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Chief Minister attends UDAAN Scholastic Festival



Pakyong, August 31: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended UDAAN- The Flight of Creativity, an Inter School Scholastic festival at SMIT Majhitar, today.

UDAAN- The Flight of Creativity festival is an interschool day-long scholastic festival, with Chief Minister serving as the Chief Patron.

The annual event was organised by Rotary Club of Gangtok and the Inner Wheel

Club of Gangtok, which aims to provide a platform for students from both government and private schools across the state, including those in rural and urban areas, to come together and engage in academic and creative activities.

The ceremony also had the presence of Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Education Department, Mr Sanjeet Kharel MLA, Mr Jacob Khaling Political Secretary to CM, Mr Tshering

Wangchuk Lepcha Additional Political Secretary to CM, Ms Tshering Palden Bhutia Deputy Mayor GMC, Mr Chopel Sherpa Chairman of Students Welfare Board, Mr Tashi Chopel Secretary Education Department, Mr Rohan Agawane DC Pakyong, Ms Paru Ruchal Sr SP Pakyong, Dr Sangita Jha Director-cum- Incharge SMIT, Ms Sujata Subba SDM Rangpo, officials from various departments, along with teachers and students.

Chief Minister highlighted the importance of education, creativity and perseverance in shaping the future of the younger generation. He congratulated the organisers for consistently hosting UDAAN-The Flight of Creativity since 2011, and stated that it has become a remarkable platform to nurture the talents of students beyond classrooms and textbooks. He expressed delight over the participation of nearly 1,800 students from 120 schools across the state and emphasised that such festivals inspire students to showcase their

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ITS holds coordination meeting in Soreng

Soreng, September 2: Institute for Transforming Sikkim (ITS) convened a coordination meeting for Soreng District, under the chairmanship of its Vice Chairman Mr CP Sharma at Rurban complex, Soreng, today.

The meeting had the presence and participation of ITS members including, Mrs Ganga Devi Pradhan, Ms Namrata Thapa, Dr Sangay Dorjee Bhutia, Dr Bharat Chandra Basistha, Mr James Saring Lepcha and Dr Neeraj Adhikari.

Addressing the house, Vice Chairman stressed on how the concept of the formation of ITS was developed, highlighting its commitment to need based development and community participation. He informed that the meeting was conducted with the aim to strengthen coordination among departments and to reinforce the sincerity and seriousness required in implementing development



projects. Referring to the recent field visits conducted by ITS to various infrastructural projects in the district, he appealed all present to address concerns related to implementation delays. Further, the Department Heads were urged to

carry out their responsibilities with sincerity and seriousness, especially in projects critical to public welfare.

Ms Namrata Thapa Member

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National Taekwondo Championship 2025 inaugurated

Odisha, August 30: On the occasion of National Sports Day, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated the 4th Sub-Junior and Senior National Taekwondo Championship in Cuttack, Odisha marking a celebration of youth sportsmanship and energy. The event saw young athletes from across the nation coming together to showcase their passion for taekwondo.

Chief Minister expressed

admiration for the participants dedication and energy. "Their passion and commitment made the ceremony memorable and continue to inspire us all," he said.

The event also acknowledged the crucial role of India Taekwondo in promoting the sport nationwide. "I extend my sincere gratitude to India Taekwondo for their continuous support and efforts in growing the sport," he added.

State-Process Lab launched

Gangtok, September 1: Social Welfare Department organised the inaugural ceremony of the State-Process Lab (SPL) under the 'Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan,' a responsive governance programme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, at a local hotel at Gangtok, today.

The programme was attended by Ms Sarika Pradhan, Secretary Social Welfare Department as the chief guest.

Secretary stated that the mission aimed to empower officials and the community with knowledge and skills for effective grassroots action. She emphasised that the programme represented a long-standing commitment towards people, rooted in inclusiveness, transparency, and service.

She further underscored that the State-Process Lab would be a space where vision would take shape. She mentioned that it would allow people to test new approaches, refine their local wisdom, and scale them to benefit the entire state.

Mr Ashok Kumar Gupta, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, underlined that Aadi Karmayogi is a mission-driven effort to build a cadre of 20 lakh trained change leaders across one lakh tribal-dominated villages in more than 550 districts, so that last mile delivery became the new normal and not an exception.

He added that under the vision of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, the guidance of

Mr Jual Oram Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, the support of Minister of State Mr Durgadas Uikey, and the leadership of the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Mr Vibhu Nayar, the Abhiyan is moving forward with clarity and urgency. He further said that the Abhiyan was also about smart convergence. It enabled grievance redressal, localised planning, and coordinated implementation across key departments like rural development, education, women and child development, jal shakti, health and environment, so that communities receive seamless services without having to move from office to office.

Earlier, Mr Suman Gurung Special Secretary Social Welfare Department (SWD) highlighted the aim of the State-Process Lab initiated for the master trainees from three districts, Namchi, Mangan, and Gyalshing, for four days. He stated that the State-Process Lab provided a platform for self-analysis and personal transformation. He also urged the master trainees to examine their mindset and unlock their inner potential. He appealed to all district master trainees from various line departments to extend full cooperation in ensuring effective coordination and collaboration for the mission.

Mr Prem Kamal Rai, Joint Secretary Tribal Affairs Division SWD, elaborated that the programme formed part of efforts to bring transformation in the lives of tribal communities.

Pearls of Wisdom

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."

- Oscar Wilde

National Sports Day 2025 observed in Mangan

Mangan, August 29: National Sports Day 2025 was observed at PM SHRI Mangan Senior Secondary School, today. Organised by Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Mangan, the event paid a befitting tribute to legendary hockey player, Major Dhyan Chand in whose memory and legacy the nation observes National Sports Day each year on his birth anniversary.

Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan led the reading of the Fit India Pledge, reaffirming the commitment towards fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

This year, the celebration was observed with the slogan ‘Khelega Desh, Khilega Desh’ and the theme ‘Har Gali, Har Maidan, Khele Sara Hindustan; Khele Bhi, Khile Bhi’, underlining the importance of widespread participation in sports and fitness as a means of building a stronger and healthier nation. The programme also featured the felicitation of distinguished personalities who have contributed to the promotion of sports in the district. On this occasion, Mr Pemzang Tenzing and Mr Phurba Sherpa were honoured for their outstanding contribution to sports development in Mangan.

Ms Janim Lepcha, Joint Director Sports and Youth Affairs Department, highlighted the significance of National Sports Day, observed annually on August 29 to honour Major Dhyan Chand. She emphasised the values of discipline, teamwork, resilience, and fair play that sports instill, while also drawing attention to national initiatives such as Khelo India Programme and Fit India Movement.

The celebration included a series of sporting events, such as basketball, football, kho-kho, volleyball and yoga sessions. An exhibition volleyball match between District Police Mangan and the teaching staff of PM SHRI Mangan Senior Secondary School was one of the highlights of the day, drawing enthusiastic participation and cheers from students. Principal of PM SHRI Mangan Senior Secondary School Mr Karma Tempo Ethenpa, was congratulated for being nominated for the National Teacher Award 2025.

Also present were Mr Sonam Detchu Bhutia SP Mangan, Mr Sherap Bhutia Panchayat President of Ringhim Nampatang GPU, Ms Moti Tamang Panchayat Member, Mr David Gyamtso Lingdong CEO Education, Mr Prashant Rai SHO Mangan along with facilitators, teachers, staff and students of the school.

DC Soreng chairs NCORD monthly review meeting

Soreng, August 30: Monthly review meeting of the Narco Coordination (NCORD) Committee for Soreng District was held today in a hybrid format under the chairmanship of Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng with several members joining the session virtually at DAC Soreng.

DC expressed his appreciation for their continued commitment in combating the issue of drug abuse. He highlighted the growing challenges of substance abuse in the district and underlined the urgency of the matter. He emphasised that curbing the menace requires a comprehensive approach involving strict enforcement, preventive measures, community awareness and effective rehabilitation.

He also reviewed the progress made by each department and sought updates on actions taken so far. Key issues discussed included police reports on drug seizures, cases registered under NDPS and SADA, identification of hotspots and vulnerable areas, as well as uprooting of cannabis. Other matters taken up were border security, joint inspections, sensitisation programmes, enforcement work by the Excise Department, awareness drives in schools and colleges under Health and Education Departments, initiatives by NGOs and the Social Welfare Department and awareness activities carried out by driver associations.

The role of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) was also discussed. A representative from NCB outlined its functions, including drug law enforcement, supply reduction, investigations, seizures, arrests and awareness campaigns. The DC recommended that training for public prosecutors be included along with that of magistrates and suggested that IEC materials be provided to create stronger visibility of NCB’s presence and efforts in the district.

During the meeting, the house also discussed on challenges faced by rehabilitation centres, particularly the inconvenience experienced by patients and the lack of trained counsellors at Primary Health Centres. The need to establish a dedicated rehabilitation centre in Soreng district, with the involvement of District Administration, was strongly highlighted. Proposals were also made to organise inter-school activities such as wall painting, street plays and graffiti competitions under the banner of ‘Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan’ to spread awareness among the youth.

The meeting had the presence of ADC-I, ASP Soreng, SDM (Hq), Joint Director (Education), DFO (T), Senior Welfare Officer, MO I/C, Officers and officials of various line departments, representatives of NGO and representatives of driver associations.

DC Soreng chairs coordation meeting

Soreng, August 30: A coordination meeting with Agriculture and Horticulture Departments was convened at Rurban Complex, Soreng, under the chairmanship of Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng, today.

The meeting was held to deliberate on the utilisation of barren lands and explore strategies for their productive use.

The DC enquired about present status of barren lands, initiatives undertaken so far and the availability of data. He emphasised that reviving unused land is a priority in line with the vision of the Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, to enhance agricultural productivity and improve the livelihood of farmers.

In addition, DC placed step-by-step suggestions for implementation. He stressed on the importance of identifying and categorising barren lands across the six blocks and creating a comprehensive database with measurable outcomes. He called for soil testing and simplified analysed reports so that local farmers can easily understand the results and make informed choices. He also suggested that Government institutions could adopt and oversee cultivation on revived lands. He further highlighted the need to identify both suitable and alternative crops, with a focus on exotic and high-value varieties, while also exploring new opportunities under the Aspirational District Programme (ADP).

He emphasised on the strengthening of marketing chains, along with proper branding, packaging and promotion of local products. He urged departments to support local farmers by advertising and creating stronger market linkages for their produce. To ensure feasibility and sustainability, he suggested joint inspections with experts to assess crop suitability on barren lands and recommended maintaining updated data on a regular basis. He also stated that such coordinated efforts are vital not only for reviving barren lands but also for ensuring long-term benefits for farming community. He called upon all departments to work closely together and implement the strategies systematically to achieve tangible results for farmers and the district.

A detailed report on Barren Land Survey was presented by Mr Manish Pradhan Deputy Director. The report provided a comprehensive overview of surveys undertaken across various blocks under Soreng district to identify barren lands. It also outlined the total number of farmers from each block, their areas of interest and feasible crops suited for cultivation. The action taken by the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments was highlighted with documentation of field visits, technical support through soil analysis and crop recommendations.

The report further noted that barren land revival efforts are already in progress. Several farmers have successfully initiated cultivation on previously unused lands, adopting crops such as Cherry Pepper and Turmeric. Okhrey GPU was specially recognised as a model of success, where 0.5 hectares of leased barren land was rejuvenated through the cultivation of Garden Pea and Cabbage, supported by training from ATMA, Soreng District.

