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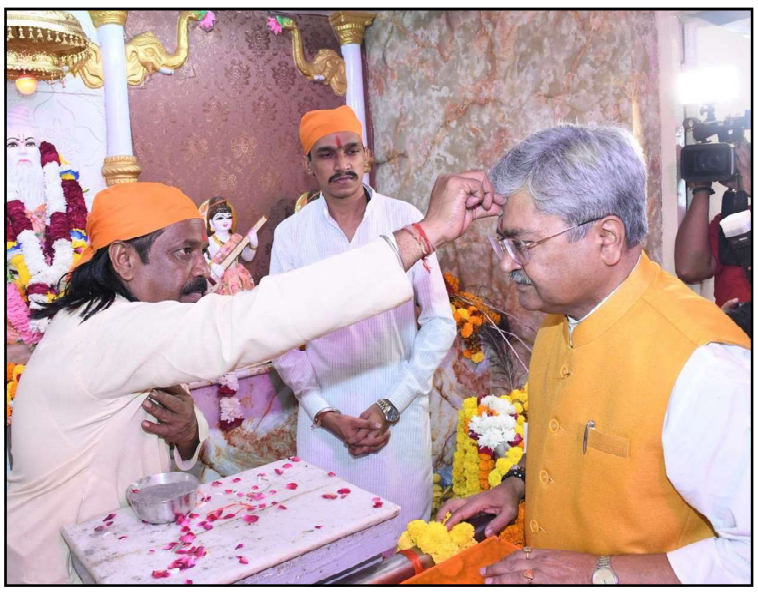
Governor calls on Vice President of India



New Delhi, October 23: Governor Mr Dushyant Kumar Gautam paid a courtesy call on Vice President of India Mr CP Radhakrishnan at Uprashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, today.

This was Mr Dushyant Kumar Gautam first meeting with the Vice-President after assuming charge as the 19th Governor of Sikkim. During the meeting, they discussed various issues concerning the development and progress of the State.

Governor pays obeisance at Valmiki Temple



New Delhi, October 26: On the occasion of Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti, Governor Mr Dushyant Gautam offered prayers at Valmiki Temple in Delhi, today.

The Governor paid tribute to Adi Kavi Maharishi Valmiki and participated in the aarti and havan yachna and prayed for the happiness, peace and well-being of everyone.

On the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti, he extended warm greetings to the people of Sikkim and the nation. He said "Maharshi Valmiki's life and teachings continue to inspire generations and guide us on the path of truth, dharma and righteousness. Adi Kavi Maharishi Valmiki composed Ramayana which conveys the values of truth, righteousness, dignity and duty."

He urged everyone to imbibe the ideals of Lord Ram and contribute to a society in which every individual is treated with dignity.

KEEP SIKKIM
CLEAN AND GREEN

Dushyant Kumar Gautam sworn in as 19th Governor of Sikkim



Gangtok, October 19: Mr Dushyant Kumar Gautam was sworn in as the 19th Governor of Sikkim at a ceremony held at Lok Bhavan, today.

The oath of office and secrecy was administered by Chief Justice of the High Court of Sikkim, Mr Justice A Muhamed Mustaque, in the presence of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, Speaker SLA, Judge of the High Court of Sikkim, Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Speaker SLA, MLAs, Member of Parliament Lok Sabha and other dignitaries.

Earlier, Mr R Telang Chief Secretary presented the President's Warrant of Appointment and read out before the gathering. Following the administration of the oath, the Governor signed the solemn oath/ affirmation relating to his assumption of office.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, Chief Minister introduced the Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Judge of the High Court of Sikkim, Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Speaker, MLAs and other dignitaries to the newly sworn-in Governor. The Governor was subsequently accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour by the Sikkim Armed Police.

The ceremony was also attended by Mayor and Deputy Mayor GMC, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) for Darjeeling, Advisors, Chairpersons, OSDs, former legislators and representatives of the Army and Central Government agencies, and senior officials of the State Government among other dignitaries.

