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Governor of Mizoram calls on Governor of Sikkim



Gangtok, October 25: Governor of Mizoram General (Dr) Vijay Kumar Singh, PVS, AVS, YS (Retd.) paid a courtesy call on Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur at Raj Bhavan, today.

During the courtesy meeting, Sikkim Governor extended a warm welcome to his counterpart and wished for a pleasant stay in the State.

Both the Governors held intensive discussion on the

developmental activities of their respective States, focusing inclusive growth and enhancing regional cooperation in the North Eastern region. During the meeting several issues related to organic farming, environmental protection, nature conservation were discussed.

It may be mentioned that Mizoram Governor was on a two-day tour to Sikkim.

Governor visits Mangan District

Mangan, October 16: Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur visited Mangan District to review the implementation of various government schemes and programmes in the district. The programme was held at conference hall of District Administrative Centre (DAC) Mangan.

Upon arrival at the DAC, the Governor was received by Minister-cum-MLA, Lachen Mangan Constituency, Mr Samdup Lepcha, Chairman, Medicinal Plants Board, Mr Sonam Gyatso Lachenpa, District Collector Mr Anant Jain, SP Mr Lall Bahadur Chettri, ADC Mangan Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarma, along with representatives from the BRO and other senior district officials. A Guard of Honour was also presented by the District Police.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan, following which he made a comprehensive presentation on the district profile, the Vibrant Village Programme, Ex-Gratia Management System, and key achievements of the district administration.

Subsequently, major line

departments presented their progress reports and updates on flagship government schemes, ongoing projects, and developmental initiatives.

Following the presentations, Minister Mr Samdup Lepcha thanked the Governor for his fourth visit to the District. He recalled the proactive support offered by the Governor during the challenging phase following the GLOF incident of October 2023. The Minister extended his gratitude to the Governor for his help in rebuilding Chungthang after the disaster.

The Minister also appreciated the officers posted in Mangan District and lauded the recently launched Ex-Gratia Management System developed by the District Administration for efficient disposal of such payments.

Governor in his address lauded the officers of Mangan district headquarters for the well-prepared presentations, highlighting the ongoing initiatives, achievements and

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Chief Minister attends high-level Task Force meeting

Gangtok, October 27: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang virtually attended the High-Level Task Force meeting on Agriculture and Horticulture in the North-Eastern Region from Samman Bhawan, today.

The meeting chaired by Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Mr Jyotiraditya M Scindia, brought together Chief Ministers, Agriculture Ministers, senior officers from the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and DoNER, as well as representatives from all eight North Eastern States.

The discussions focused on the formulation of a comprehensive and inclusive Agriculture Policy Framework for the North East, aimed at creating a dynamic roadmap to transform the region's agricultural landscape in alignment with its ecological diversity and socio-economic realities.

The proposed framework emphasises a collaborative approach to integrate production, processing, logistics, and market access across the region.



Participants deliberated on common challenges while identifying promising opportunities in agri-export zones, organic value chains, and climate-resilient farming practices.

The meeting highlighted a collective vision to leverage the North East's rich agro-biodiversity and traditional knowledge systems to develop robust, sustainable, and market-driven agricultural

systems, including long-term growth and prosperity for the region.

Also, Chief Minister attended the third meeting of the High-Level Task Force on Tourism in the North Eastern Region.

The meeting was held under the direction of Union Minister of Development of North Eastern

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Finale of Centenary Celebration of PM SHRI Govt SSS Dentam

Gyalshing, October 18: The nine-day-long Centenary Celebration of PM SHRI Government Senior Secondary School, Dentam, established in 1925, culminated today with a grand finale graced by the Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, as the chief guest. The historic celebration marked 100 glorious years of academic excellence, community service and the institution's remarkable contribution to the educational landscape of West Sikkim.

Upon his arrival, the Chief Minister unfurled the Centenary Celebration ceremonial flag, unveiled the Centenary Commemorative Plaque and visited the ongoing science exhibition, where students showcased innovative models and projects reflecting the school's emphasis on experiential learning and innovation.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Ministers Mr Raju Basnet, Mr Bhim Hang Limboo and Mr NB Dahal, Area MLA-cum-Chief Patron (Organising Committee) Mr Sudesh Kumar Subba, MLA cum Advisors, MP



(Lok Sabha), Advisors, Chairmen, Zilla Adhyakshas (Gyalshing and Soreng), Zilla Up-Adhyakshas (Gyalshing and Soreng), Zilla and Gram Panchayat IGP, DC and SP

Gyalshing, Principal of the School, OSDs, Zilla and Gram Panchayats members, senior officials and other

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Pearls of Wisdom

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

- Maya Angelou

DC Soreng chairs quarterly review meeting at DAC Soreng

Soreng, October 27: DC Soreng Mr Dhiraj Subedi chaired a quarterly review meeting at District Administrative Centre, Soreng, today.

The review meeting was focused on the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The meeting reviewed ongoing initiatives and discussed challenges in implementation and emphasised the need for effective coordination among departments to ensure the protection of rights and welfare of marginalised communities.

During the meeting, DC directed concerned officers to enhance awareness among officers and staff within their respective departments to ensure timely redressal of grievances, promote greater awareness and proper coordination for better implementation.

The DC emphasised effective enforcement of relevant Acts and instructed concerned departments to remain updated and well informed about its legal provisions.

Additionally, Senior

Welfare Officer (Soreng) apprised about the online portal for transgender persons.

The meeting also discussed the issue of manual scavenging activities within the district, wherein the district administration ensure adherence to safety measures and provide proper protective gear to safeguard the health and well being of workers involved.

Also present during the meeting were Panchayats, ADC-I (Soreng), SDM (Hq), SDM (Soreng), SDM (Mangalbarey), SDPO (Soreng), Senior Welfare Officer (Soreng), BDOs and representatives from concerned departments.

8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2025 concludes in Gyalshing District

Gyalshing October 16: Month-long 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2025 under Gyalshing Rural Project, organised by Women, Child, Senior Citizen, and Divyangan Welfare Department Gyalshing concluded at Gyalshing District Zilla Panchayat, Kyongsa, today.

The event celebrated tireless efforts of the frontline workers from Gyalshing and Dentam Centres, recognising significant improvements in awareness, outreach, and service delivery throughout the campaign.

Mr Tenzing D Denzongpa DC Gyalshing, graced the occasion as the chief guest accompanied by Mr Tshering Sherpa SP Gyalshing, President Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat, Dy Director-Cum-CDPO, DRCHO Gyalshing, BDO Gyalshing, DPO Zilla, AO to ADC (Dev) Gyalshing, District Coordinator WCSC&DWD, inspectors, supervisors, Anganwadi Workers and helpers from centres under Gyalshing and Dentam.

