	Plywood Waterproof (Sizes: 6 mm and 19 mm & n on water proof)	Waterproof / Local	Per sq. ft.
5.	Nail (various sizes)	ISO Certified	Per kg
6.	Chinese Nail	-	Per kg
7.	Sand	-	Per cft
8.	Stone	-	Per cft
9.	Citizen Information Board (CIB)	-	Inch
	concrete(Size: 4/5 ft Size: 3ft/2ft)		
	with VB-G RAM-G Logo (in colour) (Size 6 inch x 4 inch)		
10.	FirstAid Box	Box containing Dettol, Gauge, Bandage, Cotton, Paracetamol, Maftal Spas, Enteroquinal Teblets, ORS etc.)	
11.	Hammer (Big & Small)	ISO Certified	Per piece
12.	Kaata	ISO Certified	Per piece
13.	Ramba-Big & Small	ISO Certified	Per piece
14.	Doko per piece	Local made	Per piece
15.	Namlo per piece	Local made	Per piece
16.	Faruwa	ISO Certified	Per piece
17.	Karaai	ISO Certified	Per piece
18.	Karni (different sizes)	ISO Certified	Per piece
19.	Belcha (standard)	ISO Certified	Per piece
20.	Sickle	ISO Certified	Per piece
21.	Chhino	ISO Certified	Per piece
22.	Chisel	ISO Certified	Per piece
23.	Reti	ISO Certified	Per piece
24.	Saw (Medium size)	ISO Certified	Per piece
25.	Bucket	Unbreakable Plastic, 10 litres ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)	Per piece
26.	Jug	Unbreakable Plastic	Per piece
27.	Mug	Unbreakable Plastic	Per piece
28.	Line Suta	-	Per roll
29.	Measuring Tape 50 feet	ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)	Per piece
30.	Belcha Dori	-	Per kg
31.	Jute Rope	-	Per kg
32.	Binding Wire	ISO Certified	Per kg
33.	GI Wire (3mm, 4 mm, 5 mm, 6 mm)	ISO Certified	Per kg
34.	GI Wire Mesh (All sizes)	ISO Certified	Per sq. ft
35.	Barbed Wire	ISO Certified	Per kg
36.	Wire Cutter	ISO Certified	Per piece
37.	Giti Martol	ISO Certified	Per piece
38.	Raj Martol	ISO Certified	Per piece
39.	Jamara Martol	ISO Certified	Per piece
40.	Pliers	ISO Certified	Per piece

Date:2/7/2026

This is to inform all concerned that the **Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) No. 193/ACCTT/NDH/2026-27** dated 19/06/2026 for the Preparation and Supply of Nutritious and Balanced Diet to the In-door Patients of Namchi District Hospital, Namchi has been kept on hold until further orders due to administrative reasons.

Accordingly, all activities related to the said tender, including the sale of tender documents, submission of bids, and opening of tenders, stands suspended until further notification.

The revised schedule, if any, will be communicated separately through an official notification.

Any inconvenience caused in this regard is regretted.

Chief Medical Officer
Health & Family Welfare Department
Namchi District Hospital
(65, II)

I, MEENA MAYA CHETTRI, daughter of **Man Bahadur Chhetri @ Mon Bahadur Chettri (Bhandari) @ Man Bdr Chettri @ Mon Bahadur Chettri @ Man Bahadur Chettri**, aged about 20 years, resident of Rongneck, P.O. Rajbhawan & P.S Gangtok, in the Gangtok District, Sikkim do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:-

1. That in my deceased father's Certificate of Identification vide Serial No 593, Volume No I, under block Lingdok, East Sikkim, his name has been recorded as **"Man Bahadur Chhetri"**.
2. That in my deceased father's death certificate bearing registration No 2012/C-326, date of registration 10.10.2012, issued by the Office of the Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Department of Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare, Government of Sikkim, his name has been recorded as **"Mon Bahadur Chettri (Bhandari)"**.
3. That in my birth certificate bearing registration No 06/C-102, date of registration 21.03.2006, issued by the Office of the Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths, Department of Health Care, Department, Government of Sikkim, my deceased father's name has been recorded as **"Man Bdr Chettri "**.
4. That in my Aadhaar card bearing No 5713 8145 2175, issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India, my deceased father's name has been recorded as **"Mon Bahadur Chettri"**
5. That in my Un- married Certificate issued by the issuing authority vide Memo No. 187/DC/Gtk, dated: 20/2/2026 my deceased father's name has been recorded as **"Man Bdr Chettri "**.

I, Lok Bahadur Cintury, aged about 62 years, son of Late Man Bahadur Cintury, Hindu by faith, resident of Lower Sichey near Banjakri falls under P.O and P.S. Gangtok, District- Gangtok Sikkim, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows: -

1. That I am natural and legal son of **Late Lok Bahadur Cintury** and bonafide resident of above-mentioned address.
2. my name and caste "**Lok Bahadur Kami**" which has been recorded in my Old Sikkim Subject vide Serial No. 158, Volume No II under Block Mendu issued by Secretary of Land Revenue Department Government of Sikkim.
3. That in my **PAN Card** bearing No. BWWPC9274R issued by Income Tax Department Government of India wherein my name and caste has been recorded as "**Lok Bahadur Cintury**" and same has been recorded in other relevant documents like "**Aadaar Card**", **Electoral Identity Card** etc.
4. That **KAMI** is my/our caste and **CINTURY** is my/our sub-caste which comes under our same community.
5. That this affidavit is made on oath and to declare that the person by the caste/sub-caste i.e. "**Lok Bahadur Cintury**" and "**Lok Bahadur Kami**" denotes and refer to the one and the same person i.e. myself.
6. That this Affidavit is made bonafide.

DEPONENT

I, Lok Bahdur Cintury, the deponent before named, do hereby verify and state that the contents of paragraphs 1 to 6 of the foregoing affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge. Nothing in material has been concealed or suppressed there from.

Verified and sworn to this Affidavit at Gangtok, Sikkim on this the 6th day of July, 2026.

DEPONENT

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41.	Polypipe ½ inch	ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)	Per kg
42.	Polypipe ½ inch flexible	-	Per kg
43.	GI Pipe (20 ft various sizes)	Tata Brand or equivalent	Per piece
44.	GI Fittings (Sizes 15 mm to 32 mm dia)	Union, Socket, Tee, Elbow, Short piece, Plug ISO certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)	Per piece
45.	PVC Pipe (20 ft various sizes)	ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)	Per piece
46.	PVC fittings (Sizes 15 mm to 32 mm dia)	Union, Socket, Tee, Elbow, Short piece, Plug ISO Certified (Brand to be specified by the bidder)	Per piece
47.	Hacksaw Blade (Single and Double)	ISO Certified	Per piece
48.	Hacksaw Frame ISO Certified	Per piece	
49.	Plain Sheet (various sizes)	ISO Certified (Brand to be specified by the bidder)	Per sq. ft.
50.	Sand Net	ISO Certified (brand to be specified)	Per meter
51.	PVC Tank/Drum	Capacity of 100 ltrs	Per piece
52.	Plastic Tarpaulin 24" x 18"	ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)	Per piece
53.	Hume Pipe (various sizes)	ISO Certified (brand to be specified by the bidder)	Per piece
54.	GCI Sheet (0.35, 0.4, 0.5 mm)	ISO Certified (various sizes)	Per sq. ft.
55.	Bricks	First Class	Per piece
56.	MS Pipe (various sizes)	-	Per piece
57.	Fitting and Fixing of MS Pipe	-	Sq. ft
58.	Dhibri Nail	-	Per kg
59.	GI Washer	-	Per packet
60.	Bitumin Washer	-	Per packet
61.	Enamel Paint (Yellow, White & Black) for signboard	Asian Paints	Per litre
62.	Paint Brush (various sizes)	-	Per piece
63.	Rate of Transportation for Cement, Rod, Bricks, Sand and Stone	Cement-per bag Sand/Stone-per cft Rod-per Qtl Brick per piece	Per km
64.	Stone chips	Machine crushed	Per cft
65.	Stone	-	Per cft.
66.	Local Wood for shuttering	Local	Per cft
67.	Fly Ash Brick	Approved Brand. Eco Brick Ultra Tech local BIS certified manufacturers or equivalent	
68.	Bamboo	Mature , straight, sound free from any defects	Nos.
69.	Timber Planks	Seasoned Timber free from any defects, knots and decay	
70.	Plain Sheet (various sizes)	GI/MS plain sheets conforming to relevant IS standards, approved brands. Tata Steel, Jindal Steel or equivalent	Sq ft.
71.	HDPE Pond Liner	ISO certified, UV-stabilised HDPE pond liner, minimum 500 micron thickness, brand Mipatex, ACMEIMAT, Aditya and Natura or equivalent	Sq. ft.
72.	Solar Panel	ALMM approved Mono PERC Solar PV module, 540wp-650wp, IEC 61215 & IEC61730 certified. Approved brand: Tata Power Solar, Waaree, Vikram Solar, Adani Solar, RenewSys.	Nos.
73.	Solar Inverter	Grid tied/string solar inverter with MPPT technology. MNRE approved, efficiency greater than 97%. Approved brand. Sungrow, Growatt, Delta, SMA, Hitachi Hi-Rel.	
74.	Solar Anchor Bolts	Hot dip galvanized anchor bolts with nuts and washers, Grade 8.8 Approved brand: TVS, Unbrako, Deepak fasteners, Sterling	Nos
75.	Solar Street Light Poles	6-12 m high octagonal GI pole, hot dip galvanized, complete with base plate and foundation bolts. Approved brand: Bajaj, Jindal, Transrail, Valmont.	Nos
76.	Solar Anti corroding paint	Epoxy zinc rich primer with polyurethane top coat for outdoor steel structures. Approved brand. Asian paints, Berger, Kansai Nerolac, Akzo Nobel.	Ltrs
77.	Solar charge controller	MPPT solar charger controller suitable for system voltage and battery bank, IEC compliant. Approved brand. Luminous, Su-kam, Delta, Eapro, Statcon Energias.	Nos
78.	Solar Battery	Deep cycle tubular gel or LiFePO4 battery suitable for solar applications with required Ah rating. Approved brand. Exide, Amaron, Luminous, Livguard, Okaya.	Nos
79.	Solar Battery Box	Weatherproof powder-coated MS or HDPE battery enclosure suitable for battery size and outdoor installation. Approved brand. Eapro, Statron, Luminous or approved fabricator	Nos

