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Photo News



Major General MS Rathore GOC Black Cat Division meets Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur to apprise about the progress in various development and tourism projects underway in the State at Lok Bhavan, Gangtok on February 5

BCCI delegation visit to explore regional trade collaboration

Gangtok, February 4: A delegation from the Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) paid an official visit to the senior officials to discuss potential avenues for collaboration and mutual knowledge exchange aimed at strengthening trade and commerce in the region.

The delegation was led by Mr Tandy Wangchuk President BCCI alongwith Mr Tashi Penjor GAD, BCCI, Mr Tshering Yeshe General Secretary and Entrepreneurs Association, Ms Tshewang Dorji, Mr Barun Powdyal, Mr Ashok Singh and Mr Sonam Phuntsho.

During the visit, the delegates held discussions with Ms Karma D Youtso Secretary Commerce and Industries, Mr M Ravikumar Director (MSME), Ms Choden Gyatso Special Secretary-cum-Director (Industries).

The meeting focused on exploring opportunities for cross-border cooperation, sharing best practices and identifying areas of mutual interest that could enhance industrial development, Investment in priority sectors, MSME growth, and developing market linkages. Both sides emphasised the importance of institutional linkages, policy dialogue and private sector engagement to promote sustainable economic growth and regional integration.

The interaction marks an important step towards deepening economic ties between Bhutan and Sikkim with a shared commitment in fostering regional and cross border trade, investment and knowledge partnerships for long-term mutual benefit.

Press release from DAC Gangtok

Gangtok, February 4: Under the guidance of Mr Tushar G Nikhare DC Gangtok, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Gangtok, in coordination with EDvantage Learn, is conducting a comprehensive two-day training programme on January 4-5 for officials at the District Administrative Centre (DAC), Gangtok.

The programme focuses on essential topics, including soft skills, personal growth, AI tools and financial management to empower participants with practical skills for greater professional

effectiveness and adaptability in dynamic environments.

DC Gangtok urged all to fully leverage these opportunities.

The sessions featured active participation from DAC officials, delivering interactive and actionable insights.

The event had the presence of Mr Sisum Wangchuk Bhutia ADC Gangtok and Ms Bijayata Kharel Deputy Director, DAC Gangtok along with Mr Vincent Hilton, Founder of EDvantage a globally operating firm based in

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CM pays tribute as offices observe Martyrs' Day

Gangtok, January 30: On the occasion of Martyrs' Day, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang halted his vehicle to observe two-minute silence, paying homage to the nation's brave martyrs.

The solemn gesture was undertaken as a mark of respect and solidarity in honour of the supreme sacrifice made by freedom fighters, whose courage and selfless devotion laid the foundation of the nation's independence and continue to inspire generations.

Similarly, Martyrs' Day was solemnly observed at Tashiling Secretariat in remembrance of the brave souls who laid down their lives for the nation.

Ms Benu Gurung Secretary (Protocol), Home Department administered the two-minute silence to the officers and staff of various departments housed within the Secretariat complex.



Observed annually on January 30, Martyrs' Day, also known as Shaheed Diwas, commemorates the sacrifices of the martyrs of India's freedom struggle. The day marks the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and serves as a reminder of his

ideals of truth and non-violence.

A nationwide two-minute silence was observed from 11:00 AM to 11:02 AM, during which all work and movement remained suspended as a mark of respect.

Namchi District launches Sampoornata Abhiyaan 2.0

Namchi, February 5: In the presence of MLA Mr Satish Chandra Rai, Sampoornata Abhiyaan 2.0 was launched at Town hall Namchi, marking a renewed commitment towards the holistic and inclusive development of identified aspirational blocks.

Sampoornata Abhiyaan is a flagship initiative led by NITI Aayog under the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) and the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).

It aimed at achieving comprehensive coverage of key development indicators across identified districts and blocks.

The initiative seeks to fast-track progress in priority sectors including health and nutrition, education, agriculture, financial inclusion, basic infrastructure, and social welfare through focused interventions and strengthened convergence of government schemes.

Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 logo was officially released today at Namchi, accompanied by the administration of the Sampoornata Pledge, marking a significant step in the implementation of the initiative.

Mr Satish Chandra Rai MLA Namchi-Singhithang Constituency and Advisor, Denzong Cooperative Society, appreciated

the efforts of all individuals and departments involved in the implementation of schemes under Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0.

Addressing the gathering, he highlighted that good governance stems from good leadership, and it is through effective governance that the public is receiving increased benefits and opportunities in sectors such as employment, healthcare, and other essential services.

In line with the vision of the Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, the concept of 'Team Sikkim' was introduced. Following the same spirit and under his guidance, efforts are being made to build a strong and united 'Team Namchi', he added.

Moreover, he stressed the importance of achieving 100 percent performance and saturation in key departments under Sampoornata Abhiyaan 2.0, particularly Health, Education, Nutrition, Social Security, and Livelihood sectors.

He urged all participants and

line departments to work with dedication and full commitment to ensure sustained progress and improved outcomes for Namchi District in the coming phases.

Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi stated that Sampoornata Abhiyaan 1.0 was a significant success and expressed her gratitude to all officials and stakeholders who contributed to its effective implementation.

She acknowledged the collective efforts of the district and block-level teams, noting that their dedication served as a valuable source of information, learning, and inspiration for the administration.

Highlighting the importance of teamwork, she cited the achievement of the Copper Medal as a notable example of coordinated efforts and collective responsibility.

She later highlighted the objectives of Sampoornata Abhiyaan 2.0, focusing on six Key Performance Indicators (KPIs),

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Pearls of Wisdom

"Never lose hope. Storms make people stronger and never last forever."

- Roy T. Bennett

Sikkim observes Martyrs' Day across all Districts

Mangan, January 30: Martyrs' Day was observed at Chungthang Sub-Division to mark the solemn occasion, today.

A two-minute silence was observed by the officials and staff of SDM office Chungthang, led by Mr Arun Chettri SDM.

Each year, January 30 is observed as Martyrs' Day in remembrance of the freedom fighters who laid down their lives for India's independence.

Likewise, District Administrative Centre (DAC),

Minister chairs coordination meeting to review BRO road projects

Mangan, January 31: A coordination meeting was held at District Administrative Centre Mangan to review the progress of ongoing road construction works and to discuss upcoming road projects under the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

The meeting chaired by Mr Samdup Lepcha Minister-cum-MLA, Lachen-Mangan Constituency was attended by Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan, Pipers of Lachen and Lachung, Mr Arun Chettri SDM Chungthang, Mr Bijoy Subba ASP Mangan, Commander 758 BRTF Colonel Karan Banahatti, OC 86 RCC Lieutenant Colonel Hemant Sharma, OC 107 RCC Major Raveesh Attri, OC 115 RCC Lieutenant Colonel Atul Bhardwaj, Mr HB Thapa RO Land Revenue and DM Department, and officials from Forest and Environment

Namchi also observed Martyrs' Day.

As a mark of respect, a two-minute silence was observed by the DAC Namchi in coordination with the Namchi District Police Department from 11:00 a.m. to 11:02 a.m., during which all activities and movements, including vehicular traffic, were suspended.

The observance was led by Mr Passang Wangyal Sherpa SDM Namchi, along with Mr Praveen Gautam SDM

Department.

Minister reviewed the status of ongoing road projects and emphasised the importance of their timely completion, keeping in view the strategic importance and public utility of road connectivity in the region. He underlined that roads must be properly cleared and maintained to ensure smooth movement and to avoid inconvenience to the public. He further stressed the need for close coordination among all concerned departments so that bottlenecks are addressed promptly and delays are avoided, ensuring effective and quality execution of the projects.

Further, the DC emphasised adherence to timelines, effective inter-departmental coordination and smooth execution of works while maintaining quality and safety

Namthang, Mr Laxman Tamang CDPO, Mr Shyam S Pradhan SWO WCSC&D Namchi, Officers and staff.

Similarly, District Administration Soreng observed Martyrs' day at District Administrative Centre (DAC), Soreng, today.

The day had the presence and participation of Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng, Mr DR Bista ADC (Soreng), SDM (Hq), SDM (Soreng), HoDs, HoOs, officers, officials and staff.

standards.