DC Gyalshing in his address extended his congratulations to the attendees for the successful convergence of the Poshan Maah and expressed contentment in witnessing the active involvement of officials providing nourishment to children aged three to six years in the district.

He underscored the critical need for the Pastic Aahar approach to be practised in each household of the district for a steep decline in cases of malnutrition. He expressed concern over the unprecedented increase in obesity cases among children, associating it with the in-trend laid-back lifestyle of individuals. He stressed that a lack of ample exercise and extended periods of screen time had also proven to be a major component in the rise of such cases.

DC Gyalshing extended his support for the elimination of malnutrition cases in the district and congratulated the Women, Child, Senior Citizen, and Divyangan Welfare Department Gyalshing for the successful culmination of Poshan Maah 2025 in the district.

The resource person of the day, DRCHO Gyalshing, delved into the topic of obesity, sensitised attendees about the causes leading to obesity, its effects, modern trends, and impending health risks if not addressed suitably.

Another resource person, Dy Director-cum-CDPO Gyalshing highlighted the benefits of nutritional food grown at the Poshan Vatika/ Kitchen Garden on the overall health of a child.

Earlier, ICDS Supervisor

Yuksom highlighted that the mission of Poshan Maah 2025 was to address key focus areas such as combating obesity aimed at reducing sugar and oil consumption, early childhood care and education, integrating nutrition with early learning under Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB), complementary feeding practices, and mainstreaming that encourages active involvement of males in nutritional care and health practices, as well as Vocal for Local, advocating for adopting healthy lifestyles, consuming nutritious diets, and raising awareness for healthy environmental practices within their homes, communities, and organisations.

The highlight of the Poshan Maah ceremony was the recipe competition, wherein Naku-Chumbung ICDS with its millet-based zhero won first prize, green momo by Pelling ICDS won second prize, and millet shake by Lower Darap ICDS secured third prize.

At the outset, an awareness rally-cum-peace procession by the Anganwadi workers from Kyongsa Ground to Gyalshing District Zilla Panchayat Bhawan Kyongsa marked the successful culmination of Poshan Maah 2025.

Inauguration of Health & Wellness Centre at Majhitar

Pakyong, October 17: A new Health and Wellness Centre (Sub-Centre) under the Health and Family Welfare Department at Majhitar was inaugurated by Mr LB Das, Area MLA-cum- Advisor, today.

He was accompanied by Principal Director (Health) Dr Pema Seden, Director (Health) Dr Tempo Gyaltzen and Chief Medical Officer Pakyong District Dr Madanmani Dhakal.

During the inaugural programme, Area MLA spoke about the Government's policy to improve the availability of health facilities in rural and semi-urban areas. He said that the Health & Wellness Centre at Majhitar will help reduce the distance people need to travel for basic healthcare needs. He noted that the State Government, through the Health and Family Welfare Department, has been focusing on creating a network of Health & Wellness Centres across all districts to deliver services related to maternal and child health, immunisation, management of common illnesses, and disease prevention.

The Health and Wellness Centre is expected to serve the population of Majhitar and

nearby villages, offering primary healthcare, referral services, and health education. It will also assist in maintaining health data and tracking the implementation of state and central health schemes at the local level.

The programme concluded with a visit to the facility, where the officers inspected the infrastructure and interacted with the staff posted at the centre. The inauguration marked the beginning of routine health service delivery from the new centre.

Press release from CRC Sikkim

Mangan, October 27: Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Sikkim (CRC, Sikkim), under the administrative control of NILD Kolkata, celebrated ‘World Dwarfism Day’ jointly with ICAR, Gangtok, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer’s Welfare, Government of India, on October 25, 2025, at Lum Gor Sangdok GPU, Mangan District, Sikkim, one of the remotest places of Sikkim.

The event was attended by Ms Pushpanjali Gupta, Director, CRC Sikkim, and Mr Ch Soboi Aimol, prosthetist and orthotist, CRC Sikkim; Dr Saurav Saha, Senior Scientist and Nodal Officer, Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) and Dr. Amit Kumar, Scientist Senior Scale (Agronomy), from ICAR Gangtok, Gor Ward Panchayat, and Social workers, from Lum Gor Sangtok, Lower Dzongu, Mangan Sikkim.

Ms Pushpanjali Gupta, Director, CRC Sikkim, addressed the gathering, comprising farmers, and thanked them for their presence. She expressed gratitude to Dr. Lalit Narayan, Director, NILD, Kolkata, for providing the platform to organise disability-related awareness programs at CRC Sikkim. She also thanked Dr. Ashok Kumar, Head of Regional Centre, ICAR NEH SIKKIM CENTER, for collaborating with CRC Sikkim for the programme.

During the event, need-

based assistive devices, including wheelchairs, knee braces, LS belts, and walking sticks, were distributed to farmers above 60 years. Additionally, 3 CP chairs were provided to Children with Disabilities at Gyathang and Penthang ward Tingbong, Mangan District, Sikkim. Assistive devices worth ₹65,200/- were distributed during the programme.

Mr Ch Soboi Aimol, P & O, CRC Sikkim, created awareness about the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY), which provides assisted living devices to senior citizens suffering from age-related disabilities/infirmities, such as low vision, hearing impairment, and loco-motor disabilities, aiming to restore near-normalcy in their bodily functions. He also spoke about the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP), whose main objective is to assist the needy persons with disabilities in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhance their economic potential, both initiatives of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

High Court of Sikkim
Gangtok

Ref. No.: 42/HCS Date.: 16.10.2025

N-O-T-I-C-E

It is hereby informed to all concerned that the accepted and rejected list of candidates who have applied for the three (03) vacant posts of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (Grade-III) in the cadre of Sikkim Judicial Service (2025) as per the advertisement dated 08.09.2025, is uploaded in the official website of the High Court of Sikkim viz., www.hcs.gov.in

By Order,

sd/-
REGISTRAR
(Judicial Service)
(168A)

High Court of Sikkim
Gangtok

Ref. No. 43/HCS Date.: 16.10.2025

N-O-T-I-C-E

The written examination for the three (03) vacant posts of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (Grade-III) in the cadre of Sikkim Judicial Service(2025) advertised vide Employment Notice dated 08.09.2025 will be held in the premises of the Sikkim Judicial Academy, Sokeythang, Gangtok as per the following schedule:

DATE	SUBJECT	TIME
07.11.2025	Paper - I (Procedural Laws, Local Laws & Language Test)	10.00 a.m to 01.00 p.m
	Paper - II (Substantive Laws and Constitutional Law)	02.00 p.m to 05.00 p.m

> Candidates shall collect their Admit Cards from the Office of the Registrar (Judicial Service), High Court of Sikkim, during office hours from 20.10.2025 onwards.

