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## Governor visits Regional Ayurveda Research Institute DEO (East) chairs meeting

**Gangtok, April 29:** The Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad visited Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Tadong, today. On reaching the institute, he was accorded by the team of doctors and researchers headed by Assistant Director and Centre in-charge Dr. Shriprakash. The Governor sought information on the facilities and technical aspects of the institute and interacted with the research officers and staff.

In a brief function, a formal presentation was made on various therapeutic process of Ayurveda including 'Panchakarma Chikitsa' and 'Swasthya Vritt' by Dr. Rahul and Dr. Shravan Kumar Shahu, respectively.

In his address, the Governor stressed on the need to promote Ayurveda for health and well being of the masses. Ayurveda, being the ancient health and medical practice with deep scientific base, was developed over centuries of



**Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad in the Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Tadong.**

research and experiments in India and it must be brought forth for the balanced and rational treatment of ailments, the Governor said. He also appealed all to adopt Ayurveda and keep healthy lifestyle for happier and healthy life.

The Governor while appreciating the research based activities carried out by the centre, also urged the institute to take greater role in community health, reaching out to the masses with its services.

## Governor tours West Sikkim



**Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad with the people of Uttarey West Sikkim.**

**Gyalshing, April 25:** The Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of his tour to West Sikkim visited the SSB Camp at Uttarey and interacted with the SSB Jawans, Sikkim Sisters NGO, members of the Pawan Dristi Girls home and locals of the area.

The Governor, in his address mentioned that the country is proud of the SSB Jawans duties and how they have kept the country's borders safe. He further congratulated the Sikkim Sisters NGOs for their contribution towards the 'Beti bachao, Beti parao' campaign of the Prime Minister and raising the kids in a safe environment. The Governor

distributed sweets and blankets to children of Pawan Dristi Girls home.

He visited Rainbow Trout Breeding cum Demonstration Farm Uttarey and also visited and interacted with the students and teaching faculty of Dentam Senior Secondary School. He mentioned in his brief address that the students are the future of a state and are 'lumps of clay' which needs to be molded and shaped in the best shape possible to keep the name of the state and society high. He also acknowledged the role of the teachers who are the tool to build the future if the state through their impartation skills of how well moral values and

knowledge are stilled in the children by them.

During his two days tour to West Sikkim, the Governor released grants of ₹ 50,000/- to Pawan Dristi Girls Home. Similarly, a sum of ₹25,000/- from Raj Bhawan fund and ₹25,000/- personally by the Governor was given to the Dentam Senior Secondary School Library.

On April 24, the Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad visited NHPC Hingdam where he planted tree saplings for cleaner environment. He also visited the Apline Cheese Factory at Dentam where he met with the Manager and the working staff. The Manager explained in detail the process of how cheese and other products are produced.

Thereafter, he met with the farmers of Dentam and members of the Self Help Groups. The Governor assured the farmers that their problems would be dealt regarding their produce which needs to be properly marketed. Further, he mentioned that the farmers need to benefit from their produces and the state's organic policies have indeed made the state famous in the country for which the farmers are the pillars.

He also stressed on the

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**Gangtok, April 29:** A meeting was held at the Conference Hall of DAC Sichey with the contesting candidates and election agents regarding preparation for counting day. It was chaired by DEO (East) Mr. Kapil Meena, and had the presence of SP (East) Mr. Hem Raj Rai, ADC (East) Mr. Bharani Kumar, SP (Traffic), Mr. Tshering Gyatso and the contesting candidates, election agents of Parliamentary Constituency and all Assembly Constituencies of East District.

The contesting candidates, elections agents were briefed in detail about the various arrangements that have been made in connection with the counting of votes which is scheduled to be held on May 23, 2019 from 8 AM.

All the candidates were informed about the provisions regarding filling and timely submission of Form 18 for appointment of Counting Agents. They were also intimated about the provisions for appointment of counting agents, their training and the number of such agents that could be appointed.

The DEO (East) also explained in detail about the counting plan for Assembly

Constituencies/Parliamentary Constituency, along with the plan made for the movement of EVMs and VVPATs from Strong Room to the Counting Halls. Further, he also elucidated the plans on counting of postal ballots and Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System, and the new guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India regarding counting of VVPATs.

Moreover, he described the details of access control, restrictions on use of mobile phones and security arrangements made at the place of counting. It was also intimated to all the candidates and their agents that the Strong Room would be opened on May 23 at 07:30 am in the presence of all candidates and their agents.

SP (East) also briefed about the traffic and transportation arrangements made for the counting day. He appealed all for the maintenance of law and order on the counting day and said that they were ready to ensure that the counting of votes is carried out in a peaceful manner and without any disturbance to law and order.

## Training for Food Business Operators on Food Safety and Hygiene

**Gangtok, April 26:** The Department of Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare initiated two day training for Food Business Operators on Food Safety and Hygiene at a local hotel, today. The Additional Chief Secretary cum in-charge of Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr. S. C. Gupta graced the inaugural session as the chief guest and Commissioner-cum-Secretary of Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare Department, Mr. Vishal Chauhan was present as the special guest.

Addressing the inaugural session, Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta said that food safety is a very important issue in the country. After the existence of the Food Safety and Standard Act 2006, there has been a paradigm shift whereby many topics have been undertaken and more is to be done for food safety.

Mr. Gupta said that the State has been a torch bearer in many fronts, thus time has now come for us to take lead in maintaining Food Safety and Hygiene since Gangtok is known to be one of the cleanest city in the whole of the country.

Mr. Gupta further said that everyone should be aware about the Food Safety and Standard Act and the rules and regulations surrounding it. He said that Self-regulation is the best step and also elaborated on state government's impetus by providing training, awareness and opportunities etc. He also emphasized on maintaining personal hygiene and behavioral practices in respective establishments like; hotel, restaurant, eateries etc. He asked the participants to keep their establishments more hygienic and comply with law.