Mr Dushyant Kumar Gautam was appointed as the Governor of Sikkim by President Ms Droupadi Murmu on October 12, 2026. He succeeds Mr Om Prakash Mathur as the 19th Governor of Sikkim.

Sikkim hosts first-ever Himalayan Yak Festival



Pakyong, October 28: The first ever Sikkim Himalayan Yak Festival, organised by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department, in collaboration with Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE), Sikkim INSPIRES and G B Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) was held at Gnathang Valley, today.

The festival marked a significant step towards promoting yak conservation, recognising the invaluable contributions of yak herders and strengthening sustainable livelihood opportunities in high-altitude communities. It also provided a platform to encourage collaborative efforts for the long-term sustainability of yak husbandry and the preservation of the Himalayan region's pastoral heritage.

Mr MN Sherpa Speaker SLA highlighted the cultural and

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Pearls of Wisdom

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."
-Theodore Roosevelt

Government of Sikkim
Social Welfare Department
Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Tadong, Lumsey

MEMO No. 4/SWD/EC/NIT/2026-27/144 **Dated: 14/10/2026**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of Governor of Sikkim, the Supeintendent Engineer (NSG-I), Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, Gangtok District, Sikkim invites sealed tenders from the eligible contractors of appropriate class Vide Notification No. 21/R&B/PWD/Secy/2023-24. Dated 18.10.2023 for the work (s) listed under:-

SL. No	Name of Work	Value put to Tender (in ₹)	Completion Time, (in months)	Amount of Earnest Money @ 2.5% For issue of tender form (₹)	Amount of Bank receipt for cost of tender document	Constituency / GPU/Ward
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Construction of Multi-purpose hall at Karthok, Soreng District.	₹1,88,82,016/-	24 months	₹ 4,72,050/-	₹ 50,000	Karthok Bojek GPU ward no.1

Time Schedule is as follows: -

i)	Date for submission of application with Bank receipt, for issue of tender documents (Excluding the tender form)	Start date: 13/11/2026 (Till 15:00 hrs.)
ii)	Last Date for the issue of tender form	16/11/2026 (Till 16.30 hrs.)
iii)	Date and Time for submission of Tender documents	18/11/2026 (Till 13.00 hrs.)
v)	Date and Time of opening of Tender	18/11/2026 (At 13:30 hrs.)
	Place of Tender: Karthok Bojek GPU	

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:

1. Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropilate Class/Area.
2. The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably by signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER.
3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (a) Valid GSTIN Registration Certificate, (b) Latest Income Tax Clearance Certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (c) Validated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, and Professional Tax Clearance Certificates along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification (d) PAN card.
4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in the table above on production of receipt deposit to the revenue of the respective GPU for cost of tender documents.
5. Earnest Money Deposit @2.5% in the State Bank of Sikkim in the form of deposit receipt of schedules bank which includes in the form of temporary deposit receipts fixed deposits receipts in favor of the (Accounts Officer) Social Welfare Department Tender Form shall be issued only on the production of the deposit receipt to the contractors who has obtained the tender documents, on production of deposit receipts of 2.5% eamest money.
6. The Tender documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the Tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. Supporting documents listed at SL3 (a), (b) and (c) above should be enclosed with the offer.
7. Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the concerned ward on the date and time indicated above.
8. Tenders will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderer on the date and time indicated above.
9. The Tender should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of Contract and other laid down norms. **The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and 18% GST and 1% Labour Cess will be provided separately. The quoted rate for electrical works will be considered on AT-PAR basis.** Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/ Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
10. In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender document, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside

the SOR, the rates shall as per the technically checked/estimate/analysis. Decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/Head of the Department will be final in this regard.

11. The Work Value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any extra claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
12. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to laborer at site.
13. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
14. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
15. Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
16. The Department also reserves the right to increase, decrease, alter or modify the item of works as indicated in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
17. The contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Government and no claim shall be entertained in this regard whatsoever.
18. The rate quoted shall be inclusive of prevailing taxes.
19. The department reserves the right to reject the incomplete tender without any reasons there-off.
20. The Contractor has to submit the work program/bar Chart in the initial stage.

