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Governor calls on Vice President



New Delhi, October 8: Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur called on Vice President of India Mr CP Radhakrishnan, in New Delhi, today. This was the first courtesy meeting following the Vice President's assumption of office.

The Governor congratulated him on assuming his office and conveyed best wishes for a successful tenure.

During the meeting, several issues pertaining to the overall development of Sikkim were discussed. The Governor apprised the Vice President of the ongoing initiatives and priorities of the State Government aimed at promoting sustainable development, tourism, and welfare of the people of Sikkim.

A commemorative coin marking the celebration of 50 Years of Sikkim's Statehood was also presented to the Vice President.

The Vice President appreciated the efforts being made towards the State's growth and assured his continued support in all endeavors contributing to the progress and prosperity of Sikkim.

Chief Minister calls on Prime Minister



New Delhi, October 6: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang called on Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, in New Delhi, today. During the meeting, the Chief Minister on behalf of the people of Sikkim conveyed heartfelt gratitude for the Prime Minister's visionary leadership, unwavering support, and encouragement that continue to guide Sikkim's journey of peace, progress, and prosperity.

The Chief Minister congratulated the Prime Minister on the launch of GST 2.0,

describing it as a transformative reform aimed at strengthening ease of doing business, empowering small and medium enterprises, advancing cooperative federalism, and easing the tax burden on citizens.

Recalling the Prime Minister's consent to visit Sikkim during the Golden Jubilee of Statehood in May 2025, the Chief Minister expressed deep appreciation for his continued goodwill. Although the visit had

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CM pays tribute to Late Nar Bahadur Bhandari on his Birth Anniversary



Gangtok, October 5: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang paid homage to former Chief Minister Late Mr Nar Bahadur Bhandari at Samman Bhawan, today. annually as a tribute to the architect of modern Sikkim and the driving force behind the Nepali language movement in India.

Recognising the monumental contributions of Late Bhandari, the State Government had earlier declared October 5, his birth anniversary as a public holiday. The day is observed

dedication to public service continue to inspire generations', he said.

Among his most historic achievements was the successful inclusion of the Nepali language in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, a landmark moment for the community nationwide. A visionary leader, he devoted his life to the upliftment of farmers, workers, teachers, government employees, and the underprivileged, thereby laying the foundation for justice and equality in society.

Concluding his remarks, Chief Minister called upon the people of Sikkim to honour Mr Bhandari's legacy by committing themselves to building a stronger, more prosperous, and progressive Sikkim.

Also present were Cabinet Ministers, MP Lok Sabha, MLAs, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, Advisors, Chairpersons, OSDs, HoDs, and senior officials from various State Government Departments.

Preparatory meeting for Union Home Minister's visit

Gangtok, October 8: A coordination meeting was chaired by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang at Samman Bhawan to review preparations for the upcoming visit of Union Home Minister Mr Amit Shah to Sikkim.

The meeting focused on preparations, logistics, and the overall programme outline for the visit. Discussions emphasised smooth coordination among Departments, timely completion of tasks, and upholding Sikkim's tradition of warmth and hospitality. Directions were issued to all concerned Departments to ensure that the visit and associated events are conducted successfully and seamlessly. The finalisation of the venue will be done at a later stage.

The visit will include the Rashtriya Sahkari Sammelan-2025 and virtual inauguration and foundation stone laying of various projects, key initiatives aimed at accelerating Sikkim's development, strengthening its cooperative movement, and enhancing opportunities for growth and prosperity across the State.

The tentative schedule for the visit of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi to Sikkim in November was also reviewed, including key programmes, logistics, and coordination requirements, to ensure that every arrangement is meticulously planned and executed flawlessly, reflecting the State's tradition of efficiency and hospitality.

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CLEAN & GREEN**

Pearls of Wisdom

"If what you have done yesterday still looks big to you, you haven't done much today."

-Mikhail Gorbachev

Governor attends first Convocation Ceremony of Sikkim Alpine University

Namchi, September 22: First convocation ceremony of Sikkim Alpine University was attended by Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur at Town Hall Namchi, today.

He was accompanied by Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Education Department, Advisor, Secretary Education Department, DC Namchi, Sr SP Namchi, Officials, Chancellor Alpine University, Vice-chancellor, along with Councillors, Zilla Panchayats, Board of Directors (Alpine University) and staff.

The Governor congratulated all graduating students and commended the University for nurturing outstanding achievers within a short span of time since it's establishment in 2021. He underlined the role of education not only in shaping careers but also in building characters, kindness and service to society. Referring to Sikkim's natural beauty, he urged the youth to embody the essence and dignity of the state in their future endeavours.

Highlighting the vision of Prime Minister Mr Narendra

Modi's, Viksit Bharat 2047, the Governor stressed on the importance of empowering the Yuva (Youth), Mahilayen (Women), Annadata (Farmers), Gareeb (Poor), to transform India into a developed nation by the centenary of Independence. He encouraged students to make the best use of Government-funded schemes and skill oriented initiatives such as Start-up India, Make in India and Digital India, which promotes Innovation and self-reliance.

Citing India's rich educational heritage through the example of Nalanda University, he noted the country's historic contribution to global knowledge exchange. He also emphasised the international recognition of India under the leadership of the Prime Minister particularly through the celebration of International Yoga Day which is celebrated worldwide and was adopted by the United Nations in 2014.

Addressing the infrastructural challenges faced by private institutions in Sikkim, he assured support from both Centre and State Government. He

further expressed delight in witnessing the rising number of female graduates, terming it as a step forward in realising the Prime Minister's vision of women empowerment especially in the field of education.