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The tender shall be conducted at the District Level for the supply of materials under Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission-Gramin, (VB-G RAM-G) covering 34 (thirty four) blocks falling within the respective districts.
- The bidders must possess a valid **Dealership Certificate** of any or all of the specified cement brands.
- Quotations submitted with an **Empanelment Certificate** under Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar

and Aajeevika Mission(Gramin) {VB-G RAM-G} issued by the Rural Development Department (RDD) will only be accepted.

4. The Empanelment Certificate issued earlier under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) by the Department shall not be entertained for this tender.

5. Bidders must maintain one or more permanent storage facilities along with required manpower within each block for smooth supply of materials, and only the transportation costs incurred for moving materials from the block storage to the worksite shall be reimbursed.

6. The bidder should be prepared to supply all items at the worksite, with transportation costs as per the prevailing notification of the Sikkim Nationalised Transport (SNT) Division, Transport Department, Government of Sikkim.

7. Rates quoted by the Bidder must be **exclusive of taxes** and duly signed by the Proprietor of the Firm or the President of the MPCS.

8. Rates will be evaluated against the basic input rates of the **Sikkim Schedule of Rates (SOR) 2020** and must not exceed the upper cap limit notified vide Office Order No.119/RDD/20-21 Dated: 14.3.2022, or as prescribed by State Trading Corporation of Sikkim, whichever is less.

9. A valid **Trade License** along with attested copy of clearance certificates for GST and Professional Tax must be submitted by both suppliers/firms and cooperative societies.

10. Non-Multi Purpose Cooperative Society (MPCS) bidders must enclose attested copies of their Rural Development Department Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission-Gramin (VB-G RAM-G) Empanelment Certificate and Trade License, while Multi Purpose Cooperative Society (MPCS) bidders must submit their Registration Certificate issued by the Cooperation Department, Government of Sikkim.

11. Bidders must demonstrate sufficient experience in material supply and financial capability to ensure timely delivery of materials to all Gram Panchayat Unit worksites under the respective blocks/district; otherwise, their bids will not be considered.

12. Materials supplied must conform to government specifications and standard sizes, subject to laboratory testing within or outside the state.

13. Successful bidders must ensure timely supply of materials; delays will result in damage compensation equal to the losses caused to the Department. They must also attend the VB-G RAM-G Social Audit Jansunwai at the GPU compulsorily during the contract period.

14. Failure to supply materials on time or as per specifications will lead to immediate cancellation of the contract and forfeiture of the **Earnest Money Deposit**.

15. If the L-1 bidder fails or refuses to supply materials during the contract period for any unforeseen reason, the L-2 bidder will be allowed to supply at L-1 rates with prior approval of the competent authority.

16. Non-compliance with any of the above terms may result in outright rejection of the quotation by the District Tender Committee.

17. The Department/District Tender Committee reserves the right to accept or reject bids without assigning any reason.

18. An agreement will be drawn with the successful bidder under each district.

19. The bidders must obtain the Tender Form from the office of the concerned Additional District Collector (Development) cum-District Program Coordinator. The form shall be issued only upon production of a valid State Bank of Sikkim Receipt of ₹30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand) only, deposited under Revenue Head **0515-800-01**.

20. Tender Form must be issued and closed by **20th July, 2026** and quotations must be addressed and submitted along with all the required documents to the **Additional District Collector (Development) cum District Program Coordinator** of the respective district by **4:00 p.m. of 22nd July, 2026**. The tender will be opened by the District Tender Committee at **2:00 p.m.** on the **23rd July, 2026** in the Office of ADC(Dev) cum District Program Coordinator of the concerned district in the presence of majority of the Bidders.

21. An Earnest Money Deposit (TDR) of **₹ 250000/- Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand only** from State Bank of Sikkim must be provided at the time of bidding.

22. For further details or clarification, bidders may contact the concerned Additional District Collector (Dev) cum District Program Coordinator or Assistant District Program Coordinator (ADPC), VB-G RAM-G of the concerned district.

(JOINT SECRETARY)
VB-G RAM-G Cell, RDD
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Office of the Chief Engineer
Public Health Engineering Department
Government of Sikkim

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION (RE-TENDER)
e-Tender No. 2026-WSPHE-898-1

Dated: 26/06/2026

The Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Sikkim invites fresh online quotations (Re-Tender) from eligible traders/suppliers registered with the appropriate authority of the Government of Sikkim for the work:

"Finalisation of Rates for Supply of Maintenance Items for Water Supply & Sewerage".

The earlier NIQ floated under e-Tender No. 2026-WSPHE-898-1 could not be finalized due to non-receipt of any bid within the stipulated period. Accordingly, the quotation is hereby re-invited through the Single Bid System.

The terms and conditions of the original NIQ shall, unless otherwise modified herein, remain unchanged. However, the NIQ, BOQ and other bidding documents have been suitably reviewed and revised, wherever considered necessary, incorporating administrative observations, clarifications and practical inputs received during the earlier tendering process with a view to enhancing clarity, transparency, competitiveness and wider participation of eligible bidders.

The detailed list of items, BOQ and bidding documents are available on the State e-Procurement Portal <https://sikkimtender.gov.in>.

Schedule of Tender

Sl. No.	Activity	Date
1	Date of Publication	30.06.2026
2	Date of Upload of NIQ & BOQ on e-Procurement Portal	30.06.2026
3	Last Date & Time for Submission of Bids	14.07.2026 up to 16:00 Hrs
4	Date & Time of Opening of Bids	15.07.2026 at 11:00 Hrs

The bidder shall upload and submit in hard copy:

- Bank Receipt of ₹5,000/- credited under Budget Head 0215-01-800-Other Receipts.
- EMD of ₹2,00,000/- in the form of TDR/FDR pledged in favour of the Chief Engineer, PHED, Government of Sikkim, from any Scheduled Bank on Auto-Renewal mode.