Mr DR Bista ADC shared several proposals under the barren land rejuvenation initiative. He highlighted the importance of potential crop identification and cited the example of reviving apple cultivation in the Hilley area. He further, suggested promoting coffee plantation initiatives, along with the development of nurseries for horticultural, agricultural and forestry purposes. The proposals also included the sourcing of high-value seeds, production of vermicompost and organic manure with proper branding and packaging, and exploring opportunities to market these products outside the state. He also emphasised the scope of cultivating Chayote noting that the climatic conditions of Soreng are highly suitable for its large-scale plantation. Several other innovative proposals were also put forward to strengthen the initiative.

The meeting also had the presence of Mr Pranay Gurung Additional Director Agriculture Department, Mr Bhanu K Pandey Deputy Director Horticulture Department, Mr Bhanu K Chettri and Mr Rota Sunar Deputy Directors Horticulture, Mr Manish Pradhan and Mr AB Rai Deputy Directors Agriculture, Mr Bikash Bhattarai HDO Horticulture, VLWs and Agriculture Inspectors.

Before the LD. Oath Commissioner at Gangtok, Sikkim

SI.No. A374610

AFFIDAVIT/DECLARATION

I, **Mamta Rai** w/o Karna Bahadur Gurung R/o Upper Pareng Gaon, Takuthang, Soreng District Sikkim do here by solemnly affirm and declare:

1. That “RIYANA GURUNG is my legal Daughter.

2. That my name is mentioned as Mamta Rai in my daughter's Birth Certificate bearing Serial **No. 12379** issued by Office of the Chief Registrar of Birth and Deaths, Department of Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare and in my daughter's PAN CARD bearing **PAN CARD NO.DPGPG4419R** issued by Income Tax Department, Government of India and also in my daughter's Aadhar card bearing **Aadhar No. 601252132911** issued by Unique Identification Authority of India, Government of India.

3. That my name has been inadvertently mentioned as “**Mamta Rai Gurung**” in my daughter's Marks Statement Cum Certificate of class X issued by Central Board of Secondary Education bearing Serial No. 0457812 and Regn. No. G119/34049/0025, dated 06-05-2019.

4. That my name has been inadvertently mentioned as “**Mamta Gurung**” in my daughter's Marks Statement Cum Certificate of Class XII bearing Serial No. 1201883, Regn. No. G221/37223/0152, Dated 30-07-2021.

5. This Affidavit is made on oath to declare that “**Mamta Rai**”, “**Mamta Rai Gurung**” and “**Mamta Gurung**” is the same person i.e., myself.

Deponent

VERIFICATION

That the statements made herein above in paragraphs 1 to 5 are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and, nothing has been concealed there from. And I have signed and verified this affidavit on this the 3rd day of September 2025 at Gangtok, Sikkim.

Deponent

Read and Advertise

in

Sikkim Herald

Government of Sikkim
Office of the Chief Engineer
Sports and Youth Affairs Department
White Hall Complex, Gangtok

NIT NO:-503/SYA/EC/2021/1704

Dated: 27/08/2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Chief Engineer, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, invites sealed tender in percentage rate basis under TWO COVER SYSTEM from contractors enlisted with SPWD of class I-A category within the state, Sikkim for the work listed below.

Sl No	Name of Work	Work Value put to tender (in ₹)	Completion time (in months)	Amount of BR for cost of tender documents	Amount of Earnest money @ 2.5% (for issue of tender form)
1	Construction of Alternate Playground at Boomtar, Namchi District	₹11,51,89,507.00	36 Months	₹3,00,000.00	₹28,79,738.00

TIME SCHEDULE

1.	Date of submission of application with Bank Receipt, for issue of Tender Documents (excluding Tender Form)	07-10-2025 (up to 15:30 hrs)
2.	Date of issue of Tender Form on submission of Earnest Money (TDR)	08-10-2025 (up to 15:00 hrs)
3.	Date of pre-bid meeting	25-09-2025 (up to 15:00 hrs)
4.	Submission of bid documents	09-10-2025 (up to 12:00 hrs)
5.	Opening of Technical bids	10-10-2025 (up to 13:00 hrs)
6.	Opening of Financial bids	The date and time shall be intimated to the technically qualified bidders

AL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1) Tender is open only to the eligible contractors of appropriate Class/Area.
2) The intending tenderer/contractor should apply in writing for issue of tender documents.The application would Invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself.
3) The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following:
(a) Validated Contractor Enlistment Certificate along with the application is mandatory to produce in original during sale/issue of the Tender Documents for verification.
(b) PAN Card.
(c) Voter's Card.
4) The prescribed Non- Transferable Tender Documents (Excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in as above from the office of the **Assistant Engineer (Planning), Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Gangtok**, on the production of receipt deposit to the Revenue Head 0202-03-800-01 (Miscellaneous Receipts).
5) Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% in the State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of deposit receipt of scheduled bank which includes deposits in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipts in favor of Sr.A.O, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Gangtok. The Tender Form shall be issued from the office of Sr. A.O, S&YA Deptt., only on the production of TDR to those contractors who have obtained the tender documents, on production of bank BR/Challan for the cost of tender documents. The Enlisted Women Contractors will have to deposit 50% of indicated TDR amount.
6) Both the Tender Documents viz. Technical and Financial bids, should be placed in two different sealed covers with the name of tenderer and the name of work superscripted on it. Supporting documents listed at Sl. No. 3(a), (b) & (c) should be enclosed with the technical bid.
7) Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the **Office of the Chief Engineer, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Gangtok**, in her presence, on the date and within the time indicated above.
8) Tenders will be opened by a tender opening committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
9) The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and condition of Contract and other laid down norms. **The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be exclusive of GST and all other Taxes and Levies.** Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tender shall be rejected forth with.
10) 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. The payment due to the contractor shall be made as and when the funds are available in the department.
11) The Department reserves the right to reject the incomplete tender without assigning any reasons there-of.
12) All the other conditions of the contract shall be obtained from the office of the Divisional Engineer, SYAD, White Hall Complex, Gangtok.