The meeting reviewed in detail the current status of various road projects within the district. The meeting also focused on proposed and upcoming projects under the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), highlighting their crucial role in strengthening road connectivity and accelerating overall infrastructure development in the district. Detailed discussions were held on planning, feasibility and timely execution of these projects, keeping in view their strategic significance and long term benefits for public convenience, regional growth and improved access to remote areas.

Concerned officials shared their views and assured cooperation to ensure smooth execution of both ongoing and future road construction works.

the targets within the stipulated three-month period.

Mr Upendra Rai BDO Namchi informed that Mikhola Singhithang under Namchi District has been declared as an awardee under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. He further stated that Maniram Phalidara GPU has been recommended for the National Award on Panchayat Advancement Index.

Ms Methela Rai Aspirational Block Fellow (ABF) gave a detailed presentation on the Aspirational Block Namchi under the Sampoonnata Abhiyaan. She highlighted the achievements and progress of Sampoonnata Abhiyaan 1.0, focusing on the six Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) implemented under Namchi Block.

She further informed that the progress of these indicators is reviewed regularly at an interval of every 15 days to ensure effective implementation and monitoring.

She elaborated on the periodic reviews conducted across various sectors, including Health, Agriculture, Nutrition, Social Development, and Prayas, emphasising the approach of small steps leading to big opportunities.

She also highlighted initiatives under ABP Education in collaboration with the Azim Premji Foundation, along with efforts in waste management and other developmental activities aimed at holistic growth.

She outlined the objectives and focus areas of Sampoonnata Abhiyaan 2.0, and urged all stakeholders to work collaboratively and reinforce

implementation efforts to achieve visible improvements in KPIs within the month.

Representatives from five departments delivered presentations outlining their respective departmental initiatives under Sampoonnata Abhiyaan 2.0.

The presentations provided a brief overview of key performance indicators, their importance, achievements to date, and future action plans.

The presentations were delivered by Mr Laxman Tamang CDPO, Namchi Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Ms Nikum Tamang Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, Dr Karmakit Lepcha Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, Dr Junita Yonzon Director-cum-Chief Medical Officer, Namchi Health and Family Welfare Department and Ms Gita Chettri State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM).

It may be noted that Sampoonnata Abhiyan 2.0 will be implemented for a period of nearly three months, commencing on January 28 and concluding on April 14, 2026.

In addition, a 10-minute video presentation was made on the background and rationale, highlighting the vision and goals of Sampoonnata Abhiyan under the Aspirational Blocks Programme.

The programme concluded with an interactive session, followed by the distribution of tokens of appreciation to Panchayat Presidents and representatives.

World Wetlands Day celebrated

Gyalshing, February 2: A celebratory function of the World Wetlands Day was held at Khecheodpalri Wetland, organised by the Environment and Soil Conservation Division of the Forest and Environment Department, Gyalshing District, today.

The revered Khecheodpalri Lake was officially recognised by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands as a wetland of international importance on February 2, 2025.

Mr Tshering Thendup Bhutia Minister-cum-Area MLA Yuksom-Tashiding Constituency attended the programme accompanied by Mr Tenzing D Denzongpa DC Gyalshing, Mr NB Limboo Advisor State Medical Plants Board, Chief Conservator of Forest, Director Environment and Soil Conversion Division, Additional Director Forest and Environment Deptt and SDM Yuksom.

Minister underscored World Wetlands Day, an environmentally related celebration that reaffirms protection and love for wetlands, which are water ecosystems containing plant life and other organisms, bringing ecological health in abundance to all in the periphery.

He mentioned that the day serves to highlight the influence and positive production that wetlands have had on the world and brings communities together for the benefit of mother nature

by raising awareness of wetlands' significant role for all living beings.

He advised the youth to ensure comprehensive conservative measures which are maintained and he underscored the persistent efforts of the District Administration Gyalshing and concerned departments for the cause of holistic development and preservation of the recognised revered pilgrimage destination of the world.

He also said that stakeholders need to inculcate an eco-friendly approach whilst working towards the development of the community assets and encouraged youth of the vicinity to uphold the bestowed recognition and gain from the extended opportunity.

Director, Environment and Soil Conservation Gyalshing underlined the inception of United Nation Ramsar Convention on wetlands signed in Ramsar Iran on 1971 and mentioned about the parameters for the recognition of Khecheopalri as Wetland.

Major highlight of the occasion was the release of Table-Top Calendar with the theme 'Khecheodpalri Wetland' by the chief guest.

Mild steel pipe for prayer flag hoisting and gift hampers containing essential items were also handed over to the respective beneficiaries at the programme.

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which are required to achieve 100 percent saturation within a period of three months.

Also, she directed all line departments and Gram Panchayats to work in close coordination and with utmost dedication to achieve the set targets, thereby setting a benchmark and serving as a model for other blocks to follow.

Moreover, she underscored that the District Administration has initiated the 'Maya' Mission for Adolescents.

The initiative aims to bring dropout students back to school through a comprehensive support system, including medical assistance, distance schooling for those unable to attend regular schools, and skill development programmes for students not inclined towards conventional reading and writing.

This mission is a targeted effort to achieve zero school dropout in the district, ensuring inclusive education and holistic development for every adolescent.

Additionally, she stressed that anyone aware of school dropout children staying at home should inform the concerned authorities, assuring that the administration is fully prepared to extend all necessary support and assistance.

Further, urged everyone to work collectively as a team for the successful implementation of Sampoonnata Abhiyaan 2.0, with a focused commitment to achieving

Government of Sikkim Urban Development Department Gangtok, Sikkim

No. 16/UDD/T. L/E/2026

Dated: 04/02/2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

This is for information of all concerned that sealed tenders are invited from individuals having SSC/COI & Registered Organisations for the award of Bazaar Contract and Car Parking Contract for the Bazaars of Pakyong, Rhenock & Rongli, for the Financial Year 2026-2027 (w.e.f. 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027).

The tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Special Secretary, Urban Development Department, Gangtok on all working days from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on payment of prescribed fee of ₹1000/- per tender document under the following revenue head:

- **Bazaar Contract: 0045 OTD-800-02 - Bazaar Contract Fee**
- **Car Parking Contract: 0217-60-800-03 - Car Parking Fee**

Eligibility Criteria:

1. The tender form can be obtained with an application enclosed with a copy of any one of the documents mentioned below at Sl. No. 6.
2. The minimum age of the tenderers should at least be of 18 years.
3. Tenderers should not be a Government employee.
4. Overwriting on the tender form will not be accepted; if found, the tender will be rejected automatically.
5. Minimum three bidders will be required for award of contract work
6. The tender form should be accompanied by supporting documents viz. attested copy of COI, Unemployment Certificate, Age Proof and Registration Certificate for Registered Organisation.
7. The rate quoted below the offset price will be rejected out rightly and the TDR amount will be forfeited.
8. Other terms and conditions are provided in the tender documents.
9. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject the tender documents without assigning any reason thereof.

DATES:

1. Date of issue of forms: 16.02.2026 to 21.02.2026 (**from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**)
2. Date for submission of sealed tender: 17.02.2026 to 23.02.2026 (**from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**)
3. Date of opening of sealed tender: 24.02.2026 at **11:00 AM** (office of the Bazaar Officer, HQ, Old Children Park, Shopping Complex Building, Gangtok)

**Special Secretary
Urban Development Department, Gangtok (22)**

**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
(13, I)**

**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.

**PCC cum Medical Superintenden
STNM Hospital, Sochakgang.
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**Government of Sikkim
Public Health Engineering Department
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok
APPEAL**

Water is precious, it is the lifeline of humanity. Yet, every day, countless litres are wasted through negligence and carelessness. Wastage by one deprives another person. It is appealed to every household to:-

- Ensure taps are closed when not in use and float valves are installed in overhead tanks;
 - Repair leakages promptly;
 - Practice reuse of water wherever possible;
 - Avoid wastages and excessive use of water.
- If you see open taps in institutions, offices, hospitals- **please close it !** If it cannot be closed, please inform the authority for repairing it.
- If you see leakages in public pipelines please inform PHED for repairing it.

Let us pledge not to waste water - every drop saved is a drop of life !

