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Patriotic fervour marks State-level Republic Day at Paljor Stadium

Gangtok, January 26: State-level Republic Day celebration was held at Paljor Stadium, today.

The programme commenced with the arrival of Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur, who was received by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, Chief Secretary Mr R Telang and Director General of Police Mr Akshay Sachdeva.

Also present were Cabinet Ministers, HoDs, senior officers and locals.

In his address, Governor recalled the adoption of the Constitution of India and reaffirming commitment to its core values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. He expressed tribute to freedom fighters and brave border forces for safeguarding the nation.

Highlighting a historic milestone, he noted that Sikkim completed 50 Years of Statehood, reflecting on its remarkable progress with the support of the Government of India. He highlighted that Sikkim has emerged as one of the safest States for women, a preferred tourism destination and a best performer in human development indicators, including health, sanitation, education and poverty reduction.

In the health sector, the Governor outlined major investments in strengthening infrastructure across the State. He highlighted the expansion of district hospitals, with inclusion of dialysis services and establishment

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High Court of Sikkim celebrates 77th Republic Day

Gangtok, January 26: The High Court of Sikkim celebrated the 77th Republic Day at its premises in Gangtok.Chief Justice of the High Court of Sikkim Mr Justice A Muhamed Mustaque, unfurled the National Flag and received the Guard of Honour presented by the Sikkim Armed Police.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Justice extended his warm greetings on the occasion of Republic Day and expressed his honour at being part of the celebrations.

The Chief Justice lauded the citizens of the State for their peaceful nature, State's natural beauty, and their respect for the rule of law, which, he noted, has contributed to negligible crime rates in Sikkim.

Emphasising the importance of inclusive justice, the Chief Justice stressed the need to ensure that justice reaches every nook and corner of the State through the use of the latest technology.

He highlighted the significance of adopting paperless systems to transform the legal framework in Sikkim and called upon legal professionals to cooperate in achieving this objective.

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DAC Gangtok celebrates 16th National Voters' Day

Gangtok, January 25: District Administrative Centre (DAC), Gangtok, observed the 16th National Voters' Day, 2026 at the conference hall of DAC Gangtok today.

The programme was organised by the DC-cum-District Election Officer (DEO), Gangtok, in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Sikkim.

The theme for this year's National Voters' Day was 'My India, My Vote -Indian Citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy'.

The programme commenced with the screening of a video message from the Chief Election Commissioner of India, Mr Gyanesh Kumar, highlighting the significance of voting in a democratic system.

Addressing the gathering as chief guest, Mr Jitendra Singh Raje Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Urban Development Department (UDD) congratulated the DEO-cum-DC Gangtok and his team for creating citizen-friendly facilities in the office.

The Commissioner-cum Secretary highlighted the progress made by the State of Sikkim over the past 50 years as part of the world's largest democracy and spoke on democratic values that ensure equality and freedom of expression. He spoke on the importance of voting, particularly among the youth, noting that India is poised to have the largest youth population by 2036.

He further encouraged young voters to actively participate in the electoral process, emphasising their responsibility in shaping the nation's future.

Mr Tushar G Nikhare DC-cum-DEO extended warm greetings to the newly enrolled voters and thanked officials of the CEO's office and the Election Department for their support. He cautioned new voters against misuse of Electors' Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) and stressed the significance of every vote.

He assured that the democratic process is robust and transparent and encouraged new voters to participate in the upcoming Municipal elections.

Special Secretary, Election Department, Ms Pema Laden Lama, elaborated on the significance of National Voters' Day, which commemorates the formation of the Election Commission of India. Referring to the theme, she highlighted the central role of citizens in democracy and congratulated the new voters, describing them as torchbearers of democratic values.

She also spoke on the increasing participation of women, marginalized communities, and Persons with Disabilities in the electoral process, emphasising that democracy is a continuous process driven by informed citizens.

During the programme, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) from all six districts were felicitated in recognition of National Voters' Day.

The names are as follows:

1. Gyalshing District: Mr Deo Kumar Manger, Field Assistant, Agriculture.
2. Soreng District: Mr Hari Chandra Chettri, Barefoot Engineer
3. Namchi District: Ms Manisha Chettri, VGRA, RDD
4. Gangtok District: Mr Pushkar Giri, Office Assistant, Forest Department
5. Pakyong District: Ms Damber Kumari Sharma, Office Supervisor, RDD
6. Mangan District: Ms

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GFPF launches premium dark chocolates

Gangtok, January 26: On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day of India and the historic milestone of 50 Years of Sikkim's Statehood, the Government of Sikkim marked the day with an initiative that reflects purpose, progress and pride.

The Government Fruit Preservation Factory (GFPF), Commerce and Industries Department launched three locally inspired premium dark chocolates.

The products were launched in the presence of Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, Ms Karma D Youtso Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, Managing Director, GFPF Ms Chanda Rani Rai & GFPF officials.

Each chocolate draws its unique character from Sikkim's distinctive and world-renowned produce: Sikkim Mandarin Orange Dark Chocolate (55% Cocoa)-crafted using mandarins that have been an integral part of Sikkim's culture and daily life for decades.

Dalle Chilli Dark Chocolate (47% Cocoa)-bold and distinctive, featuring Sikkim's GI-tagged Dalle Chilli.

Large Cardamom Dark Chocolate (47% Cocoa)-made with Sikkim's world-famous GI-tagged

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Pearls of Wisdom

"For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

DWSM reviews Jal Jeevan Mission and water quality measures in Mangan

Mangan, January 23: In compliance with directions from the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, a routine meeting of the District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) was held at the office of DC Mangan. The meeting was attended by officials from all concerned departments to review ongoing initiatives related to drinking water and sanitation.

District Collector, Mangan, Mr Anant Jain, while addressing the routine meeting, emphasised strict monitoring of water quality. He also underscored the importance of timely reporting, regular inspections, and adherence to guidelines of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, while guiding departments to strengthen service delivery and proactively address issues related to water supply and source sustainability

During the meeting, AE (RDD Kabi) Mr Sonam Phintso Bhutia delivered a detailed presentation on the Jal Jeevan Mission, with particular emphasis on water quality testing in public institutions such as schools and ICDS centres. He stressed the need for regular testing and monitoring to ensure the supply of safe drinking water and to uphold health and sanitation standards.

He also briefed the members on Jal Seva Aankalan, outlining its roles and responsibilities in assessing the performance of water supply services. He further highlighted the observance of Jal Arpan Diwas as a means to acknowledge collective efforts in the water sector and elaborated on the Sujalam Bharat initiative, focusing on water conservation and sustainability of water sources.

Also present were officials from various line departments.

71st Maghey Sankranti Mela 2026 concludes

Namchi, January 22: The nine-day-long 71st edition of the Maghey Sankranti Mela 2026, which commenced on January 14, 2026, concluded today, marking the successful culmination of one of the State's most significant cultural festivals.

The event witnessed a wide range of activities that beautifully showcased Sikkim's rich traditional and cultural heritage while seamlessly blending elements of modernity, thereby appealing to people across all age groups.

The concluding day was graced by Mr Sanjeet Kharel MLA-cum-Advisor as the chief guest in the presence of guests of honour including Mr Bhim Hang Limboo Minister, Minister Mr Bhoj Raj Rai. They were joined by Mr Madan Cintury MLA and Chief Patron, Mr NB PradhanMLA-cum-Advisor, Mr Jacob Khaling Rai Political Secretary to the Chief Minister and Mr Yougan Tamang Press Secretary to the Chief Minister among other dignitaries.

Earlier, addressing the gathering, MLA-cum-Chief Patron Mr Madan Cintury expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister for his continued support and guidance in the successful organisation of the festival. He reiterated the Chief Minister's vision of elevating the Maghey Sankranti Mela to national and international platforms. Highlighting key initiatives of the mela Creative Hub 2.0 and SARAS and other departmental stalls, he stated that such events have gained recognition beyond the State for their unique approach in showcasing and preserving Sikkim's cultural heritage.