> Candidates must reach the examination centre at least half an hour prior to the scheduled time.

By Order,

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

NIT NO: - 1014/SYA/EC/2025/1728

DATED: - 12/10/2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Additional Chief Engineer, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, invites sealed tender in percentage rate basis from contractors enlisted with SPWD, of **Class II-B** category within **Rhenock Constituency**, Sikkim for the work listed below.

Sl.No.	Name of Work	Work Value put to tender (in ₹)	Completion time (in months)	Amount of BR for cost of tender documents (in ₹) Revenue Head (0202-03-800-01 Miscellaneous Receipts, Sports & Youth Affairs Department.	Amount of Earnest money @ 2.5% for issue of tender form (in ₹)
1.	Development of Cricket Academy and Construction of Cricket ground at Amba Pakyong District, Sikkim.	₹3,34,73,038.00 (Three Crore Thirty-Four Lakhs Seventy-Three Thousand and Thirty-Eight Only)	24 Months	₹1,00,000.00	₹8,36,826.00

TIME SCHEDULE

I)	Date of submission of application with Bank Receipt, for issue of Tender Documents (excluding Tender Form)	10-11-2025 & 12-11-2025 (From 10:00hrs to 15:30 hrs)
II)	Date of issue of Tender Form on submission of Earnest money (TDR)	14-11-2025 (From 10:00hrs to 15:00 hrs)
III)	Date and time for submission of Tender Form	17-11-2025 till 12:00 hrs
IV)	Date and time of opening of Tender	17-11-2025 (From 13:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs)

A. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1) Tender is open only to the eligible contractors of appropriate Class/Area.
2) The intending tenderer/contractor should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself.
3) The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following:
(a) Validated Contractor Enlistment Certificate along with the application is mandatory to produce in original during sale/issue of the Tender Documents for verification.
(b) PAN Card.
(c) Voter's Card.
4) The challan for obtaining prescribed Non- Transferable Tender Documents (Excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in as above from the office of the **Accounts Officer cum D&DO, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Gangtok**. The tender documents shall then be obtained on the production of receipt deposit to the Revenue Head 0202-03-800-01 (Miscellaneous Receipts).
5) Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% in the State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of deposit receipt of scheduled bank which includes deposits in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipts in favor of **Sr.A.O, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Gangtok**. The Tender Form shall be issued from the office of Sr.A.O, S&YA Deptt., only on the production of TDR to those contractors who have obtained the tender documents, on production of bank BR/Challan for the cost of tender documents. Since the work value put to tender is below ₹5.00 crore the women Contractors are exempted from depositing 2.5% TDR as per notification No. 104/R&B Dated-08/10/2020. In case the lowest bidder is enlisted women contractor, the work order shall be issued only after the production of Temporary Deposit Receipt (TDR) @ of 2.5% of the cost put to tender.
6) The Tender Documents, including the tender form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of tenderer and the name of work superscripted on it. Supporting documents listed at Sl. No.: - 3(a), (b) & (c) should be enclosed with the offer.
7) Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the **Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Gangtok**, in his presence, on the date and within the time indicated above.
8) Tenders will be opened by a tender opening committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
9) The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the General Directions and condition of Contract and other laid down norms. **The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be exclusive of GST and all other Taxes and Levies**. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tender shall be rejected forth with.
10) The contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Government and no claim shall be entertained in this regard whatsoever. The payment due to the contractor shall be made as and when the funds are available in the department.
11) The Department reserves the right to reject the incomplete tender without assigning any reasons there-off.
12) All the other conditions of the contract shall be obtained from the office of the Assistant Engineer, SYAD, White Hall Complex, Gangtok.

Additional Chief Engineer
Sports and Youth Affairs Department
(169)

Paramedical Training Centre
Health & Family Welfare Department
Government of Sikkim
Kyongsa, Gyalshing - 737111

Memo No: 69/PTC /KY/GYL/24-25

Dated: 16.10.2025

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS

Sealed Quotations are hereby invited from interested Registered FIRMS/Agencies having valid license and GST Registration Number for the supply of Lab Equipment for Paramedical Training Centre, Kyongsa Gyalshing for the year 2025-26 on the following Terms & Conditions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The quotation should reach the Office of the CMO (W) by 17.11.2025 before 1:00 PM along with the License duly attested.
2. The security deposit of ₹10,000/- only for the supply of lab Equipment is to be drawn as TDR from State Bank of Sikkim in favour of Accounts Officer-cum-D&DO, Health (W) and to be submitted by 1.00 PM of 17.11.2025 along with the form and required documents.
3. The Quotation Forms including list of items can be obtained from the Office of the CMO (W) on production of Bank Receipt of ₹100/- (Rupees One Hundred only) duly credited to major head 0210-800-01-Other receipts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. within the period 16.10.2025 to 15.11.2025.
4. The quotation will be opened on 17th November 2025 at 2:00 PM at the chamber of CMO (W).
5. The tender form will be issued only to the bidders with valid license and registration of the firms.
6. The items supplied must not be of inferior quality and supply must not be interrupted at any time due to any reason whatsoever. In case of breach of supply of items, the supplier's security deposit shall be forfeited and firm will be declared as defaulters.
7. The rate quoted should not vary due to rise in the price once the quotation is accepted.
8. The authority/undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject the quotations without assigning any reasons thereof.

Chief Medical Officer
Health & Family Welfare Department
Gyalshing District
(167)

It was informed that the committee's report, containing actionable recommendations and a strategic roadmap for the holistic growth of tourism in the North Eastern Region, will be finalised and submitted soon.

MoS for Consumer Affairs reviews Food and Civil Supplies initiatives in Sikkim

Gangtok, October 16: Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, Ms Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya, hosted a meeting at a local hotel in Ranipool, today.

The meeting was attended by Mr Bhoj Raj Rai Minister, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Mr Manoj Kumar Gogai Executive Director (East), Ms Jagriti Rohit Singla Private Secretary, IRTS, Ms Khushbu Suthar Additional Private Secretary (GAS), and Mr Chauhan Mahesh Gadabhai Personal Assistant to the Minister of State.

In her address, Ms Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya assured that all major issues raised during the meeting would be duly taken up for appropriate solutions. She acknowledged the concerns regarding road connectivity highlighted by the officials and stated that these would be looked into with due priority. She also commended Sikkim’s remarkable commitment to organic farming, noting it as an inspiring model for sustainable agriculture in the country.

Earlier, Ms Diki Doma Bhutia Additional Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies Department, welcomed the Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, and expressed gratitude for her visit to Gangtok to review the ongoing developmental initiatives under the Ministry.

During the meeting, a presentation was delivered by Ms Tenzin Yangchen Additional Secretary, Public Distribution System, and Mr Sunil Chandra Sharma Chief Accounts Officer, FCS Department. The presentation highlighted key aspects of the National Food Security Act

(NFSA), including details of beneficiaries and their entitlements under the PDS.