This appeal is issued in public interest, as the natural sources are depleting due to prolonged dry season as well as climate change.

**Public Health Engineering Department,
Government of Sikkim**

**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
(12, I)**

**Government of Sikkim
Office of the Dy. Inspector General of Prison
State Central Prison, Rongyek
Gangtok**

Memo No.794/GOS/PRISON/2026

Dated: 28/01/2026

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited from registered firms of Sikkim for Supply of ration, grocery, hardware and electrical items to the State Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Namchi for the period with effect from 01/04/2026 to 31/03/2027. The rates quoted by the firms shall be inclusive of all transportation/ carriage charges upto point of delivery i.e. the Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Namchi as and when the items are requisitioned shall be final for all purpose.

The quotations addressed to the Additional Director General of Police, State Prison, Rongyek should reach the office of the undersigned on or before 10 A.M. on 24th March 2026. The Tender Selection Committee shall open the tenders in the office of the undersigned at 11 A.M. on the same day in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized agents.

The quotation shall be accompanied by a state Bank of Sikkim, T.D.R. for ₹50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only for made in favour of the Dy. Inspector General of Police/Prison for along with certified copies of the concerned firms registration, valid Trade License, GST registration etc. The failure to submit incomplete documents shall be rejected.

The Tender Selection Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

The Tender documents can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned between 10.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. on all working days with effect from the publication of Tender Notices.

**Dy. Inspector General of Police
State Central Prison, Rongyek.
(18, III)**

**READ AND ADVERTISE
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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 tender 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)	21 st 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).	23 rd 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.	25 th 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.	25 th February 2026 (2:30 pm)	Office of the Gram Panchayat Unit, 13-Singhik Sentam GPU Mangan District, Sikkim

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:

- Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors Firms of appropriate Class/Area
- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- The Earnest Money Deposit in the case of Enlisted Women Contractors shall be governed vide Notification No. 104/R&B dated 8/10/2020.
- 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.
- Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the venue and on the date and within the time as indicated above
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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,
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The cost of stock materials and bridge parts supplied from the Department store will be deducted from the contractor's bills as per rules.
- 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.
- All bidders must compulsory hold an account in the State Bank of Sikkim, Government of Sikkim.

**Sd/-
Divisional Engineer (Mangan)
Roads & Bridges Department
(15, II)**

**Office of the Additional Chief Engineer-II
Government of Sikkim
Roads & Bridges Department
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok - 737101**

NIT No: - 03/NIT/GOS/R&B (GYL)/25-26

Date:- 29/01/2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Additional Chief Engineer (II), Roads & Bridges Department invites sealed tenders on Item Rate basis from the eligible contractors of Class I-B Grade within the state of Sikkim enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No: 21/R&B/PWD/Secy/2023-24 dated 18.10.2023, for the execution of the work with the details as under:-

SI No	Name of Work	Tender Value (in Lakh)	Earnest Money @2.5% of the Tender value (in Lakh)	Cost of Tender documents/ Bid Form (in Lakh)	Completion Period
1.	Construction of 50m Span Steel Bridge at Pelling-Rimbi to Singyang - Lower Singyang SPWD road over Rimbi Khola along with 1.5 Km length approach road under Gyalshing Sub-Division in Gyalshing District (1.5 Km & 50m Span)	₹989.30	₹24.73	₹1.00	24 months

Note:-

• **The tender is only opened to the registered Class I-B contractors of Soreng District.**

• The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is exempted for Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding process. In case of such tender being accepted, the lowest bidder (Enlisted Women Contractor) has to deposit the Earnest Money as mentioned in table above before the issue of work order. Further, if the tenderer of the above mentioned exempt category withdraws her tender within the validity period, then the Government without prejudice to any right or remedy, be at the liberty to debar such applicant from participation in any future tender for a period of 1 year. The same is governed by Notification No: 40/R&B/PWD/Secy/2-23-24 dated 31.01.2024.

TIME SCHEDULE

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	25/02/2026	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form on receipt of 2.5% EMD	27/02/2026	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
3	Submission of bid documents	04/03/2026	11:00 am to 4:30 pm
4	Opening of bid documents	05/03/2026	11:30 am

Terms and Conditions:-

- The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents.
 - The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document shall not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER application:-
 - The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the
 - Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. Further, it is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification
 - Bank Receipt in original.
 - Aadhaar Card
 - Voter Identification Card
 - The applicant should be an elector of any Constituency within the State of Sikkim and the residential address in the Enlistment Certificate should be within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Sikkim
 - The intending bidder should apply in writing to the Additional Chief Engineer (II), Roads & Bridges Department for issue of tender documents. The same should be accompanied by a Bank Receipt of the State Bank of Sikkim (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "0059.80.800.01-other receipts" in favor of the Additional Chief Engineer (II), Roads & Bridges Department during the time schedule mentioned in the NIT Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% of the cost put to tender shall be deposited in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee from State Bank of Sikkim or any nationalized bank in favor of the Additional Chief Engineer (II), Roads & Bridges Department, Gangtok. The Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee to be valid for entire execution period. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the same. In case of the Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding, the cost of the Earnest Money Deposit shall be governed by Notification No: 40/R&B/PWD/Secy/2-23-24 dated 31.01.2024.
 - The soft copy of the BOQ shall be provided along with the tender documents on submission of Earnest Money Deposit as mentioned vide sl. no. 5. The intending bidder shall submit his/her bid in the BOQ provided in printed format. In case the bidder submits the bids in hand written format, the same shall be summarily rejected. The bid offer should also be mentioned in the Form of Bid provided to the bidder.
 - The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid
 - The Tender Documents, including the Form of Bid with rate offer quoted in the BOQ provided should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. 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. Supporting documents listed vide Sl No. 2 should be enclosed with the offer.
 - Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Additional Chief Engineer - II, Roads and Bridges Department, Gangtok, on the date and within the time indicated above.
 - The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes in vogue.
 - Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated.
- Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
- Tenders will be opened by the Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
 - In case of any discrepancy in the specifications printed in the BOQ issued with tender documents, specifications as per approved Schedule of Rates-2020 will derek - as correct. For items outside the SOR, the decision of the Principal Chief Engineer - cum - Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final.
 - The Department reserves the rights to withhold payments to the contractor unless least certificates are produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
 - 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 labourer at site
 - The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
 - All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be 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 .
 - The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
 - The recoveries i/c deduction of taxes and duties as applicable shall be as per the rates notified by the Government from time to time and as applicable on the date of payment.
 - Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
 - 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.
 - The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken up at least of three stages during the construction period. i.e., beginning, middle and completion stage.
 - Quarrying of non-stock materials shall be allowed only from designated/approved quarries.
 - The specifications in execution of the works are to be followed as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).
 - Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all costs. The contractor shall be held responsible for any act of negligence and shall bear the responsibility to repair/restore such damage.
 - 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 by the concerned authorities.
 - Defect liability period for the pavement work shall be for a period of five (05) years which shall not cover the damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides etc.
 - In case the tender date is declared as Government Holiday, the process shall continue in the subsequent working days.

**Additional Chief Engineer - II,
Roads & Bridges Department,
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok - 737101
(19)**

**Office of the SR.DY. Accountant General (A&E), Sikkim
Lekhapariksha Bhawan, Deorila, P.O. Tadong, General, Gangtok-737102**

No.Pao/Press NOTification/25-26/173

Date:01 Jan 2026

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified that during the month ending 31.12.2025 the following State Government have increased the Dearness Relief on pension to the Pensioners drawing pension in other state from the date noted against each Pensioners of the respective state drawing pension in the state of Sikkim may contact the Pension office, Finance Department, Government of Sikkim or Office of the Sr. Dy. Accountant General (A&E), Sikkim Lekha Praksha Bhawan, Deorali, Tadong, Gangtok 737102 for further information.