Emphasising the role of youth, the MLA noted that the Maghey Sankranti Mela has consistently provided a platform for young talents to showcase their abilities, a goal that has been successfully achieved during the present edition as well. He further acknowledged the collective efforts of officials from various line departments and the dedicated volunteers, whose hard work significantly contributed to the success of the festival.

Inviting constructive feedback from the public, the MLA stated that suggestions and reviews would serve as valuable learning tools to address shortcomings in the near future.

The day also witnessed the final match of the 11th All India Chief Minister's Gold Cup Football Tournament, featuring between Nongkseh SC (Shillong) and BSF (Jalandhar). Displaying exemplary competitiveness and sportsmanship, Nongkseh SC (Shillong) emerged victorious with a 1-0 scoreline to lift the Champion's Trophy.

For his exceptional performance throughout the tournament, Mr Kynsaibor Lhuid of Nongkseh SC (Shillong) was adjudged Man of the Tournament, while Mr Sonu Lal of BSF (Jalandhar) received the Man of the Match for the final.

During the felicitation ceremony, MLA-cum-Chief Patron,Mr Pavitra Manav President (NJNP) and Mr Bhakta Bahadur Chettri were honoured by the organising committee. The committee was represented by its Mr Khagen Rai President, Mr Dawa Bhutia Vice President and Mr Ruben Subba General Secretary.

A vibrant traditional cultural performances added colour and festive spirit to the occasion. A brief report on the 11th All India Chief Minister's Gold Cup Football Tournament 2026 was presented by Mr Ruben Subba, General Secretary of the Jorethang Football Association.

Subsequently, the flags of the Maghey Sankranti Mela and the Jorethang Football Association were ceremonially lowered by the chief guest, who formally declared the conclusion of Maghey Sankranti Mela 2026.

The tournament was organised by the Jorethang Football Association in collaboration with the Sports and Youth Affairs Department, the Sikkim Football Association, and the Maghey Sankranti Mela 2026 Organising Committee. All matches were conducted strictly in accordance with the rules and guidelines laid down by the All India Football Federation.

Also present on the occasion were President (NJNP), Vice President (NJNP), Advisors, Chairpersons, OSDs, Director (SIRD&PR), SP Soreng, ADC, SDMs, SDPO (Mangalbaria), along with Heads of Offices and other dignitaries.

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GFPF...

Large Cardamom, celebrated for its superior aroma and quality.

These chocolates are more than premium confections; they represent a commitment to respecting farmers, valuing local produce, and preserving traditional knowledge in a contemporary form.

As Sikkim commemorates 50 Years of Statehood, this launch symbolises how local strengths can be transformed into sustainable opportunities for the future, reinforcing the vision of inclusive growth and value addition within the State.

With pride and purpose, these products are a celebration of "Sunawlo, Samriddhi ani Samartha Sikkim.

Minister T&CAvn Department inaugurates Nessa Veterinary Dispensary

Gyalshing,January 22: The newly constructed Nessa Veterinary Dispensary under Arithang Chongrang GPU was inaugurated by Mr TT Bhutia Minister-cum-Area MLA in the presence of Mr DS Limboo Zilla Adhyaksha and Mrs Santi Limboo Chairman Sikkim Consumer Corporative Society.

Present were Panchayats Arithang-Chongrang and Tashiding GPUs alongwith Department officials, Director (Poulty), Addtional Director (Gyalshing), Joint Director Gyalshing, Joint Director (Poultry), ADDO Gyalshing,VO Yuksom.

The programme was organised by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department. A brief report on the department's activities and schemes for the welfare of the farmers was presented by the Additional Director.

During the programme, the land donor Mr Dilip Kumar Basnett was presented Letter of felicitation for his generous donation.

Arithang-Chongrang GPU was also feliciated for their unwavering support to Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services department alongwith Tashiding GPU for their continuous support with repair of Tashiding Hospital recently and Shed construction enhancing infrastructure of the Hospital.

Labing Gerethang GPU was felicitated for their support to Gerethang VD by providing space to run office in times of crisis and extending their help in enhancing infrastructure development.

Minister in his address highlighted the importance and significance of the animal husbandry sector and also acknowledged the department's commitment in uplifting the livelihood of the farmers.

He also highlighted how farmers have benefitted from AH &VS deptt Schemes in the previous years and appreciated the efforts of the department in rendering unwavering services so far.

The event concluded with distribution of chaff cutter under NLM scheme to 4 beneficiaries with highest milk yield in Yuksom and Tashiding.

National Girl Child Day celebrated

Pakyong, January 24: Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Pakyong District celebrated National Girl Child Day 2026 under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative at Amba Cricket Academy, Amba, by organising a Sports and Cultural Meet-cum-Awareness and Sensitization Programme.

National Girl Child Day is observed every year on 24 January to promote the rights, education, health, and empowerment of girls and to address issues such as gender discrimination and social inequalities.

The programme commenced with a rally and procession conveying the message of saving, educating, and empowering the girl child. The event was hosted by Mr Sesir Ghimirey.

Mrs Dikit Lepcha, Deputy Director-cum-Social Welfare Officer of the Department briefed on the significance, theme and objectives of National Girl Child Day.

Ms Kusum Sharma Gender Specialist, DHEW, Pakyong District sensitised the participants on child rights, the Women and Child Helpline numbers and the role of the Child Welfare Committee.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from youths in various traditional cultural performances. Poem recitations by several girls captivated the audience with their meaningful and expressive performances.

A skit performed by the members of Amba Cricket Academy depicted how a girl, when given equal opportunities, can achieve great heights. The skit strongly conveyed the message of gender equality and inspired the audience to view girls and women through the lens of equality.

The programme concluded with fun-filled games such as balloon blasting, tug of war, cockfighting, and sweet picking. All participants received gifts as a token of love and encouragement from the Department.

The Department extends its sincere gratitude to the coaches of Amba Cricket Academy Mr Kiran Regmi, Mr Gyalpo Sherpa and Mr Jeetendra Sharma for their dedicated efforts in encouraging girls to achieve excellence.

The engaging activities of the day made the programme both informative and entertaining. The Department looks forward to organising more such initiatives in the future and remains committed to the welfare and empowerment of society.

Save Water & Stay Green

Health and Family Welfare Department
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang
Government of Sikkim

Ref. No. 04/ STORE /STNMH/2026 **Dated: 20/01/2026**

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

The sealed quotations are invited from the Local registered and reputed firms within the radius of 500mtrs of STNM Hospital, Sochakgang Operating 24X7 for the supply of medicines and allied items for STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (P.M.J.AY) for the year 2026-2027.

Terms & Condition:

1. Valid Trade and Drug License issued by authorized government agency.
2. Medical Shop should be opened for 24X7.
3. Medical Shop Signboard displayed for easy identification.
4. The Tender detail and other documents can be obtained from the office of Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, on any working days from 5th February 2026 to 7th February 2026 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on production of Bank Challan of ₹5,000/- duly signed by Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, credited under head 0210-01-800 other receipts.
5. The firm shall deposit TDR of ₹1,50,000/-(One Lakh Fifty Thousand) in favor of Sr. AO, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, for the supply of drugs and consumables from SBS along with the sealed quotation. The department will not liable to pay the interest on the said amount.
6. The duly filled Tender Document should reach the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, within 12.00 pm of 7th March 2026. The Tender received after 12.00 pm of 7th March 2026 will not be entertained
7. The sealed quotation will be opened on the same day at 2.00 pm in the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
8. The details of Terms and condition will be indicated in the tender form.
9. The department committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
10. For further information visit the office of the undersigned.

PCC Cum Medical Superintendent
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang
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Government of Sikkim
Department of Co-operation
Office of Additional Registrar
Namchi District, Sikkim-737126

Memo No.1550/GOS/COOP./Addl. RCS (NAMCHI) **Dated:23/01/2026**

NOTICE

As per the power conferred upon and under the provision of Rule 71 and Sub Rule (1) & (2) of Sikkim Cooperatives Societies rule 1981, it is hereby informed to all concerned that the liquidation proceedings is initiated against:

SADAM SUNTALEY REGD CONTRACTOR COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD. UPPER BOOMTAR WOMENS LABOUR COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.