Bids received without the prescribed EMD shall be summarily rejected.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The quotation shall be submitted in sealed cover clearly indicating the aforementioned name in Block letters addressed to Office of the Chief Engineer, PHED, Gangtok, Nirman Bhawan, Zero point.
- 2.Each page of the BOQ shall be signed by the bidders/authorized signatory before submission, the offered rates for each of the items shall be filled.
3. The signature on each and every page shall deem to mean that the firm shall (i) agree to all the terms and condition and (ii) supply the materials at the rates.
4. The bidder/firm shall upload & submit in hard copy a Bank receipt amounting to ₹5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) credited to the budget head: 0215-01-800-other receipts.
5. The sealed quotation shall be submitted along with earnest money deposit in the form of an FDR/TDR for ₹2,00,000.00 (Rupees Two lakhs) only deposited into the state Bank of Sikkim or in any scheduled nationalized bank in Sikkim, pledged in favor of the Chief Engineer, PHED, Government of Sikkim as earnest money deposit.
The TDR/FDR shall be on auto-renewal mode. Quotation submitted without the earnest money deposit will be considered invalid and rejected.
6. After opening of the quotations, the department will prepare a comparative statement to arrive at the lowest rate and inform all the bidders. The interested bidders may submit in writing their willingness to supply at the lowest rates prepared from the comparative statement. The department will issue Empanelment order to such interested parties. Those firms who wish to surrender from getting Empanelment can withdraw their TDR/FDR, except for those firms who have quoted the lowest rates.
7. The firms who have quoted the lowest rates shall be obliged to supply the materials on the quoted rates failing which the earnest money shall be forfeited and such firms shall be debarred from participating in future.
8. The rates shall be exclusive of all the taxes.
9. The firms will be obliged to supply the materials as indented/ordered by the principal chief engineer or his delegated authority. The supply shall be made within a specified period of time as indicated in the indent/supply order.
10. The rates quoted shall be applicable F.O.R, Destination as per the indent/supply order within the state of Sikkim including insurance if required. The warranties provided for manufactured goods shall be extended to the department. The quality test certificate will have to be produced at the time of supply if desired by the department.
11. Materials are subjected to inspection before supply and rejected materials shall be returned by the firms at their own cost. Samples may be required to be submitted prior to actual delivery.
12. No price escalation shall be allowed during the period of supply.
- 13.In case the proprietor of the firms or the CEO is unable to sign the quotation document, the necessary permission issued to the authorized signatory duly attested by the proprietor or CEO shall be enclosed along with the quotation.
14. The attested copies of the validated (a) Trade license, (b) firms' registration, (c) GST clearance, (d) GST registration, shall be submitted along with the quotations.
The supplier should be able to produce the original when called upon to do so by the department for verification.
- 15.All manufactured materials shall conform to the relevant BIS code. For non manufactures items like stone, sand etc. they shall conform to the SPWD specifications as indicated in the SOR 2020 issued by the Roads & Bridges department.
16. Payment shall be made after satisfactory receipt and verification of the supplied materials by the Engineer-in-charge.
17. Defective or substandard materials shall be replaced by the supplier at their own cost or else EMD will be forfeited.
18. The quotation shall remain valid for a period of 1 year from the date of opening which may be further extended to 3 years.
- 19.In case the successful bidder fails to execute the supply order within the stipulated period, the EMD may be forfeited.
- 20.All disputes shall be subject to the jurisdiction of courts in Sikkim.
- 21.Over writing shall be avoided and corrections which occur shall duly attested by the bidder.
22. The quoted rates will be compared with the rates of STCS, SOR 2020 & market rates.
23. For bulk firms, in case the rates of STCS are lower, the firm shall supply at such lower rates for such bulk supplies.
24. The procurement process shall follow the provisions of Sikkim Financial Rules and Government of Sikkim procurement guidelines.
25. The department reserve the right to accept or reject any or all rates without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Public Health Engineering Department
Government of Sikkim
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Samaj Kalyan Bhawan
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No. 06/WCSC&DWD/MVS/2026**Dated: 02/07/2026**

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

The interested and eligible local candidates are invited to appear for the Walk-In-Interview for the selection of Member, Sikkim Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) in 05 (five) vacancies.

Date and Venue of Interview:

* Date: 23.07.2026

* Time: 11.00 AM

* Venue: Office of the Chairperson, Sikkim Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) Old Secretariat, opposite Super Market, Gangtok.

Eligibility Criteria: The applicant should be a graduate degree holder having experience in the field of:

1. Education
2. Child health, care, welfare or child development;
3. Juvenile justice or care of neglected or marginalized children or Children with disabilities;
4. Elimination of child labour or children in distress;
5. Child psychology or sociology; and
6. Laws relating to children.
7. Age shall not exceed 60 years.
8. Any person having past record of any violation of child rights shall not be eligible to apply for the post.

Documents Required:**Candidates are required to appear before the Interview Board with the following documents in original along with a set of xerox copies**

1. Sikkim Subject /COI
2. Educational certificates and testimonials.
3. Proof of age and identity
4. Experience certificates, if any
5. Documents issued by the concerned organization/authorities indicating experience in the relevant field.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The engagement shall be governed by the provisions of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 and relevant rules/guidelines issued by the Government.
2. No TA/DA shall be admissible for attending the interview.
3. The decision of the Selection Committee/Competent Authority shall be final and binding.
4. Honorarium of the Member will be as prescribed by the standing Rules which is ₹2000/- per sitting.

This notice is also available in the departmental website**www.sikkim.gov.in/departments/WomenChildSeniorCitizen&DivyangjanWelfareDepartment**

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(Normit Lepcha)

Principal Director -Scum-Secretary**Women, Child, Senior Citizen & Divyangjan Welfare Department
(64, II)**

Before the Oath Commissioner, at Gangtok Sikkim

AFFIDAVIT

I, Chandra Kala Bhujel, wife of Bimal Bhujel, permanent resident of **Pabong Gangchung**, P/o Namphing & P/s Temi, South District, Sikkim, aged about 40 years, by faith Hindu, do hereby solemnly affirm on oath as follows:

1. That I am legal wife of Mr. **"Bimal Bhujel"** and his father Lt. **"Tiley Ram Bhujel"** is my late father in law.
2. That, my actual name and surname is "Chandra Kala Bhujel" in my Certificate of Identification bearing SI. No. 11491 DC (S), Dated-28/06/2006, issued from the Office of D.C, Namchi, in my Aadhaar Card bearing Aadhaar Card no.5507 4602 1901, issued from Unique Identification Authority of India, and in my Electoral Id Card bearing Id No. JPX0077255, Issued from Election Commission of india.
3. That, in my Birth Certificate bearing registration no. 52/95, dated -06/04/95, issued from the B & D Registrar, Temi PHC and in my Transfer Certificate bearing Memo No. 54688, dated-15/02/2016 Issued from the Office of Headmaster, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Bermiok Tokal, my name has been inadvertently recorded as **"Chanra Kala Subba"**.
4. That, my actual and correct name of my late father in law is **"Tiley Ram Bhujel"** which has been recorded In my spouse's Electoral id Card bearing id No. UKK0091785, issued from Election Commission of India, however in my Certificate of Identification bearing SI, No. 11491 DC (S), Dated-28/06/2006, issued from the Office of D.C, Namchi, his name has been recorded as **"Tilley Bhujel"**
5. That this affidavit is sworn to declare on oath that the above names **"Chandra Kala Bhujel"** and **"Chandra Kala Subba"** are the names of one and single identical person i.e. myself, WHEREAS, the above names **"Tiley Ram Bhujel"** & **"Tilley Bhujel"** are the names of single identical person i.e. my late father in law.

DEPONENT

Before the Oath Commissioner, at Gangtok Sikkim

AFFIDAVIT

I. Bhaskar Chettri, son of Late Laxuman Prasad Chettri, aged about 49 years, resident of Lower Sichey, Bar Pippal Area, Gangtok, under P.O. & P. S. Sadar, Gangtok District, Sikkim do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:

1. That I am a natural son of Late Laxuman Prasad Chettri.
2. That my father's name has been recorded as **"Laxuman Prasad Chettri"** in my all relevant documents including Certificate of Identification.
3. That further my father's name has been recorded as **"Laxuman Prasad Chettri"** in his Sikkim Subject Certificate, bearing Serial No. 506, Vol. No. I, under Block Lingdok, issued by the Secretary, land revenue Department, Government of Sikkim.
4. That however, my father's name has been recorded as **"Laxuman Chettri"** in the Official Record register.
5. That this affidavit is made on oath to declare that the person by the name **"Laxuman Prasad Chettri"** & **"Laxuman Chettri"** refers and denotes to one and the same person i.e. My late father.
6. That this affidavit is made bonafide.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the above named deponent do hereby verify and state that the contents made herein above paragraphs are true to the best of my knowledge and nothing material has been concealed or suppressed therein.

