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1st State-Level Kho-Kho Championship organised



Gangtok, April 3: 1st State-Level Kho-Kho Championship 2026 organised by Sikkim Kho-Kho Association was inaugurated by Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur at Khel Gaon, Reshithang, today.

Among those present were Mr GT Dhungel Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa MLA-cum-Advisor, Ms Kala Rai MLA-cum-Advisor, Mr AK Ghatani Patron-cum-Advisor (Ayush) along with Advisors, Chairpersons, Panchayats, Ms Yangchen D Tamang Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Mr Phurba Wangdi Bhutia Managing Director State Bank of Sikkim, members of the Sikkim Women Commission, senior officials of the Sports and Youth Affairs Department, office bearers of the Sikkim Olympic Association and Sikkim Kho-Kho Association, coaches, athletes and students.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Mr BK Roka President Sikkim Kho-Kho Association, followed by the official declaration of the championship open by the Governor.

A march past and oath-taking ceremony marked the formal opening of the championship.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor said it is a matter of great joy to witness enthusiastic participation of children in sports at such a young age and remarked that seeing them actively taking part in Kho-Kho gave a immense happiness and satisfaction.

Referring to the impact of Khelo India initiative, the Governor observed that sports are steadily reaching every corner of the country, including villages and remote areas and that more

children are now developing interest in various sporting disciplines. He appreciated the efforts of the Organisers and public representatives in promoting sports and creating a meaningful platform for young talent.

Highlighting the significance of Kho-Kho, the Governor said it was heartening to see a traditional Indian sport, which had gradually lost prominence over the years, being revived and promoted in such a grand manner in Sikkim. He congratulated the Sikkim Kho-Kho Association, the Organising Committee, participating athletes and all stakeholders for organising the championship.

He said the sport enhances agility, alertness, coordination and overall physical fitness and encouraged the young players to continue participating in sports with dedication, discipline and a spirit of sportsmanship.

The Governor also extended his best wishes to all the participating teams and students and expressed hope that the championship would further strengthen the sporting culture in the State.

Following the inaugural ceremony, the championship matches commenced with enthusiastic participation from players in different categories. As many as 24 school teams from across Sikkim are participating in the championship, which will continue till April 5, 2026.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr RB Biswakarma, Director, Sports and Youth Affairs Department.

Governor visits Mangan District

Mangan, April 3: Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur began his three-day official visit of Mangan District, today. The Governor was received by Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan and Mr LB Chettri Superintendent of Police and escorted to Chungthang for the first leg of the programme.

At Chungthang, the Governor was welcomed by Mr Samdup Lepcha Minister for Social Welfare Department-cum-Area MLA along with Panchayats and officers of Mangan District and Chungthang Subdivision. This was followed by the ceremonial guard of honour by Sikkim Police personnel.

Governor unveiled the plaque and inaugurated the newly-renovated Chungthang Gymnasium Hall and dedicated the facility to the people of Chungthang. The Governor and Minister Mr Samdup Lepcha engaged in a friendly game of badminton to symbolically mark the formal inauguration and handing over of the sporting



facility to the people.

It may be recalled that Chungthang GPU was adopted by Governor to provide necessary support to help rebuild the area after it was severely damaged due to the GLOF that occurred in 2023.

Since then, he has laid high priority to the development of Chungthang by providing financial assistance to build vital infrastructure to help the place regain its lost glory.

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Education Department organises programme to strengthen education sector

Gangtok, April 1: Education Department organised a programme titled 'Developing Human Capital for Viksit Sikkim-Quality School Education for All' at Chintan Bhawan, bringing together policymakers, senior officials and education experts to deliberate on strengthening the State's school education system.

The programme was attended by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest along with Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Education Department as the guest of honour.

Chief Minister said that the gathering marked a significant milestone in the State's efforts to strengthen and transform the education sector. Expressing satisfaction over the successful conduct of the conference, the Chief Minister said that the programme is a serious and collective exercise aimed at shaping the future of Sikkim through education. He remarked that the presence of officers, educators and grassroot-level policy implementers from all corners of the State reflected the commitment and sincerity of the department and its personnel. The Chief Minister stated that education is the foundation of progress and the backbone of a

strong and prosperous society. He underscored the importance of further strengthening Sikkim's education policy, stating that it must evolve into one of the finest systems in the world that is accessible, inclusive and uncompromising in quality.

Calling for focused reforms, the Chief Minister said that Government schools must become the first and most preferred choice for parents and students. He observed that the qualifications, experience and training of teachers in Government schools are often stronger than those in private institutions and that government schools also function within a sound administrative framework. Yet, he noted, many parents continue to prefer private schools. He urged the Department to carefully examine the reasons behind this preference and to work with renewed determination to create a reverse exodus, where parents and students would increasingly choose Government

schools over private institutions.

He further emphasised that the goal should not be merely to educate students, but to create individuals capable of succeeding in any corner of the world. Referring to the deliberations and presentations made during the conference, the Chief Minister appreciated the quality of the presentations and noted that they had clearly identified the shortcomings in the existing system. He directed that the presentations be made available to all officers of the department for future reference and institutional learning.

Describing the conference as the first of its kind in the State, the Chief Minister said he had envisioned it as a more interactive, two-way platform and expressed hope that future conferences would encourage broader participation, idea-sharing and field-based experiences from

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Pearls of Wisdom

"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

- Roy T. Bennett

Training programme for Enumerators and Supervisors

Mangan, April 4: The two-day training programme for Enumerators and Supervisors under Chungthang subdivision for Census 2027 concluded, today.

The training was imparted by Mr Palden Lachungpa DCSO Mangan-cum-District Census

Officer, Mr Kailash Thapa BDO Mangan and official from Census office, in the presence of Mr Jona Targain Additional Charge Officer-cum-BDO Chungthang.

During the course of the training, officials under Chungthang Subdivision carried out Self enumeration using the

census link. Further, participants were imparted hands-on training on HLO App and supervisors App.

Likewise, practical scenarios were discussed with the help of mock exercises.

DC Gyalshing inspects M/s Kunphen Indane Gas Godown

Gyalshing, April 2: Mr Tenzing D Denzongpa District Collector Gyalshing accompanied by Mr Tshering Sherpa Superintendent of Police conducted an inspection of M/s Kunphen Indane Gas Godown (Indian Oil Corporation) located at Tikjek, Gyalshing, today.

During the inspection, the DC reviewed the stock position at the godown and examined the maintenance of records pertaining to point-wise delivery.

He directed the concerned officials to ensure that Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders are delivered strictly at

designated delivery points, enabling all citizens to conveniently access the service.

He also sought detailed information on the total number of distribution points and the day-wise distribution schedule. Emphasising transparency and accountability, the DC stressed the need for maintaining accurate records of deliveries, including the dates of the last supply at each distribution point.

Additionally, he reviewed the availability and deployment of vehicles used for point-wise delivery.

Simultaneously, the SP

inspected the fire safety mechanisms at the godown to ensure compliance with prescribed safety standards and preparedness for emergencies.