She underscored major achievements under the Central Sector Scheme ‘Storage and Godowns’ (Focus on North East), noting that the Government of India had sanctioned the construction of ten food godowns and that the construction of all the godowns have been successfully completed and are fully functional.

It may be mentioned that the Government of India has been making consistent efforts to discourage the use of kerosene through various interventions, including reforms in the kerosene subsidy regime, the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), and the rationalisation of PDS SKO allocations to States and Union Territories.

Supplementing the initiatives of the Union Government, the State Government introduced the ‘Sikkim Ama Sahayog Yojana,’ under which financial assistance of ₹4,400 per annum is provided to women from economically weaker sections to cover the cost of four LPG refills.

As a result of the combined efforts of the Centre and the State, the use of kerosene for cooking and lighting has declined significantly. Consequently, the State has surrendered its PDS kerosene quota and has been declared a PDS Kerosene, Free State with effect from April 2025.

Subsequently, Joint Controller, Legal Metrology Unit and Consumer Protection Cell, FCS Department, Mr Jigmi Kazi, delivered a presentation highlighting the key achievements of the LMU and CP Cell.

Likewise, as part of Sikkim’s 50th Statehood Celebrations, he elaborated on several consumer

awareness initiatives undertaken, like, a week-long Mega Consumer Awareness Drive and a State level Inter College Quiz Competition, display of consumer awareness hoardings at all major petrol pumps and Nukkad Nataks (street plays) conducted across all districts.

Similarly, the event continued with a presentation by Mr Amaresh Kumar General Manager, Food Corporation of India (FCI), who elaborated on the pivotal role of the FCI Divisional Office, Gangtok, in ensuring food security in Sikkim through effective management of food grain storage and distribution for the Public Distribution System (PDS), defence, and other Central schemes.

Furthermore, under the Divisional Office Gangtok, there are two depots: FSD Rangpo – an FCI-owned depot with a storage capacity of 10,970 MT and HD Jorethang-a hired depot with a storage capacity of 750 MT. General Manager also highlighted several best practices adopted by the division, including: timely lifting of allocations under NFSA, efficient movement of food grains, construction and management of godowns under the PEG Scheme, close coordination with the State Government, adherence to on-time delivery schedules (DOS), implementation of a biometric attendance system and maintenance of cleanliness at depots and offices.

The meeting also had the attendance of senior officers from the Food Corporation of India, namely, Mr B Ranga prasad Naik Divisional Manager, Gangtok, Mr Sanjay Kumar Assistant General Manager, along with senior officers from Food and Civil Supplies Department.

Press Release from Commerce and Industries Department

Siliguri, October 19: Sikkim Utsav 2025 concluded with a vibrant Diwali performance by the entrepreneurs of Sikkim and other music bands. The four-day celebration, which was held at Vega Circle Mall, Siliguri was organised from October 16 to 19. The tagline of the event was Fun and Joy. The event brought together over 70 Sikkimese entrepreneurs, along with officers and staff from the Commerce and Industries Department, offering a platform to showcase the state’s rich culture, innovative spirit and finest local products.

Organised by the Commerce and Industries Department the event was held under the RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) Scheme in collaboration with the Sikkim leadership and guidance of the Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang. This initiative reflects the Government’s continued commitment in promoting entrepreneurship, supporting local businesses and building a robust ecosystem for MSME growth and sustainable economic development.

Sikkim Utsav 2025 featured a wide variety of products including: traditional handicrafts

and handlooms, organic tea, fresh organic vegetables, decorative candles, processed foods, pickles and spices, local honey and dairy products, apparel and traditional wear, natural skincare products, freshly cooked local foods (live kitchen counters), local pulses, rice and cereals, bakery products and handmade jewellery and accessories.

A major highlight of the event was the live kitchen counter experience, where visitors could savour authentic, freshly prepared traditional Sikkimese dishes, offering an immersive taste of the state’s rich culinary heritage.

Beyond being a consumer exhibition, Sikkim Utsav 2025 was designed to be a strategic platform for entrepreneurs to connect with customers, network with industry stakeholders and explore avenues for collaboration, investment, and market expansion. The event facilitated direct interaction with policymakers, officials from the Commerce and Industries Department and business leaders, thereby, creating opportunities for meaningful dialogue and long-term partnerships.

Sikkim Utsav 2025 proved to be a remarkable platform for entrepreneurs from Sikkim, offering

them a valuable opportunity to showcase and successfully sell their products. The event witnessed an impressive turnout, leading to strong sales for many participants. Notably, several entrepreneurs were able to establish promising partnerships with buyers, paving the way for future business growth and collaboration.

This initiative marks a key step toward realising the state’s vision of becoming a global hub for organic food processing, sustainable industries, and innovation-led entrepreneurship. It underscores the State Government commitment to empower local businesses, promoting Made-in-Sikkim products and integrating the state’s unique strengths into broader national and international markets.

Certificates and mementos were handed over to all the entrepreneurs for their participation.

Sikkim Utsav 2025 under the RAMP Scheme in collaboration with Sikkim INSPIRES aimed to boost inclusive economic growth promote skill development, build a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Meeting on monitoring of Glacial Lakes and Water Bodies in Himalayan Region held

Gangtok, October 18: A meeting on “Monitoring of Glacial Lakes and Water Bodies in the Himalayan Region” was held on October 16 at the Conference Hall of Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Gangtok, under the chairmanship of Mr MT Sherpa, Relief Commissioner-cum-Secretary, LR&DMD. The meeting was attended by representatives from Department of Science and Technology, Central Water Commission (CWC), SSDMA, and Water Resources Department. The session featured a presentation by CWC highlighting the ongoing Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) studies across the Himalayan region and the monitoring of 2,843 glacial lakes. Discussions included the Risk

Index of glacial lakes, methodologies for monitoring, and reference to national guidelines for assessing GLOF risk in river valley projects.

The meeting emphasised the importance of accurate hydrological and telemetric data, available since 1975, for effective planning and mitigation. Key discussions also covered the identification of Highest Flood Level (HFL), Danger Level, and Warning Level, along with the need for enhanced inter-departmental data sharing and coordination. The Relief Commissioner-cum-Secretary underlined the significance of collective efforts for effective monitoring, resilience-building, and risk mitigation in Sikkim’s vulnerable regions.

SLA flags off Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Social Audit

Gangtok, October 18: Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRC Sikkim), operating under the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, initiated the Social Audit of Buildings under the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Accessible India Campaign), starting with the Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat. The audit was conducted on October 18 at the Assembly Secretariat premises.