And I sign this affidavit on this the 04th day of July, 2026, at Gangtok, Sikkim.

DEPONENT

**In The Court of The Sub-Divisional Magistrate
District Gangtok, Sikkim
AFFIDAVIT**

WHEREAS, I, **TENZING CHOSANG BHUTIA**, daughter of Sandup Tsh Bhutia, aged about - 21 years, by faith - Buddhist, resident of Chandmari, Gangtok District, Sikkim, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as under:-

1. That, my correct and actual name is **"TENZING CHOSANG BHUTIA"**.
2. Inadvertently, my surname has not been recorded in my Birth Certificate bearing Registration No. 04/ c*415 dated: 08-09-2004 issued by B&D, H&FW Department, Govt.of Sikkim wherein my name has been mentioned as **"TENZING CHOSANG"**.
3. That this affidavit is made bonafide and to declare that the person by the name **"TENZING CHOSANG BHUTIA"** and **"TENZING CHOSANG"** refers and denotes to one and the same identical person i.e. me. AND my name **"TENZING CHOSANG BHUTIA"** shall be used for all purposes/ purports.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, **TENZING CHOSANG BHUTIA**, the above named deponent do hereby verify and declare that what I have stated in above paragraphs 1 to 3 are true to the best of thy knowledge and belief and nothing in material has been concealed or suppressed therein.

And I, have signed this Affidavit at Gangtok, Sikkim on this the 06th day of July, 2026

Deponent:**(TENZING CHOSANG BHUTIA)**

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Sikkim, has published the Draft Electoral Roll following the successful completion of the Enumeration Phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026.

Eligible voters are urged to verify their details by scanning the official QR code. Those who notice any discrepancies can submit claims or objections during the prescribed revision period as per the Election Commission's guidelines.

1. DRAFT ELECTORAL ROLL WITHOUT PHOTO
2. POLLING STATION WISE ASDD
(ABSENT,SHIFTED, DEATH & DUPLICATE) List



Health Tips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Gwala Diwas...

climate action, reduction of carbon emissions, and environmental awareness. He remarked that Gwala Diwas holds a special place in his heart because he personally understands the struggles and dedication of dairy farmers. In recognition of their contribution, he announced that apart from cash awards and felicitation, the State Government will fully sponsor higher education for children of Gwala families who aspire to pursue studies beyond school. He also announced that July 27 will henceforth be observed to honour the contribution of the driver community.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister felicitated Mr Arun Rai of Pabyuik MPCs, Gangtok, who received Gwala Ratna Puraskar 2026 and congratulated the three best-performing milk-producing centres, which were awarded cash incentives of ₹10 lakh, ₹7 lakh and ₹5 lakh, respectively. Appreciating the progress achieved by the dairy sector since 2021, he noted that the Sikkim Milk Union has increased its daily milk procurement from nearly 68,000 litres to over 71,000 litres, reflecting the steady growth of the sector.

Speaking extensively on the welfare initiatives of the State Government, the Chief Minister highlighted the success of Chief Minister's Education Assistance Scheme (CMEAS), which has been extending financial support ranging from ₹5,000/- to ₹10,000/- to deserving students. Citing example of Ms Chunu Rai from Meyong village in Gyalshing District, he said that her dream of becoming a professional pilot became a reality with assistance from the State Government.

He further highlighted various flagship welfare programmes being implemented for the benefit of all sections of society. He informed that under the rural housing programme, more than 11,000 houses have already been allotted and are targeted for completion by 2027. He also spoke about the success of the Sikkim Garib Awaz Yojana (SGAY), under which permanent houses costing approximately ₹17.51 lakh each are being provided to eligible beneficiaries and Sikkim Garib Urban Awaz Yojana (SUGAY), which extends similar housing support to the urban poor.

Reaffirming the State Government's commitment towards women's welfare, he highlighted initiatives such as the Aama Yojana, Aama Sahyog Yojana, which provides four free LPG cylinder refills annually to eligible mothers and Bahini Yojana, which has ensured free sanitary pads for secondary and senior secondary school-going girls since 2020. Referring to the recent judgment of the Supreme Court recognising menstrual hygiene as a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution, he welcomed the decision mandating free

biodegradable sanitary pads in schools across the country. He also spoke about the recently launched Vatsalya Scheme, which provides financial assistance of ₹3 lakh to married couples facing infertility. He further highlighted several other people-centric initiatives, including the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme, Chief Minister's Self Employment Assistance Scheme, Old Age Pension Scheme, Kalakar Bharosa Sammelan and Mero Rukh Mero Santati, among others.

Emphasising healthcare as one of the highest priorities, the Chief Minister announced that Sikkim Garib Jan Kalyan Prakostha, in collaboration with District Health Department, will organise a mass screening and surgical programme for kidney and gallbladder stone patients in Namchi District under the supervision of expert medical professionals, making quality healthcare more accessible and convenient for the people. He also underscored the important role of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in strengthening the livestock and dairy sectors. He appreciated the contribution of Self-Help Groups towards rural livelihoods and announced that a dedicated Panchayat Sammelan will be organised across all six districts to recognise and strengthen grassroots governance. He further announced that the State-level Bhanu Jayanti Celebration 2026 will be observed on July 13 in Soreng District. The Chief Minister reiterated the State Government's commitment towards inclusive development, assuring that every section of society from farmers and women to youth, senior citizens, artists, entrepreneurs and rural communities will continue to benefit from people-centric welfare schemes aimed at building a prosperous, healthy and self-reliant Sikkim.

He appreciated the dedicated efforts of the Sikkim Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited, cooperative societies and dairy farmers in maintaining quality standards and ensuring consistent growth in milk production. Referring to the launch of new dairy products, he stated that value addition and product diversification would not only create new market opportunities but also enhance the identity and competitiveness of Sikkim's dairy products across the region. He urged the younger generation to view dairy farming as a promising entrepreneurial venture and called upon all stakeholders to work collectively towards achieving self-reliance, food security and inclusive rural development.

Mr Puran Kumar Gurung Minister applauded the remarkable progress made by the Department over the years and credited its growth to the leadership of Chief Minister. He stated that the State Government has consistently remained committed to supporting farmers and the rural community through various welfare initiatives. Urging all officers and employees to

continue working with dedication and unity, he called upon them to collectively strive towards achieving self-reliance and further strengthening the dairy and livestock sector.

Earlier, the programme commenced with an address by Dr Sharman Rai Principal Director-cum-Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and briefing on the overview of the Sikkim Milk Union by Dr TB Ghatani Managing Director, Sikkim Milk Union. An informative film titled 'Bharosa Ko Doshro Naam' was also screened, following which the characters featured in the film were presented with tokens of appreciation.

The chief guest was felicitated by the Advisor, Board of Directors and Management of the Sikkim Milk Union. This was followed by the felicitation of the guests of honour and representatives of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) by the Advisor, Board of Directors and Management of the Sikkim Milk Union.

The Chief Minister officially launched Indrakil Rasdana, Peda, Lollipop and Butterscotch-flavoured Ice Cream manufactured by the Sikkim Milk Union.

He subsequently distributed district-wise awards to the Best Performing Village Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies.

The awardees namely, Budang MPCs, Naitam MPCs, Melli MPCs, Leydung MPCs, Upper Sribadam MPCs and Tingzay MPCs were honoured with cash prizes along with mementos. The programme also witnessed the felicitation of Pabyuik MPCs, Gangtok, as the Best Performing Milk Producers' Cooperative Society in the State, which was presented with a cash prize and a memento.

Thereafter, Mr Aditya Pandey was felicitated as the Best Performing Student from the Gwala Community and was presented with a cash prize of ₹1 lakh and a memento.

The Department of Cooperation along with Apex Cooperative Societies also launched the Computerisation of the RCS Office Portal. The programme included the distribution of share certificates by the Cooperation Department, SICUN, SIMFED, DACS and SISCO Bank, distribution of ATM cards to PACS and DCS by SISCO Bank and the presentation of a cheque of ₹5 lakh by DACS to Middle Pabong Women's Labour Cooperative Society and Namphing Temi Tarku for poultry farming under the Contract Farming Scheme.

Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department also distributed animal neck bands to the two best-performing dairy farmers, accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation showcasing their achievements.