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### Pearls of Wisdom

**"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."**

**- Mahatma Gandhi**

## District Diary

### HPV vaccination campaign held

**Mangan, April 24:** An inaugural programme of Human Papilloma Virus vaccination campaign for North District took place at Girls Senior Secondary School, Mangan, today. Joint Director, Human Resource Development Department (North), Ms. Deelak Pradhan graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Principal, Government Senior Secondary School Mangan, Mrs. Mamta Rani Rai in her welcome address, spoke on importance and awareness on HPV vaccine. She informed that HPV/infection is main cause of cervical cancer and genital warts, therefore it is very important to get HPV vaccine at right age.

The vaccination was overseen by the doctors from the District Hospital Mangan which comprises CMO (North) Dr. D.C. Sharma, DRCHO Dr. P.K. Basnett, Dr. Roshana Bhumzan. Also present during the inaugural session were

School Principal Mrs. Mamta Rani Rai, school faculties and students. The inaugural vaccination programme saw 38 girls students who were given 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of HPV vaccine while the 1<sup>st</sup> dose has already been completed on August 2018.

On April 24, Mangan Girl's Senior Secondary School, Kalzang Gyatso Secondary School, Kabi, Dream Valley Academy, Chungthang Secondary School, Sonam Choda Senior Secondary School, Lingdong and Ralak Junior High School were selected for HPV vaccination.

The schedule for HPV vaccination campaign in various schools in the North district are on April 25 -Mangan Secondary School; Phansong Secondary School; Phamtam Junior High School; Dikchu Senior Secondary School; Naga Secondary School; Hee Gyathang Senior Secondary School and Lingzya Secondary School. On April 26 - Ringhim

Secondary School, Nampatam, PS; Rangrang Junior High School; Thingchim Secondary School; JNV School, Phodong; Shipgyer/Saffo; Timvong SS, Namrik JHS, Lingko PS; Sandong JHS, Phidang PS. On April 27- Phodong Secondary School; Lachen Secondary School and Gor Senior Secondary School. On April 28- St. Joseph Junior High School; Namok School; Lachung Secondary School; Mangshilla Secondary School and Lingthem Senior Secondary School. On April 29 - Passingdang Senior Secondary School; Noam Pry. School and Lingdem Primary School. On April 30- Singhik Senior Secondary School and Eklavya Model Residential School. On May 01- Pakshep JHS; Manul Secondary School Naday/Meyong and on May 02 - North Sikkim Academy and Little Flower School.

### District Child Protection Unit (North) organises sensitization programme for stakeholders

**Mangan, April 23:** A day long district level sensitization programme for stakeholders on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, 2015 was organized by the District Child Protection Unit (North) in association with Integrated Child Protection Scheme, Social Justice Empowerment and Welfare Department at the Conference Hall of North Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, today.

The programme took place in the presence of the District Magistrate (North), Mr. Raj Yadav, SP (North), Mr. Kunzang D. Shangdarpa, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Mrs. Mingma Doma Bhutia, DCPO (North) Mrs. Wendy M. Lepcha, Head of Schools, teachers and local dignitaries.

Mrs. Wendy M. Lepcha, stated that the head of the schools and their faculty has a vital responsibility on the

Protection of Children from Sexual Offences as they can understand the children's nature in a better way. The teachers play a vital role in tackling child sexual abuse by observing and asking the children who are behaving in an unusual manner. Further, she urged the stakeholders to extend their cooperation and join hands on combating child abuse.

Mrs. Lepcha termed child abuse as a societal disease. It is said that 95 percent of people who commit such crime against children are their close relatives who are trusted by the children. She informed any form of sexual abuse against children can be reported to the nearest Police station or they can also make a call on 1098 (Toll Free) which is available 24/7. Victims can now use email to report sexual harassment against them at [www.ncpcr.gov.in](http://www.ncpcr.gov.in) a website dedicated to prevent child sexual abuse.

She briefed the responsibilities of the media to make sure that the identity of victim of child who has been sexually abused must not be revealed. Similarly, she also sensitized JJ Act, 2015 to the stakeholders.

SP (North) Mr. Shangdarpa informed that recently two POCSO case has been registered in the district. Such cases are being reported at an alarming rate in the State, he added.

DC (North) Mr. Yadav, appreciated the programme and urged to join hands to combat such societal evil. He also informed that the District Administrative Centre (North) will initiate the programme such as Field Friday, Best School Award, Revision of Basic Learning and District Evaluation of Schools from the month of June.

### Legal Services Camp organised in South

**Namchi, April 20:** District Legal Services Authority (South) and Taluk Legal Services Committee (South) in coordination with the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority organized a Legal Services Camp at Tamang Community Hall in Kateng, Namchi, today.

The purpose of the programme was targeted to spread awareness about welfare legislation on various Schemes and to strengthen the community's access to the schemes being implemented by the Legal Services Authority and other Departments of the Government. The programme aimed at identifying and connecting people to welfare schemes to ensure that fruits of the welfare schemes are passed

to the eligible people. The program also looked upon understanding the legal needs of the people by addressing their legal problems and giving appropriate legal advice.

The programme mainly focused on NALSA (Legal Services to the Workers in the Unorganized Sector) Scheme, 2015, NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme, 2015 and NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights), Scheme, 2015.

The programme was launched by the Chairperson, DLSA (South) Ms. Jyoti Kharka in the presence of the Secretary DLSA (South), Ms. Urvashi Pradhan; Panel Advocates, Mr. Anjan Sharma; and Ms. M.D.

Tamang; Medical Officers from Namthang P.H.C, Dr. Mingyur D. Lassopa; Mr. K.N Wangdi; S.I, Namthang Police Outpost; Ms. D.M. Rasaily from Social Welfare Department (South); Mr. Basant from Labour Department (South); Panchayat President, Mr. Chedup Tamang; Ms. Sarita Tamang; Ms. Anjali Tamang; and Ms. Uma Dahal, Para-Legal Volunteers and the local gentries.

During the programme, two video clips were shown to the public broadcasting the benefits of National Legal Services Authority and Sikkim State Legal Services Authority.

The programme was attended by around 106 people and 56 number of beneficiaries.

### Training on Vote counting

**Mangan, April 27:** The officials, who are vested with the task of vote counting on May 23, General election 2019 of three different Constituencies of the North district, 29-Kabi-Lungchok, 30-Dzongu and 31-Lachen-Mangan, underwent training on the intricacies of vote counting and its process at the Conference Hall of District Administrative Centre, Mangan, today.

