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## Photo News



Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi participated in a vibrant football session with youngsters in Gangtok, Sikkim on April 29.

The Prime Minister wrote on X: "Nothing like playing some football with my young friends in Sikkim on a lovely Gangtok morning!"  
"Clearly, an energising football session with these youngsters!"  
"A football morning in Gangtok! We learnt, we played, we celebrated and above everything else, we enjoyed the game...."

## Series of key developmental initiatives in the State unveiled by the Prime Minister:

Laying Foundation Stone of 100-bedded Ayurveda Hospital and College, Lingmoo (Namchi District), Sadbhav Mandap at MG Marg, Gangtok, Redevelopment of Ridge Precinct, Gangtok, Two Hinged 2-Lane Steel Arch Bridge (12.00 m width) over Teesta River at Sirwani connecting Namchi- Gangtok, Two Hinged 2-Lane Steel Arch Bridge (12.00 m width) over Teesta River at Lower Samdong connecting Namchi-Gangtok, Eco-Tourism Pilgrimage Complex at Silnon, Tashiding (Gyalshing District) and Sewerage System of Singtam Town for Pollution Abatement of River Teesta, Grade C (Blocks) Quarter at SAP Camp, Pangthang.

Launch of Project; Implementation of IT Infrastructure in 160 schools across Sikkim.

Projects inaugurated are Helen Lepcha Government Medical College, Sochakgang, Gangtok, Jan Seva Sachivalaya, Lumsay, Gangtok, Sikkim University Campus, Yangang, Eco-Tourism Pilgrimage Complex at Dodak, Soreng District, System Augmentation, Renovation, Modernisation & Strengthening of Power Transmission & Distribution Network in Sikkim, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose University of Excellence (Academic Block-I, (RUSA), Chakung, Social Housing Complex at Sokeythang under Sikkim Urban Garib Awas Yojana, Pollution Abatement Scheme of River Rani Chu (Zone III, Gangtok), Integrated Organic Processing Facility, Rangpo, Widening & Improvement of Birdhang- Namchi Road via Kitchudumra connecting Namchi, Soreng & Gyalshing, Acclimatization Centres for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra at 18<sup>th</sup> Mile and Hangu Lake, Model Residential School at Hee Gyathang, Mangan, Improvement, Upgradation & Revamping of Power Transmission & Distribution Network in Gangtok, Sikkim Government Vocational College, Dentam, Housing for Police Personnel, Civil Service Officers' Institute, Yatri Niwas at Krishna Pranami Mangal Dham, Namphing (Namchi District), Sikkim Government College, Mangshila (North Sikkim), Drejong Namgyal Sowa Rigpa Hospital, Deorali, Monastic Hostel-cum-Classrooms at Boomtar Gumpa, Namchi and Integrated Development of Chakung Dak Bungalow Compound, Malbasey (Soreng District)

In addition, the Prime Minister dedicated indoor cricket academies developed with the support of BCCI across the North Eastern region, including Rangpo (Sikkim), Doimukh (Arunachal Pradesh), Imphal (Manipur), Madankurlang (Meghalaya), Aizawl (Mizoram) and Dimapur (Nagaland).

Additionally, the Prime Minister also released a coffee table book titled "This is Sikkim" published by the Information and Public Relations (IPR) Department.

## Prime Minister addresses closing ceremony of Sikkim's 50<sup>th</sup> Statehood Celebrations



Gangtok, April 28: Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, described Sikkim as 'Heaven of the East' and 'Orchid Garden' while addressing the closing ceremony of the State's 50 years of Statehood celebrations at Paljor Stadium, today.

The Prime Minister was accompanied on the dais by Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, Mr Indra Hang Subba MP Lok Sabha and Mr DT Lepcha MP Rajya Sabha.

extended his heartfelt congratulations to the people of Sikkim on the completion of 50 years of Statehood. He expressed that his visit to the State had been a unique and enriching experience,

The Prime Minister

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## Sikkim showcases Orchid wealth to Prime Minister

Gangtok, April 28: Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi visited the Swarna Jayanti Maitreya Manjari at Ridge Park, Gangtok, placing national focus on Sikkim's distinctive model of environmentally sustainable development and its rich ecological heritage as the State celebrates the closing 50 years of statehood celebrations, today. He was accompanied by the Governor of Sikkim, Mr Om Prakash Mathur, and Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang.

The project conceived as part of the Golden Jubilee commemorations, had been virtually inaugurated last year by the Prime Minister during the formal launch of the year-long celebrations. Developed as a 26-foot tall copper structured monument, the Swarna Jayanti Maitreya Manjari serves as a cultural plaza symbolising five decades of Sikkim's integration and growth.

Located at Ridge Park near White Hall, the complex blends cultural symbolism with ecological consciousness. Its defining feature is the Orchidarium a state of the art, climate controlled Cool House spread across two levels housing over 100 species and



showcasing a wide range of native and exotic orchids. Nearly 70 per cent of the collection comprises live specimens, while the rest includes detailed botanical models representing global diversity.

Among the highlights are indigenous species such as Dendrobium nobile, alongside Cymbidium NaMo. A rare orchid

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## Pearls of Wisdom

"May you live every day of your life."

- Jonathan Swift

### Bi-Annual AAC meeting held

**Pakyong, April 22:** Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) convened its bi-annual meeting at Pakyong Airport to review the current status of airport operations and deliberate on the resumption of passenger flight services.

The meeting chaired by Dr Indra Hang Subba MP Lok Sabha was attended by Mrs Pamin Lepcha MLA Gnathang-Machong Constituency. The session brought together key stakeholders, including senior government officials, administrative authorities, airport and security personnel, and representatives from trade and local associations.

Also present were Mr CS Rao Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh District

Collector, Pakyong, DFO, Pakyong, General Manager, NHIDCL and Mr Nakul Das Rai former Member of Parliament.

Representing airport and security authorities were Senior Superintendent of Police, Pakyong District, Airport Director, Pakyong Airport, and Chief Airport Security Officer (CASO), Sikkim State Police. The meeting also saw participation from industry and local representatives, including OSD, IT Department and others.