The programme concluded with conferring of the prestigious Gwala Ratna Puraskar 2026 upon Mr Arun Rai, who was honoured with a cash award of ₹3 lakh along with a memento in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the dairy sector.

Agriculture Department marks culmination of Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026

Gangtok, June 30: Agriculture Department organised the closing programme of Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026 at Nazitam Agriculture Farm, Martam, today.

Mr Puran Kumar Gurung Minister for Agriculture Department attended the programme as the chief guest.

Minister commended the Agriculture Department for organising Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026 and described the campaign as a significant initiative aimed at encouraging the younger generation to recognise the importance of agriculture and actively engage in farming. He said the campaign carried a strong message on the need to protect agricultural land and ensure its productive utilisation.

Minister stated that the State Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang has been implementing several farmer-centric initiatives to strengthen the agriculture and allied sectors. He said that the State Government has been extending incentives and financial assistance to farmers to enhance agricultural and horticultural production, improve rural livelihoods and promote sustainable farming practices.

Highlighting the progress achieved in the livestock sector, the Minister said that milk production in the State had increased steadily due to the State Government's continued support for dairy development, establishment of cow shelters and various livestock development initiatives. He further noted that food processing units established across the State has created opportunities for value addition, enabling farmers to secure better returns for their produce, while reducing post-harvest losses.

Referring to the PM-KISAN scheme, the Minister said that the initiative has been providing timely financial assistance to eligible farmers, enabling them to meet cultivation expenses and improve agricultural productivity. He added that the State Government remained committed to ensuring that farmers benefited from various welfare and development schemes aimed at improving their socio-economic well-being.

Reaffirming Sikkim's identity as India's first fully organic State, the Minister said that organic and natural farming had enhanced the quality of agricultural produce, while safeguarding public health and conserving the environment.

He further stated that the Prime Minister had appreciated Sikkim's achievements in organic farming, orchid conservation and tourism, which had brought national recognition to the State.

The Minister stressed the importance of preserving Sikkim's rich culture, traditions and agricultural heritage. He urged farmers and public to continue practising organic and natural farming, conserve agricultural land and work collectively towards building a self-reliant, sustainable and prosperous agricultural future

for the State.

Mr Jigme Dorjee Bhutia Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to the agricultural sector. He stated that Khet Bachao Abhiyan is being implemented as a flagship initiative to encourage the protection and productive utilisation of agricultural land, promote sustainable farming practices and strengthen food security. He urged farmers to preserve Sikkim's identity as an organic farming State by refraining from use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides and continuing to adopt eco-friendly and natural farming practices.

Highlighting the significance of Asar 15 Commissioner-cum-Secretary said that the day symbolised the State's rich agrarian heritage and the collective spirit of paddy cultivation while underscoring the importance of agriculture in sustaining rural livelihoods. He also highlighted the role of the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) in strengthening agricultural extension services through farmer training programmes, demonstrations, exposure visits, capacity-building initiatives and the dissemination of improved farming technologies to enhance agricultural productivity and improve farmers' livelihoods.

Earlier, the programme saw the launch of pamphlets and booklets of Khet Bachao Abhiyan campaign by the chief guest and other dignitaries.

During the programme, Gurash SHG of Rakdong received the award for the Best Exhibition Stall, while Mr Ghanashyam Chettri of Kaiyanthang, Ranka received the Best Farmer Award. Farmer awards were also presented to Mr Lall Bahadur Pradhan, Dung Dung Thasa, Khamdong, Ms Pyanki Rai, Barbing, Ranka, Mr Bharat Pradhan, Lower Syari (Ward No. 2), Nandok, Mr Phurba Tshering Bhutia, Namrang, Martam and Mr Somnath Luitel, Dhanbari Tumin, Rakdong.

Minister and other dignitaries also distributed agricultural kits to farm labourers and polyhouse farmers to encourage sustainable farming practices and enhance agricultural productivity.

A district-level exhibition organised by ATMA, Gangtok District, showcased innovative agricultural initiatives, improved farming technologies and best practices.

The programme was also attended by Panchayats, Dr S Anbalagan Secretary Agriculture Department, Mr TT Bhutia Principal Director-cum-Secretary Horticulture Department, Principal Director Agriculture Department, Principal Director Agriculture Department, BDO Martam, officers and staff of the Agriculture Department, farmers and other stakeholders.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs reviews flagship schemes and development initiatives

Gangtok, July 2: Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs chaired by Dr Radha Mohan Das Agrawal held a meeting with senior officers of the Government of Sikkim, Government of India and representatives of Public Sector Banks at a local hotel in Gangtok as part of its two-day study visit to the State, today.

The Committee comprised Mr Sanjay Singh Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha and Ms Delkar Kalaben Mohanbhai, Mr B Y Raghavendra and Mr Muhammed Hamdulla Sayeed Members of Parliament Lok Sabha. Welcoming the Chairperson and Members of the Committee, Mr R Telang Chief Secretary thanked the Committee for undertaking the study visit to Sikkim. He said that the visit provided a valuable opportunity for the State Government to present the progress made in implementing various Central Government flagship schemes and engage in constructive discussions on

strengthening governance, accelerating development and enhancing public service delivery across the State.

The Committee reviewed the implementation of key Central Government flagship schemes and development initiatives in Sikkim. It also examined the role of Public Sector Banks in facilitating access to credit, strengthening Self-Help Groups, promoting micro, small and medium enterprises and ensuring the effective delivery of welfare and development programmes.

Senior officers of the Government of Sikkim apprised the Committee about the progress made in implementing various flagship schemes, challenges encountered and the measures being taken to strengthen coordination and improve service delivery. The Committee also discussed the role of Public Sector Banks in promoting financial inclusion and supporting the effective implementation of Government schemes.

Present during the meeting were Mr A K Mallick Joint Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Mr Har Prateek Arya Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Mr Angshuman Dey Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, Government of India, Mr Arun Sobti Director Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India, Mr Shailesh Jha Director Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Mr Tanung Jamoh Director, NEC.

Also present were Mr R Telang Chief Secretary, Mr M T Sherpa Commissioner-cum-Secretary Planning and Development Department, Mr Tenzing T Kaleon Secretary Home Department, Dr S Anbalagan Secretary Agriculture Department, Mr Jigme S Basi Special Secretary, Planning and Development Department along with representatives of State Bank of India, Union Bank of India, Bank of Baroda and Bank of India.

Inaugural programme marks commencement of Sikkim Paryavaran Parva 2026

Gangtok, July 1: Forest and Environment Department launched its annual fortnight-long environmental initiative, Sikkim Paryavaran Parva 2026, today. Running from July 1 to July 14, this year's event centres around the theme "Leave a Green Legacy." The inaugural programme was held at MG Marg, Gangtok.

Mr Pinto Namgyal Lepcha Minister for Forest and Environment Department graced the programme as the chief guest.

In his welcome address, Dr Pradeep Kumar ACS-cum-PCCF, Forest and Environment Department, welcomed the runners and participants, noting that Sikkim Paryavaran Parva is State Government initiative which is now in its third year. He highlighted the initiative's core vision of celebrating, respecting and recognising nature's vital role in one's lives.

ACS-cum-PCCF, Forest and Environment Department outlined a diverse lineup of upcoming activities, including quiz and painting competitions, conferences, cleaning drives and mass plantation initiatives. He further urged everyone to make the event a 'negative-waste' by practising strict zero-littering and encouraging runners to actively pick up trash along their routes.

Following the welcome address, the chief guest officially declared the programme open. The

Minister flagged off the mobile distribution vans, marking the commencement of a campaign to distribute free seedlings to public.

The 10K Greenathon was flagged off by Mr Tenzing Norbu Lamtha MLA and Advisor for Forest and Environment Department. Thereafter, Ms Tshering Palden Bhutia Mayor Gangtok Municipal Corporation (GMC), flagged off the 5K Greenathon.

A major highlight was the AR/VR exhibition, which was experienced firsthand by Minister and Mayor GMC. The immersive showcase offers a virtual journey from Yuksom to Goechala, passing through breathtaking locations such as Tsokha, Dzongri, and Norbugang. The Minister highly lauded the initiative and encouraged visitors to experience it.