SDM (Kabi), Mr. Mahesh Sharma, imparted the training wherein the officials were trained on how to handle the electronic voting machine, Voter Verifiable

Paper Audit Trail, counting of votes, tabulation and data entry, counting of postal ballot and Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System, declaration of results and follow up actions, including sealing of EVMs and others after final result.

The officials were intimated that counting will commence at 8.00 am. and also whole counting process will be carried out in presence of the General observers, Returning officer and Candidates/election agents of all political parties of the district.

### Sensitization programme on POCSO Act, 2012 and Juvenile Justice Act, 2015

**Mangan, April 27:** Two day long Block Level sensitization programme on Protection of Child from Sexual Offence (POCSO) Act, 2012 and Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, 2015 for stakeholders comprising of Anganwadi Workers (AWW), Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) and government employee under One Family One Job was concluded, today. The programme which was held at the Block Administrative Centre of Dzongu and Chungthang was organized by the District Child Protection Unit (North) to build cooperation among stakeholders in the field of child protection and to make them aware on the Acts related to children and child protection mechanisms under Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department.

The District Child Protection Officer (North), Ms. Wendy M. Lepcha, highlighted about the types of sexual offenses punishable under POCSO Act, 2012 and provisions for child friendly judicial process. She also informed that any person, who has fear of an

offence under POCSO Act is likely to be committed or has knowledge of such an offence has been committed, he or she should provide such information to the Special Juvenile Police Unit/the local police. She informed to the participants about toll free 24x7 Childline number 1098 and for any assistance in child protection related issues, they may call the number or inform the office of the District child Protection Unit (North) at Mangan Nagar Panchayat. She also requested the AWWs to sensitise the children about good touch, bad touch and alerted the ASHA workers to report on any illegal adoption/transaction of new born children from the hospitals as adoption has to be as per JJ Act, 2015.

The Chairperson, CWC, Mrs. Mingma Bhutia, shared about domestic violence affecting children and the provision of sponsorship, foster care and institutional care that could be availed by such children and other vulnerable children through Child Welfare Committee, North.

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### Training for...

Earlier, Mr. Vishal Chauhan said awareness and self-certification is an important to ensure food safety and hygiene. He stated that any food related establishment which come under the ambit of the Food Safety and Standard Act 2006 in Sikkim like factories, hotel, restaurant, catering, eateries, canteens etc. have to comply with the provision and as per the Act, it is mandatory to have training certification for renewal of licenses and food business operators. Failing to produce training certificate their licenses will not be renewed, he said. He also mentioned that such training is to motivate, generate awareness about the procedures that has to be adopted. It was also informed that to help food operators in Sikkim, State government has organized training

for the first time in capital with the purpose to generate awareness and create a movement among food business operators in the State and to hold food hygiene training certificate as per law.

Mr. Vishal Chauhan appealed all food business operators to conduct training to all food handlers in their respective establishments. He also informed that Government of India has already sanctioned a food-testing lab for Sikkim.

Earlier, the Resource Person from Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society (SMMSSS), Mr. Vinay K. Stephen briefed about the objective of training for business operators and food handlers. He said that the training would definitely raise the bar for food safety and build a culture of self-compliance for food safety in food businesses in Sikkim.

It may be mentioned here that, Sadik Masih Medical Social Servant Society, New Delhi is the training partner for the two day training programme.

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TM/Press Notification/18-19/244

Date:12.04.2019

**NOTIFICATION**

It is hereby notified that during the month ending 31.03.2019, the following State Government have increased the Dearness Relief on pension to the Pensioners drawing pension in other state from the date noted against each Pensioners of the respective state drawing pension in the state of Sikkim may contact the Pension office, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim or Office of the Sr. Dy. Accountant General (A&E), Sikkim Lekha Praksha Bhawan, Deorali, Tadong, Gangtok 737102 for further information.