Superintending Engineer (NSG-I)
Social Welfare Department
Government of Sikkim
(101)

Government of Sikkim
Roads & Bridges Department

Memo No:222/R&B/MGN/2026-27 **Dated:27/10/2026**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Divisional Engineer (Mangan), Roads & Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, invites sealed tenders on percentage rate basis under single bid system from the eligible contractors enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No: 21/R&B/PWD/Secy/2023-24 dated 18.10.2023, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of the Nagar Panchayat/ Urban Local Bodies where the work is to be executed.

The details of work and time schedule are as under:

Sl. No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (bid value) (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Cost of tender Documents (₹)	Grade of Contractor	Jurisdiction
1	Construction of Alternate Road From Petrol Pump (NSH) to DAC, Mangan in Sikkim (1.5km)	1,08,38,745/-	2,70,969/-	50,000/-	Registered Class III Contractors (Civil) under SPWD	Competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of the GPU/ULB where the work is to be executed

TIME SCHEDULE:-

1	Date of submission of application with Bank receipt for issue of Tender Documents (excluding Tender Form)	27th November 2026 (10:00am to 4:00pm)	Roads & Bridges Department, Mangan District, Sikkim
2	Date of issue of tender Form on submission of TDR (as Earnest money).	1st December 2026 (10:00am to 4:00pm)	Roads & Bridges Department, Mangan District, Sikkim
3	Last Date and Time for submission of Tender Documents.	3rd December 2026 (10:00am to 1:00pm	Office of the Mangan Nagar Panchayat Mangan District, Sikkim
4	Date and Time for Opening of Tender.	3rd December 2026 (2:30 pm)	Office of the Mangan Nagar Panchayat Mangan District, Sikkim

Divisional Engineer (Mangan)
Roads & Bridges Department
(102)

Government of Sikkim
Health & Family Welfare Department
Gangtok, Sikkim

NIT No:- 01/EC/H&FWD/NIT/2026-27 **Dated:- 14.10.2026**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, invites e-tender on Item rate basis from the eligible class of contractors of appropriate class / within District level for the work listed as under: -

Sl.No	Name of work	Value put to tender (Amount in ₹) Exclusive of taxes	Completion Time (in months)	Amount of Earnest Money @ 2.50% For issue of tender Form	Amount of Bank Receipt/ Challan for cost of tender documents(₹)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Construction of Primary Health Centre at Chakung under Soreng District.	6,92,18,423.00	36 months	17,30,461.00	1,00,000.00

Note: - The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is 50% exempted for all Enlisted Women Contractor participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder accepted as L1 bidder, the issue of the Work Order shall be governed by Notification No.104/R&B dated 08/10/2020.

The date and time of submission of completed bid documents are as under: -

i) Publishing of e-tender bid	**- 16.10.2026**
ii) Online bid submission start date	**- 17.10.2026**
iii) Bid submission closing date	**- 18.11.2026 (till 1.00pm)**
iv) Bid opening date	**- 18.11.2026 (after 2pm)**
v) Submission of hard copies of challan/ TDR in original and certified photocopies of other documents) to be submitted in the office of Additional Chief Engineer(Civil) Health & Family Welfare Department Govt, of Sikkim Jan Sewa Bhawan, Gangtok.	**- 18.11.2026(11am to 1.00pm)**

Tender documents and other details may be downloaded from the Sikkim Government E-portal www.sikkimtender.gov.in

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2. The above Tender Value is exclusive of GST & CESS and same is payable to the Contractor as applicable on the date of Tender.
3. The following document in hard copies in original must be submitted on 18.11.2026 from 11am to 1.00pm

i) Earnest Money in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt in favour of the Senior Accounts Officer/ Drawing & Disbursing Officer, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, payable at Gangtok.

ii) Cost of Tender document in the form of Bank Receipt or Challan.

iii) Validated / Certified copy of the Enlistment Certificate from SPWD of the appropriate Class.

iv) If the hard copies of above documents are not received within the specified time as indicated above, the tender documents so submitted by the bidder through e-procurement portal shall be considered as non-responsive and shall not be evaluated.

4. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender(s) without assigning any reason thereof.
5. Uploading of tender documents in e-portal is mandatory.
6. Submission of hard copies only will not be considered as a valid bid and shall summarily be rejected.

Additional Chief Engineer (civil)
Health & Family Welfare Department
Government of Sikkim.
(98, I)

Government of Sikkim
Health & Family Welfare Department
Gangtok, Sikkim

NIT No:- 04/EC/H&FWD/NIT/2026-27 **Dated:- 14.10.2026**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Construction of Primary Health Centre at Namthang, under Namchi District	6,78,83,068.00	36 months	16,97,077.00	1,00,000.00

Note: - The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is 50% exempted for all Enlisted Women Contractor participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder accepted as L1 bidder, the issue of the Work Order shall be governed by Notification No.104/R&B dated 08/10/2020.

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ii) Online bid submission start date	**- 17.10.2026**
iii) Bid submission closing date	**- 17.11.2026 (till 1.00pm)**
iv) Bid opening date	**- 17.11.2026 (after 2pm)**
v) Submission of hard copies of challan/ TDR in original and certified photocopies of other documents) to be submitted in the office of Additional Chief Engineer (Civil) Health & Family Welfare Departmen Govt. of Sikkim Jan Sewa Bhawan, Gangtok.	**- 17.11.2026(11am to 1.00pm)**

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i)Earnest Money in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt in favour of the Senior Accounts Officer/ Drawing & Disbursing Officer, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, payable at Gangtok.

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Health & Family Welfare Department
Government of Sikkim
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Government of Sikkim
Health & Family Welfare Department
Gangtok, Sikkim

NIT No:- 03/EC/H&FWD/NIT/2026-27 **Dated:- 14.10.2026**

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1	Construction of Primary Health Centre at Martam under Gyalshing District	6,92,19,729.00	36 months	17,30,493.00	1,00,000.00

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iii)	Bid submission closing date	-20.11.2026 (till 1pm)
iv)	Bid opening date	-20.11.2026(after 2pm)
v)	Submission of hard copies of challan/ TDR in original and certified photocopies of other documents) to be submitted in the office of Additional Chief Engineer(Civil) Health & Family Welfare Department Govt, of Sikkim Jan Sewa Bhawan, Gangtok.	- 20.11.2026(11am to 1.00pm)

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Health & Family Welfare Department
Government of Sikkim
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Government of Sikkim
Health & Family Welfare Department
Gangtok, Sikkim

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1	Construction of Primary Health Centre at Rinchenpong, under Soreng District.	6,92,19,808.00	36 months	17,30,495.00	1,00,000.00

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Health & Family Welfare Department
Government of Sikkim.
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Press Release from SLA

New Delhi, October 26: Mr Mingma Norbu Sherpa Speaker Sikkim Legislative Assembly attended the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum 2026 held in Samvidan Sadan, Parliament House, New Delhi, today.

The event was inaugurated by Speaker Lok Sabha Mr Om Birla. The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum hosts presiding officers, speakers and Parliamentary delegations from 11 BRICS member countries and 10 partner nations.

Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi also interacted with Parliamentary delegations from BRICS countries on the occasion. The inaugural address was delivered by Speaker Lok Sabha Mr Om Birla, Deputy Chairman Rajya Sabha Mr Harivansh and the welcome speech by Secretary General, Lok Sabha Mr Utpal Kumar Singh.

Guided by the theme 'Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development,' the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum underscores a fundamental democratic principle: institutions achieve their true purpose when they translate people's aspirations into meaningful progress. The delegates also joined for the cultural evening at the Samvidhan Sadan.

Press Release from ATI Sikkim

Gangtok, October 26: The inaugural session of the 5 days basic training-cum-orientation programme for newly recruited Assistant Engineers (Electrical) 2026 Batch from 26.10.2026 was held ATI Gangtok, today.