The inspection was undertaken with the objective of strengthening service delivery, enhancing transparency in LPG distribution and ensuring strict adherence to safety norms in storage and handling.

The District Administration has reiterated that strict action will be taken against any instances of hoarding or black marketing.

DC Soreng chairs DRCC & DRSC meeting

Soreng, April 1: Meeting of the District Road Coordination Committee and District Road Safety Committee was chaired by Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng at his office, today.

The meeting was held in compliance with the directions issued by the High Court of Sikkim in connection with Writ Petition (PIL) No. 18 of 2010, Court on Suo Moto vs the Secretary, Ministry of Surface Transport and others.

Present in the meeting were Mr Nahkul Pradhan SP (Soreng), Mr Basant K Chettri RTO, Mr Sudeep Tamang AE (R&B) Soreng, MVI, President STDA Soreng Taxi Drivers Association.

During the meeting, Terms of Reference of the District Road Safety Committee, constituted under the provisions 215(3) of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 were presented by Mr DR Bista ADC Soreng. He highlighted the responsibilities of the Committee, including the periodic review of road accidents in the district, monitoring the implementation of the State Road

Safety Policy and ensuring compliance with the directions of the State Road Safety Council and the Government of India on matters related to road safety.

He further highlighted on the need to maintain updated records of road accidents in the district, including details of vehicles involved, causes of crashes, investigation findings, details of offenders if any, condition of victims and registration of FIRs where applicable. Emphasis was also laid on the monthly publication of road accident data on the district website as well as on the MoRTH Road Safety portal.

Discussions were emphasised on developing a district road safety plan, ensuring forensic investigation of major road crashes, improving emergency response through optimal placement and availability of ambulances and strengthening coordination between hospitals and emergency services.

During the deliberations, the DC and ADC also highlighted

the importance of promoting and acknowledging Good Samaritans, clarifying that recognition should not be limited only to drivers but extended to any individual who voluntarily assists victims during road accidents or emergencies. Intimating that encouraging such humanitarian assistance would strengthen timely response and support during road mishaps.

It was also informed that the High Court has sought a compliance report before the commencement of the second session and accordingly the concerned departments were requested to furnish the required inputs so that an Action Taken Report could be submitted to the Office of Advocate General of Sikkim for filing the compliance affidavit before the High Court within the stipulated timeline.

The meeting concluded with directions to concerned departments to take necessary action and extend full cooperation in ensuring submission of the compliance report.

DC Mangan holds meeting to assess LGP and essential goods

Mangan, April 1: A meeting was held at DAC Mangan under the chairmanship of Mr Anant Jain District Collector Mangan to assess the available stock of LPG and other essential goods in the District.

The meeting had the presence of Mr LB Chettri SP Mangan District, Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarpa Additional DC, Mr Gideon Lepcha SDM Dzongu, Mr Palden Lachungpa DCSO Mangan, Mr Ganesh Thapa Welfare Officer, other officers of various line departments and representatives from LPG agencies.

Reference was made to a high-level meeting chaired by the Chief Minister, where the IOCL Plant Head committed to maintaining a 80% supply rate

across all districts. The DCSO briefed the chair on the available stock of LPG cylinders in the district. It was agreed upon that Institutions including schools, hostels and ITBP units are required to officially register for commercial cylinders and necessary coordination is to be done to strictly comply with this transition.

The DC emphasised the need to curb illegal practices and ensure market stability and stressed on urgent need to conduct field inspections to check for hoarding. Likewise, immediate inspections are to be carried out at commercial establishments and any business found using domestic cylinders must be penalised and directed to register for a commercial

connection.

Further, to streamline the resolution of LPG-related grievances and logistics, it was decided to depute a dedicated representative to the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) near DAC complex, which will act as the designated control room. This representative will operate on a roster duty basis specifically to monitor and address LPG distribution issues.

Further, it was also highlighted that kerosene shall be stored in petrol pumps and in case of need, distributed at nominal rate set by the Government. Additionally, use of firewood, wherever available was also suggested in the meeting.

DC Mangan launches Self Enumeration

Mangan, April 1: Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan launched the Self-enumeration for Phase I of the Census (Houselisting and Housing Census) at DAC, today.

The session was organised to demonstrate the Self-Enumeration and facilitate data entry for Government employees to ensure smooth implementation of the process.

The Self Enumeration process will be conducted from April 1-15. The initiative aims to facilitate accurate and efficient

collection of household data through self-reporting.

Following the Self Enumeration by DC, the exercise was carried out simultaneously by the Heads of Offices of the district through the link <https://se.census.gov.in/>

All Heads of Departments in the district, along with SDMs were directed to ensure wide dissemination of the self-enumeration process within their respective office and jurisdiction to maximise participation.

Self-Enumeration for Census 2027 inaugurated

Namchi, April 1: The inauguration of Self-Enumeration for Census 2027 across various Census Charges under Namchi District was conducted by the Census Charge Officers and Additional Census Charge Officers, today.

The Self-Enumeration process in the District was participated by Mr Bhoj Raj Rai Minister-cum-MLA, Mr Sanjeet Kharel MLA, Mr Madan Cintury MLA, Mr Rikshal Dorjee Bhutia MLA, Mr Satish Chandra Rai MLA, Mr Bishnu Prasad Sharma APS to Chief Minister where during the process, each Charge Officer facilitated the self-enumeration process for the

dignitaries.

Emphasising the importance of public cooperation in making the Census exercise comprehensive and successful, the Charge Officers also urged residents to take advantage of the self-enumeration system and provide accurate information within the stipulated time. The self-enumeration process can be initiated by the individuals by logging in the self-enumeration portal: <https://se.census.gov.in>

It may be mentioned that individuals falling under the district of Namchi have been urged by the Charge Officers to Self Enumerate starting from April 1 to April 15, 2026, respectively.

Scrutiny of nominations filed for General Municipal Election 2026

Namchi, April 1: Scrutiny of nominations filed for the General Municipal Election 2026 for seven wards under Namchi Municipal Council (NMC) and five wards under Nayabazar-Jorethang Nagar Panchayat (NJNP) was conducted at the Office of Ms Anupa Tamling Municipal Returning Officer, Namchi, today.

The scrutiny process was carried out by Municipal Returning Officer (MRO), Namchi, in presence of the candidates and was overseen by Mr Shailendra Sharma Election Observer for Namchi District, PCE-cum-Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department (PHE).