The primary focus of the six-month review meeting was to address public and administrative concerns regarding passenger flight operations. Detailed discussions were held on key issues such as the resumption of flight services, operational challenges faced by the airport,

infrastructure requirements, and strengthening of security measures.

Officials from the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, District Administration, Police, and Airport Management shared inputs and suggestions to improve coordination and streamline operations. Representatives from the trade, tourism, hotel, and transport sectors also highlighted the impact of disrupted air connectivity on economic activities and emphasized the need for timely restoration of services.

The Committee expressed a collective commitment to resolving existing operational hurdles through coordinated efforts.

### Soreng District initiates coordinated Action Plan for traffic, road safety and infrastructure management

**Soreng, April 22:** A joint meeting of the District Level Decongestion, Road Infrastructure and Road Safety Committee was convened today at the office of Mr Dhiraj Subedi District Collector at District Administrative Centre (DAC), Soreng, to deliberate on issues concerning traffic decongestion, road safety, and road infrastructure management in Soreng District, particularly within Soreng Nagar Panchayat.

The DC highlighted the gradual strain on existing road infrastructure, which has contributed to increasing parking challenges and traffic congestion in and around Soreng town. The transition of the area into a semi-urban Nagar Panchayat was also noted, necessitating structured planning and coordinated interventions.

A detailed assessment of traffic congestion was undertaken, with emphasis on decongesting major approach roads leading into Soreng town. It was discussed that this would involve systematic assessment of households' encroachment upon road reserves, while also ensuring that carriageways are kept clear for smooth vehicular movement. The need to identify specific congestion points for targeted and workable action was also highlighted. In this regard, it was decided that a comprehensive survey would be conducted on May 5 for identification of affected areas and formulation of suitable short-term and long-term remedial measures. The DC mentioned that the survey would be conducted by a team comprising the ADC, ASP, ADC (Development), DFO, SE (Roads), Deputy RTO and Bazar Officer (UDD), along with participation of the Nagar Panchayats.

Further, it was deliberated that, if required for the purpose of effective decongestion and

ensuring smooth traffic movement, provision and submission of building blueprints to the Urban Development Department may be considered as a regulatory measure. This would facilitate better planning and enable the public to comply with prescribed building norms and regulations.

The meeting discussed decongestion strategies including both immediate and long-term measures. Short-term interventions such as traffic regulation, road markings, and enforcement of no-parking zones were emphasised, with road markings identified as a crucial immediate step. Long-term strategies included road widening and planning for designated parking zones. It was also discussed that both short-term and long-term parking management plans would be implemented, including the identification of authorised and unauthorised parking spaces and the proposal of dedicated long-term parking zones.

For public transport and mobility improvement, SP informed that regulatory measures are being undertaken, including restriction of heavy vehicle movement during working days between 9 AM-11 AM to ease congestion. The importance of maintaining traffic discipline among the public was also reiterated.

Road safety was comprehensively reviewed, with a coordinated approach among all concerned Departments emphasised. Requirements for essential road safety equipment were identified and noted for installation. The meeting also emphasised the importance of maintaining proper drainage systems, particularly following construction activities, to prevent waterlogging and ensure safety during the

upcoming monsoon season. Additionally, concerns were raised regarding pipelines laid through drainage channels, which cause blockages and lead to flooding of roads.

Issues related to construction materials being left along roadsides were also discussed, as these pose risks to both traffic flow and safety. The Police Department informed that such issues are being addressed through regular beat and mobile patrolling.

The meeting also reviewed the use of technology in traffic management, noting that 23 CCTV cameras are currently operational within the area, contributing to monitoring and enforcement efforts.

Public awareness and community participation were identified as critical components in addressing congestion. The need for behavioural change, including sensitising nearby residents to opt for walking for short-distance errands on busy days, such as grocery shopping when possible, was highlighted as a practical step towards reducing traffic jams.

Representatives from Soreng Taxi Drivers Association, present in the meeting, shared their grievances and provided valuable feedback, which were acknowledged for consideration in future decisions and implementation.

The meeting concluded with a roadmap for the next course of action, wherein, the completion of the scheduled survey would inform both immediate and long-term interventions for effective traffic management and road safety in the district.

Present in the meeting were SP, ADC, SDPO, CMO, SE (R&B), DE (R&B), DFO (T), DPO (Zilla), DD (Education) along with representatives from the Soreng Taxi Drivers Association.

### Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> SFC and 15<sup>th</sup> CFC fund approval under e-Gram Swaraj Plan for 2025-26

**Mangan, April 23:** A meeting of the Mangan District Zilla Panchayat for discussion, allocation and approval of fund under 15th CFC and 6th SFC under e-Gram Swaraj Plan for 2025-26 was held at MDZP Bhawan, Mangan, today.

The meeting was chaired by Adhyaksha MDZP Mr Kado Lepcha, and had the presence of Ms Sonam Kipa Bhutia Up-Adhyaksha, Mr Sonam T Lachungpa Lachung Papon, Zilla Panchayats, Officials and staff from MDZP.

Mr Karma Thendup Bhutia Additional Secretary-cum-DPO, MDZP provided a brief overview of the meeting.

This was followed by a detailed presentation on the monthly progress report by Mr Karma Sonam Bhutia, DE MDZP, highlighting the overall physical and financial status of ongoing schemes and developmental works. The presentation covered progress achieved against targets, status of fund utilisation, scheme-wise implementation updates and key achievements recorded during the period.

Thereafter, the fund allocation under the 15<sup>th</sup> CFC and

6<sup>th</sup> SFC under e-Gram Swaraj Plan for the financial year 2025-26 was presented in detail by Ms Chusong Lepcha, Accounts Officer, MDZP, outlining the proposed distribution and sector wise allocation of funds.

The Annual Plan for 2025-26 was presented by Ms Phulden Bhutia staff MDZP, highlighting the key priorities, proposed developmental activities and implementation framework for the upcoming financial year.