The chief guest also toured the various exhibition stalls set up by key wings of the Department, including the Himalayan Zoological Park, Wildlife Division, Khangchendzonga National Park, Territorial Division, Utilisation Circle, Sikkim EIACP Hub, State Biodiversity Board, State Pollution Control Board and the Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) section. During the walkthrough, he browsed information brochures, inspected local products and interacted with departmental staff. Furthermore, the Minister along

with MLA, Mayor and senior officials strongly advocated the State's wildlife adoption initiative, the 'My Child from Wild' programme.

The event concluded with participants and officials taking the Green Pledge and participating in the signature campaign. Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa MLA-cum-Advisor also joined and participated in taking the pledge and prize distribution ceremony.

Cash prizes were awarded to the winners of both events. Winners of the 10K Greenathon received cash prizes of ₹5,000/-, ₹3,000/- and ₹2,000/- for the first, second and third positions, respectively. Similarly, the top three finishers in the 5K category received ₹3,000/-, ₹2,000/- and ₹1,000/-, respectively.

Mementos were also presented to representatives of various line departments in appreciation of their support. Special recognition was accorded to officials of the Gangtok District Athletics Association for providing technical expertise during the event and to the Open Road Wanderers motorcycle group for marshalling the Greenathon.

The event witnessed the participation of senior officers and officials of the Forest and Environment Department, representatives of educational institutions, civil society organisations and public.

State Press Accreditation Policy.

The Secretary assured the Committee that quarterly review meetings would be convened to facilitate regular engagement, address issues in a timely manner and further strengthen coordination between the Department and the Press Club for its smooth functioning.

Press Club of Sikkim Executive Committee calls on IPR Secretary

Gangtok, June 30: Newly elected Executive Committee of the Press Club of Sikkim paid a courtesy visit to Ms Annapurna Alley Secretary Information and Public Relations Department at her official chamber in Soochna Bhawan, Tadong, today.

During the meeting, the Executive Committee apprised the Secretary of its proposed

activities and discussed various issues and challenges being faced by members of the Press Club. The meeting also deliberated on strengthening coordination between the Department and the Press Club, besides discussing important matters relating to the Digital Media Policy Guidelines and possible amendments to the

Delegates of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs visit Nathula Pass

Gangtok, July 2: A delegation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs led by Dr Radha Mohan Das Agarwal Chairperson and MP Rajya Sabha visited Nathula Pass as part of a two-day official visit to the State, today.

The delegation included Mr Sanjay Singh MP Rajya Sabha and Ms Delkar Kalaben Mohanbhai MP Lok Sabha, Mr BY Raghavendra and Mr Muhammed Hamdullah Sayeed.

Upon their arrival at Nathula pass, the delegation was accorded a warm welcome by Major General Ashish Negi, VSM General Officer Commanding (GOC), Black Cat Division.

The delegation interacted with officers of the Indian Army and received a comprehensive briefing on various aspects of border management and national security. The briefing focused on various aspects of border

management, regulated cross-border movement, communication and connectivity, civil-military coordination, infrastructure development and coordinated efforts towards ensuring effective administration and public safety in the region. The members were also apprised of the Indian Army's professionalism, operational preparedness and distinguished service, highlighting the strategic importance of the Nathula sector and the Army's continued commitment to safeguarding the nation's borders under challenging terrain and weather conditions.

Following the visit, the delegation is scheduled to hold further engagements with representatives of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), senior State Government officials and public sector banks.

Joint inspection drive to enforce ban on Single-Use-Plastics

Gangtok, July 4: In order to enforce the ban on Single-Use Plastics (SUPs) in the Municipal areas of Gangtok, Mangan, Namchi, Nayabazar-Jorethang, Rangpo, Singtam, and Gyalshing, SPCB-Sikkim organised inspection drives in collaboration with ULB authorities and Sikkim Police personnel, today.

Banned SUP items include ear buds with plastic sticks, balloon sticks, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, polystyrene (thermocool) for decorations, plates, cups, glasses, cutlery (forks, spoons, knives), straws, trays, wrapping or packing films on sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, as well as plastic or PVC banners less than 100 microns and stirrers.

Additionally, non-woven plastic carry bags below 60 GSM, polyethylene bags under 120 microns without proper markings, and PET bottles for packaged drinking water (including alkaline water) of 2 litres or less are strictly prohibited.

To verify adherence to the

SP Soreng conducts cyber fraud awareness programme in Soreng

Soreng, July 3: Mr Nahkul Pradhan Superintendent of Police (SP) Soreng conducted a Cyber Fraud Awareness programme for members of the Taxi Drivers' Association, stakeholders and public at Taxi Stand in Soreng, today.

SP Soreng elaborated on various forms of cyber fraud and urged everyone to remain vigilant against online scams. He explained the common methods used by cybercriminals and encouraged public to exercise caution, while using digital platforms.

He also informed the participants that the Sikkim Police has declared July as Cyber Fraud

prohibition on banned SUP goods under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, local stores and commercial establishments within the towns were inspected. A brief awareness campaign on the prohibited SUP items was also given to the general public, retailers, and vendors.

Seizures and fines were imposed and detail are as follows: Namchi Municipal Council; 14.9 kg of SUP items; fine: ₹8,000/-, Gangtok Municipal Corporation; 0.2 kg of SUP items; fine: ₹500/-, Singtam Nagar Panchayat; 5 kg of SUP items.

In total, 20.1 kg of prohibited SUP items were seized and fines were imposed amounting to ₹8,500/-.

In this enforcement campaign, SPCB Sikkim solicits proactive measures in curbing the sale and use of banned SUP items in the State and support the initiative in keeping Sikkim plastic free.

Enforcement drives will held every four days a month.

Awareness Month to promote awareness and strengthen public preparedness against cybercrime.

Highlighting the available support systems, SP Soreng informed about the Cyber Helpline-1930, a 24×7 service operated from the Police Headquarters in Gangtok, as well as the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal at cybercrime.gov.in.

He advised victims of cyber fraud to report incidents immediately through the helpline or the portal so that prompt action can be taken, including freezing the fraudster's bank account to help prevent further financial loss.

State-level Jan Sammelan-cum-launch of VB-G RAM G

Pakyong, July 2: Rural Development Department Pakyong District hosted State-level Jan Sammelan-cum-launch of the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) at Community Hall, Pakyong, today.

The programme was held as part of the nationwide launch of VB-G RAM G by Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare at Mukkavaripalli village in Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh.

Mr Raju Basnet Minister-cum-MLA Namcheybong, attended the State-level launch as the chief guest. In his address, he emphasised that the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 can be realised only through the collective development of every State, District and village. Reiterating the Chief Minister's vision of 'Sunaulo, Samriddha ani Samarth Sikkim', aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, he noted that rural development is fundamental to building a developed State and nation. He further underscored the importance of labour in creating productive assets and strengthening rural development.

He highlighted that the State Government has introduced various welfare and livelihood initiatives to strengthen rural communities and improve the socio-economic condition of the people. Stressing that the success of these schemes depends on active public participation and ownership, he called upon Panchayat representatives and the public to work in coordination and convergence with all stakeholders to ensure effective implementation of development programmes.

During the event, Mrs Prabha Pradhan Zilla Upadhyaksha, Pakyong District, appreciated the coordinated efforts of the Department, District Administration and Panchayat representatives in implementing rural development programmes and expressed confidence that the same spirit of teamwork would ensure the successful implementation of VB-G RAM G.

She underlined the significant role of women in the mission, noting that women are central to its implementation and workforce, and encouraged their active participation. She called upon Panchayat representatives to prepare Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans through Gram Sabhas with priority to education and community needs, including the development of school playgrounds, preservation of existing community assets and creation of durable public infrastructure.

In addition, she urged Panchayats to undertake quality works that generate long-term public benefits, promote tourism, and create livelihood opportunities in rural areas.

Reiterating the vision of Chief Minister's 'Sunaulo, Samriddha ani Samarth Sikkim', she called for collaborative efforts to develop model villages, stating that the progress of villages would strengthen the district and contribute to the overall development of the State.

At the outset, Mr Anil Raj Rai, Secretary, Rural Development Department, outlined objectives and key features of VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 and informed that the Act, which came into effect on July 1, 2026, replaces MGNREGA with a modern rural employment framework aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. It increases the statutory wage employment guarantee to 125 days for every eligible rural household while prioritising water security, rural infrastructure, livelihood development, and climate resilience.