Hence, all stakeholders including the members, debtors, creditors, nominees, heirs and legal representatives of the deceased members are hereby informed to submit their claims and objection, if any, in respect of the above cooperative society within one month (i.e.,30 days) of the publication of this notice to the liquidators at the cooperation department, Namchi District.

Sewan Rai
Liquidator
Co-operation Department, Namchi.
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Health and Family Welfare Department
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang
Government of Sikkim

Ref. No.05/STORE/STNMH/2026 **Dated.28/01/2026**

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

The sealed quotation are invited from the local reputed registered medical shop located at Gangtok operating 24X7 throughout the year for the supply of JSSK (Janani Sishu Suraksha Karyakaram) drugs and consumables for STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, under Maternal and Child Health, for the year 2026-27.

Terms & Condition:

1. The Medical shop/firm should be within the radius of 500 Meter from STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, Sichey.
2. The quotation forms can be collected from the office of Sr. Accounts Officer (STNM Hospital, Sochakgang) on production of Original Bank receipt/Challan from SBS of ₹5000/- credited under revenue head 0210-01-800 other receipt from 9th Feb 2026 to 11th Feb 2026 from 11 AM to 3PM.
3. The firm shall deposit TDR of ₹100000/-(one Lakh) in favor of Sr.AO, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang for the supply of drugs and consumables under JSSK, form State Bank of Sikkim along with the sealed quotation. The department will not liable to pay the interest on the said amount.
4. The duly filled up Tender form should reach the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang within 12:00 P.M. of 12th March 2026. The Tender received after 12 Noon of 12th March 2026 will not be entertained.
5. The sealed quotation will opened on the same day at 2.00 PM in the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
6. Terms and condition shall be applicable as per the general purchase condition and details will be indicated in the tender form.
7. The department committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
8. For further information visit the office of the undersigned.

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STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
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Public Health Engineering Department
Government of Sikkim
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok

Expression of Interest

Expression of Interest No: 07/DPR-NJNP/SEW/PHED/2025-26
Date 16-01-2026.

Expression of Interest is invited from reputed firms registered under Government of Sikkim/either individually or as consortium of companies)/Joint Ventures, for **DETAILED SURVEY INVESTIGATION, DESIGNING AND PREPARATION OF DETAILED PROJECT REPORT FOR SETTING UP OF NAYA-BAZAAR JORETHANG NAGAR PANCHAYAT SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN NAYA-BAZAAR JORETHANG TOWN AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS, NAMCHI DISTRICT, SIKKIM.**

For details and subsequent communication please visit website:- www.sikkimtender.gov.in from 16/01/2026

Chief Engineer
PHE Department
Government of Sikkim
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Government of Sikkim
Buildings & Housing Department
Gangtok

Memo No:199/SD/HQ-V/Bldgs/P/19 **Dated: 17/01/2026**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Superintending Engineer, Buildings and Housing Department invites percentage rate Tender in single cover system from Class II-B Contractors enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department for participating in the e-tender within the jurisdiction of territorial constituency of 27-Gangtok for the work "Construction of Office and Residential Complex for SIB Town Unit near Old Post Office, Gangtok District" amounting to ₹3,69,74,932.00. For further details, kindly visit the website.

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Superintending Engineer
Buildings & Housing Deptt.
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Health and Family Welfare Department
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang
Government of Sikkim

Ref. No. 03/ STORE /STNMH/2026 **Dated: 20/01/2026**

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

The sealed quotations are invited from the Local registered and reputed firms within the radius of 500mtrs of STNM Hospital, Sochakgang Operating 24X7 for the supply of medicines and allied items for STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, under Emergency purchase for the year 2026-2027.

Terms & Condition:

1. Valid Trade and Drug License issued by authorized government agency.
2. Medical Shop should be opened for 24X7.
3. Medical Shop Signboard displayed for easy identification.
4. The Tender detail and other documents can be obtained from the office of Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, on any working days from 5th February 2026 to 7th February 2026 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on production of Bank Challan of ₹5,000/-duly signed by Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, credited under head 0210-01-800 other receipts.
5. The firm shall deposit TDR of ₹1,00,000/-(One Lakh) in favor of Sr. AO, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, for the supply of drugs and consumables from SBS along with the sealed quotation. The department will not liable to pay the interest on the said amount.
6. The duly filled Tender Document should reach the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, within 12.00 pm of 6th March 2026. The Tender received after 12.00 pm of 6th March 2026 will not be entertained.
7. The sealed quotation will be opened on the same day at 2.00 pm in the office of Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
8. The details of Terms and condition will be indicated in the tender form.
9. The department committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reasons thereof.
10. For further information visit the office of the undersigned.

PCC Cum Medical Superintendent
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang
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Government of Sikkim
Roads & Bridges Department
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok

Memo No: 793/01/R&B/MD/2025-26 **Dated 23/01/2026**

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 Gram 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 lender Documents (₹)	Grade of Contractor	Jurisdiction
1	Construction of road from St. Joseph School to Malling Pakshep in Sikkim (2.00 km)	1,41,28,713/-	3,53,218/-	50,000/-	Registered Class III Contractors (Civil) under SPWD	Competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of the GPU 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)	21st February 2026 (10:00am to 4:00pm)	Office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads & Bridges Department, Mangan District, Sikkim
2	Date of issue of tender Form on submission of TDR (as Earnest money).	23rd February 2026 (10:00am to 4:00pm)	Office of the Divisional Engineer. Roads & Bridges Department, Mangan District, Sikkim
3	Last Date and Time for submission of Tender Documents.	25th February 2026 (10:00am to 1:00pm	Office of the Gram Panchayat Unit, 13-Singhik Sentam GPU Mangan District, Sikkim
4	Date and Time for Opening of Tender.	25th February 2026 (2:30 pm)	Office of the Gram Panchayat Unit, 13-Singhik Sentam GPU Mangan District, Sikkim

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:

1. Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors Firms of appropriate Class/Area
2. The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would be invariably be signed by the contractor himself herself. The tender documents will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted initially for each works listed above with all required documents.
3. The application should enclosed attested copies of (a) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, (b) Certificate of Identification, (c) PAN Card, (d) Voter Identity Card where the work is to be executed. It is mandatory to produce the original validated Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Documents for verification.
4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified as above from the Office of the Divisional Engineer (Mangan), Roads & Bridges Department, Mangan on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State Bank of Sikkim towards the cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable) under the Head "0059-80-800" cost of Tender Form (Roads & Bridges).
5. Earnest money deposit 2.50% in the State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedule Bank which includes deposits in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt (TDR) in favour of the Divisional Engineer (Mangan), Roads & Bridges Department. Tender Form shall be issued only on production of Temporary Deposit Receipts of 2.50% earnest money.
6. The Earnest Money Deposit in the case of Enlisted Women Contractors shall be governed vide Notification No. 104/R&B dated 8/10/2020.
7. 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 work superscripted on it, supporting documents listed at Sl. No.3 (a), (b), (c), and (d) above should be enclosed with the offer.
8. Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the venue and on the date and within the time as indicated above
9. Tenders shall be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed vide **Notification No:21/R&B/PWD/Secy/2023-24 dated 18/10/2023** in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time as indicated above.
10. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Conditions of the contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of all Taxes and Levies. Over writing and corrections should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
11. In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the Schedule of Rates (SOR), the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the PCE-cum-Secretary Head of the Department will be final in the regard.
12. The work value, scope and quantum of the work are subjected to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account is entertained whatsoever. If any claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
13. The Department reserves the rights to hold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are not produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
14. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his/her own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labour at site.
15. The offer shall remain valid for a period for 90 (Ninety) days. The work should commence within 15 (fifteen) days form the issue of Work Order.
16. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @5% of the value of work done.
17. The defect liability period for the pavement work shall be a period of five (05) years which shall not cover the damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides, etc.
18. The payment for the work executed work shall be done only after obtaining sanction from the Government and no claim, whatsoever, shall be entertained before the sanction.
19. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof
20. The contractor with the lowest bid and whose bid is accepted by the tender committee is required to register themselves and produce a GST certificate prior to receipt of work order.
21. The recoveries of Income Tax, Value Added Tax and Royalties on Forest Produce shall be as per rates notified by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in Analysis of Rates or Schedule of Rates on the date of sender shall be acceptable.
22. In case of carriage of non-stock materials, if these materials are available at site or are actually transported from a lesser distance than indicated in the scheduled, the department shall pay the carriage as per actual proof of carriage supported by permits issued by Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management Department indicating the quarries which required to be submitted by contractor with bill, nor exceeding the rates as incorporated in these schedules. The contractors are required to submit necessary documents to fulfill the claim of payment for carriage of non-stock materials.
23. Subletting of contract work is against the norms and it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
24. 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.
25. In case the man power employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
26. Use of explosive shall be regulated as under:

(a) Transportation, Handling, storage and use of Explosives (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the provision of the India Explosive Act and General Guidelines, Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.

(b) The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works Department or any other competent authority shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage, handling and use of explosives shall be maintained by the contractor,

27. The contractor shall also make arrangement to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period i.e. beginning, middle and completion stages.
28. Quarrying of stones shall be allowed only from designated approved quarries. Where work of Water bound Macadam is involved, binding materials shall strictly be in accordance with the specification, both in quality and quantity. Works such as compaction, consolidation and stabilization etc. will be required to be done on trial stretches to ensure the materials, procedure and equipment's are producing the desired result.
29. Damage of properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good the damages.
30. Expenditure involved for material testing, cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc. at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed to do so.
31. It is accepted to the tenderer to have inspected the site before submitting his/her bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.
32. The amount put to tender is exclusive of GST and Labour cess and the rate quoted by the lowest bidder/contractor should be inclusive of all taxes and duties etc. 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.
33. The cost of stock materials and bridge parts supplied from the Department store will be deducted from the contractor's bills as per rules.
34. In case when the mentioned dates of tender specified in the NIT is a holiday, then the immediate subsequent date will be considered for the tender.
35. All bidders must compulsory hold an account in the State Bank of Sikkim, Government of Sikkim.

Sd/-
Divisional Engineer (Mangan)
Roads & Bridges Department
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Patriotic fervour...

of a tertiary cancer care centre. He reiterated the Government's commitment to universal health coverage through the Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Suvidha Yojana and the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme.

In education, he highlighted key initiatives such as of NEP 2020, strengthening foundational learning, vocational education saturation, teacher empowerment and improved learning outcomes. He reaffirmed the Government's resolve to make Sikkim a fully literate State by 2026.

Emphasising, connectivity and infrastructure he highlighted expansion of road networks and bridges, with renewed focus on quality, safety and resilience.

In tourism, he said the Government is promoting eco-tourism, adventure tourism, homestays, cultural and pilgrimage tourism, supported by major projects such as Bhaleydhunga Ropeway, Skywalk, Glass Bridge at Singshore, and theme-based destinations under Central schemes, he added.

In skill development and employment, the Governor spoke on flagship initiatives such as Sikkim INSPIRES, entrepreneurship promotion under One Family One Entrepreneur, international placements, MSME support, and youth-centric schemes including Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyamsheelta Vikas Yojana.

He further highlighted women-centric initiatives including Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana, LPG support, has been given alongwith extended maternity leave, reservations in Panchayats and Government jobs, and recently announced pink buses, SHG empowerment and e-marketing under Swayam Sikkim. Welfare measures for senior citizens, pensioners and Persons with Disabilities were also reiterated.

In agriculture and horticulture, he underscored efforts to strengthen organic farming, nurseries, protected cultivation, mechanisation, GI crops, large cardamom revival and climate-resilient practices, resulting in increased farmer incomes.

Addressing climate resilience, the Governor highlighted pioneering work on Glacial Lake Outburst flood mitigation, cancer prevention initiatives and revival of large cardamom through scientific interventions.

Concluding his address, he reaffirmed the Government's commitment to building a Sunaulo, Samriddha ani Samarth Sikkim.

Earlier, the celebration began with the unfurling of the National Flag by Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur, followed by the playing of the National Anthem. After receiving the National Salute, the Governor reviewed the Republic Day parade.

The parade was led by the Parade Commander, Assistant Superintendent of Police Mr Suraj D and the Parade 2 IC, Police Inspector Mr Sonam Dorjee Lachenpa. The March Past comprised contingents from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) with Platoon Commander Inspector GD Subhash Kumar, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) with Platoon Commander Sub-Inspector GD Indrajeet Kumar Singh, Guest Platoon from Arunachal Pradesh (4th IRBn) with Platoon Commander Sub-Inspector Karmar Kamki, Sikkim Armed Police (SAP) with Platoon Commander Assistant Sub-Inspector Top Tshering Lepcha, 2nd Indian Reserve Battalion (IRBn) with Platoon Commander Sub-Inspector Taman Raj Gurung, 3rd Indian Reserve Battalion (IRBn) with Platoon Commander Sub-Inspector Phur Tshering Lepcha, Sikkim Police (Male) with Platoon Commander Sub-Inspector Norkey Lachenpa, Sikkim Police (Female) with Platoon Commander Sub-Inspector Karden Choden Bhutia, Forest and Environment Department with Platoon Commander Block Officer Sonam Tashi Bhutia, Sikkim Home Guards and Civil Defence with Platoon Commander Assistant Sub-Inspector Robert Lepcha, National Cadet Corps (NCC) with Platoon Commander Senior Under Officer Master Sonam Pintso Bhutia, and the Sikkim Police Pipe Band and Brass Band with Band Masters Sub-Inspector Robin Kr Tamang and Sub-Inspector Purna Subba, respectively.

The following announcements were also made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India:

1. The President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service was awarded to Mr Ashwani Kumar Chand, Additional Director General, Sikkim.

2. The Police Medal for Meritorious Service was awarded to Mr Tshering Sherpa, Superintendent of Police, Sikkim.

3. The Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service was awarded to Mr Dawa Tamang, Assistant Sub Fire Officer, Sikkim.

The programme for the Presentation of Awards and Medals was held, during which, the Governor and the Chief Minister presented the medals and awards.

Trophies for the March Past were presented to:

1. All round best platoon category. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

2. The Guest Platoon from Arunachal Pradesh (4th IRBn) was also felicitated.

The Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak was awarded posthumously to Dr Pema Tenzing Lachungpa and Mr Dawa Tshering Lepcha.

The Sikkim State Meritorious Service Award, comprising a citation and cash reward was conferred upon to Mr Rinzing Paljor Bhutia, Superintendent of Police, Sikkim Vigilance Police, Mr Anil Kumar Bagdas, Additional Secretary, Department of Personnel, Mr Prawin Lamichaney, Additional Superintendent of Police, Gangtok District, Dr Narpati Sharma, Scientific Officer, Science and Technology Department, Mr Rajiv Philip, Deputy Director (SCERT), Education Department, Mr Birkha Bahadur Gurung, Sub-Inspector, Excise Department, Mr La Dorjee Bhutia, Sub-Inspector, SP Office, Gyalshing, Sikkim Police, Ms Kamala Sharma, Head Assistant, Motor Vehicles Division, Transport Department, Mr Khem Lal Adhikari, Assistant Sub-Inspector, State Reserve Lines, Sikkim Police, Mr Tseten Tashi Bhutia, Supervisor, Rural Development Department and Mr Prafulla Chandra Burman, Electrician Supervisor, Lok Bhavan.