| Sl. No. | Name of State              | Order No. and date   | Name of the Relief/D.A. Granted and their percentage   | Effective date                       | Letter No. and date of despatch to State Government |
|---------|----------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1       | ANDHRA PRADESH, HYDERABAD. | Special Seal Authority No.15559/280645AG (A&E)/PM-AP/OGP/2018-19. Date: 18.02.2018.        | Government of Andhra Pradesh-Enhancement of Dearness Relief to Pensioners w.e.f. 01/01/2018.-Communication of Revised Orders Issued-Reg.   | w.e.f. 01/01/2018                    | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/237. Date:28-03-2019.     |
| 2       | ARUNACHAL PRADESH.         | No.PEN/AP/19664/11-12/392/93-95. Date:07.02.2019.  | Issue of Duplicate revised authority in respect of Shri Gangaram Sharma, Rtd Mali.   |                                      | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/221. Date:01-03-2019.     |
| 3       | BIHAR                      | No.SSA-Pen-09-122 Date:23.01.2019.   | Grant of Dearness Relief/Medical Allowance/Revision of pension/ amendment of pension rules of state government pensioner.(Grant of Dearness Relief @142% w.e.f. 01/01/2018.  | w.e.f. 01-01-2018                    | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/208. Date:06-02-2019.     |
| 4       | GOA                        | No. DA/PA-I/Pens/18-19/TR-684/DR-326. Date:17/12/2018.                                     | Grant of Dearness Relief to Goa State Freedom Fighter Pensioners of Government of Goa- Revised rate effective from 01/07/2018 @148%.   | w.e.f. 01-07-2018.                   | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/208. Date:06-02-2019.     |
| 5       | GUJARAT                    | No. Pension/G.R./Special Seal/Govt./II Date: March/2019.                                   | (1) Grant of Temporary increase (DR) to State Government of Gujarat Pensioners/Family pensioners w.e.f.01/07/2018 (9%).<br>(2) Grant of Temporary increase (DR) to State Govt. Pensioners w.e.f.01/07/2017 and 01/01/2018 (Revision of Pay Rule, 2009, 6 <sup>th</sup> Pay Commission. | w.e.f. 01/07/2017 & 01/07/2018 (9%). | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/237. Date:28-03-2019.     |
| 6       | HARYANA, CHANDIGH.         | No. Pen-I/Gen-3A/2018-19/2279-2334. Date:20-12-2018.                                       | Haryana Civil Services (Judicial Branch) and Haryana Superior Judicial Services(Revised) Pension Part-I(Amendment Rules)2018.  | 01-01-2006.                          | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194. Date:23-01-2019.     |
| 7       | JHARKHAND                  | Letter No.PEN-III/Jharkhand/DR/2018-19/3491 Date: 03/01/2018.                              | Enhancement rate of Dearness Relief to the Jharkhand State Government Pensioners/family pensioners w.e.f. 01-07-2018 (Enhanced from 07% to 09%).   | 01-07-2018.                          | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194. Date:23-01-2019.     |
| 8       | KARNATAKA                  | PM/G3/2018-19/SS 14688/344 Date: 20.02.2019.   | Government of Karnataka's grant of Additional Pension to all State Government Pensioner/Family pensioners who are 80 years and above-Implementation of the recommendations of the 6 <sup>th</sup> State Pay Commission.  | 01-01-2019.                          | TM/PO/Diff.States/20 18-19/237. Date:28-03-2019.    |
| 9       | KERALA                     | P19/II/DRSSA-186/ JUDICIAL/2018-19/3466. Date:07.02.2019.                                  | Enhancement of Dearness Relief to retired state judicial officers-revised rate (148%) w.e.f. 01/07/2018.   | w.e.f. 01/07/2018 ..                 | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/221. Date:01-03-2019.     |
| 10      | MAHARASHTRA                | No.P.A. I/Govt./GRSP/18/Govt./60816352/ Maharashtra/Ch.5/No.60796718. Date:07-12-2018.     | Payment of Arrears of Dearness Relief for the period from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 to the Pensioners/Family pensioners.   | 01-01-2018.                          | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194. Date:23-01-2019.     |
| 11      | MAHARASHTRA                | P.A./Govt./GRS P/18/Govt./60816329/Maharashtra/Ch.5/No.60796717. Date:07-12-2018.          | Payment of Arrears of Dearness Relief for the period from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 to the Pensioners/Family pensioners who draw their Pension/Family pension in the Pre-revised scale.  | 01-01-2018.                          | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194. Date:23-01-2019.     |
| 12      | MAHARASHTRA                | P.A./Govt./GRS P/18/Govt./60820127 /Maharashtra/Ch.5/No.60798919. Date: 27/12/2018.        | Implementation of interim recommendations of the Second National Judiciary Pay Commission under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Shri P.V. Reddy to the Subordinate Judicial Officers, Pension holder Judicial Subordinate Officers and Family Pension holders w.e.f. 01/01/2016.   | 01-01-2016.                          | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194. Date:23-01-2019.     |
| 13      | MAHARASHTRA                | No.P.A.- I/Govt./G.R.S.P/18/Govt/60829851 /Maharashtra/Ch.5/No.60805961. Date:15.02.2019.  | Govt. of Maharashtra -Revision of Pension/Family pension of Pre-01/01/2016 pensioners/Family pensioners as per 7 <sup>th</sup> Pay Commission.   | 01-01-2016                           | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/237. Date:28-03-2019.     |
| 14      | MAHARASHTRA                | No.P.A.- I/Govt./G.R.S.P/18/Govt/60829854 /Maharashtra/Ch.5/No.60805962. Date: 15.02.2019. | Government of Maharashtra's increase in Pension/Family pension to pensioners/Family pensioners of 80 years of age and above with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019.   | 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019.        | TM/PO/Diff.States/20 18-19/237. Date:28-03-2019.    |
| 15      | MANIPUR                    | No. Pen-I/MAN-DR/2019/2573. Date: 05.03.2019.  | Payment of Dearness Allowances/Dearness Relief to the State Government's Employees/Pensioners/Family Pensioners of Government of Manipur.  | 01-01-2019                           | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/237. Date:28-03-2019.     |
| 16      | MEGHALAYA                  | Letter No./Pension(M)1/T-10/DR/Meghalaya/2018-19/3800 Date:17.01.2019.                     | Grant of Dearness Relief to State Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners of Government of Meghalaya, from the existing rate of 3% to 5% w.e.f. 01-07-2018.  | w.e.f. .01-07-2018.                  | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/221. Date:01-03-2019.     |
| 17      | MIZORAM                    | No.24/TMC/DR/2018-19/10632 Date:10.01.2019.  | Payment of Dearness Relief to the Mizoram Government Pensioners/ Family pensioners. (Actual monetary benefit shall be paid w.e.f. 01.09.2018 @ 9%.   | 01-07-2016 to 01-07-2018             | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/208. Date:06-02-2019.     |
| 18      | MIZORAM                    | No.24/TMC/DR/2018-19/74. Date:14.02.2019.  | Payment of Dearness Relief to the Mizoram Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners. (actual monetary benefit shall be paid w.e.f. 01.09.2018 @ 9%.  | 01-07-2016 to 01-07-2018.            | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/221. Date:01-03-2019.     |
| 19      | MIZORAM                    | No.24/TMC/DR/2018-19/74  | Payment of Dearness Relief to the Mizoram  |                                      | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/237.                      |