Mr Mahesh Sharma Director ATI shared the background and encouraged trainees to make the most out of the training programme to understand Office Rules and Procedures, Sikkim Government Service Rules, Sikkim Travelling Allowances Rules 1980, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Financial Administration. He conveyed that such trainings are the result of the impetus given by the State Government on competency-based capacity building.

Mr Prem Kamal Rai, Additional Secretary, Power Department expressed gratitude to ATI for organising the training at a short notice and urged the officer trainees to attend all the sessions to maintain continuity of technical training imparted. Mr CL Sharma, Joint Secretary, ATI and faculties of Administrative Training Institute also attended the inaugural session.

The training has been sponsored by Power Department.

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Sikkim hosts...

traditional significance of yaks in the Himalayan region while expressing concern over its declining population. He emphasised the need to celebrate and promote the yak as an integral part of the State's heritage, suggesting initiatives to strengthen tourism, support local businesses and encourage the production and marketing of yak-based products, including traditional clothing and other indigenous products. Further, he encouraged collective efforts to preserve the indigenous animal and ensure the continuation of traditional yak-rearing practices.

Additionally, Mr Puran Kumar Gurung Minister for AH&VS Department highlighted various initiatives undertaken by the Department to promote yak conservation through the adoption of appropriate technologies and improved practices, further reaffirming the Department's commitment to strengthen the conservation efforts and supporting the yak husbandry in the State.

Likewise, Mrs Pamin Lepcha MLA-cum-Advisor underscored the cultural and ecological significance of the yak, describing it as a traditional animal and a source of pride for the region. She also highlighted cultural elements such as the Snow Lion and Yak Dance, which reflect the rich heritage and traditions of Himalayan communities. Emphasising the yak's potential as a sustainable source of livelihood in high altitude regions, she highlighted the economic opportunities associated with yak-based products and their by-products, while stressing the potential for promoting tourism and noted the yak's vital role in maintaining ecological balance in the ecosystem.

She also shared several suggestions aimed at strengthening the yak-rearing sector and improving the livelihoods of local communities, which included exploring improved breeding practices, agricultural opportunities, organising brainstorming sessions for yak herders to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences and addressing border-related concerns.

Subsequently, Dr Sandeep Gurung Principal Director-cum-Secretary AH&VS Department, highlighted the significance of the festival in encouraging and supporting yak herders working in challenging high-altitude regions and shed light on the importance of creating awareness among the younger generation about yak husbandry and conservation, while underscoring the need to strengthen marketing opportunities and explore tourism potential.

Mr Thupden Lachungpa, President Yak Association of Sikkim and Secretary of Yak Federation of India, highlighted the efforts of the Chief Minister towards supporting and uplifting the yak-rearing community and acknowledged the contributions of various institutions towards yak conservation and the development of yak-based products. He further noted that the festival would help strengthen conservation efforts, recognise the contributions of yak herders and promote sustainable livelihoods in high-altitude communities.

Earlier, the dignitaries visited stalls showcasing yak-based products, traditional practices and initiatives related to yak husbandry.

One of the highlight of the festival was the declaration of the Sikkimese Yak as an officially registered breed in the country, marking an important milestone in recognising and conserving the state's indigenous yak population.

Several initiatives and publications were also launched during the occasion, including a publication on ecosystem management by the GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and the One Calf, Nine Trees programme, which seeks to link yak husbandry with environmental conservation.

Sikkim Livestock Development Board (SLDB), under AH&VS Department, also launched prototypes of Siri Ghee made from A2 milk and Yak Churpi. The initiative aims to celebrate Sikkim's indigenous livestock heritage and traditional products, promote value addition to local resources and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers and yak-rearing communities. The festival also witnessed the official launch of a documentary highlighting the yak as a threatened animal breed, drawing attention to the urgent need for conservation and habitat protection.

The day also featured a range of traditional performances, including Gorshey presented by Gnathang MPCS, folk songs accompanied by indigenous musical instruments from North Sikkim, a yak dance presented by the DLST Group, traditional games and a yak-themed fashion show.