During the process, all the nominations filed by five candidates of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha Party (SKM) for the 5 wards under NJNP were accepted by the MRO. The accepted nominations under the NJNP are Mr Sunil Kumar Gupta (SKM Party) filed nomination for 01 Shantinagar Ward, Ms Manjari Rai (SKM Party) for 02 Trikaleshwar Ward, Ms Uma Protel (SKM Party) for 03 Daragaon Ward, Mr Samten Moktan Tamang (SKM Party) for

04 Majhigaon Ward and Mr Randeep Chhetri (SKM Party) for 05 Nayabazar Ward.

Similarly, the nominations filed by nine candidates for the 7 wards under NMC were also duly approved by the MRO. The accepted nominations under the NMC are Ms Saraswati Sharma (SKM Party) for 01 Gangyap Ward, Ms Nima Choden Lepcha (Independent) nominations for 01 Gangyap Ward, Ms Anu Chettri (SKM Party) for 02 Dambudara Ward, Mr Sangay Bhutia (Bharatiya Janta Party) for 03 Upper Ghurpisey Ward, Mr Pem Norbu Bhutia (SKM Party) for 03 Upper Ghurpisey Ward, Ms Mamta Kalikotey (SKM Party) for 04 Lower Ghurpisey Ward, Ms Lucky Tamang (SKM Party) for 05 Upper Boomtar Ward, Mr Ganesh Rai (SKM Party) for 06 Upper Singhithang Ward and Mr Manoj Kumar Manger (SKM Party) for 07 Purano Namchi Ward.

It may be mentioned that the Withdrawal of Candidature by any candidates can be done on or before April 4, 2026, before 3 PM at the office of the MRO Namchi.

DC Pakyong undertakes Digital Self-Enumeration

Pakyong, April 2: Mr Rohan Agawane DC Pakyong undertook the digital self-enumeration process under the first phase of Census 2027 at his chamber, today.

The self-enumeration was carried out through the designated online platform, introduced as part of the nationwide Census exercise initiated by the Government of India.

The process aims to

streamline data collection, enhance accuracy and ensure greater convenience for citizens by allowing them to submit their demographic and household information independently.

Citizens across the State have been encouraged to actively participate in the self-enumeration process and complete their details within the stipulated timeline, contributing towards the successful implementation of Census 2027.

Municipal Election Scrutiny of Documents for Gangtok

Gangtok, April 1: Scrutiny of documents for the Municipal Election carried out at the Office of DC Gangtok, today.

The process was conducted by Mr Tushar Nikhare, DC-cum-Municipal Returning Officer, in the presence of Mr Basant Kumar Lama Secretary-cum-Election Observer.

Also present were Mr Tshering Norgyal Theengh Assistant Municipal Returning Officers, including Additional District Magistrate (Hq); Mr Sisum Wangchuk Bhutia ADC Gangtok; Mr Roshan Subba and Mr Mahendra Chettri SDMs Sang-Rabdag and Gangtok.

The nomination papers of all candidates from the Gangtok Municipal Corporation and Singtam Nagar Panchayat were accepted by the Municipal Returning Officer, subject to detailed scrutiny and proper verification of documents. The names of the candidates whose nominations have been accepted for the General Municipal Election 2026 under Gangtok Municipal Corporation are as follows:

1. Ward No. 01-Bojoghari 2nd Mile (Scheduled Tribe), Mr Ongden Bhutia-SKM Party

2. Ward No. 02-Upper Burtuk (State OBC), Mr Nell Bahadur Chettri-SKM Party

3. Ward No. 03-Lower Burtuk (Scheduled Tribe) Mr Tashi Chopel Lepcha -SKM Party

4. Ward No. 04-Lower Sichey

I (Scheduled Caste, Women), Ms Jashu Jairu-SKM Party

5. Ward No. 05-Lower Sichey II Lingding (Central OBC, Women), Ms Puspa Rai -SKM Party

6. Ward No. 06-Upper Sichey (State OBC, Women), Ms Aruna Chettri - SKM Party

7. Ward No. 07-Chandmari (Scheduled Tribe, Women), Ms Chungkela Lepcha-SKM Party

8. Ward No. 08-Tathangchen (Scheduled Tribe, Women), Ms Lashey Doma Bhutia -SKM Party

9. Ward No. 09- Development Area (Scheduled Tribe, Women), Ms Tshering Palden Bhutia -SKM Party

10. Ward No. 10-Diesel Power House (Unreserved), Ms Srijana Chettri-BJP, Ms Bindhya Cintury-Independent and Mr Avishek Sharma-SKM Party

11. Ward No. 11-Arithang I (Scheduled Tribe), Mr Karma Tempo Rapgyal Bhutia-SKM Party and Mr Dawa Sherpa-Independent

12. Ward No. 12-Arithang II (Scheduled Tribe, Women), Ms Sara Lama-SKM Party

13. Ward No. 13 -Lower MG Marg Lall Bazar (Unreserved), Mr Pankaj Prasad-SKM Party

14. Ward No. 14-Upper MG Marg (Unreserved), Mr Sundeep Malu-SKM Party

15. Ward No. 15-Tibet Road (Scheduled Tribe, Women), Ms Hissey Doma Bhutia-SKM Party

16. Ward No.16-Deorali

Upper Syari (State OBC, Women), Ms Nirmala Chettri-SKM Party

17. Ward No. 17-Panihouse (Scheduled Tribe), Mr Norbu Tamang-SKM Party

18. Ward No. 18-Daragaon Lumsey (State OBC), Mr Milan Kumar Chettri-SKM Party

19. Ward No. 19-Tadong (Scheduled Tribe), Mr Sonam Pintso Bhutia-SKM Party and Mr Pempo Dorjee Lepcha-BJP

20. Ward No.20-Lower Tadong 6th Mile (Central OBC, Women), Ms Bhawana Rai -SKM Party

21. Ward No. 21-Ranipool (State OBC, Women), Ms Sakuntala Pradhan-SKM Party

II. Singtam Nagar Panchayat
1. Ward No. 01-Pipal Dara (Scheduled Caste, Women), Ms Yad Kumari Kami -SKM Party, Ms Rajani Singh Cintury-BJP

2. Ward No. 02-Daragaon (Unreserved), Mr Mukesh Agarwal-SKM Party

3. Ward No. 03-Mandir Line (Unreserved, Women), Ms Bindhya Subba -SKM Party

4. Ward No. 04-Lall Bazar (State OBC), Mr Kishore Chettri-SKM Party

5. Ward No. 05-Chisopani (Scheduled Tribe), Mr Suresh Kumar Tamang-SKM Party

The withdrawals of nominations are to be conducted till April 4, 2026, while the polls are scheduled to be held on April 24, 2026.

DRCC meeting chaired

Pakyong, April 2: Mr Pulkit ADC Pakyong chaired the District Roads Coordination Meeting (DRCC) in the presence of Mr ML Pradhan Additional SP Pakyong at DAC Pakyong, today.

The meeting aimed to focus on strengthening road maintenance efforts while improving the condition of road stretches across the district.

Also in attendance were Mr Thinlay Gyamtso Bhutia Additional Chief Engineer, Power Department, Mr Sonam Pintso Bhutia DFO (T), Dr Madan Mani Dhakal Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Pakyong, Mr DP Sharma Deputy RTO along with officials from Pakyong District Zilla

Panchayat, PHE Department, NHIDCL and GREF.

During the meeting, ADC Pakyong reviewed and enquired on the progress of ongoing works undertaken by the concerned departments and stressed the importance of prior intimation regarding timelines of upcoming projects to streamline implementation. He sought updates on the enforcement of traffic challans, drunk driving and other violations, while enquiring on road safety measures in vulnerable areas. In addition, he suggested developing a dedicated public portal to enable the public to report road-related concerns.