The Letter of Appreciation to the war veteran was presented to Retired Naib Subedar Mr Kharka Bahadur Rai. He served in the Bengal Engineers Group and participated in Operation Riddle and Operation Cactus Lily during the 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak Wars. He was awarded the Raksha Medal, Samar Seva Star, Sangram Medal and Poorvi Star for his service.

Letters of Appreciation were conferred to 27 Mountain Division, Indian Army, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Sikkim and Mr Ranjit Chamling, Senior Director, National Informatics Centre, Sikkim State Centre.

Releases and launches were also held during the programme. These included Mero Alaichi, Mero Dhan by the Science and Technology Department, Mero School, Mero Abhiyan by the Education Department, Release of locally inspired flavoured dark chocolate by the Commerce and Industries Department and Unnayan Survey 2022 Report by DESME&E

On the occasion of Republic Day, the State received national recognition with the conferment of the President of India's Police Colour on the Sikkim Police. The President of India, Ms Droupadi Murmu, approved the award in recognition of the service, discipline and dedication of the Sikkim Police to the nation. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, conveyed the approval vide its communiqué No. 11019 dated January 16, 2026. The official communiqué was handed over to the Director General of Police, Sikkim, Mr Akshay Sachdeva.

Thereafter, the Governor and the Chief Minister visited equipment displayed by the Army.

A band display by Sikkim Police Pipe Band and Army was also held.

The cultural programme included presentations by the Culture Department and guest performances of Gatka by the 15 Sikh Light Infantry, Army Martial Arts Routine by teams of the 3/11 Gorkha Rifles and 6/5 Gorkha Rifles, and Kalaripayattu by the 18 Madras Regiment.

The programme concluded with the National Anthem.

Investment Summit held

Gangtok, January 25: An Investment Summit was organised by Rising Shopping Complex and Norlha Group at the Rising Shopping Complex, Lal Bazar, today.

Mr M Ravi Kumar Director, MSME, Commerce and Industries Department attended the summit as the chief guest.

The programme focused on discussions related to investment and industrial development. It also addressed issues concerning enterprises and investment opportunities in the region.

Mr Palden Rigyal Bhutia Director, Norlha Group stated that the summit had been organised for aspiring entrepreneurs who wished to learn about business operations and investment processes. He informed that the organisers assist entrepreneurs in obtaining financial support through banks and NBFCs.

He also stated that shop spaces are being provided without rent and without security deposits, subject to prescribed conditions to be fulfilled by the applicants.

Mr Palden Rigyal Bhutia added that the initiative seeks to support new business ventures and promote participation in organised market systems. He further stated that preference is being given to local applicants.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Gaurav Mittal Marketing Head, Norlha Group stated that the Rising Shopping Complex serves as a platform for individuals who wish to take up business activities. He said that the complex would assist entrepreneurs in expanding their business operations and enable them to connect with national platforms and online markets. He further stated that such initiatives help create linkages between local entrepreneurs and wider trading networks. He also shared information on trading practices and market-related systems.

At the outset, the chief guest and the participating entrepreneurs visited the shop units set up for reference and potential investment. The visit enabled the participants to understand the operational model and business structure of the complex.

The organisers stated that the summit was intended to provide guidance and information to entrepreneurs on business opportunities and available support mechanisms.

The summit was also attended by Mr Ujjwal Pratap Ghatraj Co-founder, Norlha Group, along with stakeholders, entrepreneurs, owners, investors and aspiring entrepreneurs.

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High Court...

In his concluding remarks, the Chief Justice expressed hope that the legal fraternity would continue to uphold the rule of law enshrined in the Constitution and extend legal services to the far-flung areas of the State in the near future.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Registrar (Judicial Services), Mr Jiwan Kumar Kharka, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Central Project Coordinator, Ms Sonam Denka Wangdi.

The programme was attended by Judge of the High Court of Sikkim, Mrs Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, former Judge Mr Justice AP Subba, former and sitting Judges, the Senior Registrar General, Registrars, Senior Advocates, Advocates, Judicial Officers, members of the Bar and officials and staff of the High Court of Sikkim.

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DAC Gangtok...

Elisema Rai, Supervisor, PHE Department

A total of nine newly enrolled voters were also presented with Electors' Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) by the dignitaries on the dais.

The National Voters' Day pledge was administered by the chief guest.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by SDM, Rabdang, Mr Roshan Subba, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Assistant Collector, Mr Bhawesh Khyalia.

The programme was attended by ADC Gangtok (Hq) Mr Tshering Norgyal Theengh, ADC Gangtok Mr Sisum Wangchuk Bhutia, Additional Secretary, Election Department, Mr Himmat Rai, SDM Gangtok Mr Abhijit Patil, Under Secretary, Election Cell, DAC Gangtok, Ms Dhan Maya Rasaily, State Icons Ms Drupati Ghimire and Ms Sandhya Gurung, officials from the CEO's office and Election Cell, PwD voters, and representatives of political parties.

Nation commends SSDMA for outstanding disaster management efforts

Gangtok, January 23: Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) has been conferred the Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2026 in the Institutional Category for its exemplary response during the 2016 Mantam lake landslide and the 2023 Teesta floods.

The award recognises SSDMA's swift response and effective resource mobilisation, which helped save 2,563 lives and minimise loss of property in Mangan and Pakyong Districts. The Authority was also lauded for its community-based disaster risk reduction initiatives through the Aapda Mitra volunteer programme.

A total of 271 nominations from institutions and individuals across the country were received for the award, which evaluates contributions in life-saving measures, impact reduction, capacity building, technological innovation and sustainable resilience.

Instituted by the Government of India, the award is announced annually on January 23, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, to honour outstanding contributions in the field of disaster management.

Established in 2005, SSDMA has strengthened disaster preparedness in the State by deploying 1,185 trained Aapda Mitras at village, block, Gram Panchayat and district levels, enhancing community participation and resilience against disasters and climate change across six districts of Sikkim.

Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang extended his congratulations to SSDMA for bringing laurels to the State and appreciated its effective handling of recent natural disasters and sustained efforts towards disaster risk management. He also commended the Relief Commissioner, Director SSDMA, DDMA, Zilla Panchayats, Gram Panchayats, Civil Defence volunteers, Quick Response Team members, Aapda Mitra volunteers and civil society organisations, and thanked the people of Sikkim for their cooperation during mock drills and disaster situations.

The Relief Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, and Director, SSDMA, expressed gratitude for the support and guidance received during the Mantam Lake landslide and GLOF mitigation efforts and acknowledged the vital assistance extended by the NDRF, SDRF, line departments and all stakeholders in strengthening disaster preparedness, response and capacity-building initiatives in the State.

Government of Sikkim
Ecclesiastical Department

Ref. No: 118/ED. **Dated: 11/09/2025**

CIRCULAR

Pursuant to Department Notification No: 329/EA dated: 14/8/1971 and as modified vide Notification No: 1226/EA dated: 9/2/1981, the dates of Buddhist Holy Days of the Tibetan Calendar Fire Horse Year corresponding to the English Calendar year 2026-27 is notified as under for strict observance of prohibition on taking lives of animals throughout the State of Sikkim.

Sl.No	Tibetan Calendar Dates	English Calendar Dates
01.	Holy Days- 1st Tibetan Month 1st to 15th (Chothul Dawa) and 30th (Namgang)	18th Feb. 2026 to 03rd March. 2026 and 18th March 2026.
02.	Holy Days- 2 Tibetan Month 8th 15th and 30th.	26th March 2026, 01tst April 2026 and 17th April 2026.
03.	Holy Days- 3rd Tibetan Month 8th, 15th and 30th.	24th April 2026, 1st May 2026 and 16th May 2026.
04.	Holy Days- 4th Tibetan Month 8th to 15th (Saga Dawa) and 30th.	24.th May 2026 to 31st May 2026 and 15th June 2026.
05.	Holy Days- 5th Tibetan Month 8th, 15th. and 30th	22nd June 2026, 29th June 2026 and 14th July 2026.
06.	Holy Days- 6th Tibetan Month 4th (Drukpa Tshe-zhi) 8th, 10th, 15th and 30th.	18 July 2026, 22nd July 2026, 24th July 2026, 29th July 2026 and 12th August 2026
07.	Holy Days- 7th Tibetan Month 8th, 15th.20th and 30th	August 2026, 28th August 2026, 11th September 2026.
08.	Holy Days- 8th Tibetan Month 8th, 15th and 30th	9th September 2026. 26th September 2026 & 10th October 2026
09.	Holy Days- 9th Tibetan Month 8th, 15th 22nd (Lhabab Duechen)& 30th.	18th October 2026, 26th October 2026 & 1st November 2026. (Lhabab Duechen) & 9th November 2026.
10.	Holy Days- 10th Tibetan Month 8th, 15th and 30th.	17th November 2026, 24th November 2026 & 8th December 2026.
11.	Holy Days- 11th Tibetan Month	17th December 2026, & 7th January2027.
12.	Holy Days- 12th Tibetan Month 8th, 15th and 30th	15th January 2027, 22nd January 2027, & 6th Feb 2027.