The festival also provided a platform for interaction and knowledge exchange among yak herders from different districts and states, facilitating the sharing of experiences, traditional practices and perspectives on sustainable yak husbandry.

The programme concluded with the distribution of prizes and certificates, followed by the felicitation of distinguished individuals who have made significant contributions to yak husbandry in Sikkim.

The programme was attended by Mr MN Sherpa Speaker SLA, Mr Puran Kumar Gurung, Mr Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, Mr Samdup Lepcha Cabinet Ministers, Mr Erung Tenzing Lepcha, Mrs Pamin Lepcha, Mr Sonam Tshering Venchungpa and Mr N B Pradhan MLAs-cum-Advisors and others.

DC Mangan inspects jhoras and sewage discharge points in Lachen and Lachung

Mangan, October 24: In compliance with the directions of the High Court of Sikkim, Mr Anant Jain District Collector Mangan led a joint inspection of jhoras and sewage discharge points in Lachen and Lachung, today.

The inspection assessed the existing sewage-disposal practices and identified measures to prevent the discharge of untreated wastewater into rivers and jhoras across the State. During the inspection, the team examined jhoras and checked sewage discharge points in both Lachen and Lachung. The exercise focused on assessing the existing arrangements for sewage disposal and identifying suitable measures for effective management of wastewater in the two areas.

DC suggested the construction of soak pits, also referred to as infiltration pits or leach pits, in hotels wherever adequate land is available. He also recommended the construction of septic tanks wherever necessary, taking into consideration the availability of land and the requirements of the respective establishments.

The Pipons highlighted the necessity of adopting suitable sewage-disposal mechanisms in their respective areas to ensure effective wastewater management and address issues related to sewage discharge.

It may also be highlighted that DC Mangan handed over ex-gratia assistance to the family affected by the house fire that occurred in Lachung on October 21, 2026. The assistance was provided by the district administration as immediate relief to the affected family.

Also present were Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarpa ADC Mangan, Mr Hem Sagar Kafley ADC Dev Chungthang, SDM Chungthang, BDO Chungthang, AE RDD, along with officials and staff of the concerned line departments.

ADC Mangan visits Lachung to assess damage caused by fire incident

Mangan, October 22: Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarpa ADC Mangan visited Lachung to assess the damage caused by a devastating fire incident that occurred on October 21.

The fire destroyed three houses belonging to Mr Wongchuk Lachungpa and his family. A private vehicle and business stock procured just days before the incident were also reduced to ashes, leaving the affected family with significant losses. The suspected cause of the fire is an electrical short circuit. Partial damage was also reported to the houses of Ms Tshering Ongmu Lachungpa, Mr Kessang Lachungpa, Mr Sonam Palzor and Mr Mindu Lachungpa. The nearby State Bank of India establishment was also affected.

The inspection was conducted in the presence of Mr Sonam Tshering Lachungpa Pipon of Lachung, Mr Chungthuk Lachungpa Chutimpa of Lachung Dzumsa, Mr Kessang Rikzing Lepcha Revenue Officer Chungthang, staff of DDMA Mangan, Police personnel and locals.

During the visit, ADC assured the affected families that the administration would explore all possible assistance under the prescribed norms. He informed that the process for eligible ex-gratia assistance is underway and would be taken forward once the offices resume functioning after the Durga Puja holidays. Meanwhile, affected family has been safely relocated at the residences of their relatives in Lachung.

The Pipons and local residents also urged the authorities to station a fire tender on standby in Lachung, highlighting the area's importance as a major tourist destination, and the need for a prompt emergency response to tackle any exigency.

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Secretary

Governor visits Ganesh Tok Temple



Gangtok, October 20: After assuming office as Governor of Sikkim Mr Dushyant Kumar Gautam visited Ganesh Tok Temple and offered prayers to Lord Ganesha.

He sought the blessings of Lord Ganesha and prayed for the well-being, prosperity and happiness of the people of Sikkim. Thereafter, he visited Enchey Monastery and also offered prayers.