Chief Engineer
Sports and Youth Affairs Department
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Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation
Government of Sikkim
Paryatan Bhawan, Metro Point, Gangtok

Ref No: 1060/DOT&CAV

Date: 30.08.2025

Request for Proposal

Proposals are invited from reputed and experienced IT firms/agencies for the purpose of "**Development for Alumni Network System for IHCAE**" under Sikkim INSPIRES.
The detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) document is available on the official website of the Department: www.sikkimtourism.gov.in.
The last date for submission of proposal: 06th October 2025 up to **4:30 PM**. Any addendum or Modification to the RFP, if any issued, will be uploaded on the above mentioned website.

Additional Secretary
Tourism & Civil Aviation Department
Government of Sikkim
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Government of Sikkim
Planning and Development Department
Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok-737101

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No. 550/P&DD

Dated: 24.8.2025

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Hiring of Personnel for State Support Mission (SSM)
Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up of 07 positions (01 Team Lead and 06 Sector Expert) on temporary basis for State Support Mission (SSM) under Planning & Development Department, Government of Sikkim.
Interested candidates may visit www.planning.sikkim.gov.in for full details regarding eligibility criteria, job profile and important dates.
The hiring of personnel made under this Mission is purely contractual and temporary in nature and does not confer any right to regularization under any scheme of the Government of Sikkim.

Secretary
Planning & Development Department
Government of Sikkim
(140)

Before the Learned Oath Commissioner, East Sikkim at Gangtok

SI.No. 035695

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Palchen Sherpa**, aged about 46 years, son of Latei Gyaltsen Sherpa, by faith Buddhist, by occupation Government Employee, Permanent Resident of Lamaten, P.O. & P.S. Hingtam, South Sikkim, and presently residing at Samdur, P.O. Samdur & P.S. Ranipool, East Sikkim, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:
1. That in my all relevant documents my name has been spelt and recorded as "**Patchen Sherpa**".
2. That in my Certificate of Identification issued by the office of the District Collector, South, Namchi, South Sikkim, bearing SI.NO. 20520/DC(S) Dated 4/5/2010 my name has been spelt and recorded as "**Palchhen Sherpa**".
3. That this affidavit is made bonafide and to declare that the person by names of "**Palchen Sherpa**", and "**Palchhen Sherpa**" refers and denotes to one and the same identical person i e. myself.

VERIFICATION

I, the above named deponent do hareby verify and state that the statement made in above paragraphs 1 to 3 are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed or suppressed therefrom
And I have signed this Affidavit on this the 16th day of October, 2012 at Gangtok, East Sikkim.

Deponent
Palchen Sherpa

Before the Oath Commissioner, Sikkim at Gangtok

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Prem Kr. Rai**, Son of late **Tek Bahadur Rai**, aged about 45 years old, by faith- Hindu. resident of Chuba Busty 32 No, Middle camp. P.O middle Camp & P.S. Ranipool.
Gangtok District, Sikkim do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:
1. That my late father actual and correct name is "**Tek Bahadur Rai**" which is recorded in his Parcha Khatian bearing Khatian No. 53 and in his other relevant documents.
2. That inadvertently my late father name las been recorded as "**Jak Bahadur Rai**" instead of "**Tek Bahadur Rai**" in his Sikkim Subject Vide serial No.221 Vol No II under block Chuba memo No, 557/DCE.
3. That I am swearing this Affidavit to declare on oath that the person known by the names "**Tek Bahadur Rai**" and "**Jak Bahadur Rai**" denotes and refer to one and the same person. i.e, my late Father.
4. That this affidavit is made bonafide.

VERIFICATION

I the above name deponent do hereby verify and declare that the statements made in the foregoing paragraphs 1 to 3 are true to the best of my knowledge. And I have not concealed or suppressed therefrom. And I have signed this affidavit on this the 20th day of May 2025 at Gangtok, Sikkim.

Identified by:
Ram Kumar Chettri
Namchi

Deponent
Prem Kr. Rai

Government of Sikkim
Social Welfare Department
5th Mile Tadong, Gangtok

NIT NO: GOS/37/SWD/EC/2025-26/07

Dated: 28/08/2028

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Divisional Engineer (Gangtok), Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Lumsey, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim on behalf of Governor of Sikkim, invites sealed tenders in percentage rate basis 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 documents (₹)	Constituency/ GPU/ Ward
1	Construction of 8 R/S/B at Government Senior Secondary School, Dhajey, Gangtok District, Sikkim	1,57,83,158/-	24 months	3,94,579 -/-	50,000 -/-	Burtuk Constituency, Ranka GPU, Sangtong Ward.

Time Schedule is as follows:-

1. Date for submission of applications: 30/08/2025 to 16/09/2025 (10.00am to 4.30pm)

2. Last date for issue of tender form: 20/09/2025 (10.00am to 4.30pm)

3. Date and Time for submission of Tender: 23/09/2025 (10.00am to 1.00pm)

4. Date and Time of opening of Tender: 23/09/2025 at 2.00pm

5. Place of Tender: Gram Prasashan Kendra, Ranka GPU, Gangtok District, Sikkim.

Note: The details of conditions of contract and tender documents including tender form can be obtained from the office of the Divisional Engineer-(Gangtok) Social Welfare Department on production of receipt of deposit towards tender documents made to the respective GPU. The applicants should enclose attested copies of valid/updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate of appropriate class along with the application, attested copies of COI/SSC, valid electoral card for proof of residence of same GPU.