He highlighted that the Act promotes decentralised planning through Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans, institutional convergence, AI-enabled monitoring, real-time dashboards, mandatory social audits, and a normative funding framework. He also explained the provision for a Peak Agricultural Season of up to 60 days, during which works under the mission will remain suspended to support agricultural activities. He outlined the Act's three key components: a strengthened employment guarantee with unemployment allowance, creation of durable rural assets, and enhanced accountability through planning, technology, and institutional mechanisms. Works under the mission will focus on water conservation, livelihood infrastructure, core rural infrastructure, and special works for extreme weather events.

Speaking on the financial architecture, he stated that VB-G RAM G is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a 90:10 funding pattern for North Eastern and Himalayan States, including Sikkim. He informed that the unskilled wage rate in Sikkim has been fixed at ₹300/- per day for general Gram Panchayats and ₹450/- per day for the high-altitude Gram Panchayats of Gnathang, Lachung, and Lachen.

Highlighting the mission's expected benefits, he said it would strengthen rural infrastructure, water security, climate resilience, livelihoods, and transparency through digital systems. He urged Gram Panchayats, District Programme Coordinators, Programme Officers, and other implementing agencies to ensure effective implementation through participatory planning and the creation of durable community assets under Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans.

Ms Tshering Lhaden Lachungpa, Special Secretary, RDD-cum-Mission Director, VB-G RAM G, described the launch of VB-G RAM G as a historic milestone in Sikkim's rural

development, aimed at improving livelihoods, strengthening infrastructure, conserving natural resources, and empowering Gram Panchayats.

She informed that the State Government has completed all necessary preparations for the mission, including institutional arrangements, financial planning, capacity building, and awareness campaigns, ensuring readiness for its rollout. She added that the programme also featured an interaction with the Union Minister through video conferencing and showcased the State's preparedness. She expressed confidence that the mission would contribute to a prosperous rural Sikkim and the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Mr Krishna Lepcha, Officer on Special Duty, Rural Development Department, spoke about the implementation of VB-G RAM G and emphasised the importance of close coordination among all stakeholders for the successful execution of the mission. He highlighted the need to ensure quality implementation of development works and encouraged Panchayats to accord due attention to the maintenance and improvement of public infrastructure. He stated that the vision of 'Sunaulo, Samriddha and Samarth Sikkim' could be realised only through the collective responsibility and commitment, and called upon all stakeholders to work together towards achieving this shared goal.

The programme also witnessed the formal release of the Government of Sikkim's Extraordinary Gazette Notification on the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Scheme, Sikkim, 2026. Additionally, Self-Help Group stalls and a VB-G RAM G information stall were set up at the venue. The programme also featured a live telecast of the national launch of VB-G RAM G from Andhra Pradesh, during which representatives from various States participated and job seekers from different parts of the country interacted through video conferencing.

Officials and functionaries of Rural Development Department from across the State joined in the State-level programme through video conferencing. The launch event was also attended by Zilla Panchayats; Panchayat members from various Gram Panchayat Units; Chief Executive Officer, Sikkim Rural Livelihoods Mission; Additional District Collector (Development); Block Development Officers from different blocks, Heads of Offices from various departments; representatives from Panchayati Raj Institutions, officials from Rural Development Department, Gram Rozgar Sahayaks and Self-Help Group members.

Cooperative Week Celebration 2026 observed in Pakyong

Pakyong, July 3: As part of the nationwide Cooperative Week Celebration 2026, the Department of Cooperation organised a programme under the vision 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi-A National Campaign Through People's Participation' at the RURBAN Community Complex, Pakyong, today.

The week-long celebration, being observed from June 29 to July 6, commemorates the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation. The initiative aims to promote the spirit of cooperation and people's participation while highlighting the role of cooperative movement in fostering socio-economic development across the country.

During the programme, video messages on Cooperative Week 2026 by Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur, and Chief Minister, Mr Prem Singh Tamang, were screened.

Delivering the keynote address, Ms Kessang Yanki, Additional Registrar, Department of Cooperation, highlighted that the week-long celebration, observed from June 29 to July 6, commemorates the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation. She emphasised the importance of creating awareness about the services offered through Common Services Centres (CSCs) among rural communities and urged the field officials to act as valuable assets in ensuring effective service delivery at grassroots level.

She also encouraged the participants to make the best use of the technical sessions by applying the knowledge gained in their respective areas of work.

The first technical session was conducted by Mr Amitabha Nandy, State In-charge, CSC, who provided an overview of the Common Services Centre (CSC) e-Governance platform. During the session, he explained that under the Ministry of Cooperation's initiative, Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) are being integrated with the Common Services Centre (CSC) network to expand service delivery and provide digital and citizen-centric services at grassroots level.

He highlighted the role of CSCs in delivering accessible and efficient public services across various sectors. He informed that CSCs provide a wide range of citizen-centric services, including Aadhaar Seva Kendra, PM Welfare Schemes, State Government e-Services, RTO services, and insurance services. Citizens can also avail themselves of services such as PAN and Passport assistance, National Pension System (NPS) registration, flight, train ticket bookings, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) services, Education Department State Quota seat allotment, and student

scholarship services, all at the Government notified rates.

He also briefed the participants on the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and urged the Assistant Cooperative Inspectors to sensitise PM-Kisan beneficiaries on enrolling in the crop insurance programme during the Kharif season to protect their crops against unforeseen losses.

He further emphasised the importance of delivering e-services through the CSC network to ensure efficient, transparent and citizen-centric service delivery across the State.

The second training session was conducted by Audit Officer, Mr Nima Tshering Bhutia, for the Assistant Cooperative Inspectors (ACIs) and Cooperative Inspectors (CIs). During the session, he delivered a presentation on Common Audit Challenges and Their Prevention, highlighting the importance of improving the accuracy of daily accounting entries, reducing audit observations, ensuring correct financial reporting and strengthening compliance with the Common Accounting System.

He also discussed common audit issues, including incorrect selection of accounting heads, erroneous entries, and discrepancies in bank balances, while suggesting measures to prevent such errors.

The programme also included the presentation of letters of appreciation and tokens of appreciation to field officials in recognition of their dedication, sincerity and exemplary performance in the discharge of their duties. The recipients were Mr Sujal Sharma, Padamchey MPCs, Mr Deepen Tamang, Amba Mamring MPCs, Ms Sonam Palmu Bhutia, Sumin Lingchey MPCs, Mr Milan Rai, Barapathing MPCs, Mr Sunil Chettri, Janaushadhi Kendra and Mr Chittish Chettri, Janaushadhi Kendra.

Both technical sessions concluded with interactive discussions, during which the Assistant Cooperative Inspectors posted in various Gram Panchayat Units operating Common Services Centres (CSCs) through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) raised queries related to CSC portal operations, including issues concerning OTP authentication and other challenges encountered during field implementation. The resource persons addressed the queries, clarified the participants doubts and took note of their feedback for further consideration.

The programme was attended by Senior AO, Deputy Registrars, Audit Officers, Assistant Registrars, CSC, District Manager, Cooperative Inspectors and Assistant Cooperative Inspectors.

DC Namchi directs immediate relief and restoration measures for flood-hit Lingi-Paiyong

Namchi, July 3: Ms Anupa Tamling District Collector Namchi, convened an urgent meeting with Heads of Departments at District Administrative Centre (DAC), Namchi to review the situation in the flood-affected Lingi-Paiyong area and formulate immediate relief, restoration and rehabilitation measures.

The meeting was convened following DC's inspection of the affected areas, where incessant rainfall and a flash flood caused extensive damage to roads, bridge and other public infrastructure, leaving several villages cut off.

Addressing the officials, DC stated that the meeting had been convened immediately after the field inspection to assess the extent of the damage and to ensure a coordinated response.

She emphasised that the situation demanded utmost urgency and directed all line departments to act swiftly in undertaking relief, restoration and rehabilitation works.

She instructed the PMGSY and PWD to immediately clear roads blocked by landslides and restore connectivity. Noting that the villages of Kau Khola, Sokpey, Chauree Dara and Dara Khola had been isolated following the flash flood, she directed the departments to expedite road clearance to facilitate the movement of heavy machinery into the affected areas.

She further directed Forest Department to identify suitable timber for the construction of temporary log bridges and instructed PMGSY to undertake their immediate construction to restore connectivity and ensure the safe movement of residents. She also directed the department to survey vulnerable trees along roads, bridges and other affected locations and remove those

posing a potential risk to public safety.

The Roads and Bridges Department was instructed to restore damaged road connectivity, clear blocked drainage channels without delay, make arrangements for the construction of a suitable temporary bridge and assess the structural stability of the Kau Khola bridge.