There shall be complete ban on slaughtering of animals in the State during the above mentioned period. All meat stalls shall remain closed during the said dates.

However, import of meat shall be permitted in unavoidable circumstances like marriage, social ceremony and for feeding of zoo animals on prior written permission from Ecclesiastical Department.

The meat stalls selling fish brought from outside the State will be permitted.

Fishing activities, however, are strictly prohibited during the entire banned period.

Taking of lives of animals and selling of freshly slaughtered meat during the period indicated above shall be liable to pay a penalty of ₹1000/-

All line Departments are requested to strictly comply with the said Circular and Notification. Field Officers of Ecclesiastical Department are also directed to check and ensure strict observance of the Notification.

Sd/-
(Kincho Doma Lepcha)
Secretary
Ecclesiastical Department

Awareness workshop on Special Pilot initiative under NAPS held

Gangtok, January 23: An Awareness Workshop on the Special Pilot Initiative under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was organised today at the State Panchayat Resource Centre Hall, Deorali, Gangtok, with the objective of familiarising youth and employers with apprenticeship opportunities and strengthening industry skill linkages in the State.

The programme was organised by Niyukti Kendra, Skill Development Department. Mr GT Dhungel Minister for Culture Department graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Mr Sonam T Venchungpa, MLA-cum-Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, attended as the guest of honour.

Addressing the gathering, chief guest emphasised that skill development must be accorded the highest priority, noting that skills are fundamental to all forms of work and must be complemented by passion, dedication and discipline. Highlighting the need for continuous upskilling in a rapidly changing world, he remarked that opportunities increasingly favour those who are skilled and adaptable.

He stated that the Government has put in place a wide range of schemes to handhold youth and support their journey towards employability and self-reliance. Appreciating the proactive initiatives of the State Government , he urged participants to fully utilise the opportunities being extended through various departments, particularly in the area of skill development.

The chief guest further observed that sustainable livelihoods are built on the skills individuals acquire, and stressed the importance of pursuing skill learning with commitment and purpose. Extending his best wishes to the participants, he expressed confidence that such initiatives would contribute to a secure and successful future for the youth. He also appealed to companies and establishments in Sikkim to prioritise the engagement and employment of local youth, stating that greater local participation would empower individuals while contributing to the overall socio-economic development of the State.

In his address, the guest of honour highlighted that the transition from college to the workplace is often marked by a significant gap between academic learning and practical skills, a challenge prevalent across sectors. He underscored that acquiring relevant skills is essential for enhancing employability and accessing new opportunities in a competitive environment.

Acknowledging the sustained efforts of the Skill Development Department, he asked the youth of Sikkim to grab the multiple platforms now available to acquire industry-relevant skills. Emphasising the transformative impact of skill development, he cited the example of a youth from Ranka who, after professional training at IHM Sajong, is currently working as an executive chef in the United States of America.

He encouraged participants to share knowledge and motivate more young people to come within the ambit of the upskilling framework. Interacting with employers present at the programme, he noted that they have a unique opportunity to shape young minds, ensuring long-term organisational stability while contributing to broader economic and social progress.

Earlier, Mr DD Sharma, Deputy Director-I, Skill Development Department outlined the objectives of the workshop and highlighted the significance of NAPS in strengthening skill development and employment avenues in Sikkim.

A detailed technical presentation was made by Ms Sushma Pradhan, Joint Secretary-cum-CEO, Niyukti Kendra, explaining the scope and benefits of NAPS, including structured apprenticeship pathways, stipend provisions, and financial incentives for establishments.

This was followed by a step-by-step demonstration of the NAPS portal by Mr Pema T Lepcha, Instructor, Niyukti Kendra, who explained the registration and onboarding process for both candidates and establishments.

Various establishment representatives were felicitated for their valuable partnership and support.

The workshop was attended by Mr Nell Bahadur Chettri Mayor, Councillors GMC, Additional District Collector Gangtok; representatives from various establishments, senior Government officials, students and members of various Self Help Groups.

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IPR take National Voters' Day pledge

Gangtok, January 27: In observance of National Voters' Day, officers and staff of the Information and Public Relations Department (Hq) took the National Voters' Day pledge at Soochna Bhawan, today.

The pledge was administered by Ms Annapurna Alley, Secretary, IPR Department, in accordance with directions issued by Home Department as part of the statewide observance of National Voters' Day, which is celebrated annually on January 25.

Mr Sunil Kumarr Mothey, Director, IPR Department, emphasised that National Voters' Day is primarily an awareness initiative aimed at encouraging greater participation in the voting process. He highlighted the importance of informed and responsible voting in strengthening democratic institutions and urged officials to actively promote voter awareness through their professional responsibilities.

The observance was aligned with this year's National Voters' Day theme, 'My India, My Vote', which emphasises the central role of citizens in the democratic process.

All officers and staff of the IPR Headquarters were present during the programme, reiterating their dedication to promoting voter awareness, ethical participation in elections, and the spirit of Indian democracy.

Folk Tales narration programme concludes at Creative Hub 2.0

Namchi January 22: Information and Public Relations Department organised final informative talk show in collaboration with the team from DG Reading Room Resource and Education Foundation, Namchi, at Creative Hub 2.0, Green Park, today.

Present during the talk shows were Mr Yougan Tamang Press Secretary to the Chief Minister, Ms Prava Rai Founder and Director of DG Reading Room Resource and Education Foundation along with her team.

Mr Yougan Tamang expressed appreciation to Ms Prava Rai of the DG Reading Room Resource and Education Foundation for her creative initiatives and efforts in promoting reading habits and increasing awareness across Sikkim.

Ms Prava Rai, briefed about the objectives and activities of the foundation. She stated that the DG Reading Room is a community library established to provide a creative and inclusive space for children to read, paint, and play.

She further highlighted that the initiative offers free and safe access to books while fostering a positive learning environment for both young and adult learners.

The main objective of the foundation is to encourage every citizen to become reflective and responsible global citizens through reading, writing, art, technology, and the development of essential life skills.

She stated that DG Reading Room Resource and Education Foundation has another significant component conceptualised in 2021, titled the outreach programme 'Reading for Joy'. The programme which initially began in two schools has now expanded to nine schools, mainly focusing on primary school students to enhance critical thinking skills.

She stated that younger children are introduced to phonics-based learning through instruction in alphabet sounds, blending, word families, and long and short vowels, supported by engaging play-based activities for kindergarten students.

She added that older children are actively involved in reading, writing, and science-oriented learning activities.

Ms Nisha Subba, Outreach Programme Coordinator, stated that two sessions are conducted each month in every participating school, leading to a growing interest among students in reading and learning.

Ms Jeet Rai, Assistant Librarian, briefed about library resources explaining the basics of classification and cataloguing.

She also highlighted KOHA (Koha Open Source Integrated Library System), an open-source library management software used for cataloguing, circulation, member management, OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue), and reporting.

She explained that OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) allows users to easily search, locate, and access library materials online, while KOHA helps libraries digitally manage resources efficiently.