Divisional Engineer (Gangtok)
Social Welfare Department
Lumsey, 5th Mile, Gangtok, Sikkim
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ITS holds...

presented an overview of the (ITS). She then highlighted the vision behind the formation of ITS, emphasising its aim of driving holistic development across the State. Further, she urged all to actively contribute towards framing innovative policies and working collectively for the overall development of the state.

Likewise, Mrs Ganga Devi Pradhan Member also highlighted various concerns such as solid waste management amidst a growing population, bio-medical waste disposal, public health engineering system, human capital development and liquid waste management. She sought suggestions and strategic inputs to develop an effective and sustainable action plan to address these challenges.

Additionally, DC (Soreng) highlighted the key mandates of ITS, emphasising its role as a vital bridge between the Government and development initiatives. Informing that Soreng being recognised as an Aspirational

District under Aspirational District Programme of NITI Aayog, he commended the programme for offering a clear framework to assess progress and targeted development.

He further apprised that the district has achieved 100% saturation in 21 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), informing that 9,000 farmers in the district have been provided with Soil Health Card, contributing to agricultural practices and sustainable farming. He expressed his hope that with the aid and support of ITS, Soreng District will witness further development in the days to come.

During the meeting, Mr Roshan Sharma from Planning and Development Department gave a brief overview of the ITS, covering its establishment, objective, terms and reference and its 16 verticals and sectors.

The meeting also included an open house discussion, during which the officials from various departments provided updates on their respective areas and further addressed the challenges related to infrastructure and sustainable development initiatives.

Further, ITS drew attention

to several ongoing and stalled infrastructural projects, wherein departments were directed to take strict measures to ensure completion of pending works and reminded of the importance of maintaining and fully utilising existing Government assets. The officers and officials were specifically asked to identify issues hindering progress and take corrective actions at the earliest.

Also, Mr DR Bista ADC-I provided updates on various key initiatives being carried out by the District Administration, including One Day at School Programme, Swaccha Paani, Swastha Haami, Thapchay Mukt Abhiyaan, Didi Ko Khajaghar, Panchayat Award under Nasha Mukt Abhiyaan. In addition, the District Administration also placed a few proposals for consideration and approval.

The meeting was also attended by Zilla Adhyaksha (Soreng), SP (Soreng), ADC-II, ADC (Development), SDMs, BDOs, HoDs, HoOs, officers and officials from various line departments.

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Chief Minister...

potential through competitions like quizzes, spell bees, creative writing to poster making, mono-acts and group dance.

Urging students to remain resilient in the face of challenges, he reflected on the struggles of past generations and noted that earlier students lacked resources, digital tools and career guidance.

He further called upon schools to regularly introduce career counselling sessions.

Further, he stressed on key initiatives undertaken by the State Government to support education and empower the younger generation, including the Chief Minister’s Education Assistance Scheme (CMEAS), NB Bhandari Fellowship Programme, APATAN Fellowship Programme, Q&I Learning platform and Fellowships programmes for PhD

research.

He also added that financial aid for professional courses such as MBBS, pilot training and engineering is being provided to students from humble backgrounds.

Further, he assured to provide assistance in enhancing the educational experience and promoting overall development of the students, while emphasising the importance of personal growth and self-improvement in their

Government of Sikkim
Central Health Stores Organisation
Health and Family Welfare Department
Convoy Ground, Tadong

Memo No.354/CHSO/2025-26

Dated: 02nd September 2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

The Central Health Stores Organization, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim invites Online Tender (Technical and Financial bids) from registered firm (manufacturer/authorized dealers/distributors) for the "Supply of Medicines, Consumables & Laboratory Reagents for the FY 2025-26".

The bid should be submitted online from 03/09/2025 in the website <https://sikkimtender.gov.in> for which, the bidders should have necessary portal enrolment with his/her own Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

Director Health services
Central Health Stores Organization
Health and Family Welfare Department
Government of Sikkim
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Before the Oath Commissioner at Gangtok Sikkim

SI. No. A377529

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Jishan Ali** son of Bahedutt Ali, aged about 27 years, resident of Metro Point, Tadong, under P.O.Tadong and P.S. Sadar, Gangtok District Sikkim do hereby solemnly affirm on oath as follows:

1. That I am natural and biological son of **Bahedutt Ali**.

2. That the actual and correct name of my father is **Bahedutt Ali** which has been found recorded in my Entire Academic Certificates including my Class X Grade Sheet cum Certificate of Performance bearing S. No.**SSE/2015**, Registration No. **G115/05474/0131**.

3. That inadvertently my father's name has been found recorded as **Bahedutt Alli** in my birth certificate bearing No.AA-1/11/No. 06690 issued by Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths, Health and family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim.

4. That similarly my father's name has also bee recorded as **Wahdat Ali** in my PAN Card bearing PAN No.BZGPA3889P issued by Income Tax Department, Government of India and in my Aadhar Card bearing No. 889131642066 issued by Unique Identification Authority of India.

5. That this affidavit is sworn to declare on oath that by the names **Bahedutt Ali, Bahedutt Alli** and **Wahdat Ali** are the names of the one and same person, i.e. my father.

6. That this affidavit is made bonafide.

VERIFICATION

I, the above named deponent do hereby solemnly affirm under oath and declare that the statements, made in paragraphs 1 to 5 of the above affidavit are true to the best of knowledge and belief and that nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

And I sign this affidavit on this the 28th day of August 2025, at Gangtok, Sikkim.

Identified by:
Ashish Sharma
Gairigaon, Tadong

Deponent
Jishan Ali

academic and professional journeys.

Acknowledging the participation of students from remote areas, the Chief Minister felicitated the schools for their involmt in the UDAAN festival.