During the meeting, the

Committee members deliberated on key issues including installation of proper road signage, maintenance and repair of National Highway stretches, status updates on highway works, excavation activities and machinery deployment by NHIDCL. Additionally, concerns regarding illegal dumping of mud and debris, illegal parking and overall road maintenance were discussed in detail.

Officials from NHIDCL apprised the committee of the measures being undertaken to address these issues and assured to work towards improving road infrastructure and management across the District.

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

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

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

This issues with the approval of the Government.

Sd/-
Secretary

Government of Sikkim Health & Family Welfare Department Namchi, South District

Memo No:944/Accts/H&FWD/N

Dated: 01/04/26

Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed quotations are invited on behalf of District Hospital Namchi from interested firms for the supply of stationaries and other essential items for a period of one year, with the following terms and conditions

1. Any local firms in possession of the following documents may apply:

- Valid trade License issued by authorized Government agencies
- Attested copies of C.O./S.S.C./Residential Certificate.
- G.S.T clearance certificate from Commercial Tax Division, Finance Department

2. The Tender Forms, Tender envelopes and other details like eligibility criteria, terms & conditions of Lease etc, can be obtained from the office of Senior Accounts Officer cum D&DO, Health & Family Welfare Department, Namchi District on any working day w.e.f. 22nd to 24th April on production of Bank Receipt for ₹1000/- (Rupees One Thousand-only) duly credited to Revenue Head: 0210-800 Other Receipts.

3. The duly filled up Tender forms should reach the office of the Under Secretary, Namchi District Hospital accompanied by self-attested documents as mentioned above along with Temporary Deposit Receipt (TDR) of ₹10,000-(Rupees Ten Thousand Only) drawn in favor of Sr. Account Officer cum D&DO Health & FW. Department, Namchi District from the State Bank of Sikkim or any Nationalized Bank of India on 27th April 2026 between 10:30 AM to 12:30 P.M. Tender received after 12:30 PM of 27th April 2026 will not be entertained.

4. The sealed tender will be opened on the same day at 02:30 PM at the office of the Director cum Chief Medical Officer, Namchi District Hospital in the presence of Tenders/Authorize representatives present.

5. The Competent Authority reserves the right to cancel the allotment at any time in case of violation of the terms and conditions or for reasons of public interest, without assigning any reason.

Chief Medical Officer
Health & Family Welfare Department
Namchi District
(36, II)

Government of Sikkim Health & Family Welfare Department Namchi, South District

Memo No:943/Accts/H&FWD/N

Dated: 01/04/26

Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed quotations are invited on behalf of District Hospital Namchi from interested firms for the supply of Medicines, Consumables and Lab Tests under AB-PMJAY for a period of one year ie from Financial Year 2026-27 to 2027-28 with the following terms and conditions:

1. Any local clinical establishment having qualified pharmacists and in possession of the following documents may apply:

- Valid trade License issued by authorized Government agencies
- Necessary certificate in Pharmacy from reputed & recognized institute Attested copies of C.O./S.S.C./Residential Certificate
- GST clearance certificate from Commercial Tax Division, Finance Department

d. Supply of required Medicines, Consumables & Lab Tests should come with a minimum base discount rate of 20% on the MRP. Also, the MRP on medicines, consumables and lab tests are to be mentioned especially.

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Chief Medical Officer
Health & Family Welfare Department
Namchi District
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Census 2027 Phase I training for Enumerators and Supervisors commences

Pakyong, April 2: The training programme for Enumerators and Supervisors for Census 2027 Phase I - House Listing and Housing Census (HLO) for Pakyong Sub-Division commenced at the RDD Community Complex, RURBAN, Pakyong, today.

The training aims to equip enumerators and supervisors with the necessary skills and guidelines for accurate and efficient data collection.

The first phase of training was inaugurated by the Principal Census Officer and Mr Rohan Agawane District Collector Pakyong.

Addressing the participants, the District Collector highlighted the Census exercise, emphasising its significance and explaining its role in the enumeration of households and population for planning and policy formulation.

He further stated that the assignment entrusted to the Enumerators and Supervisors carries significant responsibility. He emphasised the importance of regular attendance during training, attentive participation, and diligent fieldwork, noting that the data collected would form a credible basis for national planning.

He also stressed the need for proper planning in the exercise and directed the participants to discharge their duties with sincerity and commitment, and to seek guidance from concerned officers in case of any difficulty.

Mr NB Subba Field Trainer to Enumerators and Supervisors and Joint Director, Education Department, delivered a detailed presentation on various aspects

of the digital Census.

He explained that the Census is the official and complete enumeration of every household and individual, capturing demographic, economic and social data at a specified point in time. He informed that Census 2027 will be the 16th Census in the series and the 8th since Independence.

The session covered the objectives of the Census, including its role in policy formulation and planning. It also outlined the methodology and key features of Census 2027, with emphasis on data accuracy and the operational workflow for Enumerators and Supervisors. The presentation further highlighted the use of digital tools in Census operations, the roles and responsibilities of field functionaries, and the structure of Census implementation at national and State/UT levels. Details of Phase I- House Listing and Housing Census (HLO) and Phase II- Population Enumeration (PE) were explained, along with methods of data collection, validation processes, and the Self-Enumeration facility.

He also briefed the participants on provisions of the Census Act and Rules, including duties, responsibilities and penalties associated with Census operations, and emphasised the importance of building public trust during enumeration.

Further, Ms Nanela Kazi Field Trainer to Enumerators and Supervisors and Joint Director, DESME delivered a presentation on the concepts and definitions related to building and Census house numbering. The session

covered terms including houselisting block, premises, building, Census house, household, head of household, and persons to be covered, along with guidelines for house numbering.

She also elaborated on the preparation of the Houselisting Block (HLB) Layout Map, including its components, symbols used, prerequisites, and the steps involved in its preparation, along with guidelines for Enumerators.

Additionally, the schedule of questions for the Houselisting and Housing Census was discussed, with details on filling location particulars, information relating to the condition of houses, ownership and other basic information.

An overview of the HLO mobile application was also provided, including installation prerequisites, app availability, login process, language selection, and related features.

The training for Pakyong Census circle will continue in three batches till April 11. Further, training sessions will be conducted across various sub-division and Nagar Panchayats of the district as per the scheduled programme.

The training programme had the presence of Mr Thendup Lepcha Charge Officer and SDM (Hq); Mr NK Bhandari Charge Officer and SDM Pakyong; Mr Subash Dhakal Deputy Director, LR&DMD; Additional Charge Officer and Mr Sangay Tamang BDO Pakyong and Mr Nirnay Rai Assistant Director, IT.

District-level meeting on rollout of scheme held

Pakyong, April 4: District-level meeting on the rollout of PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs was held for Census Town Rhenock.

The meeting was organised by Urban Development Department, Gangtok at DAC Pakyong, today.