Sl. No.	Name of State	Order No. and date	Name of the Relief/D.A. Granted and their percentage	Effective date	Letter No. and date of despatch to State Government
1	Tamil Nadu	No.AG/(A&E)/Entit-29/1/Msil/25-26 Dated:: 11.08.2025	Tamil Nadu -Pre 2016 Pay scales for grant of Dearness allowance to Pensioners/Family Pensioners who are drawing Pre-revised pension and family pension-reg.	01.01.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/121 Date: 15.10.2025
2	Government of Goa, Directorate of Accounts, Goa	No. DA/PA-I/Pens (5)/2025-26/DR-854/TR-416 Dated: 13.08.2025	Disbursement of pay and allowances and pension of the pensioners and Freedom fighter Pensioners, for the month of August-2025 on 22.08.2025.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/121 Date: 15.10.2025
3	Telangana	No. PAG(A&E)/PM-OGP/2025-26/TS/SSA No. 1529/37420/ Dated: 19.08.2025	Pension-Revised of DR to the state Government Pension from 01.01.2025-Sanctioned-Orders	01.01.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/121 Date: 15.10.2025
4	Uttarakhand	No.P.A./Pension/UTKHND/order DR/25 -26/833 Date 9.09.2025	Dearness Allowance from 53% to 55% w.e.f 01.01.2025.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/121 Date: 15.10.2025
5	Meghalaya	No Pension(M)/I/T-No. 10/DR/ Meghalaya/2025-26/1402 Dated: 17.09.2025	Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/121 Date: 15.10.2025
6	Kerala	No.P19/IV/DRSSA/2025-26 Kerala/ Date:23.09.2025	Enhancement of Dearness Relief/Dearness Allowance rate in respect of Kerala State Service Pensioners/ Family pensioners and those coming under UGC/AICTE/Medical Education Scheme w.e.f 01.09.2025.reg	01.09.2025	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/121 Date: 15.10.2025
7	Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Finance Deptt. Directorate of Audit and pension Mini Secretariat, Naharlagun.	No DAF-PEN-II-99-2000/Vol.III/12-13 Est911-14/3/2022-Estt-II -FPID/65 Dated 13 10 2025	Grant of Dearness to Arunachal Pradesh Government Pensioners Family pensioners Revised rates w.e.f 01.07.2025 Pensioners	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/134 Date: 12.11.2025
8	Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Civil Secretariat, Itanagar	No Est911-14/3/2022-Estt-11-FPID-65 Dated 9.10.2025	Revision of rate of Dearness Relief to State Govt. Pensioners/family pensioners w.e.f 01.07.2025	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/134 Date: 12.11.2025
9	Maharashtra	No.PA-I/Govt/GR No.P/25 /70127524/MH/80105924 Date:10.10.2025	i) Dearness Relief Increase to 55% on pension Family Pension w.e.f 01.01.2025 ii) Dearness Relief Increase to 252% for the pensioners Family Pensioner being drawn in pre-revised scale (6 th Pay) wef 01.01.2025. iii) Dearness Relief Increase to 466% for the pensioners/Family Pensioner being drawn in pre-revised scale (5 th Pay) w.ef 01.01.2025.	01.01.2025	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/134 Date: 12.11.2025
10	Government of India Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Justice. New Delhi	Dated 15.10.2025	Grant of Dearness Allowance (DAO) to the Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts-Revised Rates effective from 01.07.2025	01.07.2005	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/134 Date: 12.11.2025
11	Government of India Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Justice. New Delhi	Dated 17.10.2001	Grant of additional instalment of Dearness Relief (DR) to the retired Judges of supreme Court/High Courts and family pensioners of such Judges revised rates effective from 01.07.2025.	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/134 Date: 12.11.2025
12	Kerala	No Co-ordn/DA-DR/2025-26/	Enhancement of Dearness Relief orders in respect of Kerala State Service pensioners/Family Pensioners and those coming UGC/AICTE/Medical Education Schemes.	As Per Order	PAO/PO/Diff.States/2025-26/145 Date: 03.12.2025
13	Jharkhand	No Pen-III/Jharkhand/DR/2025-26/2888 dated:14.10.2025 Dated:9.10.2025	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%)% enhancement rate of Dearness Relief of Pre-Revised pay scale (fifth Pay) to the Jharkhand State Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners w.e.f 01.01.2025(Enhancement from 455% to 466%)	01.01.2025	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/145 Date: 03.12.2025
14	Karnataka	No. P/GIII/2025-26/DA/SS-14632 /392 to 427 Dated: 12.11.2025	Grant of Dearness Allowances to pensioners of Karnataka State with effect from 01.07.2025.	01.01.2025	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/145 Date: 03.12.2025
15	Gujurat	No. Pension/Accounts& E/G. R.S.S.Guj /2025-26/617 Dated 27.10.2025	Provision of minimum pensionary benefits as per 7 th Pay Commission to the employees permanently employed in Public Sector Undertaking/Board/ corporation of the State Government.	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/145 Date: 03.12.2025
16	Punjab	No. Pen/Imp-order/25-26/38589-38623/ dated 11.11.2025	Clarification regarding increase in the family Pension at the age of 65, 75, and 80years to the family pensioner of Ex. MLA.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/145 Date: 03.12.2025
17	Tamil Nadu	No. AG(A&E) Tamil Nadu/Pen29/U-I/2025-26 Dated: 16.10.2025	Tamil Nadu-sanction a lump sum Pongal prize amount pensioners and Family pensioners orders-reg	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/145 Date: 03.12.2025
18	Karnataka	No. PM/GIII/2025-26/DA/SS-14632/415 Dated 12.11.2025	Grant of Dearness Allowance to Pensiones of Karnataka state with effect from 01.07.2025.	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/145 Date: 03.12.2025
19	Jharkhand	No. PEN-III/Jharkhand/DR/2025-26/3260/ Dated: 30.10.2025	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/2025-26/145 Date: 03.12.2025
20	Manipur`	No. Pen-1/Man.DR/2024-25/148 Dated: 07.11.2025	Payment of Dearness Allowance/Dearness relief to the State Government employees/ pensioners/family pensioners	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff States/2025-26/145 Date: 03.12.2025
21.	Haryana	No Pen-1/Gen-26/DA/2025-26/ 699-788 Dated:30.10.2025	Payment of Dearness Relief @58% to Haryana Government pensioners and family pensioners w.e.f. 1 July 2025	1 st July 2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/163 Date: 12.12.2025

22	Chhattisgarh	No.PA/Chhattisgarh Relief order SSA/618 dated:13.11.2025	Revised rate of dearness relief to Chhattisgarh government pensioners.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/163 Date: 12.12.2025
23	Uttar Pradesh	No. Pension Misc 36382 Dated, 17.11.2025	Regarding sanction f Dearness Relief to civil As per order Famly pensioners of State Government and pensioners Family pensioners of All India Services etc.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/163 Date: 12.12.2025
24	Uttarakhand	No. PA/Pension/Uttarakhand order /DR-55/2025-26/1077 Dated: 17.10.2025	Finance (Pension) Section-10 No. XXVII (10)/E-22807/2022 Dated: 02.05.2025 Regarding approval of 55% per month instead of 53% inflation from 01. January 2025 to such pensioners of the State Government whose whose pension has been revised in accordance with recommendation of the Pay Scale Commission, Subject to the pre-determined conditions and restrictions.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/163 Date: 12.12.2025
25	Odisha	No. PM-D/R-28/State/Odisha/SSA /2025-26/571(34) Dated: 27.11.2025	Sanction of Dearness Relief @3% enhancing the existing rate from 55% to 58% w.e.f. 01.07.2025 in favour of the State Government pensioners/family pensioners Government of Odisha Finance Department O.M. No. FIN-CS3-PEN-00028-/2020/29152/F dated 16.10.2025.	1 st July 2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/163 Date: 18.12.2025
26	Assam	No. Pen 3/T/Assam/DR/OAC/ Vol.V1/3868 Dated: 04.12.2025	Payment of Dearness Allowance /Dearness Relief to the State Government Pensioners/Family Pension Holders Extra Ordinary Pension Holders Compassionate Family Pension Holders in Revised rates effective from 01.07.2025 applicable for revised pay scale as per AS. (ROP) Rules, 2017	1 st July 2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/165 Date: 18.12.2025
27	Tripura	No. Pen-1/Tripura Relief/2025-26/23333-72/ Dated: 02.12.2025	Grant of total Quantum of Dearness Relief @ 36% (33% +3%) w.e.f. 01.10.2025 over the basic pension/basic family pension to the Tripura Government Pensioners/family Pensioners.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/165 Date: 18.12.2025
28	Bihar	No. PEN-09/1093 Dated: 04.12.2025	Grant of Dearness Relief Medical Allowance/ Revision of pension/amendment of Pension rules of state government pensioners, to Pensioner Family pensioners on revised rate w.e.f.01.07.2025	01.07.2025	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/165 Date: 18.12.2025
29	Madhya Pradesh.	No. Pension/2487 Dated: 04.12.2025	Government of Madhya Pradesh order regarding revised rate of Dearness Relief @ 55% in 7th Pay Scale and 252% in 6th pay Scale) w,e,f 01.09.2025 to Pensioners/family pensioners of state of Madhya Pradesh.	As per order	PAO/PO/Diff. States/2025-26/165 Date: 18.12.2025