Minister Mr Raju Basnet expressed gratitude on behalf of the Education Department, appreciating the efforts of University in opening new avenues for students not only in the State but also across India and neighbouring countries.

He underscored the vision of Chief Minister to establish Sikkim as an educational hub that nurtures future scholars and intellectuals of repute.

Earlier, Dr Ashish Chaturvedi Vice-Chancellor presented an overview of the University's achievements, affirming the institution's commitment to producing successful students and leaders.

The highlight of the event was the conferment of the degrees and awards to graduating students, followed by National Anthem in sign language.

Major General APS Chahal calls on Governor

Gangtok, September 26: Major General APS Chahal, Additional Director General, NCC (Sikkim and West Bengal), along with other officials called on Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur at Raj Bhavan, today.

During the meeting, the Major General informed Governor that a new NCC Group Headquarters is being established in Sikkim. Until now, the Headquarters for Sikkim and West Bengal functioned jointly. However, with this independent set-up, NCC activities in the State will be further strengthened, nurturing the spirit of nationalism and patriotism among the youth.

They also discussed the formation of a new battalion in

Sikkim, which will create more opportunities for the youth to actively participate and serve the nation through the NCC.

The Governor appreciated the contribution of NCC cadets from Sikkim, noting that they have brought laurels to the State through their excellent performance at the national level. He highlighted that NCC plays a vital role in instilling discipline, leadership, and patriotism among young people.

The Governor further recalled the vision of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, to increase the strength of NCC cadets across the country to 25 lakh, enabling more youth to join the organisation and contribute to nation-building.

Vice Chancellor SRM University calls on Governor

Gangtok, September 27: Cdr (Dr) Gurudaman Sharma, Vice Chancellor of SRM University called on Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur at Raj Bhavan, today.

During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor briefed on various

academic initiatives, research programmes, and developmental activities of the University and preparations for the forthcoming convocation. The discussion held other important issues pertaining to the growth and vision of the institution.

Cohort Programme launched

Pakyong, October 6: District Administration Pakyong, in collaboration with Nomad Sikkim, launched a first-of-its-kind Cohort Programme at Yakten, aimed at strengthening Sikkim's entrepreneurial ecosystem and advancing the Chief Minister's visionary initiative of 'One Family, One Entrepreneur'.

The programme brings together two distinct groups: local entrepreneurs from Sikkim and cohort members from across India representing diverse fields such as technology, design, marketing, and finance. Continuing till October 12, the participants will engage in collaborative problem-solving sessions to design practical solutions that address real challenges faced by budding entrepreneurs in Sikkim.

The initiative is being mentored by Dr Nitin Karir, Chairman, State Finance Commission, Maharashtra, and supported by Member of

Parliament (Lok Sabha), Sikkim, Mr Indra Hang Subba, who has consistently championed youth-led innovation and entrepreneurship in the state.

The Nomad Sikkim team, which conceptualised is executing this programme, has positioned it as the first-of-its-kind initiative in India where individuals from diverse geographies and professional domains assemble in a Himalayan setting to co-create entrepreneurial pathways for a state.

A clear result of the programme was seen on the first day, when two participants made a website for a local homestay owner. This helped the business go online within a few hours and showed the teamwork and problem-solving spirit of the programme.

The Cohort Programme signifies a step toward building a self-reliant and innovation-driven Sikkim and is expected to serve as a model for other districts across the country.

Inauguration of Old Silk Route Eco Tourism and Adventure Park Gnathang

Pakyong, September 24: Old Silk Route Eco Tourism and Adventure Park at Gnathang was inaugurated by Mr Arun Kumar Upreti Minister for Rural Development Department and Ms Pamin Lepcha MLA-cum-Advisor, today.

Developed by Gnathang Multipurpose Cooperative Society, the eco-tourism and adventure park includes an emporium, museum, replica of the old silk route, Jelep La tent, Zuluk models, and adventure activities such as rock climbing. Entry passes are priced at ₹200/- and ₹300/-, the latter including traditional attire.

The Minister hoisted the International Year of Cooperatives flag at an altitude of 12,800 feet, one of the highest in the District.

He said that Gnathang is like a jewel, which has been transformed by the local cooperative society. He assured State Government support for developing sustainable

livelihoods in border areas, encouraged local promotion of the valley through social media, and underlined the importance of cleanliness drives for maintaining the beauty of the region.

MLA-cum-Advisor commended the efforts of the cooperative society and highlighted the significance of community-led models in rural tourism and employment generation. She added that the project would serve as a milestone in showcasing the cultural and natural heritage of the Old Silk Route.

Ms Gloria Namchu Secretary Cooperation Department, congratulated the cooperative society for launching the first tourism-based MPCS in the State, noting Sikkim's position as a tourism hub. She said the opening of Doka-La and Cho-La passes would further benefit the region.

Mr Bijay Pratap Hang Subba Additional Registrar

Cooperation Department briefed on the project, which began in 2021 and outlined upcoming activities including hiking, high-altitude cycling, skiing, snowboarding, zip lining, boating, and overnight camping.

The museum features displays of yak herders' daily equipment, British war memorials, the heroes of Nathula, Baba Harbhajan Singh, the Battle of Tukula, the Doklam standoff of 2017, and the Nathula and Chola wars of 1967, along with traditional cultural exhibits and a section on the Yeti.

The programme had the presence of Principal Registrar Cooperation Department, SDM Gangtok, Additional Registrar Head Office Cooperation Department. Also present were officials and officers from the Cooperation Department, Zilla and Gram Panchayat members of Gnathang GPU, representatives of SISCO Bank and local residents.

Chief Minister lays foundation stone of Healing Garden-cum-Wellness Park in Mangan

Mangan, September 24: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang laid the foundation stone of Healing Garden-cum-Wellness park near District Hospital Mangan, today.