The programme was flagged off by Mr Barun Dahal, Joint Secretary and Grievances Redressal Officer for Persons with Disabilities at the Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat, marking the official commencement of the social audit initiative in the State. The initiative aims to evaluate and enhance accessibility in public buildings for Persons with Disabilities, promoting inclusivity and equal access to government infrastructure.

The event was attended by Dr MB Chettri, Joint Commissioner, and Mr PN Pradhan, Assistant Commissioner, from the Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department; Mrs Pushpanjali Gupta Director, CRC Sikkim; Mr Barun Dahal, Joint Secretary, Mr Karma P Namgyal, Joint Secretary, Mr Jigme Bhutia, Under Secretary and Mrs Suprima Pradhan, Under Secretary from SLA.

Speaking at the event, the officials highlighted the importance of accessible infrastructure and reaffirmed the State’s commitment to the objectives of the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, a flagship initiative of the Government of India under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), MSJE.

The team from CRC Sikkim will continue conducting social audits of key public buildings across the State as part of this initiative, including the Reserve Bank of India, STNM Hospital, District Administration Centre (DAC) Gangtok, Education Department and Panchayat Bhawan (Deorali, Sikkim) in the coming days.

Government of Sikkim
Office of the Director Pension, Group Insurance & Provident Fund
Finance Department, Gangtok
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NOTICE

The CPF Section of PGIPF Division, Finance Department have been receiving grievances regarding non-credit of their (Subscriber) monthly CPF Contribution in their PRAN Account. As was shared or instructed during the issuance of the PPAN and in various workshop conducted by this Office through out Sikkim, it is once again reiterated that CPF Subscribers who feels that their Monthly Contribution is not reflected in their PRAN Account is hereby notified to contact the CPF Cell and reconcile their individual account for rectification.

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guests.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister extended congratulations to school fraternity and the people of the M a n e y b o n g - D e n t a m constituency for achieving the remarkable milestone of completing 100 years of academic excellence and dedicated service.

He fondly remembered and paid rich tribute to the founding members of the institution for their visionary contributions in establishing a legacy that has shaped generations of learners. He stated that without seeking any compensation or personal benefits, the founders came forward selflessly for the betterment of society and they are the true architects of a progressive community.

The Chief Minister further announced the names of all founding members, emphasising that their contributions must be officially recorded to keep their legacy alive and to recognise their invaluable service to education in the state and the nation. He urged students to draw inspiration from the selfless spirit of the founders, follow in their footsteps and carry forward their noble legacy.

Sharing his personal connection with education sector, he said, before entering politics, he was a teacher, and he understands the joys and challenges faced by both teachers and students. He highlighted that under State Government, the education sector has remained a top priority, leading to qualitative improvements and significant infrastructural advancements across the State.

He informed that 1,692 teachers whose service had exceeded four years have been regularised, including Assistant Professors. He added that the Government remains committed to providing the best possible facilities to both educators and students, with the vision of transforming Sikkim into an

educational hub of the country.

The Chief Minister further announced that in the near future, the post of Departmental Secretary will also be opened for selection from among the teaching cadre and the retirement age of teachers will be extended to 60 years.

Additionally, he informed that ambulances and medical staff have been deployed in all colleges across the State, along with vehicle provisions for Principals of Senior Secondary Schools.

In a major announcement, he stated that each constituency will have its own university, which will be governed by the State Board under strict monitoring, ensuring that no lapses in academic quality or student welfare will be tolerated.

Encouraging teachers, he announced that National Awardee teachers will be provided with a foreign exposure visit along with their family members, while State Awardee teachers will be offered exposure trips to other states of India.

He further stated that teachers in the State are well trained and competent and that students should be equipped not only with academic knowledge but also with essential life skills from an early stage. He emphasised that government jobs should not be viewed as the only career goal, as there are ample opportunities in other fields which, if properly identified and pursued, can bring greater success, opportunities often utilized by people from outside the State.

The Chief Minister also informed about the “Lakshya Centre of Excellence” programme, which provides free coaching for competitive examinations such as NEET and JEE. Additionally, he announced the introduction of Common Admission Test (CAT) coaching in Sikkim to help students prepare for national-level management entrance exams.

Highlighting developmental works in the constituency, he shared that restoration and beautification of Uttarey Lake are underway and that Singshore Bridge is being developed into a

Skywalk attraction with bungee jumping facilities. He also informed that the Dentam–Uttarey road blacktopping work has been sanctioned, and that the proposal for developing the Chewabhanjyang Pass into a multi-corridor route has been resubmitted to the Union Home Minister during his recent visit to Delhi.

Responding to the school’s demands, the Chief Minister assured the construction of a new six-room school building at Dentam Senior Secondary School.

Among the major announcements, he declared the launch of the “Pink City Runner” initiative, wherein drivers, conductors and passengers will all be women, with a 50% fare concession for all female passengers.

During the event, cheques under Chief Minister’s Education Assistance Scheme (CMEAS), Chief Minister’s Discretionary Grants (CMDG), Chief Minister’s Relief Fund (CMRF) and the Mukhyamantri Kaushal Udyami Yojana were distributed to over 100 beneficiaries.

Chief Minister also interacted with senior citizens present at the occasion. In this connection, PPS to the Chief Minister, Mr Ranjan Rai, briefed the attendees on the various schemes and benefits that can be availed through the Chief Minister’s Office. Additionally, Dentam Senior Secondary School also felicitated the Chief Minister.

During the felicitation ceremony, land donors, former teachers, distinguished alumni and benefactors were honoured by the school committee for their invaluable service and dedication to the institution.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Area MLA and Chief Patron of the Organising Committee, Mr Sudesh Kumar Subba, who also presented an overview of the constituency’s developmental achievements and progress made to date.

National Conclave on Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan held

New Delhi, October 17: The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India organised National Conclave on Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan (AKA) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, today. The conclave marked a significant step towards strengthening tribal governance through inclusive, grassroots-led planning and inter-ministerial convergence for sustainable development.

As a prelude to the Conclave, the Adi Sewa Parv was celebrated across all States and Union Territories from September 17 to October 2, 2025. During this period, tribal communities across India developed and declared their Tribal Village Vision 2030, reflecting their collective aspirations for holistic and self-reliant development.

The inaugural session was graced by Union Cabinet Ministers, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Secretary (Ministry of Tribal Affairs), Secretaries of 17 Line Ministries, and senior officials from both Central and State Governments and afternoon session was graced by President of India Mrs Droupadi Murmu.

The event focused on the following core themes: Health and Nutrition, Education and Skill Development, Livelihood and Entrepreneurship, Infrastructure, Governance and Institutional Strengthening.