Additionally, Ms Neeti Nepal Chairman UDAAN congratulated the Chief Minister for being recognised as the best performing Chief Minister among the small states in the country,

while commending his efforts in various sectors of the state. Furthermore, she highlighted that UDAAN serves as a platform for students from both government and private schools from rural and urban areas to showcase their talents and skills.

It may be mentioned that the UDAAN festival will be featuring a series of day-long events simultaneously to celebrate the creativity and academics.

UDAAN festival concludes

Pakyong, August 31: Finale of UDAAN-A Flight of Creativity, an interschool scholastic and cultural festival under the banner of TEACH, concluded at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT), Majhitar, today.

Jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Gangtok and Inner Wheel Club of Gangtok, the festival began on August 18 and brought together students, teachers, parents, and officials from across the State to celebrate education, talent, and innovation.

The first session of the event was attended by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, who also serves as the Chief Patron of the event.

The closing ceremony had the presence of Mr Raju Basnett Minister for Education Department, Mr Sanjeet Kharel MLA, Mr Jacob Khaling Political Secretary to CM, Additional Political Secretary to CM, Deputy Mayor GMC, Secretary Education Department, Director-cum-Incharge SMIT, Chairman Students Welfare Board, officials from various departments.

Designed as a state-level platform to encourage both academic and artistic excellence, UDAAN aimed to foster

creativity, critical thinking and healthy competition among students from Government and private schools across rural and urban Sikkim. The festival was divided into three categories: Junior (Classes II–V), Middle (Classes VI–VIII) and Senior (Classes IX–XII).

Participants showcased their talents in a wide array of scholastic competitions, including word power, spell bee, general knowledge quiz, debate, elocution, mathematical puzzles ‘Maths Magic’, extempore speaking, creative writing and model making.

In addition to academic contests, the event also featured a vibrant lineup of performing and visual arts. Students participated in monoacting, thematic skits addressing social issues, dance performances, singing and poster making. These events highlighted social consciousness and creativity of the youth. Special fun-based events like quizzes, crosswords, sudoku and puzzle-solving sessions were were organised.

The dignitaries visited the project exhibition area to the project exhibition area, wherein students presented their innovations aligned with the theme ‘One Family, One Entrepreneur’.

More than 120 schools from across Mangan, Chujachen, Soreng, and Pelling, came together for a large-scale inter-school event celebrating student talent. A record-breaking 1,800 students from Classes II to XII competed on various intellectual and creative contests, grouped into three levels: junior, middle and senior.

The event featured a diverse set of competitions to each group, namely, Junior (Classes II-IV): spell bee, let’s converse, speed maths and quiz. Middle (Classes V-VIII): monoact, maths magic, word power and sports quiz.

- Senior (Classes IX-XII): poster making, creative writing, quiz and project presentation.

Demonstrating excellence across events, St Francis School, Jorethang, clinched the Champion of Champions title in Junior category. Manjushri Public School emerged victorious in both middle and senior divisions, securing top honours and establishing itself as a frontrunner in the academic and creative arenas.

The festival culminated with prize distribution ceremony. Awards were presented to winners and notable participants in various categories.

DHEW launches Special Awareness Campaign

Pakyong, September 2: District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Pakyong District under the Women, Child, Senior Citizen, and Divyangjan Welfare Department, launched ten-day Special Awareness Campaign under SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) with an awareness programme at Namcheybong GPU, today.

This initiative is aimed at strengthening grassroots awareness of key women-centric welfare schemes, particularly Mission Shakti Schemes and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), thereby ensuring that the benefits of these flagship programmes reach the maximum number of eligible beneficiaries.

Mr Alson Rai, Gender Specialist (DHEW), highlighted the role of DHEW in coordinating women-related schemes and outreach activities at district level. He explained that the campaign is designed to not only disseminate scheme-related information but also to promote dialogue with community members so that implementation becomes more inclusive and participatory.

The technical session was led by Mr Kesang Tamang, Paramedical Personnel, who made an in-depth presentation on several critical initiatives, including the Women Helpline (181), Child Helpline (1098), Mission Shakti Schemes, Sakhi Sadan, and the One Stop Centre (OSC). He explained how each of these mechanisms serves as an important support system for women and children facing different forms of violence and discrimination.

Through real-life case studies, he shed light on the types of violence frequently reported in rural and urban areas, and how grievance redressal frameworks provide timely intervention and protection. He urged participants to memorise and share the helpline numbers with others in their communities, underscoring that timely access to these services can save lives and prevent exploitation.

The programme also included a detailed presentation by Ms Tshering Ongmu Lepcha, DEO, on the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY). She explained that the scheme, which provides financial assistance to pregnant women and lactating mothers, plays a crucial role in improving maternal health and ensuring proper nutrition for newborns. She highlighted the scheme’s benefits, eligibility

conditions, and the process of registration, thereby addressing common misconceptions that often discourage eligible women from applying.

Mrs Shakeela Rai Panchayat President of Namcheybong GPU, commended the efforts of the DHEW in bringing such programmes directly to rural communities. She stressed that schemes like Mission Shakti and PMMVY are transformative in nature and have the potential to uplift families by promoting gender equality and providing essential financial and social support. She assured that Panchayat members would actively disseminate the information shared during the programme and work to ensure that beneficiaries at the grassroots are able to access and claim their entitlements under the various schemes.

Ms Yankit Doma Lepcha, Specialist in Financial Literacy (DHEW), moderated proceedings of the awareness campaign.

The event also featured interactive discussions with GPU staff, women beneficiaries, and caregivers, who were encouraged to voice their concerns, share experiences, and seek clarification on scheme-related issues. The discussions highlighted the need for continued awareness and regular follow-up activities so that the message of women’s empowerment reaches all segments of society, including the most marginalised.