The programme had the presence of Mr Pintso Namgyal Lepcha Minister for Forest and Environment Department-cum-Area MLA, along with Cabinet Ministers, MLA-cum-Advisor, PCCF-cum-Secretary Forest Department, senior officers of Forest Department, DC Mangan and other officials.

An initiative of the Forest and Environment Department, the Healing Garden-cum-Wellness Park conceptualised as the 'lungs of the earth' stands as an embodiment of renewal, sustainability and harmony with nature. Developed as a serene sanctuary, the park is dedicated to promoting health, well-being and environmental balance.

Situated below the District Hospital Mangan, the garden offers thoughtfully

designed spaces that encourage reflection, rejuvenation and a deeper connection with nature. Beyond serving as a recreational site, the Healing Garden symbolises the interdependence of human health and natural environment.

The park also seeks to create awareness on ecological conservation while providing opportunities for eco-tourism and inclusive community engagement.

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Chief Minister...

to be cancelled due to unfavourable weather conditions, the Chief Minister noted that the Prime Minister's message of encouragement had inspired the people of Sikkim. He extended an invitation to the Prime Minister to visit the State towards the end of November 2025.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister also presented long-pending issues of

historical, social, political, and cultural importance for the Prime Minister's kind consideration. The Prime Minister appreciated Sikkim's unity, cultural richness, and steady development, and assured his positive support towards the State's aspirations.

Expressing optimism about the future, the Chief Minister said he was confident that under the Prime Minister's leadership and guidance, Sikkim will continue to move ahead with strength, purpose, and dignity towards a golden, prosperous, and secure future.

Governor attends Sanjivani Sangam 2025

Gangtok, September 26: Mr PB Chettri President, Sikkim Vir Gurkha Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association (SVGESWA), along with other Executive Members, called on Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur at Raj Bhavan, today.

The highlight of the meeting was the Agniveer training imparted by the association to the youths of Sikkim at the SAP Camp, Pangthang. This initiative has been instrumental in motivating youth and guiding them towards a disciplined, healthy, and dedicated way of life. They mentioned that such training not only supports their personal growth but also prepares them to contribute towards nation-building.

The Governor enquired about how young people were responding to the Agniveer initiatives of the Centre Government and praised the work of the ex-servicemen in guiding the young generation on this. He remarked that this endeavour would not only benefit them individually but also inspire them to contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

Further, the Governor commended the association for their continued good work and assured that Raj Bhavan would always extend its support to the welfare of ex-servicemen.

On the occasion, the association also presented the Governor with their Annual Report and the yearly magazine Agniveer.

Health Tips

- * Eat a healthy diet:** Eat a combination of different foods, including fruit, vegetables, legumes, nuts and whole grains. Adults should eat at least five portions (400g) of fruit and vegetables per day. By eating healthy, you will reduce your risk of malnutrition and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer.
- * Cosume less salt and sugar:** Reduce your salt intake to 5g per day, equivalent to about one teaspoon. On the other hand, consuming excessive amounts of sugars increases the risk of tooth decay and unhealthy weight gain.

Government of Sikkim

Rural Development Department

Gangtok

N.I.T No. 02/SE(zilla)/plg/stores/RDD/HQ

Dated: 19/09/2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer (SW, Zilla), Rural Development Department, invites sealed tenders from the eligible registered contractors of APPROPRIATE CLASS (II A) enlisted under SPWD within the District and having experience in such works for the work listed as under:-

Sl. No	Name of work	Value put to tender (in Lakhs)	Completion time (In months)	Amount of Bank receipt for cost of tender documents (in Lakhs)	Amount of Earnest Money @2.50% for issue tender of form (₹) in lakhs	Territorial Jurisdiction
1	Construction of Block Administrative Centre (BAC) at Baiguney under Soreng District	557.53	30 months	1.00	13.94	Within the District

TIME SCHEDULE

I. Date of issue of NIT

: 22/09/2025

II. Date for submission of application with Bank receipt upto 3.00PM for issue of Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form)

: 13/10/2025 & 14/10/2025 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

III. Date of issue of Tender Form.

: 17/10/2025 & 18/10/2025 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 pm

IV. Date and Time of submission of Tender.

: 27/10/2025 from 10:00AM to 1:00 P.M.

V. Date and Time of opening of Tender.

: 27/10/2025 from 1.30PM.

CONDITION OF CONTRACT

1. Tender is open only to eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.

2. The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER. The application shall be submitted initially for each work listed above with all required documents.

3. The application should enclose attested copies of the (a) latest GST clearance certificate as per the Indian Income Tax Act and (b) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate, and Professional Tax Clearance Certificate along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.

4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the tender form) can be obtained during the period specified in from the office of the Superintending Engineer (S/W, Zilla), Rural Development Department on production of requisite Bank receipt of the State Bank of Sikkim towards the cost of Tender Documents (non-refundable) UNDER THE RECEIPT HEAD 0515-800-01 (sale of tender documents & other Misc) "Cost of Tender Form" to the Chief Accounts Office concerned.

5. Earnest money deposited @2.5% in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of temporary Deposit receipt of schedule Bank which includes deposits in the form of temporary deposit receipts to fixed deposit receipts in favor of Chief Accounts Officer of the Department. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the deposit receipts to that contractors/firm who has obtained the tender documents, on production of toward deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.

6. The Tender Documents, including the Tender form with quoted offer should be placed in the sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted in it. Supporting documents listed at Sl.No (a), (b) and (c) above should be enclosed with the offer.

7. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the office of the Chief Engineers, Rural Development Department on the date and within the time indicated above.