Sr. Accounts Officer/PAO (04)

**Central Workshop & Stores
Sikkim Nationalized Transport Division
Transport Department
Government of Sikkim
Jalipool, Ranipool**

Memo No: 432/SNT/JPL/CS

Dated : 03/02/2026

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited from registered motor parts and hardware suppliers or authorized dealer for supply of spare parts for TATA, SML, Force Motors and Ashok Leyland brand of vehicles along with supply of miscellaneous hardware items and tools to different workshop/stores of the Transport Department for the Financial Year 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 on as and when required basis.

The dates, time and other details of proposed tender are as below: -

SNO	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Cost of Tender Form	₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) only
2	TDR/FDR (Refundable) (TATA & SML vehicle Spares)	₹ 1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand) only
3	TDR/FDR (Refundable) (Ashok Leyland & Force Motors vehicle Spares)	₹1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand) only
4	TDR/FDR (Refundable) (Miscellaneous Items & Tools)	₹ 60,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) only
5	Date & Time for Sale of Tender Form	09/02/2026 to 16/02/2026 (11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
6	Date & Time of Submission of Tender Form	04/03/2026 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
7	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	04/03/2026 (12:00 noon onwards)

Tender forms can be obtained from the office of Additional Chief Engineer (M/S) SNT,Jalipool on production of Bank Receipt of ₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) only under chargeable head "1055-Road Transport 201-SNT-04 Other Miscellaneous Items"

Eligibility Criteria and other Terms and condition of the Tender are as below

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

(i) The tenderers should have an outlet within a radius of 10-15 km from either one of the following workshops viz:- Central Stores, Jalipool, Central Traffic Workshop, Gangtok, Divisional Workshop, Jorethang and SNT Workshop, Rangpo. Inspection of the outlet shall be carried out by the Department after the issue of the Tender Forms.

(ii) The firm should be supplier of Spares parts (for TATA, Force Motors, SML and Ashok Leyland) for over 05 (Five) years or more.

(iii) The firm should possess Valid Trade License, Firm registration certificate and GST Registration Certificate and Tax clearance certificate.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Tender Form must be returned in a closed and sealed cover addressed to Additional Chief Engineer (M/S), Central Stores S.N.T. Jalipool in the form of hard copy (All the pages shall be duly attested/ signed with the firm's official seal on it) along with the soft copy sent through official email id (snt.centralstores@gmail.com). When there is a variation in rates of any item in hard copy and soft copy, the rates quoted in the hard copy will be considered as final rate.

2. Quotations after the stipulated date and time will not be accepted.

3. Offer, which are not in the tender form of SNT and are modified, will be rejected.

4. Quotations must be typed, printed on Legal Size (21.5 cm × 34.5 cm) paper, and submitted as per the above schedule. Handwritten rates or any overwriting of quoted rates will not be accepted.

5. The rate quoted should be for the unit specified and **FOR destination**, any other charges like packing, forwarding and freight charges, excise duty, sales tax, insurance, etc and discount offered shall be specifically mentioned in the tender form.

6. Rate quoted should be for the indicated brand only.

7. In the event that no brand is specified, bidders are required to clearly state the make/brand of the company while quoting rates in the Tender Form.

8. Preference will be given to the **lowest bidder** for each item subject to availability with the lowest bidder at the time of placing of supply order

9. For Vehicle off Road (VOR) supply, if a tenderer fails to supply ordered materials on time or fails to supply the materials as agreed, the department reserves the right to purchase the ordered materials from elsewhere and recover the extra expenditure incurred, if any, from the tenderers.

10. For Vehicle Off -Road (VOR) purchase order the same shall be executed **within 24 hrs** and should be delivered to the concerned indenting depot workshop/stores within the stipulated time period.

11. In regard to suitability /acceptance of the materials supplied the acceptance/rejection of an item the inspecting authority appointed by the department for the purpose shall be final. The tenderer should replace the rejected item within 24 hours.

12. Tenderer or his representative should be present at the time of tender opening.

13. The Tenderers should certify the rates quoted on all pages of the tender document, otherwise it will be rejected

14. This tender is for registration of supplier's rates and does not guarantee placement of supply orders.

15. Only TDR/FDR of State Bank of Sikkim will be accepted.

16. Any or all of the tenderers failing to qualify under the "Eligibility Criteria" above shall be rejected.

17. The Department reserves the right to cancel the tenders, without assigning any reason and to call for fresh quotation. The Department also reserves the right to reject any or all offers received without assigning any reason thereof.

18. All disputes are subject to the jurisdiction of Gangtok district of SIKKIM.

19. All the Bills/Invoices submitted for the supply made should be Computer Generated. No hand written invoices shall be accepted.

**Additional Chief Engineer (M/S)
Central Stores/Workshop
Transport Department
(20)**

Induction Programme for Government School Heads conclude

Gangtok, January 31: The valedictory session of the Induction Training Programme for Heads of Government Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools of Sikkim, Education Department held from January 27 to 31, 2026 was organised by School Leadership Academy (SLA) at SCERT Sikkim, Helipad, Gangtok, today.

The programme was graced by Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Education Department along with Mr Sandeep Tambe Principal Secretary, Education Department in presence of Mr BB Subba Principal Director Pay and Accounts.

Minister highlighted the need to transform the teaching learning process. He said that education can be transactional, focusing on routine tasks, or transformational, where teachers inspire curiosity, energy and deeper learning.

He emphasised that making a difference in society begins with positively impacting the lives of children, which in turn shapes the future of generations. 'Every task should be an opportunity to develop ourselves, serve society, and guide the next generation', he said.

He stressed that schools should be entrusted to their heads, making them fully responsible for outcomes. From next year, school heads in institutions achieving 100% results will be empowered to manage independently, while the Department will continue to support and monitor schools with lower performance, he informed.

The aim is to focus efforts where needed, guide schools toward excellence and gradually allow successful schools to function independently. This approach, he said, is about

learning, evolving and moving forward.

Principal Secretary Mr Sandeep Tambe highlighted the strengths and challenges of government schools in Sikkim. Despite well trained teachers, excellent infrastructure and ample resources, many Sikkimese children attend private schools, reflecting a trust gap. Key challenges include declining enrollment, low English proficiency and gaps in foundational literacy and numeracy, with only 50% of students achieving high subject specific competency compared to 70% in private schools.

He emphasised that building parental trust and improving learning outcomes are top priorities for the department.

He put forth that teaching and learning must be the top priority. With declining enrollment and competition from private schools, teachers play a key role in solving daily challenges, from infrastructure to student learning gaps.

Mr Shanti Ram Adhikari Director-in-Charge, SCERT elaborated that SCERT regularly organises various training programmes for different categories of trainees, including teachers, school leaders, heads of institutions, BRCs, CRCs, teacher educators and system-level functionaries. He noted that this programme was one such initiative.

He further informed that the Induction Training Programme was specifically designed for newly promoted Principals and was organised by the School Leadership Academy (SLA), a constituent unit of SCERT. SLA, a recognised School Leadership

Academy, has been functioning since 2016 under the guidelines of the National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi.

Mr Ajay Pokhrel Coordinator, SLA, SCERT, Sikkim provided a brief overview of the session, highlighting its key objectives, learning outcomes and interactive components. He emphasised that the five-day programme was designed to build the capacity and confidence of newly appointed school heads, covering topics such as leadership skills, administrative responsibilities and effective school management.