Following the deliberations, Adhyaksha Mangan emphasised the importance of transparent fund allocation, effective implementation of development schemes and collective responsibility of all members to ensure balanced and sustainable development across the district.

The meeting was also addressed by Mr Sandeep Kumar SDM Mangan, on behalf of Mr Anant Jain, DC-cum-Sachiva, wherein he highlighted the need for maintenance and repair of key public utility infrastructure, including hostels in schools, viewpoints and other essential facilities, under the Vibrant Village Programme.

### DC Namchi inspects EMRS Suntaley

**Namchi, April 22:** Under the supervision of Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi, a field inspection was conducted at Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS), Suntaley, to assess the overall functioning of the institution and review progress of ongoing developmental works and essential facilities, today.

During the visit, the DC first inspected the water source in light of the reported shortage of water and reviewed the progress of the ongoing water supply works being undertaken for the school.

The inspection also covered several key infrastructure projects, including fencing works, staff quarters, the auditorium hall, football ground pavilion.

The school mess was also inspected to assess the quality of food being served to the students. Special emphasis was laid on maintaining proper hygiene standards and ensuring the provision of nutritious meals for the children.

During the visit, she checked all school registers and official records and directed the Principal to remain vigilant and ensure that all records are properly maintained and updated on a regular basis.

She encouraged and motivated the Captain Council to work collectively towards making the school one of the best among EMRS institutions in Sikkim.

Special emphasis was laid

on cleanliness and beautification of the school premises through plantation drives and proper maintenance of hostels, particularly the girls' hostel, which was directed to be kept clean and well-maintained at all times.

It was also brought to notice that medical camps, which had earlier been conducted regularly within the school campus, had not been organised for nearly a month. In response, she assured that a general health camp would be arranged shortly for the benefit of both students and staff.

Furthermore, she directed the Principal to ensure proper segregation and management of solid waste. She also instructed the Director (RDD) to facilitate the construction of a compost pit within the school premises for effective waste disposal and better waste management practices.

She also interacted with the teaching staff and expressed concern over the unsatisfactory Class X examination results. She urged the teachers to take greater responsibility and work closely with the Principal to improve the academic performance of the school in the coming academic session.

Present during the inspection were Panchayats, SDM (Hq), Deputy Director RDD Sumbuk, Principal EMRS and others.

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## Training on Hygienic Fish Processing and value addition held

**Pakyong, April 23:** A three-day residential training programme on Hygienic Fish Processing and Value Addition with Cold Chain and Market Linkage Support was held at Namcheybong GPK Hall, Pakyong, today.

The programme was organised by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), North Eastern Regional Centre, Guwahati under the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, in collaboration with Fisheries Department.

The training was conducted for the participants from the Scheduled Caste category aimed to equip them with hands-on training in the preparation of value-added fish products and to create sustainable livelihood opportunities for them.

Mr Bum Tshering Yonzon

OSD, IT Department in his address highlighted on the Chief Minister's vision of uplifting the farmers through various schemes and initiatives and encouraged them to become self-reliant. He further urged the participants to acquire necessary skills and explore opportunities within the aquaculture sector to enhance their livelihoods.

Additionally, Ms Gauri Mukhia District Fisheries Development Officer emphasised that the training would enable the participants to explore diverse opportunities in fish value addition, while equipping them with practical knowledge. She elaborated on the various initiatives under the MMMUY and PMMSY schemes.

Further, Mr Sharad SP Executive Assistant, NFDB Guwahati outlined the objectives of the training, highlighting the

growing market demand and profitability of value-added fish products. He further stated that the fisheries industry and allied activities offer a vast potential for employment generation.

A Farmers' Meet was also organised wherein the resource person interacted with farmers, addressed their queries and shared information on benefits and subsidy schemes available under PMMSY.

A technical session was also conducted to provide the 25 trainees with guidance on the preparation of various value-added fish products.

The programme concluded with the distribution of testing kits and ice boxes to trout farmers from ICAR-CICFR, followed by the release of the hands-on training Manual for preparation of Value-Added Fish Products.

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No. PAO/Press Notification/26-27/4

Date: 07 Apr 2026

### NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified that during the month ending 31.03.2026 the following State Government have increased the Dearness Relief on pension to the Pensioners drawing pension in other state from the date noted against each Pensioners of the respective state drawing pension in the state of Sikkim may contact the Pension office, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim or Office of the Sr. Dy. Accountant General (A&E), Sikkim Lekha Pariksha Bhawan, Deorali, Tadong, Gangtok 737102 for further information.