Ms Kursang Lepcha, Researcher and Editor Support for Sikkim Project, informed about their new project focused on writing and publishing content for children.

She stated that Sikkim Project highlights the lives of Eastern Himalayan communities by documenting their history, culture, developmental aspects, and basic political concepts in a child-friendly manner.

Similarly, on the final day of the Folk Tales Narration programme Creative Hub 2.0, Jorethang Green Park Mr Yougan Tamang Press Secretary to the Chief Minister was present as the chief guest.

Mr Hari Bhakta Sharma, representing Akhil Sikkim Khas Chettri-Bahun Kalyan Sang and Mr Sanjay Potal, representing the All Sikkim Scheduled Castes Welfare Board Association, were present as speakers for the event.

Mr Yougan Tamang lauded the Information and Public Relations Department for creating a platform that promotes reading culture and folk tale narration.

Highlighting the importance of cultural preservation, he emphasised the need to conserve and safeguard traditions and cultural heritage for future generations by passing them down meaningfully.

Both the speakers expressed their sincere gratitude to the Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang for his continued support and encouragement towards the promotion of cultural heritage. They also extended their thanks to Mr Madan Cintury MLA Zoom Salghari, Chief Patron of the Maghey Sankranti Mela and Department for providing them the opportunity to participate in the programme.

Representing the All Sikkim Scheduled Castes Welfare Board Association Mr Sanjay Portal narrated folk tales on the themes 'Teen Jati Ko Katha' and 'Danthay and Sathya Katha', which highlighted social harmony and traditional values.

Meanwhile, Mr Hari Bhakta Sharma, representing the Akhil Sikkim Khas Chettri-Bahun Kalyan Sang, addressed a folk story authored by him titled 'Ghamand'. Through his narration, he emphasised that knowledge holds greater value than pride, conveying the moral that while pride may fade, knowledge remains a lifelong asset that no one can take away.

Department of Information & Public Relations
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok

No.(378-II)/IPR/09-10/341 **Date: 12.02.2010**

CIRCULAR

In order to give wide publicity of Tender Notices/Employment Notices published in Sikkim Herald Classified and other local news papers the following procedures will be followed with immediate effect.

Tender Notices will be accepted by the Department for publication having **minimum time of 35 days** before the last date of submission of tenders. Other notices like Employment/Auction etc. will be accepted for publication having **minimum time of 17 days.**

Heads of Departments are requested to send the Tender Notices/Employment Notices for publication **in triplicate** duly observing the above time limit.

No bill for advertisement pertaining to other department other than IPR should be entertained for payment if the same is **not certified** by Under Secretary/Director/ IPR.

All Tender Notices/Employment Notices etc. to be sent to the Department addressed to Secretary or Director, I.P.R. Department through official channel only and under no circumstances the I. P. R. Department will accept the advertisements sent through unauthorized person.

This issues with the approval of the Government.

Sd/-
Secretary

Government of Sikkim
Sikkim State Teachers' Recruitment Board
Upper Syari, Gangtok, Sikkim

Ref. No: 04/SSTRB/EXAM/2026 **Date: 22/01/2026**

NOTICE

Reference notice no. 01/SSTRB/EXAM/2024 Date:09/01/2026 this is for information of all the candidates that the date for Written Examination for the post of Probationary Primary Teacher is scheduled on 22 February 2026.

Admit card to the eligible candidates shall be issued in due course of time and the same shall be intimated with details of venue and time accordingly.

The details of the syllabus for the written examination may kindly be checked on the department's website www.education.sikkim.gov.in.

Sd/-
Secretary
Sikkim State Teachers' Recruitment Board
Joint Controller of Examination
Sikkim State Teachers' Recruitment Board
(14)

Before the Learned oath Commissioner
East Sikkim at Gangtok,

AFFIDAVIT

I. Miss Samkit Lepcha, daughter of late Pemching Lepcha, aged about 24 years, by faith Buddhist, by occupation Student, resident of Tumin Busty, P.O. Tumin, P.S. Singtam, East Sikkim, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:

1.That my correct name is SAMKIT LEPCHA, which is correctly lying recordedin my Academic Testimonials and in my Birth Certificate

2.That in my Certificate of Identification bearing St. No 758/DCE dated 05/04/2008 issued to me by the Office of the District Collector, East District, Gangtok has been recorded as, "SANGKIT LEPCHA"

3.That the person by name "SAMKIT LEPCHA" and "SANGKIT LEPCHA" in one and the same person, myself.

4 That this affidavit is sworn by me to declare that my correct and actual name "SAMKIT LEPCHA" and for the purpose of recording the same for all intents and purposes, whatsoever.

Verification

I, Miss Samkit Lepcha, the deponent herein, do hereby verify and state that the declarations made in paragraphs 1 to 4 hereinabove are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing material is wrong or concealed therefrom. I have signed this affidavit on this the 28th day of August, 2011 at Gangtok, East Sikkim

Deponent
(Miss Sakmit Lepcha)

Before the Sub Division Magistrate
at Gangtok,sikkim

AFFIDAVIT

I. **Laxman Thakur,** S/o. Santosh Thakur aged 23 years, R/o, Burtuk, Gangtok, Sikkim under P.O. & P.S. Gangtok, Sikkim do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follow.

1. That my actual and correct name is **Laxman Thakur,** which has been recorded in my Voter Identity Card bearing serial no. TE00104042 issued by Election Commission of India and also in my other relevant documents.

2. That I am the Legal and biological Son of **Patal Devi** and resident of above mentioned address.

3. That inadvertently in my School Marks statement cum certificate of Central Board of Secondary Education bearing sl. No. SSE/2022/ 1572999, roll no. 16152358 issued by. Government Sir T. N. Sr. Sec School Gangtok, East Sikkim, that my name has been recorded as a **"Laxuman Thakur"** instead of **"Laxman Thakur".**

4. That inadvertently my School Marks statement cum certificate of Central Board of Secondary Education bearing sl. No. SSE/2022/ 1572999, roll no. 16152358 issued by, Government Sir T. N. Sr. Sec School Gangtok, East Sikkim, that my mother name has been recorded as a **"Putul Devi"** instead of **"Patul Devi".**

5. Hence this affidavit is made on oath to declare that "Laxuman Thakur" and **"Laxman Thakur"** is one and the same person i.e., Myself and **"Putul Devi"** and **"Patul Devi"** is one and the same person i.e., My Mother.

6. That this affidavit is made bonafide.

Deponent

VERIFICATION

I, **Laxman Thakur,** the deponent before-named do hereby verify and state that the contents of the foregoing affidavit in paragraphs 1 to 6 are true and correct to best of my knowledge and beliefs. Nothing in material has been concealed thereform.

I,Verified and I sign affidavit on this the 20/01/2026 at Gangtok, Sikkim

Identified by **Deponent**

16th National Voters Day celebrated in all districts

Mangan, January 25: Election Department, Mangan, organised the 16th National Voters Day under the theme 'My India, My Vote, Indian Citizens at the Heart of Indian Democracy' at the Election Conference Hall in Mangan, today.

The programme aimed to create awareness among voters, especially the youth and encourage their active participation in the democratic process to ensure a vibrant and inclusive electoral system.

The programme had the presence of Mr Anant Jain DC-cum-DEO, Mr Sandeep Kumar SDM-cum-ERO along with other guests including Mr Pintso Tashi Lepcha Deputy Director (Education Department), Mr Karma Dorjee Bhutia Joint Director-cum-DPO,LR&DMD, Mr Muksam Limboo AD (IT department), Political party representatives, BLO's and staff from Election Department.

Mr Karma Sherpa Joint Secretary, Election Department highlighted the importance of voting in a democracy, stressing the vital role of youth especially first time voters in shaping the nation's future and strengthening democratic values.

As part of the celebration, a video message from the Chief Election Commissioner of India, Mr Gyanesh Kumar, was screened for the audience, highlighting the importance of voting and outlining the Election Commission's initiatives to ensure free and fair elections across the country.