8. The Tender should sign on every page of the Tender Documents as Acceptance of the General Direction and Condition of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and other taxes and levies. Over writing and correction should avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tender shall be rejected forthwith.

9. In case of any discrepancy in rate (s) printed in the schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender document, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the Principal Chief Engineer/Head of the Department will be final in this regard.

10. The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any extra claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.

11. The contractor shall engage a Graduate/ Diploma Civil Engineer(s) at the project site during the period of execution of work as per the norms prescribed in the Enlistment Rules and grade of contractors as well as requirement site determined by Engineer-in-charge.

12. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labourer at site.

13. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order

14. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @5% of the value of work done.

15. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

16. In case the man powers employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.

17. The Contractors are required to register themselves for the applicable GST With the income and Commercial Tax Division of Finance Revenue and Expenditure Department, having valid Pan Card and GSTIN number. The Contractors are also required to submit PAN No as per provision of Indian Income Tax Act, wherever applicable.

18. In case of carriage of Non Stock Materials, if these materials are available at site or are actually transported from a lesser distance than indicated in the schedules, the department shall pay the carriage as per actual proof of carriage supported by permit issued by Forest department indicating the quarries which is required to be submitted by contractor with bill.

19. Mobilization advance shall be given as per paragraph 24.6 of the Sikkim Public Works Department manual and general condition of contract subject to availability of resource.

20. Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.

21. Expenditure involved for material testing, cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed to do so.

22. It is accepted to the tenderer to have inspected the site before submitting his bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.

23. 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.

Superintending Engineer, Zilla/Plg/Store)

Rural Development Department

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Chief Minister inaugurates upgraded Mangan Public Ground and allied facilities

Mangan, September 24:Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, inaugurated Youth Hostel-cum-Gym and upgraded Mangan Public Ground, today.

On his arrival, the Chief Minister was received by Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr Samdup Lepcha Minister-cum-Area MLA, Ministers, Chairperson, Advisors and OSD’s from various Departments, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Department Ms Yangchen D Tamang, officers, youth representatives and local athletes.

After the ceremonial guard of honour, Chief Minister inaugurated the Youth Hostel-cum-Gym by unveiling the plaque, cutting the ribbon, and inspecting the newly constructed facilities.

Secretary and Chief Engineer apprised the Chief Minister of the project details, amenities, which has been

developed to benefit the youth of the region.

The Youth Hostel-cum-Gym is equipped with modern gym equipment, spacious hostel facilities for both boys and girls and supporting amenities to encourage sports and fitness.

The Gym and 60-Bedded Youth Hostel has a plinth area of 249 sq.m. The ground floor has two units of 30-bedded hostel each for boys and girls. The facility comprises a common dining/kitchen, one office unit, two gym units, two units of warden rooms, two units of attached toilets and separate washroom facilities for both boys and girls.

The first floor has an Instructor room in each unit with attached toilet, equipment room, toilet, bathroom and two changing rooms on each side.

Likewise the facility has gym halls of size 17.5 m × 14.7 m each for boys and girls.

Following the

inauguration of the hostel and gym, Chief Minister visited the upgraded Mangan Public Ground, where he symbolically kicked off a football to mark the reopening of the ground.

The playground has a total capacity of about 4000 including Stadium Galleries, pavilion seating gallery, Western Gallery and Hill Side gallery.

The football ground has been renovated to meet 11-side Tournament Standards. The total ground size is 107 m by 64 m, Playground Area is 100 m × 59 m. The approach road has a length of 40 m, Breadth 6m and Diversion Road of Length 234 m, Breadth 6m and Drain (RCC) of Length 229 m.

The Chief Minister also held an interactive session with athletes and youth representatives, encouraging them to make the best use of the newly developed facilities.

Biswakarma Pratibha Samman 2025 marks excellence with awards and launches

Gangtok, September 23: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the Biswakarma Pratibha Samman 2025 at Manan Kendra, today.

The event was organised to commemorate 50 Years of Sikkim’s Statehood and the 48th foundation year of the Sikkim Biswakarma (Kami) Kalyan Samity.

The Chief Minister in his address, appreciated the organisers of the Bishwakarma Pratibha Samman Sikkim 2025 and urged the youth to uphold cultural values while contributing to the growth of the State. He highlighted that the programme marked a day to honour labour, creativity, enterprise and cultural heritage. Lord Bishwakarma, revered as the ‘Divine Architect’, remains a source of inspiration for creativity, labour, and knowledge, he mentioned. The Chief Minister noted that the Bishwakarma tradition has for centuries contributed through artisans, technicians, sculptors, blacksmiths, builders, and innovators, forming the foundation of civilisation and prosperity.

He stressed that talent is not limited to books or schools, but is reflected in skills, hard work, and the ability to create something useful for the society. Recognising and encouraging such talent ensures progress with balance between modernity and originality, he added. The contributions of pioneers such as Late Mr Chhabilal Cintury and Late Mr Bhaktiman Lohar, who illuminated the state with electricity, Late Mr M M Rasaily-

a stalwart in administration and Late Mr G S Cintury, a trailblazer in the industrial sector, were fondly remembered.

The Chief Minister congratulated Mr Kiran Rasaily on receiving the BB Singh Lohar Lifetime Achievement Award 2025 and Mr Kamal Lamichaney for the Shilpakari Puraskar Award 2025, instituted in the name of Late Mr GS Cintury.

Announcing that September 23 will be observed as a Restricted Holiday in the State from the coming year, the Chief Minister stated that this step would ensure wider participation in the Bishwakarma Pratibha Samman Sikkim programme.