Sl. No	Name of State	Order No. and date	Name of the Relief/D.A. Granted and their percentage	Effective date	Letter No. and date of despatch to State Govt.
1	Andhra Pradesh	No. PAG(A&E)AP/OGP/2025-26/5392 Dated: 10.12.2025	1. Dearness Relief (DR) enhancement of 3.64% due from 01.01.2024 to Pensioners / Family Pensioners w.e.f 01.01.2024. 2. Amendment to G.O.Ms. No. 61 dated 20.10.2025 regarding payment of arrears.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/185 Date: 06.01.2026
2	Government of Goa, Directorate of Accounts, Goa	No. DA/PA-1/pens/25-26/TR-903/DR-1632 Dated: 15.12.2025	Disbursement of pay and allowances and pension of the pensioners and Freedom Fighter pensioners, for the month of December 2025 on 22.12.2025.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/185 Date: 06.01.2026
3	Jharkhand	No. Pen-III/Jharkhand/DR/2025-26/3805/ Dated: 04.12.2025	Enhancement rate of Dearness Relief to the Jharkhand State Government Pensioners/ Family pensioners w.e.f 01.07.2025 (Enhanced from 55% to 58%)	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/185 Date: 06.01.2026
4	Jharkhand	No. Pen-III/Jharkhand/DR/2025-26/3838 Dated: 04.12.2025	Enhancement rate of Dearness Relief of Pre-Revised Pay scale (Sixth Pay) to the Jharkhand State Government Pensioners/ family pensioners w.e.f 01.01.2025 (Enhanced from 246% to 252%)	01.01.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/185 Date: 06.01.2026
5	Jharkhand	No. Pen-III/Jharkhand/DR/2025-26/4174 Dated: 23.12.2025	Enhancement rate of Dearness Relief of Pre-Revised Pay scale (6th Pay) to the Jharkhand State Government Pensioners/family pensioners w.e.f 01.07.2023 (enhanced from 221% to 230%).	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/197 Date: 03.02.2026
6	Meghalaya	No. Pen.(M)1/T-10/DR/ Megh/25-26/2570 Dated: 16.01.2026	Grant of Dearness Relief to State Pensioners/ Family Pensioners of Government of Meghalaya, from existing rate of 49% to 51% w.e.f 01.07.2025.	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/197 Date: 03.02.2026
7	Tamil Nadu	No. G19020/108/01-CCA(P)/300 Dated: 08.01.2026	Increase of Dearness relief from 55% to 58% for the Pensioners/Family pensioners w.e.f 01.07.2025, and increase of dearness Relief from 252% to 257% for the pensioners/family pensioners being drawn in the Pre-revised scale (Sixth Pay) w.e.f 01.07.2025.	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/197 Date: 03.02.2026
8	Govt of Mizoram Directorate of Local fund Audit & Pension Accounts & Treasuries, Mizoram: Aizawl	No Est9II-14/3/2022-Est-II-FPID/65 Dated: 9.10.2025	Increase of Dearness Relief from 40% to 44% to the Mizoram government pensioners/family pensioners with effect from 01.11.2025.	01.11.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/219 Date: 06.03.2026
9	Government of Goa Directorate of Accounts, Bardez, Goa.	No. G19020/108/01-CCA(P)/300 Dated: 08.01.2026	Grant of Dearness Relief to Goa State Freedom Fighter Pensioners of Government of Goa Revised rate effective from 01.07.2025 @ 58% from 55%.	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/219 Date: 06.03.2026
10	Telangana	No. PAG(A&E) PM-OGP/2025-26/TS/SSA No. 1548-1589/ Dated: 22.01.2026	1. Allowances -DA- Revision of DA to the State Government Employees from 01.07.2023 (G.O. Ms., No. 2 Dt. 12.01.2026) 2. Pension -Revision of DR to the State Government Pensioners from 01.07.2023 sanctioned -Order-Issued (G.O.Ms No. 3 Dt. 12.01.2026).	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/219 Date: 06.03.2026
11	Kerala	No. P19/IV/DRSSA/2025-26/ Dated: 25.02.2026	Payment of Dearness relief in respect of pensioners/Family pensioners coming under UGC/AICTE/Medical Education schemes - revised rates-reg.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/ 2025-26/219 Date: 06.03.2026

Sd/-  
Sr. Accountant Officer /PAO (43)

## Government of Sikkim Health & Family Welfare Department District Hospital Singtam Sikkim

Memo No: 73/DHS

Date: 21/04/2026

### NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS

The Sealed quotations are invited from the local registered and reputed firms within the radius of 100 Mtrs of District Hospital Singtam operating 24X7 service for the supply of emergency purchase of medicines and consumables for District Hospital Singtam for F.Y.2026-27

**Terms & Conditions:**

- Valid Trade & Drug License issued by authorized government agency.
- Medical Shop should be opened for 24X7.
- Medical Shop Signboard for easy identification.
- The tender details and other documents required for the submission of quotations can be obtained from the O/O Chief Accounts Officer, District Hospital Singtam w.e.f. May 13,2026 to May 15,2026 from 11:00 AM to 3:PM on production of Bank Receipt of ₹1000/- credited under receipt head 0210-01-800-other receipts.
- The duly filled up and sealed quotations should reach the office of Chief Medical Officer(Gtk) accompanied by T.D.R.(Refundable) of ₹50,000/-Rupees Fifty Thousand)Only drawn in favour of C.A.O-cum-D&DO from State Bank of Sikkim, Singtam within 12:30 P.M. of 18/05/2026.
- Quotations received after 12:30 P.M. of 18/05/2026 shall not be entertained.
- The sealed quotations will be opened on the same day at 1:00 P.M. in the Office of Chief Medical Officer, District Hospital Singtam in the presence of tenderers and authorized representatives present.
- The departmental committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

**Director-cum-CMO  
District Hospital Singtam  
Health & Family Welfare Department  
Government of Sikkim  
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## Office of the Deputy Registrar Co-operation Department Rabong Sub-Division South Sikkim

Memo No: GoS/93/COOP/DRCS/RAB/2026 Date: 24/04/2026

### PUBLIC NOTICE

All the stakeholders including members, debtors, creditors, nominees, heirs, and legal representatives of deceased members are hereby informed to submit their claims and objections, if any, in respect of the following **cooperative societies** within 1 month of the publication of this notice to the designated Liquidator in Cooperation Department, Government of Sikkim, Rabong Sub-Division, Namchi District, Sikkim. ([cooprabong@gmail.com](mailto:cooprabong@gmail.com))

- Lower Dhargaon Labour Cooperative Society Ltd.
- Upper Lower Tanak Civil Contractors Cooperative Society Ltd.
- Ningang Ward Womens Cooperative Society Ltd.
- Dalep Fishing Farming Cooperative Society Ltd

**Deputy Registrar  
Cooperation Department  
Government of Sikkim  
Rabong, Namchi District  
(41)**

## Government of Sikkim Urban Development Department

No: 05/UDD/2026

Date: 01/04/2026

### NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 16 of the **Sikkim Allotment of House Sites and Construction of Building (Regulation and Control) Act, 1985**, the Government of Sikkim hereby notifies the conversion of Parcha as Secondary holder into leasehold shall henceforth be subject to realization of a Lease Transfer Fee at the rate of **₹40/- (Rupees Forty only) per square foot**, as prescribed under the existing rules governing lease transfer.