Ms Sarika Pradhan Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, led the State’s delegation and presented Sikkim’s innovative approaches under the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan. Her presentation showcased achievements in governance and institutional strengthening, where she highlighted the Government of Sikkim has undertaken a major step to strengthen tribal governance and capacity building under the Adi-Karmayogi Abhiyan by institutionalizing it within the Tribal Research Institute and Training Centre (TRI & TC), Sikkim.

The TRI & TC, with its strong foundation in socio-economic research, documentation and training of tribal functionaries, will serve as the nodal knowledge and capacity-building hub for the Abhiyan. This initiative aims to ensure a sustainable, knowledge-driven approach to tribal welfare and development. Key objectives include the establishment of a dedicated “Aadi Karma Yogi Division”, creation of a State Aadi Governance Resource Centre

(AGRC), and development of a Tribal Data and Information Management System (TDIMS). These will facilitate evidence-based planning, policy research, and performance monitoring. The Abhiyan will also emphasise capacity building and certification, research and policy studies, and annual Aadi Karmayogi Conclaves to share learnings and best practices. The initiative envisions enhanced inter-departmental coordination and the empowerment of local tribal leadership to strengthen governance and inclusive development in tribal areas of Sikkim.

The Conclave served as a platform to deliberate on transformative grassroot initiatives under the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan, insights from the Tribal Village Vision 2030 declarations, and strategies for cross-sectoral policy convergence. Emphasis was placed on strengthening Centre-State coordination and ensuring last-mile delivery of government schemes.

Mr Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator (UNRC), lauded India’s efforts in tribal empowerment and highlighted the Adi Yuva Fellowship, supported by UN India, as a pioneering initiative to build leadership and career opportunities for tribal youth through structured learning and mentorship.

The 19 member Sikkim delegation was led by Ms Sarika Pradhan Secretary, Social Welfare Department with Secretary, Women and Child Development, officers from SWD, WCD, Health and Family Welfare, Education Department, and Master Trainers from State and District Master Trainers from District attended the Conclave.

In a notable recognition, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs awarded Mangan, Gyalshing, and Namchi Districts of Sikkim as Best Performing Districts under the Dharti Aaba Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan. This honour acknowledges the State’s commitment to tribal welfare, empowerment, and inclusive development.

Sikkim’s participation reaffirmed the State’s commitment to empowering tribal communities through knowledge, innovation, and inclusive governance. The Social Welfare Department remains dedicated to advancing the vision of the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan by fostering self-reliant, resilient, and empowered tribal communities.

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challenges.

He urged the officers to further explore innovative ways to reach out to the people. He advised the officers to adopt three S’s - Samvaad or communication, Sneh or love and Sanskar or discipline in their day to day

functioning in order to achieve excellence in public service.

During the presentations by various departments, Governor put forth questions and also gave suggestions to ensure efficient implementation of schemes. He thanked the Border Roads Organisation for their continuous effort in restoring and improving connectivity in North Sikkim.

He also appreciated the progress made under the Vibrant

Village Programme and the digital initiatives of the District Administration.

The Governor concluded his address by assuring necessary support for the development of North Sikkim.

Earlier, the programme also saw the release of Technical Bulletin of KVK North Sikkim by the Governor and other dignitaries.

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NOTICE

Shri. Tshering Dorjee Bhutia, Office Attendant, Public Health Engineering Department is absenting himself from his duty w.e.f. 18.07.2025 without any information & leave application.

Therefore, a NOTICE is hereby issued directing him to report to the undersigned within 20 days of the publication of this NOTICE failing which action will be initiated against him as per relevant rules.

All the family members, friends and well wishers of Shri. Tshering Dorjee Bhutia, Office Attendant, Public Health Engineering Department are requested to inform him.

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Mizoram Governor flags off Sikkim Soldierathon 2.0 as part of 50 Years of Statehood Celebrations

Gangtok, October 26: Sikkim Soldierathon 2.0-Hill Marathon, themed 'Run the Ridge-Connect the Peaks -Unite the Spirit' was held at Paljor Stadium, Gangtok, today. Organised by Fitistan-Ek Fit Bharat in collaboration with the Eastern Command and Trishakti Corps of the Indian Army.

The event was flagged off by the Governor of Mizoram, General (Dr) Vijay Kumar Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC, who commended the spirit of the participants and lauded the initiative as a meaningful tribute to the nation's soldiers.

This year's edition held special significance as it coincided with the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Sikkim's Statehood, marking 50 glorious years of the State's journey of progress and harmony within the Indian Union.

Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur distributed the prize and felicitated the winners.

The event was also attended by Mr RB Biswakarma Additional Director Sports and Youth Affairs Department, SP

Gangtok, ADC Gangtok and several senior officers of the Indian Army and the State Government.

The race commenced from Paljor Stadium, Gangtok passing through Zero Point and Tashi View Point before looping back to the stadium. More than 2,500 runners from over 130 cities across 27 states took part, making it one of the largest citizen-Army connect events in the region.

In a commemorative message of Mr Ram Chander Tiwari GOC-in-C Eastern Command Lieutenant General lauded the initiative, stating that every stride taken symbolises gratitude toward the soldiers who guard the nation's borders. He noted that the Soldierathon represents more than a sporting event -it is a movement that strengthens the bond between the Army and the citizens of the country.

Participants had competed in three main categories namely, 21 km Half Marathon, 10 km Run and 5 km Fun Run.

In the 21 km Open Category (male), the winners were Mr Mukesh Singh Bohara, Mr Bhanu

Pratap Singh and Mr Santosh Kumar. In the Female category, Ms Anjuli Subba secured first place, followed by Ms Priya Tamang and Ms Binita Kami, respectively.

In the 10 km Open Category (male), Mr Vivek Phathak emerged first, closely followed by Mr Imran Ansari and Mr Prince Raj Mishra. In the female category, Ms Chandra Kala Sharma clinched the top spot, followed by Ms Tejaswani Lambkane and Ms Riya Tamang.

The 5 km category featured special recognitions, with Mr Manish Pradhan being the oldest runner and Master Kessang Bhutia the youngest in the male group, while, Ms Mridula Agarwal was the oldest and Ms Tsheyangla Bhutia the youngest in the female group.

Special awards were also presented to Mr Duki Sham Pahari (Oldest Runner, 21 km), Mr Rajendra Singh (Youngest Runner, 21 km), Ms Kaushalya Pradhan (Oldest Female, 21 km) and Ms Nitisha Verma.

and standards for detoxification centres as stated by the Government of India.

Also present were ADC (Hq), CMO Namchi, ASP Namchi, SDM (Hq), SDM Namchi, Deputy Secretary (SSLSA), Deputy Director (SWD), WO and other officials.

DC Namchi chairs meeting on launch of DDAC at Kitchudumra

Namchi October 28: Under the Chairmanship of DC Namchi Ms Anupa Tamling, the First District Level Management Committee (DLMC) meeting was convened at the District Administrative Centre (DAC), Namchi, today.