He reaffirmed the State Government’s commitment to social security for workers, training and employment for youth, and preservation of cultural heritage and traditional skills. He underlined that education must remain a priority as it enables collective progress and builds harmony in society.

The Chief Minister called on all to respect creativity and labour, connect traditional skills with modern technology, and work towards a self-reliant society. He assured that the State Government would continue to support individuals dedicated to the growth of the state and urged all to recognise and learn from their contributions.

The event had the launch of a video documentary and Connect Earth website, developed to promote awareness on environmental sustainability, climate action, and responsible use of resources. The platform aims to connect communities and

institutions with knowledge and practices that support a greener future.

Likewise, IFM Academy of Professional Studies, Gangtok, was launched and formally empanelled with the Skill Development Department, Government of Sikkim. The academy will provide training in fashion and related fields, creating new avenues for local youth to gain skills and employment opportunities.

The Chief Minister honoured the event’s jury members and presented two prestigious awards, the BB Singh Lohar Lifetime Achievement Award 2025 to Mr Kiran Rasaily and the Shilpakari Puraskar Award 2025, instituted in memory of Late Mr GS Cintury, to Mr Kamal Lamichaney. Additionally, renowned Nepali film director Mr Tulsi Ghimire from Kalimpong was felicitated for his outstanding contributions to cinema. The event also saw distributions of awards to the winners and runners-up of various categories.

The event had the presence of the Deputy Speaker SLA, MLAs-cum-Advisors, Advisors to the Chief Minister, former Legislators, Political Secretary to the Chief Minister, Chairpersons, Zilla Adhyaksha and Up-Adhyaksha of Gangtok District, Panchayat Presidents, Government officials and officers, members of the Organising Committee of the Biswakarma Pratibha Samman 2025, dignitaries, delegates from Kolkata, Siliguri, Darjeeling, Kurseong, and Kalimpong.

Government of Sikkim Department of Health & Family Welfare Mangan, Sikkim

Memo No: 359/H&FW/N Date: 11/09/2025
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender (Two bid) Technical bid and Financial bid are hereby invited on behalf of Government of Sikkim for preparation and supply of (outsourcing) nutritious and balanced diet to the indoor patients of District Hospital Mangan for 1(one) year w.e.f. 1st November 2025 to 31st October 2026 with a provision for extension for 3 (three) years based on performance. The diet should be supplied as per daily/ weekly diet menu issued by the concerned Dietician.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Any Local reputed mess service provider/catering firms having minimum of 5 years experience in the said profession/ service having the following documents may apply:
 - Sikkim subject/COI
 - Valid certificate of registration with UD&HD or any other competent authority.
 - Valid Trade licence.
 - Valid Health Licence from FSSAI.
 - Solvency certificate of ₹10 lakhs
 - GST clearance/ Latest GST returned copy.
 - Registration certificate of establishment from Labou Department
 - 02 number of cooks, 06 number of service bearers and 02 number of kitchen staffs.
- The interested party may collect the tender forms (Technical and Financial); other Terms and Conditions of contract and Diet Menu from the office of the Chief Medical Officer District Hospital Mangan District Mangan from 11 a.m to 1 pm on any working day w.e.f 15/10/ 2025 and 16/10/2025 on production of Bank B.R ₹5000/- duly credited to major Head -0210-800-Other receipts (sale of tender form for diet supply of District Hospital Mangan)
- The duly filled up tender forms should reach the office of the Chief Medical Office, District Hospital Mangan accompanied by self attested documents as mentioned above along with TDR (refundable) of ₹100000 (one lakh)only drawn in favour of AO cum D&DO District Hospital Mangan from SBS within 12.30 pm of 28/10/2025. The tenders received after 12.30 P.M of 28/10/2025 will not be entertained.
- The seal tenders will be opened on the same day at 1.30 pm in the office of Chief Medical Officer, District Hospital Mangan in the presence of Tenders /authorized representatives who wish to be present.
- Tender in which any of prescribed conditions are not fulfilled or incomplete in any respect will be rejected.
- If the financial Bid of bidders who do not qualify in the Technical Bid shall not be opened and shall be summarily rejected.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tender without assigning any reason thereof.

**Chief Medical Officer,
Health & Family Welfare Department
District Hospital Mangan
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Press Release from SLA

Barbados, October 8: Mr Mingma Norbu Sherpa Speaker Sikkim Legislative Assembly and Ms Raj Kumari Thapa Deputy Speaker SLA accompanied by the Secretary and Principal Director SLA, attended meeting of the Indian delegation convened by Mr Om Birla Speaker Lok Sabha at the Tiffany Room, Ross University, Bridgetown, Barbados, today.

Thereafter, Mr Mingma Norbu Sherpa and Secretary SLA, attended CPA Small Branches Steering Committee Meeting. The meeting discussed various agendas, including reports from the previous meeting, membership of the CPA Small Branches Steering Committee, and the implementation of the 2026 work plan consultation. It also elected Mr Adrian Gabriel of Guernsey, British Islands and Mediterranean Region, and incumbent Vice-Chairperson of

the CPA Small Branches, for a second term.

Deputy Speaker and Principal Director, SLA joined the CWP Conference Session on ‘Overcoming the Barriers to the Involvement of Women with Disabilities in Politics’ at the Frangipani Room, Ross University. Secretary-General, CPA, also briefed the delegation regarding the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference and Workshops.

Speaker and Deputy Speaker SLA participated in the workshop on ‘Leveraging Technology: Enhancing Democracy through Digital Transformations and Tackling the Digital Divide’, chaired by Mr Om Birla Speaker Lok Sabha.

The programme concluded with a reception at the Courtyard of the Parliament of Barbados, hosted by Santia JO Bradshaw, MP, Acting Prime Minister of Barbados.