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|    |               | Date: 14.02.2019.   | Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners. Copy of O.M.No.G/19011/23/2014-APF/loose dt.13-12-2018 issued by Govt. of Mizoram, Finance Deptt. is forwarded for needful action.  |                   | Date:28-03-2019.                                    |
| 20 | NAGALAND      | No.Pen/NL-DR/2017-18/1395.<br>Date:20-11-2018.  | Enhanced Dearness Relief to the Nagaland State Government Pensioner's and Family pensioners w.e.f.01-07-2018.  | w.e.f.01-07-2018. | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194.<br>Date:23-01-2019.  |
| 21 | NAGALAND.     | No.PEN/NL/7 <sup>th</sup> CPC-2017/18-19/1840.<br>Date: 14.02.2019.   | Revision of Pension in respect of Nagaland Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners.  | 01-06-2017        | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/237.<br>Date:28-03-20 19. |
| 22 | RAJASTHAN     | No.Pension Authority/Order/2018-19/3596.<br>Date: 27.12.2018.   | Revision of Pension /disability pension payable to Government Servant appointed on or after 01.01.2004 whodied/while in service.   | 01-01-2004.       | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194.<br>Date:23-01-2019.  |
| 23 | RAJASTHAN     | No.Pension Authority/Order/K85/2018-19/3534.<br>Date:21.12.2018.  | Enhancement rate of Dearness Relief to the Pensioners to the Rajasthan State Government Pensioners/Family pensioners w.e.f. 01/07/2018 (enhance from 7% to 9%).  | 01-07-2018        | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194.<br>Date:23-01-2019.  |
| 24 | TRIPURA       | No. Pen-1/Tripura Relief/Judicial/2012-15/1188/4002-43.<br>Date:25-10-2018.   | Sanction of Dearness Relief to Pensioner's/Family Pensioner's of Tripura Government Judicial Service Officer's at the revised rate 136% w.e.f.01-01-2017, 139% w.e.f.01-07-2017, 142% w.e.f.01-01-2018 and 148% w.e.f. 01-07-2018. | w.e.f.01-01-2018. | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194.<br>Date:23-01-2019.  |
| 25 | TRIPURA       | No. Pen-1/Tripura Relief/2017/1256/4251-91.<br>Date:30-11-2018.   | Forwarding of copy of Tripura State Civil Services (Revised Pension) (First Amendment) Rules 2018.   | 01-10-2018.       | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194.<br>Date:23-01-2019.  |
| 26 | TRIPURA       | No.Pen-1/Tripura Relief/Judicial/2010-11/1419/4858-99.<br>Date: 07.02.2019.   | Modification to the existing provision under Para 2 of Tripura Civil Services (Revision of Pension of Judicial Officers) Rules, 2010.  | 01-01-2006        | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/237.<br>Date:28-03-2019.  |
| 27 | UTTAR PRADESH | Revision of Pension/Family Pension of pre 2016 and sanction of Dearness Relief. Pension Misc/2137.<br>Dated:17-12-2018. | Revision of Pension and Dearness Relief of pre-2016 Pensioners/Family Pensioners   | 01.01.2016        | TM/PO/Diff.States/2018-19/194.<br>Date:23-01-2019.  |

Account Officer/TM

### High Court of Sikkim Gangtok

No. 04/confdl/HCS

Dated: 17.4.2019

#### NOTICE

The following 05 (Five) candidates are eligible to appear for viva-voce to the post of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (Grade-III), in the cadre of the Sikkim Judicial Service:-

| Sl. No. | Name of Candidates   | Roll No.   |
|---------|----------------------|------------|
| 1.      | Mr. Hemant Kumar Rai | 24/SJS/HCS |
| 2.      | Ms. Rohini Rai       | 62/SJS/HCS |
| 3.      | Ms. Sarika           | 68/SJS/HCS |
| 4.      | Ms. Sharmista Sigdel | 71/SJS/HCS |
| 5.      | Ms. Sosanna Rai      | 75/SJS/HCS |

The Candidates are requested to appear for the Interview/Viva-Voce before the Recruitment Committee in the Conference Hall, High Court of Sikkim as per the following schedule.

| Date                      | Time       | Venue  |
|---------------------------|------------|--|
| 08.05.2019<br>(Wednesday) | 04:30 P.M. | Conference Hall,<br>High Court of Sikkim,<br>Gangtok |

Note:

(i) The above list is as per alphabetical order and not in order of merit.

(ii) Candidates shall bring all testimonials and Certificates in original at the time of Viva-Voce.

(iii) Candidates should reach the venue i.e. Conference Hall, High Court of Sikkim at 04:00 P.M.

By order,

Sd/-

Registrar General

R.O. NO. 07/IPR/PUB/Classi/19-20, Dt: 20/04/19

### Government of Sikkim Home Department Gangtok

No: 17/Gen/Home

Dated: 17/04/2019

#### NOTICE

Shri Kazi Gajmer, Driver of Home Department is absenting from his duty since 02/01/2019 without applying leave and his whereabouts is not known. He is, therefore, directed to report to Home Department within 10 days of publication of this notice failing which disciplinary action will be initiated against him. All his family members, friends and well wishers are requested to kindly convey the contain of this notice to him.

Under Secretary (Adm)

Home Department

R.O. NO.09/IPR/PUB/Classi/19-20, Dt: 20/04/19

### Before the Learned Oath Commissioner : East Sikkim At Gangtok

Sl. No. 183028

#### AFFIDAVIT

I, Mrs. Dawn Deozongpa, wife of Mr. Tshering Topgay Bhutia @ Tshering Topgay Bhutia Denzongpa, aged about 33 years, by faith Christian, by occupation Government Employee, resident of Amdo Golai-Tadong, P.O. Daragaon-Tadong, P.S. Gangtok, East Sikkim, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows :-

1. That my name in my Academic Certificates and other official documents is lying recorded as, "DAWN LEPCHA", daughter of "A.M. LEPCHA", which is my maiden-name.

2. That I am the legally married wife of Mr. TSHERING TOPGAY BHUTIA @ TSHERING TOPGAY DENZONGPA, as such, my name in my Certificate of Identification is long recorded as, "DAWA DENZONGPA", wife of Mr. TSHERING TOPGAY BHUTIA", instead of "DAWN DENZONGPA".

3. That "BHUTIA" is my Caste/Community adopted/embraced by me by virtue of my marriage with my husband and "DENZONGPA" is the Sub-Caste/Title of "BHUTIA".

4. That the person by name "DAWN LEPCHA", "DAWA DENZONGPA" and "DAWN DENZONGPA" is one and the same person i.e., myself and the person by name, "TSHERING TOPGAY BHUTIA" and "TSHERING TOPGAY DENZONGPA" is one and the same person i.e., my husband.

5. That this affidavit is sworn by me to declare that "DAWN LEPCHA", "DAWA DENZONGPA" and "DAWN DENZONGPA" is one and the same person i.e, myself and to declare that "TSHERING TOPGAY BHUTIA" and "TSHERING TOPGAY DENZONGPA" is one and the same person i.e, my husband and for the purpose of recording the same for all intents and purposes, whatsoever.