During the meeting, DC instructed that the operational

launch of the Drug De-Addiction Centre (DDAC) at Kitchudumra be expedited and completed within three months.

Furthermore, she proposed setting up a separate juvenile rehabilitation facility within the centre and emphasised the need to strictly adhere to the guidelines

Education and Social Welfare Departments brief media on various Scholarship Schemes

Gangtok, October 28: A press conference was held on various scholarship schemes being implemented under Education Department and Social Welfare Department, today.

The press conference was chaired by Mr Sonam Chopel Sherpa Chairman, Student Welfare Board, Education Department in the presence of Ms Tshering Kee Chingapa Director, Education Department, Ms Bandana Chettri Additional Secretary, Social Welfare Department and officials from both departments.

The briefing aimed to raise awareness among students, parents and educational institutions about the wide range of State and Centrally sponsored scholarship schemes available through the National Scholarship Portal at www.scholarships.gov.in and www.nsp.gov.in.

Additional Director (Scholarships) Education Department Mr Bilal Prabhakar elaborated on schemes such as the Post Matric Scholarship (Merit), Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship (CMMS), Merit and Prerna Scholarship, National

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Studies, NEC Scholarship, and National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS).

In addition, centrally sponsored schemes like AICTE Pragati, AICTE Saksham and Ishan Uday (UGC) were also discussed in detail.

Likewise, Ms Bandana Chettri Additional Secretary Social Welfare Department briefed the media on various scholarship schemes implemented by the department for the benefit of students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs). She also informed about scholarships such as the Post Matric Scholarship for SC Students, Post Matric Scholarship for ST Students, and PM YASASVI Post Matric Scholarship for OBC and EBC Students, along with the rates of Pre-Matric Scholarships for SC, ST, and OBC/EBC students.

In his address, Chairman Student Welfare Board stated that the scholarship schemes aim to support meritorious and

deserving students across diverse disciplines and educational levels, thereby ensuring inclusive educational opportunities and promoting academic excellence in the State. He informed that students may visit the Education Department office for any grievances or further information related to the scholarship schemes.

He also appealed to all elected representatives to actively disseminate information about these schemes in their respective constituencies to ensure that the benefits reach genuine and deserving students. He added that the press briefing was organised to enhance awareness about various scholarship programmes and to encourage eligible students to avail themselves of these opportunities.

Officers from both departments urged all eligible students to apply timely to avail these benefits. These comprehensive initiatives are aimed at promoting inclusive education and supporting meritorious students in pursuing their academic goals without financial constraints.

Chief Secretary chairs meeting on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2025

Gangtok, October 18: Chief Secretary Mr R Telang, chaired a preparatory meeting to review the arrangements for the celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2025, which commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on October 31.

The meeting was held at the Conference Hall of the Tashiling Secretariat, today.

In his address, Chief Secretary urged all departments to work in close coordination to ensure the smooth conduct of the programme. He emphasised that Rashtriya Ekta Diwas stands as a reminder of the spirit of

unity and collective effort that strengthen the nation.

The meeting discussed the planned activities for the occasion in detail and each department was assigned specific responsibilities to ensure proper coordination. Officers put forth their views and suggestions to ensure that the observance is carried out in an orderly and effective manner.

The meeting was attended by Director General of Police, Heads of Departments, senior officers from various line departments, and representatives from ITBP.

Inaugural training-cum-workshop for Primary Tribal Language Teachers held

Pakyong, October 27: The week-long training-cum-workshop for primary tribal language teachers commenced with its inaugural programme at the Tribal Research Institute and Training Centre, Assam Lingzey, today.

The programme is being organised by Tribal Research Institute and Training Centre, Social Welfare Department, in collaboration with Education Department with support from Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

The inaugural programme was graced by Ms Sarika Pradhan Secretary Social Welfare Department as chief guest, alongside Mr AD Chettri Additional Director, Directorate of Language and Textbook as the special guest.

The aim of the workshop is to strengthen tribal language education in primary schools by enhancing the linguistic and pedagogical skills of primary tribal language teachers.

In her keynote address, Secretary informed that the department with support from the Education Department, has developed a training module for primary tribal teachers, which is being piloted through this workshop. She emphasised that regular capacity building is required to ensure teachers remain updated in their knowledge and continue to support the strengthening of tribal language education.

She further stated that language is not only a medium of communication but also a repository of knowledge carried across generations. She added that each tribal language holds traditional wisdom and it is important for teachers to instil in students a sense of pride in their language and heritage.

She highlighted the role of teachers in encouraging students to learn and pass on their language to the next generation.

Mentioning that tribal teachers are integral to the language ecosystem, she encouraged them to share

suggestions and provide inputs for language development wherever necessary. She mentioned that the programme aims to enhance both linguistic and pedagogical skills.

She urged participants to make full use of the learning opportunity and contribute to the protection, promotion, and continued development of tribal languages.

During the programme, Additional Director Mr AD Chettri provided a background on the development of the training module for the five tribal languages and gave an overview of the workshop-cum-training.

He encouraged the teachers to use the workshop as a platform for exchanging ideas to improve the module and support the growth of the languages. He also expressed gratitude to the department for initiating the project.

Following the inaugural session, a technical session was conducted on National Education Policy 2020, the National Curriculum Framework for School Education and the Holistic Progress Card. The sessions were facilitated by Ms Durga Shrestha Senior Lecturer, DIET, Ms Larissa Lepcha Resource Person, SCERT and Ms Lensong Lepcha Assistant Professor, SCERT, respectively.

It is to be noted that the training for primary tribal teachers from October 28 to 31 will be conducted at different venues. Training for Sherpa, Tamang, and Limboo language teachers will be held at SC Bhawan, while training for Bhutia and Lepcha language teachers will be held at BKYT (Makhim).

The programme also had the presence of Additional Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Joint Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Joint Director, Directorate of Language and Textbook, Senior Text Book Officers, Text Book Officers and Assistant Text Book Officers and officials from Tribal Research Institute and Training Centre.

Union Minister of State calls on Governor and Chief Minister



Gangtok, October 17: Mrs Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya Union Minister of State for Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, paid a courtesy call to Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur at Raj Bhavan, today.

During the courtesy call, the Governor extended his warm welcome to Union Minister where they had discussion on the progress of initiatives and schemes under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and on the effective implementation of the flagship schemes and various centrally sponsored projects for the growth and development of the State and the North East region.

The Union Minister briefed the Governor about her visits to various places under Pakyong District, who is on a four-day official visit to Sikkim. The Governor mentioned about the practices of organic farming, women empowerment, and the cleanliness of the State. Also, he informed about various welfare initiatives of the Raj Bhavan, celebration of Nathula Vijay Diwas with the Indian Army on September 11, installations of the Statue of the brave army officer, Lt Gen Sagat Singh at Nathula honouring and acknowledging his bravery during the Indo-China War of 1967.