The PM SVANidhi scheme, launched on June 1, 2020, by the Government of India, is a special micro-credit facility aimed at providing affordable working capital loans to street vendors. Introduced as part of the COVID-19 relief measures, the scheme supports vendors in resuming and sustaining their livelihood activities.

Additionally, the scheme's coverage has been expanded beyond statutory towns to include census towns and peri-urban areas, thereby bringing more street vendors under its ambit. The restructured scheme also aims to benefit a larger number of new vendors across the country.

The meeting was attended by Mr Rohan Agawane DC Pakyong, Mr Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia Special Secretary, UDD, (MD DAY-NULM); Mr Thendup Lepcha SDM (Hq) Pakyong along with Mr SK Dhungana BDO Rhenock; Ms Beena Muktan Assistant Director, UDD (DAY-NULM) and officials from UDD, Gangtok.

During the meeting, DC directed the concerned officials to constitute a district-level committee in accordance with the scheme guidelines and to initiate

the process of identification of eligible street vendors, so as to ensure timely and effective implementation of the scheme.

Assistant Director UDD (DAY-NULM), briefed on the PM SVANidhi scheme through a detailed PowerPoint presentation. She highlighted the key features of the restructured scheme and explained that it was introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic as a relief measure to support street vendors and facilitate the revival and upliftment of their livelihoods. She elaborated on the loan structure under the scheme, which provides collateral-free working capital loans in three tranches up to ₹15,000 for the first tranche, ₹25,000 for the second, and ₹50,000 for the third along with an interest subsidy to promote timely repayment. She also emphasised the promotion of digital transactions through cash back incentives and the provision of UPI-linked RuPay credit cards.

Further, she outlined the objectives of the scheme, including financial inclusion, economic support to street vendors and encouragement of digital transactions. The roles and responsibilities at the State and District levels were also discussed, focusing on effective implementation, identification of beneficiaries, and monitoring of loan disbursement.

The meeting concluded with discussions on ensuring coordinated efforts for the successful implementation of the PM SVANidhi scheme in the district.

Awareness-cum-inspection on LPG management

Pakyong, April 4: Awareness-cum-inspection on LPG management led by Mr Pulkit ADC Pakyong, was conducted at Pakyong Bazaar, today.

The inspection team comprised of Mr Tashi Pinsto Mapen Deputy Commissioner, Labour Department; Mr Bhim Pradhan DCSO Pakyong; Mr Pradeep Chettri SHO Pakyong; along with officials from the Food and Civil Supplies Department and Police Personnel.

The inspection team visited LPG godowns and various commercial establishments to verify compliance with LPG usage norms, further advising the restaurant owners to only use

commercial LPG cylinders. Some establishments were found lacking in hygiene standards and proper labour verification. They were directed to improve cleanliness, comply with food safety norms, and update necessary documentation at the earliest. The team also visited the KYC office to review the progress of the ongoing e-KYC process and the level of public participation.

During the visit, ADC Pakyong interacted with the LPG distributors to review the availability and distribution status of LPG in both urban and rural areas, further urging the commercial establishment owners to obtain the necessary licenses

and adhere to prescribed regulations.

He informed that the distribution of domestic LPG refills will be regulated with urban consumers receiving refills once every 25 days and rural consumers once every 45 days. He then stressed that all domestic LPG consumers must complete their e-KYC process to ensure uninterrupted supply.

It is to be mentioned that a control room has been established at the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC), DAC Pakyong, to address queries or issues related to essential supplies. The contact number for the same is 03592-200024.

develop their sporting abilities. The Governor urged the people to treat public infrastructure not merely as government property but as their own, and to work collectively in maintaining and utilising such facilities for the benefit of the community. He also assured that the concerns and requests placed before him would be given due consideration.

Acting on the submissions made by Minister Mr Samdup Lepcha in his address, the Governor made it loud and clear that the Phu Phu Stadium (public ground) is an infrastructure created exclusively for the people of

Chungthang and nearby areas and should not be used by Army, ITBP or any other private entity for parking and other purposes. He suggested for a separate place for parking, thereby allowing the civilians to use the ground for sporting and other recreational activities. The Governor also appreciated the prompt action taken by the local authorities to dismantle the police quarters which were in a dilapidated condition.

Further, responding to the point placed by the Minister about the need for a community hall in Chungthang, the Governor

announced a grant of ₹Ninety lakhs to build a community centre for official and social activities.

The ceremony began with a welcome address by Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan, who highlighted the importance of strengthening sports infrastructure and providing improved facilities to nurture young sporting talent in the district. He thanked the Governor for adopting Chungthang and laying special emphasis on its development.

Minister spoke about the significance of the renovated facility in promoting a vibrant sports culture in Chungthang and creating opportunities for the youth to actively participate in indoor sports and athletic activities. The Minister also recalled the devastating Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) of October 4, 2023 and appreciated the timely relief and rehabilitation efforts undertaken under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang.

The Minister expressed gratitude to the Governor for adopting Chungthang GPU and for visiting the disaster-affected region on three separate occasions to personally assess the situation and supplement the rehabilitation efforts. He further highlighted that the reconstruction of important infrastructure, including the Phu Phu Stadium and the Chungthang Police Station, along with the

development of sports infrastructure such as the renovated gymnasium hall, have greatly benefitted the people of the area. He described the Governor's presence as a blessing for the people of Chungthang and acknowledged the coordinated efforts of the Governor and the State Government in ensuring the development of the region.

He also pointed out certain challenges faced by local youth due to the use of Chungthang playground areas for parking by companies and army units, which restricts space for sports activities. He assured that the government remains committed to resolving such issues while ensuring that all government schemes and developmental programmes continue to be implemented smoothly in the region. He also highlighted the need for a Panchayat/Community Hall in Chungthang to support local administrative and community activities.

Present on the occasion were Zilla and Gram Panchayats, SP Mangan, SDM Chungthang, ADC (Dev), SDPO Mangan, BDO Chungthang, officials from various line departments and public.

It may be mentioned that Governor is on a three-day visit to Mangan District, during which he will be attending a series of programmes.

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In addition to other vital infrastructure, the renovation of the Gymnasium Hall was sponsored by Lok Bhavan, reflecting a continued commitment towards strengthening sports infrastructure and promoting community development in the region.

Governor emphasised the importance of sports in fostering discipline, teamwork and a healthy lifestyle. He encouraged the youth to make full use of the facility and

Results of uncontested seats for Sikkim General Municipal Election 2026

Gangtok, April 4: The results for the uncontested seats for Sikkim General Municipal Election 2026 under the Gangtok District were declared, subject to the submission of Form 21 by the withdrawing candidates to Mr Tushar G Nihare Municipal Returning Officer-cum-District Collector.