Ms Bhawana Gurung Principal, Lingdok Senior Secondary School underscored that one of the most significant aspects of the programme was the space it created for dialogue and shared understanding. She noted that as newly inducted heads of institutions, the participants were able to voice their concerns and recognise that while schools across Sikkim face several common challenges, each institution also has its unique realities. She added that this shared narrative provided a strong common ground and better equipped them to collectively uphold their responsibility towards the noble cause of education.

Likewise, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Resource Persons and Heads of Institutions in recognition of their contributions, dedication and efforts in supporting the teaching-learning process and promoting quality education.

Workshop on Artificial Intelligence held

Gangtok, January 31: A workshop on Artificial Intelligence titled 'IndiaAI-Digital India Workshop' was held at Chintan Bhawan, today.

The workshop was organised by Department of Information Technology in collaboration with National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

The programme was conducted as a pre-event workshop for the IndiaAI Impact Summit 2026, scheduled from February 16-20, 2026 in New Delhi.

The programme was attended by Mr LB Das MLA-cum-Advisor along with Mr Navraj Gurung Chairperson, Information Technology and Mr Bimal Rai Secretary, Information Technology Department.

Mr LB Das MLA-cum-Advisor stated that Artificial Intelligence is shaping the future of nations and emphasised the need for its wise, inclusive and responsible adoption. Referring to the IndiaAI Mission, he

highlighted the role of technology in improving governance, healthcare delivery, disaster preparedness, sustainable tourism and access to services in remote areas of the State, while stressing ethics, data privacy and inclusivity.

Mr Navraj Gurung Chairperson stated that Artificial Intelligence has emerged as a strategic enabler for improving public service delivery and underscored the importance of strong digital foundations, quality data, transparency and accountability, particularly in citizen-centric services.

Mr Bimal Rai Secretary stated that the workshop aimed to bring policymakers, educators, students and technologists together to deliberate on transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence. Emphasising Sikkim's unique geographical context, he highlighted the need for locally adaptive AI solutions and sustained capacity building.

The technical sessions featured experts from academia and industry who shared insights on Artificial Intelligence and its

applications. An overview of the IndiaAI Impact Summit 2026 was presented by Mr Nirmal Rai Assistant Director (IT).

Sessions were delivered by Mr Mohan Pradhan Faculty, Sikkim Central University, Dr Polly Lama Professor, Sikkim Manipal University and Mr Bikash Sharma Head of Department Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology.

The afternoon session included presentations by Mr Nreependra Subba General Manager, Netspeq Solutions, Mr Ashwin Nirola Founder of Spaced Revision and Mr Digendra Rai Assistant Professor, Medhavi Skills University, focusing on AI adoption, innovation and localisation.

The programme was attended by Principal Director, Information Technology Department, Vice-Chancellor, Sikkim Manipal University; Vice-Chancellor, Medhavi Skills University, senior Government officials, representatives of universities and students.

resource person.

DDMA under the chairmanship of the DC Gangtok, remains committed to such

capacity-building initiatives to bolster disaster management and administrative excellence.

Mangan holds public meeting on National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project

Mangan, February 2: A public meeting on National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project (NLRMP) was convened at Nagar Panchayat Hall, Mangan to deliberate on mitigation measures for the landslide-prone Rafong Khola area in Mangan District, today.

The meeting aimed to engage stakeholders and local residents in discussions on risk assessment, scientific planning and effective implementation of the project.

Mr Samdup Lepcha Minister-cum-Area MLA reiterated that the National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project at Rafong Khola has been sanctioned by the Government of India following sustained efforts by the Chief Minister. He urged all concerned departments to draw lessons from earlier projects and stressed the need for utmost vigilance, transparency and adherence to the highest technical standards during implementation.

The Minister also expressed concern over the poor drainage system in Mangan town, which contributes to soil instability and appealed to residents to maintain individual drainage systems to ensure overall regional safety. He suggested the constitution of a monitoring committee to oversee the project's implementation and appealed to landowners to extend full cooperation and provide necessary clearances for smooth execution of works.

Mr Prabhakar Rai Special Secretary-cum-Director, Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) gave an overview of the objectives of the meeting wherein, he briefed on the proposed national project, issues to be addressed and shared background information on earlier mitigation efforts undertaken in the Rafong Khola area.

Mr Rinzing Chewang Bhutia Relief Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, stated that the national-level landslide mitigation project at Rafong Khola is the result of sustained efforts and continuous pursuance by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, along with the Area MLA. He emphasised the importance of cooperation and active participation from local residents throughout the implementation process.

Responding to a proposal by the Secretary, Water Resources Department, regarding the need for a contour survey of the entire vulnerable belt, the Relief Commissioner informed that the survey could be initiated immediately as part of the risk assessment process.

Mr LD Lamtha Secretary, Water Resources Department

provided a technical inputs to take the project forward. He stressed on the need for a contour survey of the entire area and to study the source of Rafong Khola. He also reiterated the need for strengthening the foundation of the wall and bed along Teesta river at Sangkalang initially, before carrying out any intervention at the affected area near Mangan Bazar.

Ms Indira Sharma Senior Geologist, Mines and Geology Department shared technical insights on the geological conditions of the area, including rock quality, soil composition and overall land stability, stressing the need for scientific and geology-based interventions.

Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan shared his firsthand experience of the risks posed by Rafong Khola, which affects the entire stretch from Pakshep to Ringhim. He cited instances of continuous seepage and waterlogging at his official residence and nearby areas, underlining the urgent need for a detailed survey and immediate mitigation measures. He emphasised the importance of coordinated action by concerned departments and enhanced public participation for the successful execution of the project.

An open discussion session followed, during which public actively participated and shared concerns and suggestions. Key issues raised included the construction of protection walls, source walls, breast walls and the development of an effective drainage system to mitigate landslide risks. Participants stressed the need for scientific planning, proper water channelisation, timely execution of works, regular maintenance of drains and strict monitoring of construction quality. The discussion remained constructive and solution-oriented, with a strong emphasis on community cooperation.

Earlier, Mr Pemzang Tenzing Geotechnical Engineer shared technical inputs and highlighted critical lessons learnt from previous projects, emphasising factors to be considered for the upcoming implementation.

The meeting was also attended by Chairman, Sikkim Welfare Commission, Pibons, Panchayats, Counsellors, Principal Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Chief Engineer, SDM Mangan, MEO officials from line departments, members of the public and other stakeholders.

Later, the Minister along with the officers visited the site of previous mitigation project below Mangan Bus Stand.

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Press release...

Gangtok who is serving as the

UDD organises State-Level Urban Conclave 2026

Gangtok, January 31: First State-Level Urban Conclave 2026 was organised by Urban Development Department at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

The programme was chaired by Mr Bhoj Raj Rai, Minister for Urban Development Department along with Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa, MLA-cum-Advisor, UDD. Also present were Chairperson UDD, Commissioner-cum-Secretary UDD and Principal Chief Architect cum Secretary UDD and other officials.

Minister Mr Bhoj Raj Rai stated that the signs of progress and development in a State are often first reflected in its bazaars and urban centres. Strengthening urban infrastructure and civic amenities, he noted, is therefore central to improving overall quality of life and supporting economic growth.

He stressed the importance of continuity in project implementation and called for efforts to ensure stability within the department so that officers associated with key projects are able to see them through effectively. This, he said, would help maintain institutional memory and improve efficiency in execution. He also underlined the need for comprehensive and well-prepared project proposals, encouraging officials to adopt an integrated approach to planning and implementation in order to avoid delays and repeated procedural revisions. He advised that proposals be submitted after thorough technical and financial detailing.

Highlighting the need to strengthen urban governance, he spoke about improving regulatory systems and streamlining licensing and compliance mechanisms to prevent revenue leakages and ensure fairness and transparency in urban administration. He further emphasised the importance of evolving a balanced regulatory framework for both small and large establishments.

Additionally, the Minister called for renewed focus on completion of pending works within stipulated timelines and urged urban local bodies to prioritise essential civic services and public amenities in marketplaces and urban hubs. He also referred to ongoing efforts aimed at strengthening the urban local body workforce to enhance service delivery at grassroots level.