This notification shall apply to all pending and future eligible cases and shall come into force with immediate effect from the date of issuance of this notification. All other terms and conditions governing lease transfer shall remain unchanged. Any action taken or fee realized prior to the issuance of this notification shall be deemed to have been taken or realised under the corresponding provisions in force at that time and shall remain unaffected.

This notification supersedes the notification issued vide memo no. T(1839)GOS/UD&HD/1164. dated:16.06.2021 published vide Gazette no. 113, dated: 18.06.2021.

**BY ORDER**

**Jitendra Singh Raje, IAS  
Commissioner cum Secretary  
Urban Development Department  
Government of Sikkim**

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## Prime Minister...

filled with a celebratory spirit, while remarking on its distinct charm.

Recalling his visit earlier in the day to the Swarnajayanti Maitreya Manjari, he stated that those who appreciate nature would miss out on something truly exceptional if they have not witnessed Sikkim's orchids, adding that the beauty he experienced there continues to linger with him. He expressed confidence that such initiatives would set new benchmarks in tourism.

Describing the Golden Jubilee celebrations as historic, the Prime Minister said that the significance of the occasion was further enhanced by the State's serene and divine environment.

He further appreciated the '1000 Steps of Unity', cultural presentation based on the theme 'Unity in Diversity', congratulating the participants, choreographers and artistes for their efforts. He described the performance as a harmonious blend of nature and culture, reflecting the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and encouraged wider dissemination of such cultural expressions.

While noting that he could not attend the inaugural programme last year due to inclement weather, the Prime Minister expressed his happiness at being present for the closing ceremony, terming it a privilege to share the moment with the people of Sikkim.

The Prime Minister also recalled the warm welcome he received during the roadshow from Ganju Lama Dwar to Lok Bhavan on his arrival, commending the people for their enthusiasm and the State for its cleanliness and environmental consciousness. He described the people of Sikkim as true ambassadors of environmental conservation.

Highlighting the progress made by the State, he acknowledged the leadership of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, and stated that Sikkim has emerged as an important pillar of development in the Northeast, referred to as the 'Ashta Lakshmi'.

He reiterated the Government of India's commitment through the 'Act East Policy', adding that the focus is now on an 'Act Fast' approach to accelerate development, and stated that the projects inaugurated and foundation stones laid on the occasion across various sectors

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## Sikkim showcases...

variety named in honour of the Prime Minister also forms part of the collection, underscoring the blend of biodiversity and tribute.

During the visit, the Prime Minister toured the Orchidarium,

would significantly strengthen the State's growth trajectory.

Emphasising infrastructure and connectivity as key priorities, the Prime Minister spoke about various initiatives aimed at boosting tourism and regional development, including projects such as Bhaley Dhunga Skywalk and Singhsore Bridge project, to name a few. He encouraged citizens to be 'vocal for local' and support indigenous products.

Touching upon tourism potential, he highlighted opportunities in eco and wellness tourism, as well as adventure tourism, supported by improved infrastructure. He also spoke about the promotion of sports through initiatives like Khelo India and Fit India, aimed at empowering the youth.

In the health sector, he mentioned the expansion of Ayush Arogya Kendras, district hospitals and wellness centres, including promotion of traditional systems through the virtual inauguration of the 30-bedded Integrated Sowa Rigpa Hospital at NIT Deorali, reiterating the Government's commitment to ensuring healthcare access at the grassroots.

The Prime Minister also spoke about Sikkim's achievements in the agriculture sector, highlighting its status as a model organic state and the growing role of organic processing units and Self Help Groups in strengthening the rural economy.

He further highlighted the importance of women's empowerment, highlighting the growing role of women in driving grassroots development and community-led initiatives in the State.

The Prime Minister also elaborated on Sikkim's significant potential in the clean energy sector, emphasising its role in promoting sustainable and environmentally responsible growth, an area in which the State continues to set a notable example.

Commending environmental initiatives such as 'Mero Rukh Mero Santati', he described Sikkim as an inspiration for sustainable development.

The Prime Minister called upon the people to continue striving collectively towards greater progress, urging all to work in tandem to realise the vision of a Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

In addition, the Prime Minister dedicated indoor cricket academies developed with the support of BCCI across the North Eastern region, including Rangpo (Sikkim), Doimukh (Arunachal Pradesh), Imphal (Manipur), Madankurlang (Meghalaya),

interacting with officials and reviewing conservation efforts and scientific management practices that sustain the fragile ecosystem within the facility.

Officials said the project reflects Sikkim's journey over the past five decades balancing development with environmental stewardship and is expected to strengthen its position as a leading

Aizawl (Mizoram) and Dimapur (Nagaland).

Earlier, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Prime Minister for gracing the closing ceremony commemorating 50 years of Sikkim's Statehood, on behalf of the people of the State. He remarked that the occasion symbolised enduring good fortune and an unprecedented honour for the people of Sikkim.

The Chief Minister congratulated the Prime Minister on his tenure as the longest-serving elected head of government in India and lauded his 'Nation First' ideology.

Highlighting India's growing global stature under his leadership, he noted that the country today stands as a vital bridge and reliable partner between the Global North and the Global South.

He underscored the Prime Minister's guiding mantra Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayaas as a powerful framework for inclusive development and empowerment. He also made special mention of key initiatives such as the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam, SASCI 2026-27, the Pride of the Hills initiative, and the inclusion of Sikkim under the Buddhist Circuit initiative.

The Chief Minister further conveyed his appreciation for the continued support extended to the state and reaffirmed Sikkim's full cooperation and commitment towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

A major highlight of the event was the cultural segment titled '1000 Steps of Unity,' based on the theme 'Unity in Diversity', which featured around 1,800 artistes from across the State, including students, SHGs, and members of the All Sikkim Dance Association. The presentation also garnered high appreciation from the Prime Minister for its flawless execution and excellence.

During the programme, a documentary titled 'Sikkim Ki Vikas Yatra ke Swarnim 50 Varsh' was screened, highlighting key milestones in the State's development since attaining Statehood through the 36<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1975.