I do hereby verify and state that the declarations made in paragraphs 1 to 5 here in above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have signed this affidavit on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 at Gangtok, East Sikkim

Deponent

(Mrs. Dawn Denzongpa)

B.R. No. 1920N-11044-136, Date:15/04/2019

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Memo No: 203/DCE/2019

Date: 18/04/2019

#### NOTICE

This is for information of all contesting candidates of 01-Sikkim Parliamentary Constituency and 17 -28 Assembly Constituencies & 32 Sangha Assembly Constituencies that an exchange schedule has been fixed for the casted postal ballots belonging to other three districts Assembly Constituencies so that the concerned Returning Officers get the postal ballots in other districts during the facilitation centre set up till the day of polling. Further, after the poll day postal ballots casted are required to be send directly by post to the concerned Returning Officer only.

The postal ballots belonging to 01-SPC and 17-28 & 32 AC will be received from other three districts by the east district by the Nodal Officer for postal ballots or east district and the postal ballots be onging to other Assembly Constituencies of West, South and North districts. This exchange of postal ballots is scheduled to be done on 22/4/2019 (Monday) around 12 pm at Singtam by all the four districts of the State. Further, Shri Kishore Pradhan, ADC (D). Gangtok (Nodal Officer) is hereby authorized to carry out exchange as per the scheduled date and time.

Contesting candidates/their election agents may witness the exchange process and are also allowed to follow the official vehicle going to and fro from the respective district headquarters.

District Election Officer

East District

R.O. NO. 14/IPR/PUB/Classi/19-20, Dt: 29/04/19

**Office of The Chief Electoral Officer  
Baluwakhani, Gangtok-Sikkim**

No.Elec/61/2018-19/727  
Election Commission of India

Dated:11/04/19  
NIRVACHAN SADAN  
ASHOKA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110 001

No. 491 /MM/2019/Comm.

Dated:-10th April, 2019

**ORDER**

Election Commission of India has announced General Elections to '17<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, 2019 on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and from the date of announcement of the elections, the Model Code of Conduct has come into operation. The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is an umbrella code, developed in consultation with the political parties, facilitates level playing field to all the political parties and the candidates and it inter-alia seeks to ensure that the power of media is not used in such a manner which affects the general conduct and level playing field during the electoral process.

2. It has come to the notice of the Commission that certain political contents, which are not in conformity with the Model Code of Conduct, are being displayed or intended to be displayed to the public through electronic media including cinematograph in the public, which relates to either a candidate or a political party or a specific achievement of the party in power and these are displayed with the purpose of furtherance of electoral gains during the period of Model Code of Conduct. Also, it has come to the notice of the Commission that there are instances of displaying of such political contents on electronic media, which discredit or diminish the electoral prospect of candidate or a political party(ies). So far, the Commission has received complaints about certain cinemas namely 'NTR Laxmi', 'PM Narendra Modi', and 'Udyama Simham', which are claimed to either diminish or advance the electoral prospect of a candidate or a political party in the garb of creative freedom. It is claimed that such creative contents are a kind of surrogate publicity by the candidate or the political party during the period of MCC. Though the display materials claim to be part of creative content, it is contended that these have propensity and potentiality to affect the level playing field which is not in consonance with the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct,

3. As these contents are incorporated in the story line/scheme of the programs being shown and there would be difficulty in proving the payment of money, they may not fall under the category of "advertisement" strictly and may remain outside the purview of MCMC certification requirement, thereby evading the directive given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting vs. M/s Gemini TV [(2004) 5 SCC 714]**. Such 'political contents' poses a serious threat to the level playing field as it may create an impression of truthfulness of such content being shown through Television/Cinema/Internet based entertainment programs/ social media. And therefore, it is in the larger interest of ensuring the level playing field and conduct of free and fair elections that such political content ought to be regulated during the election period to prevent violation of Model Code of Conduct

4. "Free and Fair Elections" has not only been held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to be a part of the basic structure of the Indian Constitution (**People'S Union For Civil Liberties vs Union Of India & Anr, [2013]**) but is also sacrosanct right of every citizen in a democracy.

In **Mohinder Singh Gill & Anr vs The Chief Election Commissioner & Ors. (1978 AIR 851)**, Hon'ble Supreme Court held that

"Since the conduct of all elections to the various legislative bodies and to the offices of the President and the Vice-President is vested under Article 324

(1) in the Election Commission the framers of the Constitution took care to leaving scope for exercise of residuary power by the Commission in its own right, as a creature of the Constitution, in The infinite variety of situations that may emerge from time to time in such a large democracy as ours. Every contingency could not be foreseen, or anticipated with precision."

Further at para 113 in the same Order, Hon'ble Supreme Court held that

"where these (laws) are absent, and yet a situation has to be tackled, the Chief Election Commissioner has not to fold his hands and pray to God for divine inspiration to enable him to exercise his functions and to perform his duties or to look to any external authority for the grant of powers to deal with the situation. "

It also commented that

"An express statutory grant of power to the imposition of a definite duty carries with it by implication, in the absence of a limitation, authority to employ all the means that are usually employed and that are necessary to the exercise of the power or the performance of the duty ..... That which is clearly implied is as much a part of a law as that which is expressed."

5. The Commission is fully aware of the observation of Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Indibly Creative Pvt. Ltd and ORS vs. Government of West Bengal and ORS in WP (C) No. 306/2019**, wherein, on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 the Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that 'once a film has been duly certified by CBFC, it is not open to any authority either of the State Government or otherwise to issue formal or informal directions preventing the producer from having the film screened'. This was further emphasised by the Apex Court on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in the same matter.

6. On 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, in **Aman Panwar vs Uol & Ors [WP(C) No. 450 of 2019]**, in the context of film titled PM Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Supreme Court held that "whether the film will tilt the electoral balance in favour of any political party, is a question that can and should be addressed by the Election Commission of India."

It also held in the context of the instant matter that

"If the film is to be so released on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, what conditions should govern such release thereafter is a matter that the Election Commission of India has to decide."

7. Earlier on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Commission also asked the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to take note of the operation of MCC.