Encouraging a positive and solution-oriented work culture, he

urged officers and staff to function as a cohesive team.

He further suggested that such conclaves could be held periodically to review progress, share best practices, and sustain momentum in the State's urban transformation efforts.

Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa, Advisor, UDD, termed the conclave a timely initiative that helped provide clearer insight into the functioning and challenges of the Department.

Stressing teamwork and accountability, he urged officials to work with sincerity and focus on delivering practical, citizen-centric solutions. He also emphasised the need to modernise public services through digital systems to improve accessibility and transparency, while discouraging a culture of blame.

Highlighting basic urban priorities, he drew attention to the importance of street lighting, proper drainage, and maintenance of local water channels (jhoras), noting their direct impact on public safety and quality of life.

Mr Jitendra Singh Raje, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, UDD, stressed the need for a long-term, visionary and solution-oriented roadmap to guide Sikkim's urban transformation over the coming decades. He informed that the idea for organising the conclave was envisioned by Chief Minister to ensure open discussions among stakeholders.

Calling the conclave a potentially historic step in the State's urban development journey, he stated that it would serve as an important platform for officers from various urban local bodies and departmental verticals to share ideas, exchange experiences, and collectively chart the future course of urban development in Sikkim.

Highlighting the rapid pace of urbanisation, he observed that Sikkim today reflects many characteristics of an urbanised State, with expanding bazaars, improved sanitation coverage, and growing infrastructure. However, this transition has also brought increasing challenges, including pressure on water supply, sanitation systems, traffic congestion and rising expectations of citizens for better urban services, he said.

Commissioner-cum-Secretary also spoke about the need to balance development with environmental sustainability given Sikkim's fragile Himalayan

ecology. He stressed that town planning and scientific urban management would play a crucial role in ensuring that growth remains both inclusive and environmentally responsible. He further highlighted the department's success in securing substantial project approvals and external assistance and commended the dedication of officers who have been working beyond regular hours to strengthen urban governance in the State.

The technical sessions of the conclave began with a presentation on administration and municipal affairs by Mr Hemant Rai Special Secretary-cum-Director, Municipal Affairs. He highlighted long-pending administrative and institutional issues faced by the Department and emphasised the need for structured discussions to resolve them. His presentation also drew attention to regulatory and coordination aspects among urban local bodies and related institutions, stressing that the conclave provided an appropriate platform to identify gaps and suggest improvements in governance and service delivery.

This was followed by a series of presentations by officials from various Urban Local Bodies and project units, including the UDD Circle Office (South/West), Jorethang, Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, Singtam Nagar Panchayat, Gangtok Smart City, Namchi Smart City, Mangan Nagar Panchayat, Namchi Municipal Council, Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat, the Sikkim Integrated Urban Development Project (ADB-supported project), and the Ropeway Project.

The presenters shared local-level experiences, ongoing initiatives, challenges on the ground, and proposals for strengthening urban infrastructure and civic services.

The programme later moved into thematic breakout sessions chaired by the Minister for UDD and co-chaired by MLA-cum-Advisor.

During these sessions, officers and representatives engaged in focused discussions and presentations on key sectors such as urban construction works, urban finance, urban planning, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Swachh Bharat Mission and waste management practices in Gangtok.

Closing Ceremony of Winter Coaching Camp 2026 held

Soreng, February 2: The Closing Ceremony of Winter Coaching Camp 2026, organised by the Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Soreng District, under the theme "Nurturing Young Talents and Building Champions for Tomorrow," was held at Jautar Indoor Gymnasium Hall, Soreng, today.

Mr Aditya Golay MLA Soreng-Chakung, along with Mr Sanju Pradhan Member, Sports Development Board and other distinguished guests were present.

The programme continued with the rendition of the Khelo India Anthem by all trainees, followed by experience-sharing sessions by the trainees, who reflected on the skills acquired and expressed gratitude for the opportunities and benefits gained through the coaching camp.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest, commended the efforts of the department, coaches, and trainees, congratulated them on their achievements. He conveyed his appreciation and gratitude to the Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, along with the entire Department, for organising the initiative, describing it as an important programme.

He observed that equal emphasis must be placed on the long-term development of sports as a vision and stressed that this vision can only be realised when the Sports Department, the Government and committed sports stakeholders collectively provide opportunities and platforms for aspiring sportspersons to train, participate and emerge as future role models. In this regard, he also emphasised the need for proper and systematic planning by the Department. Drawing reference to

major sporting events, he noted that limiting participation solely to international players often hinders the growth of local and emerging talent.

Highlighting the initiative of the Chief Minister, he stated that the Board formulate a foolproof plan for the Government, aimed at improving youth participation in sports across village areas through collaborative discussion, structured suggestions and a clear roadmap in coordination with the Department.

Referring to the coaching camps that have been conducted consistently over the years, he raised concerns regarding the need to improve their outcomes by analysing data from previous years to enhance their effectiveness. He emphasised that the continuation of such initiatives should be based on measurable outcomes that generate tangible benefits.

He further expressed hope that the district ground would eventually be developed into a well-equipped stadium catering not only to football but also to multiple sports disciplines. He informed that he has consulted the Department regarding the repair of the badminton court and that funds for the same would be allocated in the upcoming State Budget Session. Additionally, he spoke about identifying additional space in the surrounding areas to accommodate remaining sports activities and develop a comprehensive sports hub for the district.

During the course of the programme, Letters of Appreciation were presented to the coaches of boxing, badminton, football and karate.

Road safety awareness rally organised

Gangtok, January 30: In observance of the National Road Safety Month from January 1-31, 2026, a road safety awareness rally was organised in Gangtok District by 129 RCC 758 BRTF of Project Swastik under the Border Roads Organisation.

The rally was conducted in line with the national theme 'Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha', highlighting education and enforcement as key measures to address the rising number of road accidents in the country.

Led by Mr Amit Sakhre Chief Engineer of Project Swastik, Brigadier, the rally covered prominent tourist and public locations in the district, including Ganesh Tok, Bakthang Falls and Zero Point to spread awareness among public.

Mr Amit Sakhre Brigadier urged all road users to strictly follow traffic rules and adopt safe driving practices. He emphasised that road safety is a collective responsibility and called upon drivers and riders to remain

vigilant, disciplined and courteous to prevent avoidable accidents and save lives.

The awareness campaign highlighted the growing concern over road accidents in India. Over speeding, lane cutting and distracted driving were identified as the major causes of road accidents, underscoring the need for responsible and informed road users.

Participants were also briefed on safe driving practices, with special emphasis on the use of seat belts and helmets, which significantly reduce the severity of injuries during accidents.

As part of the drive, road safety pamphlets containing essential guidelines were distributed among drivers and riders.

The rally concluded at the Project Swastik Headquarters at Burtuk. The programme witnessed the participation of officials from the Indian Armed Forces, GREF and Border Roads Organisation.

Excise Department Government of Sikkim

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The Excise Licenses for the period 2025-2026 are scheduled to expire in March 2026. Accordingly, the process for renewal of licenses for the Financial Year 2026-2027 shall commence w.e.f. 15 February 2026.

In this connection, all renewal applications for the license categories like Foreign Liquor Retail, Foreign Liquor Bar, Pachwai, Brew Pub, Homemade Wine, and Retail-Denatured Spirit, shall be submitted online through the official departmental web portal, <https://excise.sikkim.gov.in>

Further, all renewal application formalities must be completed on or before 20 March 2026. Failure to comply within the stipulated timeline shall attract Late Fee/Penalty as per Gazette Notification Nos. 11, 12, and 13, all dated 16 December 2022.

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Commissioner of Excise
Excise Department
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C&I Department holds meeting with Hoteliers and Stakeholders



Gangtok, February 2: A meeting with hoteliers and stakeholders for market linkage and outreach of local products was held at the Conference Hall, Commerce and Industries Department, today.

The meeting was organised by the Commerce and Industries Department, Government of Sikkim, in collaboration with Sikkim Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Cell (SEED Cell).

Ms Karma D Youtso, Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, referring to the vision and mission of the State Government stressed the need for procurement of MSME products of Sikkim and promotion of local enterprises in compliance with Notification No 06/C&I/2019-20 dated 02/09/2019. She urged hoteliers, stakeholders and other concerned parties to adhere to the notification in letter and spirit.