The programme was attended by State Cabinet Ministers, Heads of Departments, officials and public.

The event concluded successfully, marking the culmination of the State's 50 years of Statehood celebrations.

ecotourism destination.

He thereafter proceeded to Paljor Stadium to grace the closing ceremony of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Also present were Mr Jitendra Raje Commissioner-cum-Secretary UDD, Ms Yogita Rai PCA-cum-Secretary, Mr Gayden Chopel Bhutia Commissioner Gangtok Municipal Corporation.

## State Level Committee reviews Manuscript Survey strategy

**Gangtok, April 22:** 1<sup>st</sup> State Level Standing Committee Meeting for the Gyan Bharatam Mission was held at the Teesta Lounge, Tashiling Secretariat, under the chairmanship of Mr R Telang Chief Secretary, today. The meeting reviewed the progress and strategic framework for the ongoing manuscript survey in Sikkim, with emphasis on strengthening field level implementation, inter departmental coordination and public outreach.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary underscored the importance of structured training programmes for field functionaries, with awareness generation as a central component. He proposed leveraging the 'Har Ghar Dastak' approach to facilitate identification of manuscripts, particularly those in private custody.

Stressing convergence, he called upon the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Ecclesiastical Affairs Department, School Education Department and Culture Department to work in close coordination for effective execution of the survey.

The committee reiterated that preservation of manuscript heritage remains the core objective, guided by a threefold approach preservation, conservation and digitisation. Discussions were also held on operational guidelines in line with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Gyan Bharatam Mission and the State Government.

The involvement of community leaders was highlighted as crucial to ensuring accessibility and wider participation in the survey process. The discussion was further enriched by valuable inputs from the DCs, who shared field level perspectives and

## Training programme for Joint Secretaries organised

**New Delhi, April 24:** Five-day training programme was organised for Joint Secretaries by the Department of Personnel. The programme was conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi w.e.f April 20 to April 24.

The training programme curated for the State civil officers focused on Management Development for Viksit Sikkim. The Resource Persons comprised of senior faculty members from the Indian Institute of Public Administration, senior IAS officers and prominent members from institutes like the Centre for Social & Economic Progress (CSEP) and Delhi School of Economics. The highly qualified Resource Persons guided the officers through an intellectually stimulating journey covering topics on good governance with a focus on sustainability.

Sessions on Digital Public Infrastructure allowed the participants to understand the process and concepts on development of various systems like Aadhar, Digilocker and courses

practical suggestions based on ground realities.

The meeting was attended by Dr Passang D Phempu, Director, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Ms Kessang D Rechung Secretary, Ecclesiastical Department, Mr BK Lama Secretary, Culture Department, Mr Tashi Chopel, Secretary, School Education Department, Sr Gendrung, Senior Preservation Officer and Mr Karma Sherap Bhutia from the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology. DCs from all districts participated via video conference.

The National Manuscript Survey 2026, scheduled from March 16 to June 15, 2026, is a nationwide initiative aimed at systematically identifying, documenting and preserving manuscript heritage across India. The survey is being implemented under the Gyan Bharatam Mission in coordination with State Governments and Union Territories, ensuring administrative efficiency, regional adaptability and uniform data collection practices.

The survey seeks to generate a comprehensive understanding of the distribution and condition of manuscripts across the country, thereby laying the foundation for future initiatives in preservation, digitisation and scholarly access. It represents a significant step towards safeguarding India's manuscript heritage through systematic fieldwork, institutional collaboration and the use of digital technologies.

At its core, the mission focuses on manuscripts handwritten compositions on materials such as palm leaves, birch bark, cloth, paper and metal. To qualify under the survey, a manuscript must be at least 75 years old and possess historical, scientific or aesthetic significance.

on use of Artificial Intelligence for Good Governance focused on the potential technology holds for governance while underscoring the need for cyber hygiene and security practices. The need for evidence based policymaking and importance of planning and risk assessment was also highlighted, alongside discussions on Union-State fiscal relations and responsibility.

The sessions also included field visits to NITI Aayog, Capacity Building Commission, and the PM Gati Shakti Experimental Centre, where officers were apprised of key innovations and flagship initiatives undertaken by the Government of India towards the vision of Viksit India 2047.

IIPA also organised a visit to the Rashtrapti Bhawan for the participating officers on the final day of the training programme.

The officers express their gratitude and appreciation to the State Government and the Indian Institute of Public Administration for the training programme and exposure trip.

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## Mission Team from World Bank and PMU visits Sikkim INSPIRES project sites under KNP

**Gyalshing, April 25:** A delegation from the World Bank and officials from the Project Management Unit (PMU) under the Sikkim INSPIRES Programme visited project sites in Khangchendzonga National Park (KNP) area, Gyalshing District from April 24 to 25.

The World Bank delegation, led by Team Leader Ms Verena Phipps Ebeler, along with Programme Director of Sikkim INSPIRES Ms Rohini Pradhan, visited project sites along the Dzongri-Goechala trekking trail within Khangchendzonga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

During the visit, officials trekked to Sachen Campsite along the Dzongri-Goechala trail, where they halted overnight and visited ongoing project sites. Ms Bhumika Rai, Divisional Forest Officer-KNP, briefed the delegation on the

ongoing developmental activities within the KNP area.

The visiting delegation was accompanied by Ms Tshering Denka Bhutia Joint Director, Directorate of Ecotourism, Forest & Environment Department, Ms Bhumika Rai DFO KNP, AD-cum-OSD DET, Range Officer-KNP, officials from the Forest Department, a medical team from Yuksam PHC, and a yoga instructor from Yuksam Senior Secondary School.

The Sikkim INSPIRES Programme (Integrated Service Provision and Innovation for Reviving Economies) is an initiative by the Government of Sikkim, supported by the World Bank, aimed at boosting economic growth, particularly for women and youth. The programme supports community-based tourism, digital marketing training,

entrepreneurship in non-farm sectors, and enhancement of last-mile infrastructure across the state.