Reviewing the availability of essential commodities, she directed the Food and Civil Supplies Department to assess food grain stocks in the affected villages and ensure an adequate supply of essential items. The department was also instructed to coordinate with Makha to facilitate the timely transportation and distribution of relief materials.

With schools scheduled to reopen following summer vacation, she directed the concerned departments to expedite the construction of temporary log bridges at Kau Khola to ensure safe access for students.

She further instructed Education Department and ICDS Division to coordinate with school authorities and make suitable arrangements for online classes until normal connectivity is restored, ensuring that students' education remains uninterrupted.

Highlighting the need for immediate healthcare support, she directed Health and Family Welfare Department to establish a medical relief camp in the affected area to provide essential healthcare services, with special attention to pregnant women, children, elderly and other vulnerable residents.

Recognising Lingi's significant contribution to the State's daily milk supply, she

instructed the Sikkim Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited, in coordination with the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, to establish a temporary milk collection point to facilitate the uninterrupted procurement and transportation of milk. She stressed the importance of maintaining an effective response mechanism to minimise disruption to dairy farmers.

Agriculture Department was directed to immediately repair damaged irrigation channels, assess crop losses and extend necessary assistance to affected farmers.

To ensure an uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water, the DC instructed the authorities of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) authorities to identify the exact cause of the disruption in water supply system and implement immediate temporary restoration measures, while permanent repairs are undertaken.

She also directed Power Department to restore electricity supply at the earliest in the event of any disruption, ensuring the prompt resumption of essential services across the affected villages.

The DC further instructed all departments to submit detailed status reports to her office and other respective departments. She underscored that relief, recovery and mitigation must remain the highest priorities and urged officials to adopt a proactive approach by conducting regular monthly or bi-monthly field inspections to identify potential hazards and address public concerns before it escalate.

Present during the meeting were the HoOs along with Officers of concerned departments.

CEO Sikkim announces publication of Draft Electoral Roll under SIR 2026

Gangtok, July 5: Mr Raj Kumar Yadav Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sikkim announced the publication of Draft Electoral Roll under Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 2026 during a press conference held at the office of CEO, Baluwakhani, Gangtok, today.

Briefing the media on the outcome of Enumeration Phase conducted from May 30 to June 28, 2026, the Chief Electoral Officer informed that Enumeration Forms were received from 4,33,294 electors out of a total electorate of 4,71,018, reflecting strong public participation. He credited the coordinated efforts of District Election Officers of all six districts, 32 Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), 37 Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs), 75 Additional AEROs, 572 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) deployed across 623 polling stations, and the active participation of recognised political parties through their 895 Booth Level Agents (BLAs).

Draft Electoral Roll has been published in print and digital formats and made available to recognised political parties for scrutiny and verification. It has also been uploaded on the websites of the Chief Electoral Officer and District Election Officers for public access.

Claims and objections will remain open from July 5 to August 4, 2026. During this period, eligible electors can seek inclusion of their names in the electoral roll or apply for correction or deletion of entries in accordance with the prescribed procedure. Booth-wise lists of absent, shifted, deceased and duplicate electors have also been displayed online along with reasons for non-inclusion.

Highlighting facilitation measures, the CEO said the revision exercise included special camps at polling stations, awareness campaigns through

print, electronic and social media, voter awareness content in local languages and regular dissemination of information through official platforms.

Citizens who have attained or will attain the age of 18 years on or before July 1, 2026, are encouraged to submit Form 6 for inclusion in the electoral roll. Electors may verify their enrolment status through electoral rolls, voter information portals, websites of the Chief Electoral Officer and District Election Officers, or by contacting Booth Level Officers, besides scanning QR codes provided for easy access.

The CEO clarified that no name can be deleted from the draft electoral roll without issuance of notice and a reasoned order by the concerned ERO or AERO. Aggrieved electors may avail of a two-tier appeal mechanism under the Representation of the People Act, 1950, with the first appeal lying with the District Election Officer and the second with the Chief Electoral Officer.

The Election Commission of India has deputed senior officers as Observers for the revision exercise. Mr Anil Raj Rai Secretary Rural Development Department is assigned to Namchi and Pakyong Districts; Mr Tushar Nihare Secretary, Planning and Development Department to Gangtok and Mangan districts and Mr AB Karki Secretary Printing and Stationery Department to Gyalshing and Soreng Districts.

Reiterating the objective of Special Intensive Revision, the CEO said that the exercise aims to ensure an accurate, authentic, transparent and inclusive electoral roll. He assured that all additions, deletions and corrections will undergo due verification before finalisation in accordance with Election Commission of India guidelines.

Press Release from SLA

Kolkata, July 3: Mr Mingma Norbu Sherpa Speaker Sikkim Legislative Assembly along with Mr Lalit Kumar Gurung Secretary Sikkim Legislative Assembly attended the inaugural session of the two day orientation programme organised for newly elected members of the 18th Legislative Assembly of West Bengal Assembly organised jointly by West Bengal Legislative Assembly and Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE) of Lok Sabha.

The two day programme was inaugurated by Mr Om Birla Speaker Lok Sabha in presence of Mr Kiren Rijiju Union Minister Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, Mr Suvendu Adhikari Chief Minister West Bengal, Mr Hariyansh Deputy Chairperson Rajya Sabha, Mr Ritabrata Banerjee Leader of Opposition West Bengal Legislative Assembly and Mr Rathindra Bose Speaker West

Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Mr Mingma Norbu Sherpa Speaker SLA also co-chaired the technical session on the topic 'Financial Business and Budgetary Process in Parliament'.

In addition, the meeting of the 'Committee of Presiding Officers to Review the Committee System' was also conveyed. The meeting comprised of Mr Narendra Singh Tomar Speaker Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly who is also the Chairman of Committee, Mr Vasudev Devnani Speaker Rajasthan Legislative Assembly; Mr Satish Mahana Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Mr Kuldeep Singh Pathania Speaker, Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly and Ms Surama Padhy Speaker Odisha Legislative Assembly. The committee adopted the final report of the 'Committee of Presiding Officers to Review the Committee System'.

Press Release from Commerce and Industries Department

Gangtok, July 2: Commerce and Industries Department in collaboration with the SEED Cell, organised an ODR (Online Dispute Resolution) Awareness Workshop to promote faster, cost-effective, technology-driven dispute resolution for businesses.

The workshop brought together MSMEs, hoteliers, contractors, entrepreneurs, pharmaceutical companies and small business owners from across the State to raise awareness about Online Dispute Resolution and its role in resolving commercial disputes efficiently while strengthening business continuity.

The programme was graced by Ms Karma D Youtso Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department as chief guest. Other attendees included Mr M Ravikumar Director (MSME), Mr Rewaj Chettri OSD to CM (Entrepreneurship & Skill Development) and Dr Raj Lama President, SEED Cell.

Addressing the participants,

Secretary highlighted the transformative role of technology-enabled dispute resolution in creating a business-friendly environment and encouraged enterprises to adopt digital platforms for faster, transparent and efficient conflict resolution. She emphasised innovation, digital governance and timely dispute resolution as key drivers of Ease of Doing Business and sustainable economic growth.

Mr M Ravikumar Director (MSME), stressed the importance of ODR framework for local MSMEs, noting that it offers a free, online, accessible and efficient mechanism for resolving delayed payment disputes under the MSMED Act, 2006. He also outlined the powers and functions of the MSME Facilitation Council (MSEFC) in conciliation and delayed payment claim resolution.

A technical session by Advocate Tanushree Thapa, Legal Consultant (MSEFC-ODR), Commerce and Industries Department covered the ODR

framework, legal safeguards for MSMEs, documentation requirements and a live walkthrough of the ODR Portal, including claim filing, document uploads, case tracking, digital notices and online conciliation proceedings.

Mr Rewaj Chettri OSD to CM (Entrepreneurship & Skill Development), highlighted State and Central Government initiatives supporting entrepreneurship, skill development and enterprise growth, encouraging entrepreneurs to utilise available schemes and support mechanisms.

The workshop witnessed active participation from MSME stakeholders, industry representatives and entrepreneurs. It concluded with a reaffirmation of the Government of Sikkim's commitment to promoting accessible, transparent, and technology-driven dispute resolution through the MSEFC and ODR Portal, strengthening the State's entrepreneurial ecosystem.