She stated that hotels and hospitality units should procure local MSME products and provide space for display, promotion and sale of such products within their premises. She further emphasised the inclusion of local food items in hotel menus and the purchase of locally manufactured products such as pickles, beverages, soaps, cosmetics, textiles and craft items.

The Secretary stated that trained local manpower should be engaged in the hospitality sector and said that networking with local MSMEs would strengthen supply chains and ensure regular availability of products.

She also stated that private retail entities such as Vishal Mega Mart and Reliance Mart should be encouraged to sell local products. She also suggested the use of local gift hampers for tourists and official programmes in the State. She assured that the Commerce and Industries Department would act as a link between hoteliers, stakeholders and manufacturers.

She further stressed the importance of tea tourism and its scope for expansion. She also referred to the UNNATI Scheme 2024 and stated that the scheme aims to support MSMEs through capacity building, financial assistance and market access.

The Secretary called for symbiotal living and working

among stakeholders and said that coordinated efforts are required to take local MSME products to wider markets.

She stated that the department regularly conducts capacity-building programmes and issues certificates. She advised the hospitality sector to consider trained local manpower.

Moreover, she urged the participants to use and promote local MSME products and sought cooperation from all stakeholders.

Mr M Ravikumar, Director, MSME, Commerce and Industries Department, briefed on the details of the programme. He informed that the meeting was held under the directives of the Chief Minister.

He stated that the Commerce and Industries Department would conduct inspections in accordance with Notification No 06/C&I/2019-20 and advised all concerned to comply with the provisions and rules of the State Government for promotion and use of local MSME products.

Mr Tshering Topgay Bhutia, Director, Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom (DHH), made a presentation on handicraft and handloom products of Sikkim and their market potential. He spoke on the history and evolution of handicrafts and handlooms in the State and informed that these sectors provide livelihood support to artisans across rural and urban areas. He highlighted the range of products manufactured under DHH, including handwoven textiles, traditional craft items and utility products. He also informed that the department was working on design development, quality improvement and branding to enhance market reach and said that collaboration with the hospitality sector would help in providing sustained demand for local artisans.

Ms Radha Pradhan, Managing Director, Temi Tea made a presentation on Temi Tea products and their linkage with the hospitality sector. She briefed the participants on the different varieties and products of Temi Tea and informed that Temi Tea is already being exported to the international market. She stated that the tea has established demand outside the country and

holds potential for further market expansion. She also displayed sample gift hampers suitable for use in the hospitality sector.

She highlighted tourism sites under Temi Tea such as Kuzu View Point, panoramic view of Mount Khangchendzonga, watch tower, zip line, mela tar and picnic spots.

She also informed about upcoming projects under Temi Tea aimed at boosting tea tourism and visitor experience.

Ms Chanda Rani Rai, Managing Director, GFPP (Government Fruit Preservation Factory) made a presentation on products manufactured under the Sikkim Supreme brand. She stated that squash production started in 1956 and continues as a legacy product of the State and informed that Sikkim Supreme manufactures a range of food and beverage products and follows standard quality and safety practices. She stated that the organisation was seeking partnerships with heritage hospitality units and hotels to promote its products and strengthen market presence within and outside the State.

She added that collaboration with hospitality sector would help in promoting the long-standing legacy of Sikkim Supreme products and increase their visibility among tourists.

Mr Raj Lama, President, SEED Cell, spoke on linking local MSMEs with hospitality sector. He stated that the Government aims to promote locally manufactured products, including those produced by Government undertakings.

He urged hoteliers and stakeholders to support local products and said that promotion of local goods is a collective responsibility. He further stated that hotels should display local products for the benefit of tourists.

An open interactive session was held with hoteliers and MSME representatives, during which participants shared their views and raised issues relating to procurement, supply mechanisms and quality standards of local products. Suggestions were also made on strengthening coordination between manufacturers and hospitality units to ensure regular availability of products. The session enabled an exchange of ideas on improving market linkages and addressing operational challenges faced by both producers and service providers.

Stalls displaying local products were also set up in the premises of the Commerce and Industries Department.

The meeting was attended by officers of the Commerce and Industries Department, Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, GFPP and SEED Cell, along with representatives from the hospitality sector and other stakeholders.

Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 launched in Soreng District

Soreng, February 2: Soreng District launched 'Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0' under Aspirational District Programme today at Rurban Complex, Soreng, in the presence of Mr Aditya Golay MLA (Soreng-Chakung).

The programme commenced with a visit to health camps and stalls set up by the Health Department and ICDS.

MLA expressed hope that the district would achieve the saturation targets under the Aspirational District Programme (ADP) and Aspirational Block Programme (ABP). He urged all departments to work in close coordination and appreciated the district's commitment. Further appreciating the district's commitment, he stressed the need for village visits to identify beneficiaries who have been left out and assured full support and assistance.

Highlighting the role of the Institute for Transforming Sikkim (ITS), he said that the ITS would function on a need based approach. He further emphasised that while the State Government committed to asset creation, maintenance must be ensured through revenue generated from the assets themselves. He also called upon all line departments to work collectively to achieve Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) under Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0.

Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC (Soreng) elaborated on Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 along with the Aspirational District Programme and Aspirational Block Programme. He highlighted the KPIs and shared the district's achievements, informing that the Soreng District has been awarded gold and silver medals for its performance under ABP and ADP, respectively. The DC also

informed that Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 will continue till April 14, underscoring the district's strong commitment to the mission. He emphasised micro level planning at the village, identification of genuine left out beneficiaries and convergence of departmental efforts. He further urged all concerned line departments to conduct field visits and engage directly with beneficiaries, calling for 100 percent commitment towards achieving KPIs.

During the programme, Sampoornata Abhiyan Pledge was administered by the MLA. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials for Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0 were also launched. Certificates were presented to 10 Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society (ULLAS) beneficiaries and bank passbooks were distributed to five beneficiaries under the Sikkim Shishu Samridhi Yojana, as part of the Mero Rukh Mero Santati initiative.

A detailed presentation on Aspirational District Programme (ADP) and Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) was presented by Mr DR Bista ADC (Soreng), outlining the roadmap and KPIs, five under ADP and six under ABP and urged departments to identify critical gaps. Mentioning the district's achievements, he highlighted that over 9,000 farmers in the district have received Soil Health Cards. He also explained the objectives and other key aspects of Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0, stressing the need to sustain and consolidate the gains achieved earlier.

Also present were Zilla Panchayats, Panchayats, ADC (Dev), SDM (Hq), SDM (Soreng), District HoDs, BDOs, Aspirational Block Fellow, ASHA workers, Anganwadis, Health Workers and SHG members.

Preparatory meeting held for Indian Orchid Festival 2026

Pakyong, February 4: A preparatory and interface meeting for the forthcoming Indian Orchid Festival 2026, organised by ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids was held at ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong, today.

The Indian Orchid Festival themed 'Orchids for Beauty and Prosperity', is scheduled to be held from March 7 to 10, 2026.

The proposed events include a National-level Orchid Show-cum-Competition, Institute-Industry-Stakeholders Meet, brainstorming sessions, awareness campaigns, an orchid growers' meet and a Mega Orchid Planting Material Dissemination programme.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Jigme Dorjee Bhutia Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments and Chairman, SVRC, along with Mr TT Bhutia Principal Director and Secretary, Horticulture Department and Dr S Anbalagan Secretary, Agriculture Department.

Also present were Special

Secretary, IPRD, Director, ICAR-NRCO, Additional Director, Floriculture, Additional Director, Horticulture Department, Additional Director, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments along with Principal Scientists from ICAR-NRCO and ICAR-RC NEH Region, and Heads of Offices from various departments.

During the meeting, Dr SP Das Director, ICAR-NRCO made a presentation on proposals for the release of 13 orchid hybrids through the State Variety Release Committee (SVRC), Sikkim. He also highlighted the events and outcomes of the Indian Orchid Festival 2025, discussing areas for improvement and additional activities to be incorporated in the upcoming festival.

He informed that the initiative aims to strengthen the orchid sector in the State by promoting production and commercialisation, while providing orchid growers an opportunity to interact with various stakeholders and share experiences.