Governor and Union Minister of Agriculture inaugurate New Infrastructure at College of Horticulture

Namchi, September 25: New Administrative and Academic Building, along with other facilities of College of Horticulture, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Bermiok, Temi, was officially inaugurated today.

The inauguration was also held in conjunction with the Annual Zonal Workshop 2025 of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur as the chief guest. The ceremony was also virtually joined by Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and had the presence of Mr Bhagirath Choudhary Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare alongside Mr Puran Kumar Gurung Minister for Agriculture, Area MLA, Vice-Chancellor Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone VI, Guwahati, Dean COH, Bermiok and other officials, faculty staff and students.

At the onset of the programme, Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur inaugurated the Narendra Boys Hostel and Kangchenjunga Girls Hostel of the College of Horticulture, Bermiok.

This was followed by virtual inauguration of new Administrative and Academic Building of the institute by Union Minister Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Addressing the gathering, Governor underlined the importance of educational and research institutions in advancing agricultural productivity and ensuring self-reliance. He encouraged the students, faculty and the premier agricultural institute like KVKs to focus on practical innovations that these address the unique challenges faced by farmers in hilly and difficult terrains. He stated that these institutes being established in the North East, reflect the vision of 'Ashtalakshmi' under the noble leadership of the Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, to propel economic development in the region.

He further remarked that Sikkim has carved a distinct identity with its diverse and rich flora-fauna, agro-climatic conditions, organic farming practices, and unique produce such as large cardamom, orange etc, which hold significant

potential for exports at the organic level.

The Governor assured every possible support from his office and affirmed that he would act as a bridge between the State and the Centre to further strengthen agricultural and other development related to the State.

Drawing from his experience, he shared on the progressive and innovative farming practices and spoke about various reforms and policies being implemented to ease and maximize the profits of farmers.

He recalled that India, which once faced food insecurity, now enjoys surplus production and has emerged as a global exporter of agricultural commodities. He further urged farmers, researchers, and institutions to continue working collectively towards enhancing productivity, ensuring sustainability, and improving farmers' income. Further, he shared the goals of Vision 2047 (Viksit Bharat) and emphasised that, with advancements in technology across various fields, the people from all walks of life must work collectively to build the nation.

In his virtual address, Union Minister Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan extended his congratulations to the institute on the establishment of new infrastructure, underscoring its significance for wider community. He said the institute will open new opportunities for students and farmers in Sikkim and across the North-East. It will equip students not just with crop production skills, but also with practical knowledge in processing, packaging, marketing, and export.

He praised Sikkim for its rich natural resources and outstanding organic farming practices, and reiterated the Government of India's commitment to supporting farmers through measures that ensure fair prices, boost productivity, and improve livelihoods across all agricultural sectors.

He spoke about the harmful effects of excessive fertilizer use on soil health and sustainability, and encouraged farmers to embrace modern technologies, innovative practices, and skill development to strengthen agriculture, noting that nearly 40 percent of the population relies on farming. Appreciating the state's initiatives in promoting value-added agricultural products, he concluded by expressing his eagerness to visit Sikkim soon and

engage directly with the farming community.

Speaking at the event, Mr Bhagirath Choudhary Union Minister of State said that the farming community are the "Anna Data", the cornerstone of food supply, working tirelessly to feed the nation. He highlighted that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, various measures have been undertaken to increase farmers' incomes, including the enhancement of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops, PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, and other welfare programmes. He cautioned farmers to protect soil health by avoiding use of fertilizers, recommending soil testing to identify deficiencies and promote organic farming practices, while also urging the adoption of scientific techniques to improve productivity. He further emphasised the critical role of KVKs and Farmers Producer Organizations (FPO) in supporting farmers with knowledge, guidance, and technological interventions.

Mr Puran Gurung Minister for Agriculture appreciated the efforts of all stakeholders in improving the livelihoods of the farming community and highlighted the initiatives of the State Government. Speaking about the critical role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in every district of Sikkim, he put forth the establishment of new KVKs in Soreng and Pakyong Districts to provide scientific support to farmers.

He also requested Government of India to provide a special subsidy for khaad (organic fertilizers) as part of a package to promote organic farming in the state. In addition, he urged that various other initiatives be considered by the Government to further strengthen the agricultural sector.

Governor along with distinguished guests, visited the Agri-Exhibition 2025, where various products from FPOs, societies, Spices Board of India, College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology Ranipool, KVKs, and the Departments of Horticulture and Agriculture, and many more were showcased.

The Governor also inaugurated the Annual Zonal Workshop 2025 of KVKs from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. The technical sessions of the workshop was also held.

Chief Minister joins 50th Raising Day Celebration of Sikkim Armed Police

Gangtok, September 25: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the celebration of 50th Raising Day of Sikkim Armed Police (SAP) at Pangthang, today.

Extending his congratulations to SAP fraternity, the Chief Minister lauded their exemplary service, steadfast spirit, and devotion to duty, which continue to remain a source of immense pride and inspiration for the people of Sikkim.

During his address, the Chief Minister acknowledged the demands placed by the force and reiterated the State Government's continued commitment to the welfare of Police personnel. He highlighted that Government has been ensuring timely promotions, better facilities, and greater opportunities for the Police force. He further

assured SAP of his unwavering support and assistance whenever required.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also announced the construction of family quarters for SAP personnel and their families.

"With great pride, I affirm that the Sikkim Armed Police is among the most disciplined and smart Police forces in the country. May they continue to serve with the same zeal, honour, and integrity for many more years to come", the Chief Minister said.

The Golden Jubilee celebration marked not just the passage of years but stood as a profound tribute to the unwavering dedication, discipline, and commitment of SAP in safeguarding peace and upholding law and order in the State.