8. Section 126 (1) of the Representative of the People .Act, 1951 prescribes that

(1) No person shall-

(a) convene, hold, attend, join or address any public meeting or procession in connection with an election; or

(b) display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus; or

(c) propagate any election matter to the public by holding, or by arranging the holding of, any musical concert or any theatrical performance or any other entertainment or amusement with a view to attracting the members of the public thereto, in any polling area during the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in that polling area.

Even for Print Media, the Commission on previous occasion in 2015 (reiterated vide No. 491/MCMC/2019 /Communications dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019), directed that only pre-certified political advertisements be allowed to be displayed to ensure a level playing field as the aggrieved person or party may not have the occasion to approach for the redressal of harm caused, if any.

9. Under Article 324 of the Constitution, superintendence, directions and control of elections are bestowed upon the Commission and it is the duty of the Commission to take necessary measures to create a level playing field and provide a conducive electoral environment to all the stakeholders. In catena of judgements, Hon'ble Supreme Court has held and acknowledged that the Model Code of Conduct, which ensures free and fair electoral process, which is "*sin qua non*" for the electoral democracy. In -this backdrop, the Commission is of the considered view that there is an emergent need for intervention in the matter of those 'political contents' which are intended (or purported to be) for benefitting or discrediting the electoral prospect of any candidate or/and any political party, for ensuring a level playing field.

10. Accordingly, the Commission hereby orders the following:

1. That any biopic material in the nature of biography/hagiography sub-serving the purposes of any political entity or any individual entity connected to it, which is intended to, or which has the potential to disturb the level playing field during the elections, **should not be displayed in electronic media including cinematograph** during the operation of MCC.

2. That any poster or publicity material concerning any such certified content, which either depicts a candidate (including prospective) for the furtherance (or purported to further) of electoral prospect, directly or indirectly, shall not be put to display in electronic media in the area where MCC is in operation.

3. That any poster or publicity material concerning any such certified content, which either depicts a candidate (including prospective) for the furtherance (or purported to further) of electoral prospect, directly or indirectly, shall not be put to display in print media, without the prescribed instructions of pre-certification (ECI's instruction No. 491/MCMC/2019/ Communications dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019) in the area where MCC is in operation,

4. That in any cinematograph material, certified by the appropriate authority, if there exists such a violation or on receipt of a complains in this regard, a Committee, duly constituted by the Commission shall examine the same and suggest appropriate action. This Committee shall be headed by a retired Justice of Hon'ble Supreme Court or retired Chief Justice of any Hon'ble High Court

These-instructions shall be brought to the notice of all concerned for compliance.

(Sushil Chandra)  
Election Commissioner

(Sunil Arora)  
Chief Election Commissioner

(Ashok Lavasa)  
Election Commissioner

**Government of Sikkim  
Department of Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare  
Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok**

No. 63/HC-HS & FW/2019

Dated: 26.04.2019

**Employment Notice**

I. Pertaining to the impending Model Code of Conduct (MCOC) in the State of Sikkim and in continuation of earlier advertisement no. 1293/HC-HS & FW/2019; Dated: 08.03.2019, the date of submission of Applications Form from local eligible candidates is extended till 31.05.2019, Friday for filling up of 10 (ten) drivers' posts on temporary regular basis in Level 06 of Pay Matrix under Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim.

II. Other eligibility conditions and guidelines/ instructions of appointment shall remain the same in accordance to earlier advertisement no. 1293/HC-HS & FW/2019; Dated:08.03.2019 and no. 1294/HC-HS & FW/2019; Dated:08.03.2019

R.O. NO. 13/IPR/PUB/Classi/19-20, Dt:27.04.2019

Under Secretary to the Government  
Department of Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare

## First round of training to Counting Supervisors and Counting Assistants

**Gangtok, April 27:** The first round of training to Counting Supervisors and Counting Assistants was held at the East District Zilla Panchayat Conference Hall on April 26 and

April 27. Over 240 Counting Supervisors and Assistants attended the training. The Resource Persons were SDM (HQ) Mr. Sunil Mothay and DPO(EDZP) Mr. Yadav Krishna

Sharma.

The counting of votes for General Elections 2019 shall be conducted on May 23, 2019 from 8 AM at Biraspati Parsai Senior Secondary School.

## Exchange of Postal Ballots

**Gangtok, April 22:** As per guidelines of Election Commission of India, exchange of postal ballots of Sikkim Parliamentary Constituency and all 32 Assembly Constituencies (including Sangha) took place at Singtam Police Station in presence of representatives of contesting candidates, today.

Postal Ballots were brought to Singtam Police

Station under the supervision of Nodal Officers for Postal Ballots of all four districts.

Special arrangements were made to government employees who were engaged in polling duty and they casted their votes through Postal ballots which were received in the concerned Office of the District Election Officers of all four districts.

All exchanged ballot

papers of concerned Constituencies were taken back to designated Strong Rooms in district headquarters which will be kept under 24x7 security vigil.

Casting happened till poll day and now Postal Ballots are being received only through post which will continue till the start of counting process on May 23, 2019.

## Sikkim SHG awarded Best Performing Self Help Group

**Gangtok:** As part of an effort to improve livelihood of rural masses in Sikkim through the Sikkim Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) under Rural Management and Development Department, SRLM sponsor SHG under it to participate in various National level event. One such event was organized by Government of Kerala in the Banner of Cafe Kudumbashree-India Food Court from March 27 to April 07, 2019.

Members of Seven Self Help Groups of Sikkim Rural Livelihood Mission consisting of five from Dzongu and two from Ranka Block participated in

Kudumbashree Food Court 2019.

The group members consisting of Ms. Dhan Maya Tamang and Ms. Marina Tamang from Saipatri Self Help Group; Ms. Kalpana Chettri and Ms. Christina Lepcha from Rongyoung kyong Self Help Group; Ms. Kincho Lhamu Lepcha from Ms. Nung Hee Lunglhem Gyathang Self Help Group; Ms. Phurmit Lepcha from Kabringpartam Self Help Group and Ms. Donka Lepcha Pashyal Chu Self Help Group performed well in the event and won an award as a Best Performing Self Help Group in the event.