During the two-day visit, officials interacted with local communities, tourism stakeholders and EDC Members along the trekking trail to understand the support extended under the Sikkim INSPIRES Programme for livelihood enhancement and economic development.

The delegation also participated in a birdwatching session guided by trained birding expert under the Sikkim INSPIRES Programme. Additionally, a yoga session was conducted at the campsite.

The official visit concluded with a brief programme at KNP Interpretation Centre in Yuksom, Gyalshing District.

## Press Release from Sports & Youth Affairs Department

**Srinagar, April 26:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Chintan Shivir of Ministers of Youth Affairs and Sports from States and Union Territories was held from 24-26 April 2026 at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir. Sikkim Calls for Stronger Grassroots Sports Push.

Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Department participated in the Shivir and emphasised the need for grassroots sports development through active parental involvement, enhanced coach education and systematic talent identification. Dr. R. B. Biswakarma, Director, also attended the Shivir.

National Leadership and Sporting Icons Participate in the Shivir was presided over by Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, along with Minister of State Mrs Raksha Khadse. It witnessed participation from Ministers, senior officials, and eminent sportspersons including Abhinav

Bindra, Pullela Gopichand, Gagan Narang, and Adille Sumariwalla.

Sikkim Highlights Governance and Policy Initiatives. Mr Basnet co-chaired a session on sports governance and showcased key initiatives undertaken in Sikkim under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang.

Key Deliberations on Sports Ecosystem Strengthening

- Discussions focused on:
- Enhancing Centre-State collaboration
  - Expanding infrastructure and talent identification systems
  - Promoting clean sport and anti-doping measures
  - Developing sports goods manufacturing
  - Strengthening youth engagement through MY Bharat
  - Advancing India's ambition to host global sporting events

'Srinagar Khel Sankalp' Sets National Direction:

On the concluding day, the "Srinagar Khel Sankalp" was released, outlining a shared vision for athlete-centric development, regional sports clusters, and leveraging sports for youth empowerment, health, tourism, and economic growth.

Fit India Cyclothon and YES-PE Programme Launched. The event featured the Fit India "Sundays on Cycle" cyclothon and the launch of the YES-PE (Young Engagement in Sports and Physical Education) programme for students of Classes 9-12 to promote sports participation and leadership.

Unified Vision for Future-Ready Sports Ecosystem:

The Chintan Shivir reaffirmed a collective commitment between the Centre and States to build a robust, inclusive, and future-ready sports ecosystem in India towards building a robust, inclusive, and future-ready sports ecosystem in India.

## EVMs used in Municipal Election taken out of strong room for counting

**Gangtok, April 25:** The Electronic Voting Machines used for Municipal Elections 2026 for Ward no. 10-Diesel Power House have been taken out from the strong room for counting at DAC Office, Sichey, today.

The Postall ballots and Home Voting postal ballots were also taken out from the strong room for counting.

The strong room was unsealed at 7:46 am in the presence of Mr Tushar Nikhare Municipal

Returning Officer-cum-DC Gangtok, Mr Sisum Wangchuk Bhutia Assistant Municipal Returning Officer-cum-ADC Gangtok, Mr Roshan Subba Assistant Municipal Returning Officer-cum-SDM Rabdang, Mr CS Limboo SDM Gangtok, Mr Bhawesh Khyalia Assistant Collector Gangtok, concerned Officials of various line departments and representative of political parties.

## Gyalshing District conducts first quarterly review meeting

**Gyalshing, April 23:** The first quarterly meeting on the implementation of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 in Gyalshing District was held at District Administrative Centre (DAC), Gyalshing, today.

Mr Suresh Rai Additional District Collector (Gyalshing), chaired the meeting to ensure the district's enforcement mechanisms are robust, proactive and fully aligned with the goal of protecting vulnerable communities of the district.

The meeting was attended by the Addl SP Gyalshing, SDM (Hq), Welfare Officer Social Welfare Department (Gyalshing District), Deputy Director RDD Gyalshing, officials from Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat and Social Welfare Department Gyalshing and representatives from Banks.

During the meeting, deliberation on the assessment and needed intervention for strengthening of the enforcement mechanism imperative for protection of vulnerable communities of the district was emphasised. The house proactively delved on the needed intervention to strengthen the monitoring systems and make sure that effective implementation of both Acts are achieved across the district.

ADM Gyalshing in his keynote address to the house, emphasised on the strict enforcement of embedded legislations in the district. He advised stakeholders to ensure that swift and diligent efforts are maintained to efficiently address

the instances of manual scavenging in the district.

He further underscored that manual scavenging practices in the district are completely banned and instances of breach in the enforced guidelines under any circumstances is a punishable offence. He even issued a stringent advisory to stakeholding departments to remain vigilant and ensure that the provisions of the enforced Act are upheld.

Additional Superintendent of Police Gyalshing, highlighted on the embedded legal provisions under the Act and sensitised on the crucial responsibilities of the police in ensuring swift action and fair investigation in cases related to Acts. He also stressed on the importance of effective coordination amongst the stakeholding departments and emphasised on the need of maintaining due diligence in handling the emerged cases.

WO Gyalshing, during his opening remarks briefed the house on objectives and key provisions of both Acts in the district. Highlighting the objectives of prohibition of manual scavenging in district, he stressed on the importance of identifying such instances and facilitating proper rehabilitation of affected individuals through Government support schemes. He also provided an overview of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the welfare measures available for the beneficiaries of the district.

The meeting concluded with a collective commitment to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of both Acts by upholding the principles of dignity, equality, and justice in the district.

## Municipal Election update

**Gangtok, April 24:** As per information received from the State Election Commission, Sikkim, a total of 1,319 voters were recorded in Ward No. 10-Diesel Power House at the close of polling today.

The overall voter turnout stood at 46.09 percent across the three polling stations located at PNG School. The polling process witnessed the participation of 646 female voters and 673 male voters.