Following this, the Voters Day pledge was administered by Mr Anant Jain District Collector-cum-DEO. The pledge served as a reminder of the collective responsibility of every citizen to actively engage in the electoral process.

DEO spoke about the vital role of voting in a democracy. He urged voters to exercise their rights responsibly and highlighted the procedures and safeguards in place to uphold the integrity of the electoral system.

Later, voter ID cards were distributed to the newly registered voters, symbolising their formal entry into the democratic process and underscoring the importance of their active role in shaping the nation's future.

Similarly, **District Administration, Gyalshing observed the 16th National Voters'** Day to promote voter awareness, participation and democratic values, with special emphasis on newly enrolled voters.

District Collector-cum-DEO Gyalshing Mr Tenzing D Denzongpa along with SDM (Hq)-cum-Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), Joint Director (Education)-cum-Nodal Officer (SVEEP), SDPO Gyalshing, District Election Officials, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and new voters attended the programme.

The programme commenced with the seating of new voters followed by the arrival of the DEO, Gyalshing.This was followed by the screening of the message of the Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India (ECI) Mr Gyanesh Kumar.

DEO Gyalshing congratulated the new voters on being conferred with the right to vote and described it as both a privilege and a responsibility. He emphasised that voting forms the foundation of a strong democracy and urged first-time voters to exercise their franchise with awareness, integrity and independence. He further encouraged them to remain informed about the electoral process, be vigilant against misinformation and actively contribute to strengthening democratic governance. The DEO also acknowledged the role of Booth Level Officers in facilitating voter registration and ensuring free, fair and accessible elections.

Mr Pulkit ERO spoke about the evolution of the electoral process in India and the measures undertaken by the Election Commission of India to ensure free and fair elections across the country. He appreciated the various initiatives of the Election Commission and urged the youth to actively participate in elections and uphold their duties as responsible citizens.

As part of the celebration, EPI Cards were distributed to newly enrolled voters and khadas were offered as a mark of encouragement.

The Voters' Pledge was administered by the DC-cum-DEO renewing dedication towards democratic values and responsible electoral participation.

While, the 16th National Voters' Day was also commemorated at **DAC Namchi,** with the aim of promoting awareness about the importance of electoral participation.

The programme was attended by Mr Subash Ghimirey ADC (Hq) as the chief guest along with officers and staff members of the Election Cell Namchi, who marked the occasion through their presence and participation.

Likewise, 16th National Voters' Day celebration, held under the theme 'My India, My Vote-Indian Citizen at the Heart of Indian Democracy' was organised by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim, at the DDMA Control Hall, **Pakyong**.

During the programme, Mr Rohan Agawane DC-cum-DEO Pakyong administered the National Voters' Day pledge to the participants.

As part of the celebration, Election Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) were distributed to newly enrolled voters.

Additionally, a video message from Mr Gyanesh Kumar Chief Election Commissioner of India was screened.

Likewise, National Voters' Day was celebrated at the booth level across all ACs of Pakyong District.

Also, Election Department, **Soreng District**, observed the 16th National Voters' Day at the Video Conference Hall, DAC Soreng.

Mr DR Bista ADM (Soreng) congratulated the first-time voters, acknowledging their entry into the democratic process as a significant milestone. He highlighted key points from the address of the Chief Election Commissioner of India, reiterating the importance of ethical participation and collective responsibility in strengthening democracy.

Extending his congratulations to the entire Soreng District, he particularly commended the Booth Level Officers (BLOs), including those recognised at the State level, for their dedication and committed service in the electoral process.

He emphasised the responsibility of citizens to exercise their franchise fearlessly and without inducement, while upholding the dignity and sanctity of democracy. Drawing from historical perspectives, he spoke on the evolution of democratic values since ancient Rome and their relevance even prior to India's independence, underlining the critical responsibility of voting, especially for first-time voters.

Highlighting voter-friendly initiatives, the ADM spoke about facilities such as home voting for senior citizens and separate queues for women, underscoring the inclusive nature of the electoral system.

Cautioning against the spread of misinformation, he urged citizens to remain vigilant against fake and hoax news and to rely only on verified and authentic sources. He also briefed the gathering on the robust security measures in place to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections, thereby reinforcing public trust in the electoral process.

As part of the programme, Elector Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) were distributed to new and eligible voters, marking an important step towards voter inclusion and participation. The National Voters' Day Pledge was also administered by the ADM.

Similarly, the National Voters' Day programme were observed by concerned BLOs in all polling stations of Soreng District.

Sikkim SLSA celebrates 77th Republic Day

Gangtok: Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (Sikkim SLSA) celebrated the 77th Republic Day at its office premises, Development Area, Gangtok, today.

The National Flag was unfurled by Mrs Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA followed by a Guard of Honour and National Anthem rendered by officers and staff members of the Sikkim SLSA.

The programme was attended by Mr Justice AP Subba, Judge (retired), High Court of Sikkim and Judge, High Court Lok Adalat, Mr Roger R Rai, former Managing Director, SIDICO, senior judicial officers, including the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Gangtok, Registrar, High Court of Sikkim, Judicial Officers, Designated Senior Advocates, Additional Advocate General of Sikkim, Other Persons of the High Court Lok Adalat, Panel and Retainer Lawyers of Sikkim SLSA, officers and staff members of Sikkim SLSA and members of the media.

A cultural programme organised by Sikkim SLSA was later held at the Auditorium of the High Court of Sikkim. The programme was attended by Mr Justice A Muhamed Mustaque, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA along with Mrs Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA.

The cultural programme featured performances by the children from Nrityaanjali Dance Academy, Tadong and Natraj Kala Kendra, Singtam, presentation by the children of Child Care Institutions of Rainbow Children Home, Lingdok and Bojoghari Children Home; screening of a short video showcasing the activities undertaken by Sikkim SLSA from 2015 to December, 2025, sharing of memoirs about the assistance provided by Sikkim SLSA by members of the Freedom Facility Rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen and Serenity Home, Rehabilitation Centre, Upper Burtuk, presentation by the Panel Advocates of Sikkim SLSA and staff of Sikkim SLSA.

A commendation ceremony was also held wherein certificates and mementos were presented by the Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim and Patron-in-Chief, Sikkim SLSA to the best performing Para-Legal Volunteer amongst all the District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs), the best performing Legal Literacy Club in all schools under all the DLSAs and three convict PLVs manning the Legal Aid Clinic at the State Central Prison, Rongyek and the DLSAs across Sikkim, in recognition of the commitment and excellent work rendered in legal services.

Mrs Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, Sikkim SLSA felicitated the Caretakers/In-charge of Old Age Homes of Lee Aal Sangh, Rakdong, Tintek, Old Age Home, Jalipool and Jyestha Nagrik Sewa Samman Kendra, Namchi, with a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedicated service towards the welfare of displaced, marginalized and destitute senior citizens.

The Sikkim SLSA has uploaded the programme on YouTube and Facebook to enable members of the Bar, Officers and staff members and interested members of the public to view the event. A Facebook page has also been created under the name 'Sikkim State Legal Services Authority'.

Office of CEO Sikkim celebrates 16th National Voters Day

Gangtok, January 26: The Office of Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim, celebrated the 16th National Voters' Day at DAC Gangtok, today.

With the theme 'My India My Vote', District-level programmes were also conducted at the remaining five district headquarters and across 572 Polling Stations throughout the State. The State Level function, organised in collaboration with the Office of the District Election Officer, Gangtok, witnessed the participation of BLOs and voters from 49 urban Polling Stations.

Newly enrolled voters were facilitated with their Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) and a video message from the Election Commissioner was screened. The chief guest Mr Jitendra Singh Raje Commissioner-cum-Secretary Urban Development Department distributed awards to the Best BLOs from all six districts. The National Voters' Day Pledge was administered during the programme and across all Government offices on the same day.

Representatives from political parties, State Icon, District Icon, NGO (Sikkim Viklang Sahyog Samiti) and PWD shelter home (special school for children with disabilities) participated in the programme.

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