During the event, the

group earned net profit of over ₹2 Lakhs. The event appreciated the contribution of the Self Help Group from Sikkim and awarded with a trophy and a certificate. The group got an opportunity to show case their traditional food item along with participants from other different states of India.

Sikkim participants sold traditional food items such as momos, phalay, noodles, khuri etc. The group showed the power of team work and was successful to achieve one of the best performers Self Help Group Award and a certificate.

## SSLSA organizes training programme for East and North Nodal Teachers

**Gangtok, April 18:** The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority under the direction of Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA, Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai and as per the State Plan of Action, 2019 organized a training programme for the Nodal Teachers of the Schools of East and North District of Sikkim teaching "Lessons in Law" at Sikkim Judicial Academy, Sokeythang, today. Lessons in Law was introduced by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (SSLSA) in 2012 and has been included in the academic curriculum of the Schools of Sikkim to generate awareness on the Laws and to educate students of their rights alongside their responsibilities.

The Sikkim SLSA published its 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of "Lessons in Law" in 2018 including amendments incorporated in The Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences

(POCSO) Act, 2012, The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which concern children below the age of 18 years also form a part of the publication.

Assistant Professor, Sikkim Government Law College, Burtuk, Dr. Dilip Pandey was the Resource Person on Concept of Law, its application, Legal Aid and Legal Services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, Judicial System in India, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Prevention of Harmful Publication and Damage to Public Property and Human Rights.

Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. T.R. Barfunga spoke elaborately on prohibition of smoking and drinking, Right to Information, protection of environment, law relating to motor vehicles, protection and maintenance of parents and senior citizens and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Zangpo Sherpa spoke on Cyber Crimes, Civic Sense, Attempt to Commit Suicide, Protection of Rights of Consumers, Social Security of Unorganized Workers, Negotiable Instruments Act and Alternate Dispute Resolutions. Panel Advocate, Sikkim SLSA Mrs. Zola Megi spoke on the Prohibition of Child Marriage and Child Labour, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Women's Commission.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Member Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Suraj Chettri while the vote of thanks was proposed by Deputy Secretary, Sikkim SLSA, Mr. Bikash Sharma.

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## Governor tours...

importance of Water harvesting which should be practiced well in areas facing acute shortages

of water. He acknowledged the contributions of the farmers which he feels that should not be gone unnoticed hence the issues would be given priority.

SHGs is an interesting initiative which has a massive

potential towards self employment and self sustenance.

During the visit, the Governor also distributed the blankets to the people of Dentam.

## Preparatory meeting for celebration of upcoming State Day held

**Gangtok, April 24:** The first preparatory meeting for the celebration of upcoming State Day on May 16 was held at the Conference Hall of Tashiling Secretariat, today. The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary, Mr. A.K. Shrivastava. The meeting had the presence and participation of DGP, Mr. S.D. Negi, Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta along with HODs, officials and representatives from all the Departments involved in the celebration of the State Day 2019.

The meeting began with the Chief Secretary establishing the essence of the State Day celebrations and asserted that all the concerned departments must come together towards ensuring its grand success.

The State Day Celebrations will be observed at Chintan

Bhawan and the Chief Secretary went by minute details of work assigned for each department.

It was discussed that the event would be marked by vibrant traditional dances and singing of patriotic songs by the students from various schools of Sikkim and the Cultural Affairs & Heritage Department.

The Chief Secretary petitioned for active participation of all the concerned departments and allocated individual responsibilities to them. The meeting saw discussions and deliberations on the individual work distribution and the department heads and representatives committed themselves towards guaranteeing the grand success of the State Day Celebrations 2019.

## Media sensitization workshop on HPV vaccination campaign

**Gangtok, April 17:** The Department of Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare, with support from key developmental partners UNICEF and WHO organized a media sensitization workshop with journalists on the 2<sup>nd</sup> round for HPV vaccination campaign at a local hotel, today. Director General, Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare Department, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia chaired the meeting along with Principal Director, Dr. Uttam Pradhan, Director Health Services, Dr. K. Jigme Topgay, Additional Director, RCH cum State Immunization Officer, Dr. Phumzay Denzongpa and Joint Director RCH, senior gynecologist, Dr. Anita Bhutia and pediatrician from New STNM Multispecialty Hospital were also present.

Opening the workshop, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia said, "Immunization is one of the most cost-effective ways to protect children's lives and futures. Through full immunization coverage, we can make sure that the benefits of life-saving vaccines reach every child. He thanked the media personnel for their positive support during the 1<sup>st</sup> round and also requested them to extend their valuable support for disseminating the correct information among the masses regarding HPV vaccine in upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> round and also thereafter. The vaccine will be provided free of cost to all eligible beneficiaries across the states (In all schools & Government Health facilities).

Addressing the gathering, Health Officer (NE states), UNICEF, Dr. Maulik Shah said, "Media has been our long-standing partners in the fight against polio. We now seek your

support to ensure that children, no matter where they live, are immunized. Vaccination not only saves children's lives and ensures healthy and productive future, but is also one of the most cost-effective public health intervention."

Dr. Phumzay Denzongpa discussed about the HPV vaccine and cervical cancer. She also mentioned that this is the only vaccine preventable cancer. She also shared plan of action for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of HPV campaign and experience from the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the HPV campaign.

He provided details of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of HPV vaccination campaign which is scheduled from April 23 to May 04, 2019 in the State targeting around 30000 female children of age group of 9-14 years across all 4 districts. It was informed that this is the largest ever vaccination campaign in Sikkim and after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of HPV campaign, it will become a part of the routine immunization and will be given to all female children who have completed 9 years of age.

On the occasion, SMO, WHO-NPSP Dr. Subhendu Roy said, "World Health Organization congratulates Sikkim for introducing HPV vaccination campaign against cervical cancer which is one of the most common cancer in women.

The Government of Sikkim in association with UNICEF, WHO and Jhpiego has been engaging with civil society organizations, partners and academia as well as media as a critical stakeholder in efforts to create trust in vaccines and address myths around immunization to ensure every child in the country gets a fair start.

**Keep Sikkim Clean & Green**