Lok Bhavan Sikkim bid farewell to Governor Om Prakash Mathur

Gangtok, October 18: Lok Bhavan Sikkim bid farewell to outgoing Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur as he proceeded to take the new role as the Governor of Keralam.

A farewell ceremony was organised at Lok Bhavan by officers and staff in honour of the Governor on October 17. He served as the Governor of Sikkim for two years, two months and 16 days. He was sworn-in as the 18th Governor of Sikkim on July 31, 2024.

In his final address to Lok Bhavan family, he expressed his gratitude for the warm hospitality and affection he received during his tenure in Sikkim. Reflecting on his experiences and memories in Sikkim and expressed his deep attachment to the Lok Bhavan family.

"The cherished memories of Sikkim, the affection of its people and Lok Bhavan would always remain close to my heart. Their association with me during my journey as the Governor of Sikkim was one of warmth, affection and fellow-feeling. I will always fondly remember my sweet days," said the Governor.

The Governor expressed appreciation for the dedication and commitment of the Lok Bhavan staff, acknowledging their role in assisting him in carrying out his responsibilities. Similarly, the Lok Bhavan family felicitated Senior Private Secretary to Governor Mr Ratish Chaturvedi, Private Secretary Mr Akhilesh Mishra and Personal Assistant Mr Bagdha Ram.

Health Tips

7 MORE WAYS TO STAY YOUNG AND HEALTHY

1. ***Vitamin E***

Vitamin E is one of the effective anti ageing agent. Enrich your daily diet chart with foods which are rich in vitamin E. Even if you use any skin care products, prefer those which are enriched with vitamin E.

2. ***Vitamin A***

Use of Retinol A; a purest form of vitamin A can help to reduce wrinkles and fine lines.

3. ***Benefits of Apple Juice***

Apple juice is healthy for having a fresh skin, also you can apply fresh apple juice on your skin daily; apple juice is helpful to remove fine lines and wrinkles.

4. ***Use of Glycerin, Lemon juice and Rose water***

All these 3 are great for having a healthy skin, take Glycerin, lemon juice and rose water in equal amount. Mix all these and apply daily on your face, hands and neck, before going to bed at night. This solution is very effective for younger looking skin.

5. ***Aloe Vera Gel***

Apply Aloe-Vera gel as a face mask on your face, neck and hands. Let it dry for 20 minutes, put the mask out and wash your face with fresh cold water. If you have dry skin then add vitamin E (oil) in the gel and mash it well before applying.

6. ***Take steam Bath often***

Take steam bath at least once in a week, this will help your body to remain healthy and young.

7. ***Think Positive***

Your mental health directly affects your physical health. Adopt a positive attitude towards life and think positive, it's the way to look young and healthy.

Second Edition of Sikkim Arts and Literature Festival 2026



Gangtok, October 28: The second edition of the three-day Sikkim Arts and Literature Festival 2026, organised by Students' Welfare Board under the aegis of Education Department in collaboration with Teamwork Arts, commenced at Ridge Park, today.

Scheduled from October 28-30, the festival features a diverse programme of workshops, panel discussions, book signings and musical performances, with Ridge Park and White Hall serving as the venues.

Mr Raju Basnet, Minister for Education Department highlighted Sikkim's rich flora and fauna, biodiversity, cultural heritage and renowned hospitality. He also underscored the importance of stories rooted in the State's traditions, culture and heritage, emphasising the role of literature in fostering intellectual growth, creativity and the holistic development of individuals.

Mr Aditya Golay, MLA-cum-Chairman of Committee on Estimates, traced the evolution of the literary movement in Sikkim, beginning with the Inner Wheel Club of Gangtok's initiative to establish a public street library at Titanic Park, MG Marg, during the COVID-19 pandemic. He highlighted the subsequent Read and Grow campaign at Manan Kendra, followed by the inaugural edition of the Sikkim Arts and Literature Festival at Yuksom and its subsequent expansion to the state capital. He also underscored the importance of fostering creativity and nurturing intellectual curiosity through the habit of reading.