World Food India 2025

New Delhi, September 28: Commerce and Industries Department concluded its impactful participation in World Food India 2025. Representing the state, a delegation comprising Mr Dipen Subba (OSD), Mr Hemant Khatiwada and Mrs Champa Sharma (Joint Secretaries), Ms Pema Sangmoo Bhutia (Joint Director, DHH), Mr Zangpo Sherpa (Pakyong Coordinator, SEED CELL), along with 37 entrepreneurs and 7 staff from the department, took part in the event held from September 25 to 28, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The event provided a significant platform for entrepreneurs from Sikkim to showcase their products to both national and international markets.

Ms Karma D Youtso, Secretary Commerce and Industries Department graced the occasion on the third day of the exhibition. The Secretary interacted with 37 entrepreneurs representing Sikkim.

She encouraged them to showcase their products with confidence, discussed their

business aspirations, and offered valuable guidance and motivation.

Many participants reported significant interest in their products and successful networking with potential buyers and partners.

Most of the entrepreneurs expressed gratitude to the State Government and the Commerce and Industries Department for providing this crucial opportunity to represent Sikkim on such a grand stage. They highlighted the exhibition as an invaluable step in expanding their reach and establishing a presence in the national and international food industries.

The Department remains committed to supporting the state's entrepreneurs for facilitating their access to large-scale market platforms, further solidifying Sikkim's position in the global food sector.

The Commerce and Industries Department works to promote industrial growth, support local enterprises, and facilitate market access for the state's unique products.

Press Release from SLA

London, October 7: Speaker Mr Mingma Norbu Sherpa and Deputy Speaker Ms Raj Kumari Thapa, Sikkim Legislative Assembly accompanied by Secretary and Principal Director, Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat attended the reception at India House Aldwych, London organised by Acting High Commissioner of India,

Ambassador Kartik Pande on 6th October.

Mr Harivansh Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Presiding Officers of State Legislative Assemblies and Indian Parliamentarians were present on the occasion.

Earlier the delegation of CPA Sikkim Branch also visited National Gallery and British

Museum in London.

The Indian delegation led by Mr Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha will leave for Bridgetown, Barbados to participate in 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference and 41st Small State Conference scheduled to be held at Bridgetown, Barbados from 6-12 October, 2025.



Gandhi Jayanti celebration in Sikkim

Gangtok, October 2: On the occasion of 156th Gandhi Jayanti, Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur and Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang paid tribute to bust of Mahatma Gandhi at MG Marg Gangtok, today.

Also present were Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, MP Lok Sabha, Political Secretary to CM, Advisors, Chairpersons, Adhyaksha and Upa Adhyaksha Gangtok, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors GMC, along with HoDs from various departments and officials of the State

Government.

Alongside the commemorative programme, the day also witnessed the presentation of awards under the ENGAGE 2025 initiative and the Swachhata Awards, recognising students, institutions, self-help groups, sanitation workers and local bodies for their outstanding contributions to waste management, cleanliness, and community service.

The day's proceedings concluded with the National Anthem.

CM attends Ziro Music Festival

Arunachal Pradesh, September 27: On the third day of the Ziro Festival of Music, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang made an official visit to the outdoor indie music fest at Ziro Valley of Arunachal Pradesh, today alongside Mr Pema Khandu Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh and Mr Chowna Mein Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh.

The celebration marked a historic moment as Sikkim partners for the first time as a state partner with the Ziro Music Festival, promoting cultural exchange and strengthening bonds with Arunachal Pradesh.

During an interaction, Chief Minister of Sikkim warmly congratulated Arunachal Pradesh on its successful Ziro Festival of Music, praising its unique and innovative approach. Noting the cultural and geographical similarities between Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh, he proposed an exchange programme between the two states, emphasising the importance of promoting domestic tourism and relationship between the two states.

He encouraged the 200+ Sikkimese delegates to learn from the festival's distinctive aspects, highlighting the 'Vocal for Local' initiative. Expressing admiration for the festival, he wished for many more successful editions for years to come.

Speaking about World Tourism Day, the Chief Minister advocated for North Eastern

states, including Sikkim, to collaborate and support each other as tourism stakeholders.

The delegation explored the exhibition stalls showcasing Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim's local products, including food stalls run by Self-Help Groups and entrepreneurs from both states. They engaged with vendors, learning about unique offerings and products.

The delegation also admired art installations, interacted with workshop mentors, and enjoyed a musical performance while mingling with the public.

In a symbolic gesture of goodwill and friendship, Chief Ministers Mr Prem Singh Tamang and Mr Pema Khandu exchanged flowers and mementos.

The delegation from Sikkim included Mr Tshering Thendup Bhutia Minister for Commerce and Industries Department, Mr Sanjeet Kharel MLA, Mr CS Rao Additional Chief Secretary Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr Sonam Norgay Lachungpa Chairperson Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Secretary Information and Public Relations Department, Press Secretary to Chief Minister, Director MSME, Commerce and Industries Department, Director Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Managing Director Sikkim Supreme, Managing Director Temi Tea, along with officials from the line departments.

Chief Justice visits State Central Prison

Gangtok, September 25: Mr Justice Biswanath Somadder, Chief Justice High Court of Sikkim visited State Central Prison at Rongyek, today.

Upon his arrival, the Chief Justice was accorded a warm welcome by Secretary (Protocol) Home Department Ms Benu Gurung, DC Gangtok, DIG State Central Prison (SCP) Sikkim Police, Additional SP SCP and Officers from various line departments.