The Special Awareness Campaign will be conducted across various parts of Pakyong District from September 2-12, 2025, covering a wide spectrum of issues under the SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women initiative. Through targeted sessions, outreach activities, and participatory events, the campaign seeks to build awareness, encourage dialogue, and mobilise communities towards collective action for women’s welfare.

The District Hub for Empowerment of Women has appealed to all stakeholders including Panchayat leaders, grassroots workers, caregivers, and community-based organizations to actively participate in the campaign and extend their support in spreading awareness about the Mission Shakti Schemes and PMMVY. Such collaboration, the DHEW stressed, is essential to ensure that no woman or child is left behind in accessing their rightful entitlements.

National Sports Day and 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2025 inaugurated

Gangtok, August 29: Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI) Gangtok, under the autonomous apex body Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, hosted the inaugural ceremony of National Sports Day and the 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2025 at its premises, today.

The programme was attended by Mr Arjun Kumar Ghatani, Advisor AYUSH along with Ms Deena Chettri OSD, AYUSH.

Advisor in his address highlighted the dedication of athletes across the country and the importance of incorporating sports into daily life for better health. He also underlined the role of proper nutrition in maintaining overall well-being. He commended the institute’s contribution to the development of Ayurveda in the state and acknowledged its progress so far.

He further stressed the need for adherence to the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) policy to enhance public awareness and assured full support in strengthening collaboration between the institute and the government for improved outreach. He also highlighted the state government’s initiative, Rog Mukta Sikkim, which focuses on preventive healthcare, hygiene, nutrition,

and active lifestyles to build a healthier society.

OSD underscored the significance of physical activity as a daily routine and the need to expand Ayurvedic practices across the state. She emphasised the role of grassroots-level outreach programmes in raising awareness and increasing public engagement. Highlighting the principles and health benefits of Ayurveda, she also outlined a range of activities planned to enhance its reach. Furthermore, she stressed the importance of collaborative efforts to promote and educate the public about Ayurveda in Sikkim.

Mr Achintya Mitra Assistant Director informed that the 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2025 would be observed from September 1-31 and that the institute will be organising a series of activities as part of the initiative. He delivered a comprehensive presentation detailing the evolution and progress of CCRAS and elaborated on the council’s objectives and mandate while highlighting the institute’s outreach initiatives and significant achievements.

Thereafter, Ms Sreelakshmi R S, Research Officer (Ayurveda), spoke about the significance of National Sports Day, while Mr Animesh Singh Research Assistant (Botany), elaborated on the 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2025 and various activities planned by the

institute under the initiative.

At the outset, the Advisor and OSD visited the premises of the institute.

The Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI) has been dedicated to delivering healthcare services in Sikkim since 1979. Established to conduct research in Ayurvedic sciences on a scientific basis, the institute also provides comprehensive healthcare to the people of the state.

The institute is equipped with facilities including an Outpatient Department (OPD), Pathology and Biochemistry Laboratory, Panchakarma Therapy Unit, Survey of Medicinal Plants Unit (SMPU), Geriatric Health Care Centre, Peripheral Pharmacovigilance Centre (PPvC), Clinical Trials Unit (as per GCP guidelines), and a Herbarium and Museum of Medicinal Plants.

Additionally, RARI extends its services through various outreach programmes such as the Tribal Health Care Research Programme (THCRP), the Ayurvedic Mobile Health Care Programme (AMHCP) under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP), and Ayurvedic Health Centres (AHCs) established under the North East Project.

Also present were Research Officer (Botany), Mr Jagdish Aarya, officers, officials, and students of the institute.

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84th State Level Bankers' Committee meeting concludes

Gangtok, September 2: 84th State Level Bankers' Meeting (SLBC) for the quarter ending on 30.06.2025 was conducted at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

The meeting also marked the occasion of Special SLBC Meeting on 3-month nationwide Financial Inclusion Saturation Campaign launched by India's Department of Financial Services (DFS) from July 1-September 30, 2025, to bring all unbanked citizens and eligible individuals into the financial mainstream at the Gram Panchayat (GP) and Urban Local Body (ULB) levels. It is to be noted that the Annual Credit Plan 2025-2026 was launched during the meeting by the dignitaries.

Mr MCP Pradhan Controller-cum-Secretary Finance Department extended gratitude to all the Bank officials and Government officials for their unwavering support towards development of the State in agriculture, horticulture and tourism sector. He applauded the banks for increase in the Credit:Deposit Ratio as compared to the previous year. He also applauded the efforts of PSU banks for their exceptional performance.

Mr T Jamang Regional Director Reserve Bank of India emphasised the importance of data accuracy for bank officials, acknowledging their professionalism. He applauded the bank's improvement and stressed the need to synergise with the line departments to foster comprehensive development in the state.

Mr Surinder Kumar Under

Secretary (FI) DFS Ministry of Finance Government of India called SLBC as a forum which is vital for financial inclusion in the State. Exemplifying as SLBC an extended arm of the Government towards total financial inclusion in the State, he concluded his address by stressing on the unique challenges of the State alongside various opportunities which can be capitalised by both the Bankers and the line departments.

Mr Ajay Kumar Sinha General Manager-cum-Officer in Charge NABARD highlighted the unique economy of the State wherein agriculture and horticulture thrives under the banner of Organic State. He congratulated the State officials on being the best State in terms of sustainable goals. Speaking on the same context, he cited immense potential Sikkim has due to its unique geography and the brand of Organic State. Further, the GM highlighted supported by NABARD towards the State such as Financial Inclusion Activity, Development of Cooperative Society and development of Fisheries sector.

During the course of the meeting, various agendas were discussed at length through a power point presentation which are as follows:

1. Credit:Deposit Ratio of banks in Sikkim.
2. Review of Performance of banks under Annual Credit Plan including Non-Priority Sector.
3. Performance of Banks under Priority Sector Advance under Annual Credit Plan 2024-2025 including Agriculture & Allied

Activities, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), KCC Animal Husbandry, KCC Fisheries, MSME Sector and Other Priority Sectors.