Following the conclusion of polling, the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) used at PNG School were sealed at 7:45 PM and

secured in the strong room at the District Administrative Centre (DAC), Gangtok.

The process was carried out in the presence of Mr Tshering Norgyal Theengh Assistant Municipal Returning Officer-cum-ADC(HQ) Gangtok, Mr Sisum Wangchuk Bhutia Assistant Municipal Returning Officer-cum-ADC Gangtok, Mr Roshan Subba Assistant Municipal Returning Officer-cum-SDM Rabdang, concerned Officials of various line departments and representatives from political parties.

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## Prime Minister receives grand welcome in Sikkim



**Gangtok, April 27:** Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi arrived in Sikkim today on a two-day visit to participate in the closing ceremony of the State's 50 years of statehood celebrations and other official engagements, scheduled to be held at Paljor Stadium on April 28.

Upon his arrival in Deorali from Libing Helipad, the area was marked by colour and energy as a large, jubilant crowd gathered to extend a warm welcome. The air was filled with excitement, with people lining the route, waving and cheering, creating a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere that reflected the significance of the occasion.

Residents, students, representatives of various organisations, and the locals lined the route, waving and holding flags as they greeted and cheered for the Prime Minister's passing entourage, while the rhythmic sounds of the Naumati Baaja filled the air.

The Prime Minister's entourage had the presence of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang.

As the Prime Minister's entourage proceeded onwards, he participated in a roadshow from Ganju Lama Dwar to Lok Bhawan, with various welcome points and cultural presentations organised along the route.

On reaching Lal Bazar, members of Sikkimese communities, including the Sikkim Marwari Samaj and Muslim community, lined up along the road to welcome the Prime Minister.

A warm welcome was also accorded to the Prime Minister at Hospital Dara, where members of the Tamang community presented a traditional dance performance. Self-Help Group members, local residents, and other dignitaries were also present.

At Zero Point, the Prime Minister received a grand welcome from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and

members of the Newar Ghuti, marked by a traditional Lakhey dance performance, a Newari cultural expression symbolising the triumph of good over evil.

The Prime Minister was greeted at Tashi Namgyal Academy (TNA) Gate by representatives from Lachen-Mangan, Dzongu, and Kabi-Tingda Constituencies.

Retired Sikkim Armed Police personnel, along with officers and staff of Tashiling Secretariat, were also present on the occasion. Members of the Gurung community presented traditional folk songs, accompanied by native Khajjari drum.

Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, later arrived at Lok Bhawan, Gangtok, where he was received by Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur, Mr Jitendra Singh Raje Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Governor, Lok Bhawan and State Government officials.

## PM interacts with Padma Awardees and distinguished personalities



**Gangtok, April 27:** Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi met Padma awardees and individuals who have distinguished themselves in various fields during his visit to Gangtok, today.

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X: In Gangtok earlier this evening, interacted with Padma awardees and people who have distinguished themselves in different fields. It was wonderful discussing a wide range of issues.

## Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang conferred Best Chief Minister Award

**Gangtok, April 25:** Chief Minister, Mr Prem Singh Tamang, was conferred the 'Best Chief Minister Award' at the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of Asia's Leadership Summit and Six Sigma Healthcare Excellence Awards 2026 held at a local hotel in New Delhi.

The award was received on his behalf by Mr Tshering Thendup Bhutia, Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Government of Sikkim in the presence of dignitaries and participants from across the country.

The honour recognises the Chief Minister's leadership, governance, and contribution to public service in the State. The selection followed an evaluation

process conducted by the Board of Jury, based on parameters related to administration and service delivery.

The summit brought together policymakers, senior officials, members of the armed forces, healthcare professionals, and representatives from various sectors. Awards were presented under different categories to recognise contributions in governance, healthcare, leadership, and public service.

The recognition reflects the State Government's continued focus on strengthening governance systems and improving service delivery.

## Srijana Chettri elected as Councillor for 10-DPH Ward

**Gangtok, April 25:** The counting for the lone contested ward under the Gangtok Municipal Elections was conducted at DAC Gangtok, in the presence of Mr Tushar Nikhare Municipal Returning Officer-cum-District Collector, Mr Basant Kr Lama Election Observer-cum-Secretary, Culture Department, Mr Tshering Norgyal Theengh Assistant Municipal Returning Officer-cum-ADC (HQ), Mr Sisum Wangchuk Bhutia Assistant Municipal Returning Officer-cum-ADM, Gangtok, Mr Mahendra Subba SP Gangtok, Mr Pravin Lamichaney ASP Gangtok, Mr Pema Wangchuk Joint Commissioner GMC, Ms Bijayata Kharel Deputy Director, DDMA, Ms Dhan Maya Rasaily Under Secretary, Election Cell, Mr Bhawesh Khyalia Assistant Collector, Gangtok, officials from ECIL, representatives of contesting candidates and officials on election duty.

As per Form 45, the final results of the 10-Diesel Power House (UR) Ward under the Gangtok Municipal Corporation are as follows:

- A. Ms Srijana Chettri (BJP)  
Polling Station 1-277  
Polling Station 2-172

Polling Station 3-445  
Postal ballot votes-5  
Total-899 votes  
B. Ms Bindhya Cintury  
(Independent)

Polling Station 1-170  
Polling Station 2-52  
Polling Station 3-161  
Postal ballot votes-1  
Total-384 votes

It may be noted that out of a total of 2,862 electors, 1,327 votes were cast, of which 1,283 were valid. A total of 42 votes were recorded for NOTA, while 2 postal ballot votes were rejected.

The EVMs were subsequently sealed and stored in the strong room at 9:25 am in the presence of the officials mentioned above, along with police personnel.

Municipal Returning Officer-cum-District Collector, Gangtok, Mr Tushar Nikhare, declared Ms Srijana Chettri as the elected Councillor of the 10-Diesel Power House Ward under the Gangtok Municipal Corporation and submitted her Form 46.

He further announced that the swearing-in ceremony for the Gangtok Municipal Corporation and Singtam Nagar Panchayat will be held on May 2, 2026.