The results of uncontested seats under Gangtok Municipal Corporation (GMC) are as follows:

1. Mr Ongden Bhutia from Ward No 01-Bhojoghari 2nd Mile (Scheduled Tribe), SKM Party.
2. Mr Nell Bahadur Chettri from Ward No 02-Upper Burtuk (State OBC), SKM Party.
3. Mr Tashi Chopel Lepcha from Ward No 03-Lower Burtuk (Scheduled Tribe), SKM Party.
4. Ms Jashu Jairu from Ward No. 04-Lower Sichey I (Scheduled Caste) (Women), SKM Party.
5. Ms Puspa Rai from Ward No. 05-Lower Sichey II (Lingding) (Central OBC) (Women), SKM Party.
6. Ms Aruna Chettri from Ward No 06-Upper Sichey (State OBC) (Women), SKM Party.
7. Ms Chungkela Lepcha from Ward No 07-Chandmari (Scheduled Tribe) (Women), SKM Party.
8. Ms Lashey Doma Bhutia from Ward No 08-Tathangchen (Scheduled Tribe) (Women), SKM Party.
9. Ms Tshering Palden Bhutia from Ward No 09-Development Area (Scheduled Tribe) (Women), SKM Party.
10. Mr Karma Tempo Rapgyal Bhutia from Ward No 11-Arithang I (Scheduled Tribe), SKM Party.
11. Ms Sara Lama from Ward No 12-Arithang II (Scheduled Tribe) (Women), SKM Party.
12. Mr Pankaj Prasad from Ward No. 13-Lower MG Marg Lall Bazar (Unreserved), SKM Party.
13. Mr Sundeep Malu from Ward No 14-Upper MG Marg (Unreserved), SKM Party.
14. Ms Hissey Doma Bhutia from Ward No. 15-Tibet Road (Scheduled Tribe) (Women), SKM Party.
15. Ms Nirmala Chettri from Ward No. 16-Deorali Upper Syari (State OBC) (Women), SKM Party.
16. Mr Milan Kumar Chettri from Ward No. 18-Daragaon Lumsey (State OBC), SKM Party.
17. Mr Sonam Pintso Bhutia from Ward No. 19-Tadong (Scheduled Tribe), SKM Party.
18. Ms Bhawana Rai from Ward No. 20-Lower Tadong 6th Mile (Central OBC), SKM Party.
19. Ms Sakuntala Pradhan from Ward No. 21-Ranipool (State OBC) (Women), SKM Party.
20. Mr Norbu Tamang from 17-Panihouse (Scheduled Tribe), SKM Party has withdrawn his nomination from candidacy in Sikkim General Municipality Elections 2026.

Ward no 17-Panihouse remains uncontested.

Likewise, the results of uncontested seats under Singtam Nagar Panchayat (SNP) are as follows:

1. Ms Rajani Singh Cintury from Ward No 01- Pipal Dara (Scheduled Caste) (Women), BJP
2. Mr Mukesh Agarwal from

Ward No 02- Daragaon (Unreserved), SKM Party.

3. Ms Bindhya Subba from Ward No 03-Mandir Line (Unreserved) (Women), SKM Party.

4. Mr Kishore Chettri from Ward No 04- Lall Bazar (State OBC), SKM Party.

5. Mr Suresh Kr. Tamang from Ward No 05- Chisopani (Scheduled Tribe), SKM Party.

The candidates received the Certificate of Election (Form 47) from Municipal Returning Officer-cum-DC Gangtok Mr Tushar G Nihare in the presence of Election Observer, Mr Basant Kumar Lama and the Assistant Municipal Returning Officers.

It maybe noted that all polling stations for Ward no.10-Diesel Power House will be set up at Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School. The polling day is on April 24, 2026 and the results will be declared on April 25, 2026.

Similarly, all nominated candidates for the General Municipal Election 2026 under **Mangan Nagar Panchayat** have been declared elected unopposed after the completion of the nomination and withdrawal process.

Following the conclusion of the withdrawal period, it was confirmed that all the candidates who had filed their nominations earlier remained uncontested, thereby securing their respective seats without opposition.

Subsequently, the Official Declaration and the Certificate of Election was formally handed over to the candidates today by Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarpa Additional District Magistrate, Mangan, in the presence of Mr Sandeep Kumar SDM Mangan.

The candidates who have been elected uncontested for the respective wards under Mangan Nagar Panchayat are Mr Tshering Pintso Saring-1 Upper Mangan Bazar Ward

Ms Phurkit Lepcha-2 Pentok Ward,

Mr Norbu Rinchen Lepcha-3 Power Colony Ward,

Mr Hangu Lachenpa-4 Rinzing Namgyal Marg Ward,

Ms Tshering Doma Bhutia-5 Lower Mangan Bazar Ward,

The five elected candidates represent the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party.

It may be recalled that the scrutiny of nomination papers for the General Municipal Election 2026 for Mangan Nagar Panchayat was conducted on April 1 at the Office of Mr Anant Jain, Municipal Returning Officer-cum-District Collector, Mangan, in the presence of Ms Kincho Doma Lepcha Secretary Lokayukta cum Election Observer for Mangan Nagar Panchayat Election 2026.

After the scrutiny and withdrawal of candidature, all five candidates remained the sole nominees for their respective wards, resulting in their election being declared uncontested.

This marks the formal completion of the election process for Mangan Nagar Panchayat.

Likewise, Ms Anupa Tamling Municipal Returning

Officer Namchi, formally handed over the Certificates of Election to all 12 newly elected representatives of the **Namchi Municipal Council (NMC)** and **Nayabazar-Jorethang Nagar Panchayat (NJNP)**, following the General Municipal Election 2026 at the Office of the Municipal Returning Officer, Namchi.

The elected representatives comprise seven wards under the Namchi Municipal Council and five wards under the Nayabazar-Jorethang Nagar Panchayat within Namchi District.

The details of the elected members are as follows:

Namchi Municipal Council (NMC):

1. Ms Saraswati Sharma (SKM) – Ward No. 01, Gangyap
2. Ms Anu Chettri (SKM)-Ward No. 02, Dambudara
3. Mr Sangay Bhutia (Bharatiya Janata Party)-Ward No. 03, Upper Ghurpisey
4. Ms Mamta Kalikotey (SKM)-Ward No. 04, Lower Ghurpisey
5. Ms Lucky Tamang (SKM)-Ward No. 05, Upper Boomtar

6. Mr Ganesh Rai (SKM)-Ward No. 06, Upper Singhithang

7. Mr Manoj Kumar Manger (SKM) – Ward No. 07,

Nayabazar-Jorethang Nagar Panchayat (NJNP)

1. Mr Sunil Kumar Gupta (SKM) - Ward No. 01, Shantinagar

2. Ms Manjari Rai (SKM)-Ward No. 02, Trikaleshwar

3. Ms Uma Protel (SKM)-Ward No. 03, Daragaon

4. Mr Samten Moktan Tamang (SKM)-Ward No. 04, Majhigaon

5. Mr Randeep Chhetri (SKM) – Ward No. 05, Nayabazar

The Municipal Returning Officer congratulated the elected representatives on their success and extended her best wishes for a fruitful and responsible tenure in service of the public.

It may be noted that the elected members will be formally inducted following the forthcoming oath-taking ceremony.