Similarly, Union Minister of State paid a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang

at his official residence, Mintokgang.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister enquired about the Minister's ongoing tour in Sikkim and various engagements undertaken as part of her visit. He also highlighted the State Government's continuous efforts towards ensuring food security and strengthening consumer welfare across the State.

Mr Bhoj Raj Rai Minister for Urban Development Department, Mr SD Dhakal Secretary to CM and Mr Anil Raj Rai Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies Department were also present during the meeting.

Chief Minister hosts dinner for Indian and Nepal Senior National Women's Football teams

Gangtok, October 28: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang hosted a dinner in honour of the Indian and Nepal Senior National Women's Football Teams at Samman Bhawan, today.

The athletes are in Sikkim to participate in an international friendly football match scheduled for October 29 at Paljor Stadium, as part of the celebrations marking 50 Years of Sikkim's Statehood.

During the event, the Chief Minister interacted with the players and coaches of both teams, commending their dedication, discipline and passion for the sport. He highlighted that their commitment reflects the growing prominence of women's football in the region and across South Asia.

The Chief Minister extended his best wishes to both teams for the upcoming match and their

future endeavours.

Also present were Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Mr Purushottam Kattel General Secretary South Asian Football Federation (SAFF), Ms Yangchen D Tamang Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Department, along with officers and staff from the Sikkim Football Association and the Chief Minister's Office.

Chief Secretary reviews preparations for International Tourism Mart 2025 scheduled to be held in Sikkim

Gangtok, October 17: Chief Secretary Mr R Telang chaired a meeting to review the preparations for 13th International Tourism Mart (ITM) 2025 at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

The event scheduled to be held at Pelling in Gyalshing District from November 13-16, 2025, is being organised by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in collaboration with the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department.

The International Tourism Mart seeks to promote tourism in the North Eastern Region and foster business and cultural exchanges among participants from India and abroad.

In his remarks, Chief Secretary spoke about the importance of hosting the event in Sikkim. He said that the ITM would provide an opportunity to showcase Sikkim's tourism

potential, culture, and hospitality on a national and international platform. He added that the event would strengthen tourism cooperation among the North Eastern States and open new avenues for partnership in the sector.

Chief Secretary called for teamwork and coordination among all departments to ensure the smooth conduct of the event. He encouraged officials to focus on cleanliness, safety, and logistics to provide a positive experience for visiting delegates. He also stressed the importance of completing all arrangements efficiently and on schedule.

The meeting reviewed plans for the inaugural session of the ITM and discussed arrangements for state guests, including transportation, accommodation, and Liaison Officers.

Line Departments were requested to provide full support in key areas, such as road maintenance, law and order, water and power supply, fire safety, medical facilities, excise permissions, internet connectivity, traffic regulation and media coordination.

The International Tourism Mart 2025 is expected to see participation from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, Minister of State for Tourism, Chief Ministers and Ministers of the North Eastern States, along with officials and delegates from India and other countries.

The meeting was attended by Mr CS Rao ACS, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, along with Heads of Departments and senior officials. DCs of Gyalshing and Namchi also joined the meeting through video conference.

Sikkim observes International Year of Cooperatives 2025

Gangtok, October 15: International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025, with the theme 'Cooperatives Build a Better World' was observed at Ashirvad Bhavan, today. The event was organised by the Department of Cooperation.

Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur, graced the occasion as the chief guest and Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang as the guest of honour. The programme was also attended by Minister for Cooperation Department, MLA-cum-Chairman DACS, Chief Secretary, Secretary Cooperation Department and other dignitaries.

In his address, Governor congratulated all Cooperative Societies, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and the Cooperation Department on the occasion. He emphasised Sikkim's potential for growth through cooperatives and stated that a prosperous village forms the cornerstone of a developed India. He mentioned Sikkim's distinctive yak milk-based dairy product, Chhurpi and said it has the potential to attract significant demand in both domestic and international markets.

He asserted that stronger marketing strategies are required to promote Sikkim's organic products across wider markets, within India and abroad.

The Governor also highlighted the importance of greater women's participation in advancing the cooperative movement and said that everyone has the innate capacity to succeed when provided with the right support and encouragement. He added that the active involvement of farmers would further strengthen the cooperative sector and urged the Cooperation Department to promote innovation. He further underlined the need for Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Farmer Producer Organisations to take a more active role.

He reaffirmed his commitment in promoting the theme 'Cooperatives Build a Better World', noting that the cooperative movement has opened several avenues for the empowerment of villages, farmers, women and underprivileged. He said that cooperatives would pave the way for the empowerment of farmers, women and SHGs, enabling them to sustain their livelihoods.

He expressed that the cooperative movement is transforming the lives of farmers, workers, women and youth in the State. He added that to expand the reach of cooperatives, the department must connect every village and farmer. He noted that the Central Government has undertaken numerous efforts to

explore new areas and expand the cooperative framework. He stated that under the guidance of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, significant progress has been achieved in extending the reach of cooperatives to every individual and sector.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister said that since 2019, the State Government has focused on strengthening the cooperative ecosystem, guided by the Prime Minister's vision of 'Sahakar se Samridhi'.

He informed that all Gram Panchayat Units in Sikkim are now part of the cooperative network, supported by developments in infrastructure, digitisation, capacity building and market incentives. He added that Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) have been digitised and are now providing e-governance services as Common Service Centres. Two PACS have also launched Jan Aushadhi Kendras to promote affordable healthcare. He said that the Government continues to encourage youth and women to form and lead new, innovative cooperatives.

He highlighted the vital role of cooperatives in promoting self-reliance and economic empowerment and mentioned that awards were presented to top-performing cooperatives on Independence Day to recognise excellence.

Minister for Cooperation Department, Mr Arun Kumar Upreti, briefed on the significance of IYC 2025. He said that the UN declaration aims to strengthen cooperatives globally with a focus on inclusion, empowerment and sustainability.

The event also featured a video presentation highlighting the initiatives of the Ministry of Cooperation, followed by the launch of a Cooperative song and Anthem, and the inauguration of an E-Cooperative Gallery dedicated in preserving and showcasing Sikkim's cooperative legacy for future generations.

Assam Lingzey Multipurpose Cooperative Society staged a short play based on the State Government's initiative Mero Rukh Mero Santati.

Following the event, the Governor, Chief Minister, Minister for Cooperation Department, and other dignitaries participated in a plantation drive at the Raj Bhavan premises as part of Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam and Mero Rukh Mero Santati.

During the event, the Tareything Multipurpose Cooperative Society presented a Sangini Dance based on the cooperative theme.

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