The latter half of the evening featured a panel discussion titled 'A Life in History', with renowned Scottish historian Mr William Dalrymple and Secretary, Education Department (School Education), Mr Tashi Choppel. The discussion explored Dalrymple's personal experiences, his journey as a historian and the inspirations behind his writings.

Born in 1965, William Dalrymple is a distinguished Scottish historian, author and broadcaster, widely recognised for his works on Indian history, culture, the Mughal Empire and British rule in India. His notable publications include City of Djinns, The Last Mughal, White Mughals and The Anarchy. He is also a co-founder of the Jaipur Literature Festival. Dalrymple has received several prestigious accolades, including the Wolfson History Prize, the Duff Cooper Prize and the British Academy President's Medal in 2018. Through his extensive research and engaging narrative style, he has made significant contributions to bringing India's rich historical heritage and its connections with the wider world to a global readership.

This was followed by a conversation between members of the Indian rock band Indian Ocean and author Mr Sanjoy K Roy, during which they discussed the band's formation, musical journey and the influences that have shaped its distinctive sound.

Formed in New Delhi in 1990, Indian Ocean is one of the most influential and longest-running bands in India's independent music scene. Over the years, the band has developed a distinctive musical identity by blending Indian folk and classical traditions with rock, jazz, blues and contemporary sounds. It is widely regarded as a pioneer of the Indian fusion-rock movement.

The band's origins can be traced to the musical partnership between guitarist Susmit Sen and percussionist-vocalist Asheem Chakravarty, who began collaborating before the band formally took shape in 1990. Rahul Ram joined on bass in the early 1990s, followed by drummer Amit Kilam in 1994. This four-member lineup Susmit Sen, Asheem Chakravarty, Rahul Ram and Amit Kilam helped define Indian Ocean's sound during its breakthrough years. The band's self-titled debut album, Indian Ocean, was released in the early 1990s.

The opening day of the festival concluded with an evening gazal performance by Aagaaz, a Delhi-based four-member gazal ensemble curated by artiste Suhavi Kalsi, also known as Suhaavi Kalsi. The ensemble seeks to revive traditional baithak-style gazal performances through an intimate presentation that combines storytelling, context and emotion.

The inaugural programme was attended by Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Speaker SLA, MLAs, MP Lok Sabha, Mayor GMC, Palden Gyurmed Namgyal and Hope Leezum Namgyal, Advisors, Chairpersons, Political Secretaries, Additional Political Secretaries, Secretaries and HoDs, officials from various departments, students and stakeholders.

Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvaad-Know Your Vote programme raises electoral awareness among youth

Namchi, October 27: My Bharat Kendra (MBK), Namchi, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, organised a 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvaad-Know Your Vote' programme at Government College Kamrang, Namchi, today.

The programme aimed to sensitise young people about their voting rights, promote awareness of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and encourage active participation in the democratic and electoral processes of the country.

Mr Navneet Kumar, District Youth Officer, My Bharat Kendra, Namchi highlighted the importance of youth participation in the growth and development of the nation. He emphasised the need for young citizens to understand their voting rights and exercise them responsibly. He also encouraged students to develop a clear vision of their goals, contribute actively to the development of the State and aspire to become future leaders.

He further explained the significance of Forms 6, 7 and 8 in the electoral process, highlighting their respective roles in the inclusion of names, deletion of entries and correction or updating of electoral records. He also interacted with the students and addressed their queries regarding electoral registration and related procedures.

Mr Pragyan Deep Gurung, Youth Icon underscored the importance of collective efforts in bringing about positive social change. He urged the students to remain vigilant against misinformation and misleading narratives, particularly on social media, and encouraged them to verify information before accepting or sharing it. He also highlighted the importance of maintaining accurate electoral rolls to ensure the integrity of the electoral process.

An interactive session titled Yuva Samvaad was facilitated by Youth Icon Mr Aman Agarwal, providing students with an opportunity to engage in open discussions and share their views on electoral awareness and youth participation.

The programme also featured the felicitation of Mr Ashit Rai Youth Icon and athlete.

A Loktantrik Pledge was administered during the programme, reaffirming the importance of democratic values and responsible citizenship.

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