Also, the process of withdrawal of candidature for the General Municipal Election 2026 in **Gyalshing District** was completed.

During the withdrawal proceedings, the independent candidates from Ward No 5-New Gyalshing (OBC) (S), Mr Bishnu Lall Thapa Chettri and Mr Santosh Sharma, submitted Form 21 for withdrawal of their candidature before Mr Tenzing D Denzongpa, Municipal Returning Officer-cum-District Collector, Gyalshing in presence of the Election Observer, Mr Bimal Rai. Consequently, Ward No 05-New Gyalshing has also been declared uncontested.

Under **Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat** all candidates have been declared duly elected unopposed and no polling will be conducted in the district.

The details of the duly elected candidates are as follows:

1. Kyongsa (ST): Mr Rinzing Bhutia (Sikkim Krantikari Morcha)
2. Byadung (SC): Mr Praveen Darjee (Sikkim Krantikari

Morcha)

3. Nayabazar Ward (ST) (W): Ms Laki Doma Bhutia (Sikkim Krantikari Morcha)

4. Central Gyalshing (UR) (W): Ms Suman Mittal (Sikkim Krantikari Morcha)

5. New Gyalshing (OBC)(S): Ms Khina Maya Tewari (Sikkim Krantikari Morcha). The Certificates of Election have been issued to all the candidates declared elected.

Following the withdrawal of Mr Ashok Pradhan of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) from Ward No. 02 Dara Bazar (UR) under **Soreng Nagar Panchayat** the remaining candidates stood uncontested.

Mr Dhiraj Subedi Municipal Returning Officer (MRO)-cum-District Collector Soreng, extended his best wishes to all the candidates on becoming the first elected members to constitute the Soreng Nagar Panchayat.

The MRO handed over the Certificates of Election to the winning candidates namely:

1. Ms Santi Kala Limbu for 01 Singling (ST) (W) from Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party.

2. Mr Naren Subba for 02 Dara Bazar (UR) of the Soreng Nagar Panchayat from Bharatiya Janta Party.

3. Ms Dina Hangma Subba for 03 Soreng Bazar (ST) (W) from Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party.

4. Mr Dil Prasad Jogi for 04 Pragati Chowk (OBC) (C) from Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party.

5. Ms Divya Subba for 05 Daragaon (ST) (W) from Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party.

The Certificates of Election have been issued to all the

candidates declared elected.

Following the completion of the nomination and withdrawal process, ten candidates in **Pakyong District** have been declared elected unopposed from their respective wards in the General Municipal Election 2026.

The Certificates of Election were formally issued by Mr Rohan Agawane Municipal Returning Officer-cum-District Collector Pakyong to the following candidates:

Pakyong Nagar Panchayat-

1. Mr Inchung Bhutia of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 01 Kartok Ward;

2. Ms Rozi Gurung of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 02 Dugalakha Ward;

3. Ms Bhim Maya Chettri of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 03 Basnet Gaon Ward;

4. Mr Rakesh Basnett of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 04 Pakyong Bazar Ward;

5. Ms Sancha Maya Tamang of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 05 Dikling-Chalamthang Ward.

Rangpo Nagar Panchayat:

1. Ms Sanju Manger of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 01 Majhitar Ward;

2. Ms Radha Pradhan of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 02 Mining Ward;

3. Mr Sanjeev Kumar Khati of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 03 Mandi Bazar Ward;

4. Mr Pinku Kumar Prasad of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 04 Rangpo Upper Bazar Ward;

5. Ms Larishna Tamang of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) for 05 Chanatar Ward.

Health Tips

10 MORE WAYS TO STAY YOUNG AND HEALTHY

1. Vitamin E

Vitamin E is one of the effective anti ageing agent. Enrich your daily diet chart with foods which are rich in vitamin E. Even if you use any skin care products, prefer those which are enriched with vitamin E.

2. Vitamin A

Use of Retinol A; a purest form of vitamin A can help to reduce wrinkles and fine lines.

3. Benefits of Apple Juice

Apple juice is healthy for having a fresh skin, also you can apply fresh apple juice on your skin daily; apple juice is helpful to remove fine lines and wrinkles.

4. Use of Glycerin, Lemon juice and Rose water

All these 3 are great for having a healthy skin, take Glycerin, lemon juice and rose water in equal amount. Mix all these and apply daily on your face, hands and neck, before going to bed at night. This solution is very effective for younger looking skin.

5. Aloe Vera Gel

Apply Aloe-Vera gel as a face mask on your face, neck and hands. Let it dry for 20 minutes, put the mask out and wash your face with fresh cold water. If you have dry skin then add vitamin E (oil) in the gel and mash it well before applying.

6. Take steam Bath often

Take steam bath at least once in a week, this will help your body to remain healthy and young.

7. Think Positive

Your mental health directly affects your physical health. Adopt a positive attitude towards life and think positive, it's the way to look young and healthy.

First Phase of Census 2027

Gangtok, April 1: Mr VB Pathak Chief Administrator-cum-Cabinet Secretary and Mr R Telang Chief Secretary undertook digital self-enumeration under the first phase of Census 2027 at Tashiling Secretariat in the presence of Mr Karma Bonpo Director of Census Operations, Sikkim.

The officials completed the

enumeration through the online platform as part of the nationwide Census exercise initiated by the Government of India. The Directorate of Census Operations informed that the digital mode enables citizens to submit their details directly and supports efficient data collection.

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officers and educators. He stated that such conferences should be organised periodically to review progress, assess outcomes and identify remaining challenges. He said that education is an asset that can never be stolen and reiterated that the Government considers education one of its highest priority sectors. He said that the State Government is making sustained efforts to bring global-level education to Sikkim through strategic tie-ups, partnerships and policy support. He acknowledged that while flaws and disparities still exist within the system, these can be addressed only through collective effort, commitment and honesty of purpose. He called upon all stakeholders to work together as Team Education and Team Sikkim to eliminate disparities and revamp the education system in a meaningful and lasting manner.

The Chief Minister also appreciated the Department for bringing forward the Teacher Transfer and Posting Policy, and suggested that it be considered for conversion into an Act, so as to make it more binding, transparent and equitable for all concerned. He further recalled that the State Government had introduced a Teacher Regularisation Policy in 2021, which has enabled the regularisation of several teachers in a smooth and systematic manner.

Reaffirming the State Government's support to the sector, the Chief Minister highlighted several student and teacher centric initiatives introduced by the State Government. He mentioned that National Awardee teachers are sent for international exposure tours, while State Awardees are sent for national exposure visits. He also referred to schemes such as Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme, APATAN Scheme and Chief Minister's Education Assistance Scheme, under which eligible students receive financial assistance of up to ₹20 lakh for pursuing MBBS. In conclusion, the Chief Minister called for collective action, courage and innovation in reimagining education in Sikkim. He said that with commitment, vision and coordinated effort, the State can build an education system in which government schools inspire trust, opportunity becomes universal, and Sikkim emerges as a benchmark of educational excellence.