4. Achievement of banks under Non-Priority Sector.

5. Review of Government Sponsored Schemes such as Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI), PM Vishwakarma Scheme and PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME), PM Svanidhi Scheme, PM Surya Ghar: Mufti Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), PM Mudra Yojana (MUDRA) and Stand-Up India scheme.

6. Promotion of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by Banks.

7. Housing Finance (Priority Sector) by Banks.

8. Achievement under Education Loan.

9. Progress Status of SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), status of Social Security Schemes such as PMJDY, PMSBY, PMJJBY and APY, no of Financial Literary Camps conducted by banks, Central KYC records registry (CKYCR) and status of new RSETI in Sikkim.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Mr Teekam Singh Gehlot Convenor SLBC-cum-GM SBI Kolkata Circle.

Also present were Ms Yogeeta Rai Secretary Urban Development Department, Ms Roshni Rai Secretary Fisheries Department, Senior Officers of various line departments and Officers of regional banks.

entrepreneurs and provide financial stability. He encouraged that these schemes are aimed to gear towards creating sustainable livelihoods, expanding economic opportunities, and provided suggestions which can position Sikkim as a premier destination for adventure and eco-tourism in the region.

Mr Sonam Norgay Lachungpa Chairperson Tourism Department congratulated the alumni as they embarked on their new journey, recalling his own experiences as a tour guide and pledging to act as a bridge of support for tourism stakeholders. He further emphasised the core components of tourism, urging them to focus on marketing feasibility and long-term sustainability.

Mr Lukendra Rasaily Chairman Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation, also drew upon his 36 years of expertise in the industry to share insightful suggestions with the emerging travel agents and guides, assuring them of his full support in shaping a stronger, more vibrant tourism sector for the state.

Workshop on Basics of ISL commenced

Gangtok, September 2: Atwo-day workshop on the Basics of Indian Sign Language (ISL) commenced at Soochna Bhawan, Information and Public Relations Department, today.

Organised by Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRC Sikkim), Assam Lingzey, under the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities, Kolkata, the workshop has been designed exclusively for special educators, officials and employees of Central and State Government offices.

The first technical session was conducted by Mr Akhilesh Chauhan, ISL Master Trainer, who introduced the participants to Indian Sign Language and its role in fostering inclusive communication. His session covered key aspects such as deaf culture and history, basic sign language for everyday communication, common office phrases, ISL gain, and humorous expressions in ISL.

This was followed by the second session led by Mr Vishal Biswakarma, ISL Interpreter, who elaborated on deaf and audible range cultures, methods of forming signs, communication techniques,

and further insights into deaf culture and history.

The sessions were followed by an activity and Q&A session, where participants engaged directly with the trainers to clarify doubts and learn through practice.

The training continued with joint sessions by both trainers, focused on practical communication techniques and reinforcing the lessons learned earlier to actively practice and gain confidence in using basic ISL.

Earlier, during the inaugural session, Ms Pushpanjali Gupta, Director CRC Sikkim, gave an overview of the activities and objectives of CRC Sikkim along with the educational prospects available in the field. She also highlighted the provisions of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) Act, 1992 and informed about the Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme, under which around 80+ beneficiaries have been registered in Sikkim.

The programme was also addressed by Mr Prem Narayan Pradhan Assistant Commissioner Disabilities of Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department and Ms Norbu Doma Bhutia Headmistress, Special School of Hearing Impaired Sichey.

Press Release from Science and Technology Department

Mangan, September 1: A multidisciplinary scientific team concluded an extensive field mission in North Sikkim from August 26-September 1, 2025, focusing on glacial lake assessments and sediment studies following recent flood-related events in the region.

Starting from Muguthang on Day 6 of the mission, the team reached South Lhonak by Day 8, where a ceremonial pooja was held at Chimigyader and at the lake itself to invoke blessings for a safe and successful operation.

At South Lhonak (17200 ft), the team conducted bathymetric studies, fixed pressure probes and collected post-flood sediment samples critical for ongoing glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) risk assessments.

Following the completion of studies at South Lhonak, the scientific personnel from Himachal Pradesh, NIH (National Institute of Hydrology), CWC (Central Water Commission), DGRE (Defence Geoinformatics

Research Establishment), and GSI (Geological Survey of India) departed after fulfilling their objectives.

The remaining members advanced to Changsang Lake (18100 ft), where they carried out further bathymetric mapping and performed a detailed morphometric analysis of the lake's terminal moraine an essential feature in assessing the stability and hazard potential of glacial lakes.

On September 1, the team reached Thangu, where preparations began to study Yuleh Khangse Lake, located above Lashar Valley, in continuation of the broader glaciological and hydrological research mission.

This expedition forms a vital part of India's growing efforts to monitor Himalayan glacial systems and enhance early warning mechanisms against GLOFs and other climate-induced hazards in high-altitude regions.

Press Release from DAC Gangtok

Gangtok, September 2: In a spirit of national pride and community participation, the District Administrative Centre, Gangtok felicitated volunteers of the Har Ghar Tiranga 2025 Campaign at DAC Gangtok, today.

These volunteers demonstrated exceptional civic engagement by helping citizens across the district to hoist the National Flag and promoting the campaign's objectives. Their efforts included setting up creative

'Selfie Corners' and actively uploading images to the official portal harghartiranga.com, encouraging widespread participation.

The volunteers were awarded certificates by Mr Tushar Nikhare DC in the presence of Mr Tshering Norgyal Theengh, ADC-cum-District Nodal Officer for the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign 2025.

The volunteers were felicitated for their outstanding contributions.