Minister Mr Raju Basnet underscored the importance of

sustained efforts in improving educational standards and ensuring equitable access to quality education across the State. He said the programme had provided an important platform to deliberate on the future course of the State's school education system. He noted that certain indicators had revealed alarming trends, helping the department identify critical gaps and initiate corrective measures. He stressed the need to improve enrolment and create a more enabling learning environment, while emphasising that the ultimate focus of every policy must remain on student welfare. He also underlined the importance of adopting personalised learning pathways and evolving pedagogy in line with changing times and the individual capacities of students.

The Minister further pointed out the need for a comprehensive training database to track teacher capacity-building programmes conducted by SCERT, so as to identify who has been trained and who still requires training. Referring to the Teacher Transfer and Posting Policy, he said the policy was timely and should eventually be strengthened through legislation to ensure equity and fairness for all.

He said the conference was a significant and unprecedented initiative, and called upon all stakeholders to draw inspiration from it and work collectively towards building a Viksit Sikkim through Sunaulo, Samriddha ani Samartha Sikkim.

Dr Sandeep Tambe, Principal Secretary, in his presentation on 'Quality Education: Policy Suggestions' outlined a roadmap to make government schools in Sikkim the best in the country. He identified key challenges including declining enrolment, low learning outcomes, weak English competency, inclusive education gaps, teacher transfer issues and weak monitoring systems. He stressed the need for weekly monitoring of learning outcomes, reintegration of dropout students, support for children with special needs, English-friendly campuses, stronger libraries, a Learning Enhancement Programme and a robust school monitoring framework. He also presented eight policy suggestions aimed at improving enrolment, academic progress, English fluency, school monitoring and teacher management.

Mr Tashi Chophel, Secretary, School Education, set the context by highlighting the State's commitment to improved learning outcomes and building a robust education ecosystem aligned with

State-Level Capacity Building workshop under Mission Karmayogi

Gangtok, April 2: The Department of Personnel organised a State-Level Workshop on "Institutionalising Capacity Building: From Training to Performance-Linked Governance" under Mission Karmayogi at Chintan Bhawan, today.

Chief Secretary Mr R Telang attended the programme as the chief guest.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary stated that capacity building remains central to strengthening governance and improving service delivery. He emphasised that training must be linked with performance to ensure effective implementation of Government programmes. He added that structured learning enables officials to respond effectively to emerging administrative challenges and enhances overall institutional efficiency.

The Chief Secretary stressed the need to shift from individual-centric functioning to a system-driven approach. He stated that systems should be structured to ensure continuity of work and enable smooth transition, allowing processes to function efficiently. He added that governance must remain people-centric and that delivery of services should be treated as a responsibility. He further stated that a well-defined system reduces dependency on individuals and ensures consistency in decision-making across departments.

He further stated that responsibilities should be distributed evenly among officials instead of concentrating functions with a single officer. He emphasised the importance of moving from a power-based structure to a performance-based

the vision of a Viksit Sikkim. He also made a presentation on Quarterly School Visit and Monitoring Framework.

Mr AD Chhetri, Director, Samagra Shiksha, presented an overview of the challenges facing school education, outlining key gaps and the need for targeted interventions with a Vision 2030 for Government Schools.

A series of thematic presentations followed, focusing on critical areas of reform. Mr Rajiv Philip, DD, SCERT, spoke on strengthening foundational mathematics with Mr EK Shaji Co Founder of JodoGyan interacting via online.

Ms Tshering L Bhutia Additional Director, SCERT, highlighted initiatives for foundational English. These sessions were complemented by virtual interactions with experts from leading institutions, including Azim Premji University and the British Council, providing broader

framework, adding that such a shift in work culture would strengthen administration and support development outcomes. He also highlighted that accountability mechanisms should be clearly defined to ensure transparency and measurable outcomes in governance.

He urged officials to treat the workshop as an opportunity for learning and to apply the knowledge in their respective departments.

Mr Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, Secretary, Department of Personnel, in his address, expressed appreciation to the participants and highlighted the importance of institutionalising capacity building across departments. He stated that governance systems are evolving with new policies and technologies and emphasised that continuous learning remains essential in public service.

He informed that personalised learning pathways are available through the iGOT platform to support self-improvement among officers. He requested Heads of Departments to facilitate training and related exercises within their respective offices and encouraged participants to utilise the initiative effectively.

Secretary, DoP said that Sadhana Sapta is being observed from April 2 to April 8 under Mission Karmayogi as a national capacity building initiative. He informed that the programme aims to promote continuous learning, strengthen the competencies of Government officials, and improve service delivery. He added that it encourages officials to engage with the iGOT platform and supports a citizen-centric and performance-based

academic perspectives.

Dr Santi Ram Adhikari, Director, SCERT, presented on PM e-Vidya and special programmes for Science and Mathematics, while Ms Asha Khatri, Additional Director, Samagra Shiksha, elaborated on inclusive education, followed by an interaction with Project Setu represented virtually by Mr A Vijay Saradhi of the Empathy Bridge Foundation.

The session on CM Model School, presented by Mr Ujjwal Khatiwada, Director, CMMS, featured the success story of CM Model School in Assam Linzey, highlighting how in such a short time students have been able to gain state wide recognition through a holistic education approach. He further presented on the progress achieved in setting up two more CMMS in Hee Gyathang and Namthang which are expected to be operational in 2027 and 2028.

Additionally, industry

governance system.

Mr Mahesh Sharma, Director, Administrative Training Institute-cum-Special Secretary, DOP, presented an overview of the workshop and the implementation of iGOT in the State. He informed that Mission Karmayogi focuses on capacity building of Government officials through a competency-based approach.

He outlined the activities undertaken in the State, including orientation programmes, workshops and consultations across departments. He stated that the initiative promotes continuous learning through the iGOT platform and supports integration of capacity building with administrative functions.

He explained that departments are required to identify roles and responsibilities, ensure structured work allocation and establish monitoring mechanisms as part of Capacity Building Plans. He also highlighted challenges such as gaps in work allocation, coordination issues and limited availability of content in local languages, adding that these are being addressed through improved coordination and streamlined processes.

The programme included an interactive session during which, Nodal Officers shared updates on departmental progress under capacity building plans.

The workshop was attended by Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Chief Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Secretaries, Nodal Officers and officers of the level of Joint Secretary.

experts from national organisations such as J-PAL South Asia, Ek Step Foundation and LEP, spoke on evidence-based approaches and digital learning innovations in the education sector. Further, deliberations included presentations on health, safety, wellness and values by Ms Anugrah E Rai, Additional Director and Teacher transfer and posting policy by Ms Lakhi D Bhutia, Special Secretary.

The programme concluded with the presentation of a statue of Manjushri to the Chief Minister.

The programme was attended by Mr Sonam Chopel Sherpa Chairperson Student Welfare Board, OSD Education Department, PCE-cum-Secretary (Engineering Cell) Education Department, Chief Education Officers, Principals from DIET Colleges and Senior officers and staff of Education Department.

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