The Chief Justice interacted with the prisoners and discussed on various issues concerning improvements for the inmates. During the interaction, the Chief Justice urged everyone to use the precise nomenclature of correctional centres/homes instead of jails/prisons concerning places where inmates are kept. The introduction of computers was

discussed towards giving holistic rehabilitation to the inmates.

During the programme, six inmates were rewarded for their good behaviour. The Chief Justice also visited the prison area wherein he took note of legal aid clinic, dispensary, library, prison cells, prison salon, inmates kitchen, bamboo and carving section for prisoners.

He instructed Secretary (Protocol) Home Department, DC Gangtok and DIG State Central Prison to make various improvements on health facilities, food quality and road in and around the prison.

Also present were Mr Prajwal Khatiwada Registrar General High Court of Sikkim, Mr KW Bhutia Principal District and Sessions Judge Gangtok High Court of Sikkim, Judicial Officers and Prison Officers.

Chief Minister visits newly constructed 500-bedded District Hospital in Namchi

Namchi, September 26: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang visited the newly constructed 500-Bedded District Hospital, where he conducted a brief inspection of the three wards that are currently functional-Department of Radiology, Department of Physiotherapy and the Department of Ophthalmology.

Upon his arrival, the Chief Minister was accorded the Guard of Honour. He inspected the Blood Bank wing, OT Rooms, NICU, Private Wards and the Central Laboratory Wing testing the functionality of the medical equipment and interacting with the experts and technicians on duty.

The Chief Minister in his address congratulated the people of Namchi District on the functioning of newly constructed 500-Bedded District Hospital. He recalled that the old hospital established in the year 1975, had long been constrained by inadequate space and infrastructure, which poised significant challenges in serving the people in the district.

Taking pride in its achievement, he highlighted that the new hospital not only provides modern infrastructure but is also equipped with advanced technologies and medical equipment. He reflected on the challenges faced by the State Government during the global COVID-19 pandemic, when the proposal for the new hospital was initiated. Despite, such difficulties the Government successfully completed the project within the stipulated timeframe and made several departments functional for the service of the people.

The Chief Minister noted that the initial proposal was for a 300-bedded hospital but later got upgraded to a 500-bedded District Hospital, keeping in view the long-term healthcare needs of the people. With his personal dedication and welfare for the public, he emphasised that his visits and inspection are aimed at ensuring that people face no inconvenience in the future.

Healthcare remains the topmost priority of society, he urged the administration to expedite procedures to make the hospital fully functional.

Addressing the issue of manpower shortage, he addressed urgency in relocating and deploying qualified experts and professionals to cater to the growing demands of the hospital.

He appealed to healthcare workers to dedicate themselves to the service and well-being of the people, while upholding state's reputation in the health sector.

He also emphasised that cleanliness is fundamental to the effective functioning of any healthcare institution. While he directed that appointments and postings be made strictly on the basis of qualification and technical knowledge.

To ensure hygiene and discipline within the premises, he issued a strict directive prohibiting the use of betel leaves (Paan) and tobacco products, stating that such practices not only harm health but also degrade public property.

In the same context, he highlighted the importance of cleanliness in public restrooms at petrol pumps, noting that these facilities serve both tourists and local commuters and therefore must be maintained to high standards.

The Chief Minister further announced that the new District Hospital will have a designated hospital administrator, creating fresh employment opportunities for the youth of Sikkim and ensuring coordinated management in the hospital.

Highlighting achievement in the healthcare sector, he proudly mentioned successful knee and hip transplant surgeries performed in the state, while urging local people to take maximum advantage of these advanced medical facilities. He applauded the Sikkim has produced competent, top-class doctors at par with the best in the country.

He also underscored the importance of flagship initiatives such as Garib Jan Kalyan Prakosta and Aama ko Godh, which provides critical healthcare assistance to the underprivileged citizens of the state.

The Chief Minister congratulated the entire team of District Hospital Namchi, acknowledging their dedication and service to the people. He also shared an important announcement that in the coming years, Sikkim will have its own medical college, marking a historic step towards making the state Self-reliant in the healthcare sector.

Mr Tshewang Gyaccho Bhutia Secretary Health gave an overview of the functioning of the newly constructed 500-bedded District Hospital. Wherein, he mentioned that the state-of-the-art hospital, formally inaugurated virtually by the Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi on May 29, 2025, is a landmark achievement in the healthcare sector of Sikkim. It stands as a boon not only to the people of Namchi District, but also patients from beyond and across the State. The hospital is

envisioned to provide quality healthcare, especially for those who are financially weak and avail top-class treatment in the comfort of their hometown.

The newly constructed hospital is equipped with a centralised air-conditioning system, ensuring comfort throughout the building. In addition, the key feature to this extensive infrastructure is that it has its own Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP), which plays a crucial role in waste management, making the hospital environment-friendly and sustainable. The facility has also been upgraded with a 14-Bedded Dialysis Unit, doubling the capacity of the previous hospital.

The hospital also features the Central Sterile Supply Department (CSSD) to ensure infection control through proper sterilization and distribution of medical instruments. In addition, there are 14 Intensive Care Units (ICUs) to meet emergency and critical care needs.

The Radiology Department is equipped with cutting-edge diagnostics tools including a 128-slice CT SCAN, advanced 3D Tomosynthesis Mammography for breast cancer screening and other hi-tech imaging system.

The Physiotherapy Department is equipped with advanced muscle stimulators, Hydro-collateral and Lazer therapy units to support rehabilitation.

The Ophthalmology Department features world-class equipment such as the 'New Mach 3DOCT' for retinal imaging, TRC-50DX Mydriatic Retinal Camera and the ALADIN system for advanced cataract surgery planning and myopia management.

In addition, the hospital also features the Department of Ayush, which offers Homeopathy and Amji Treatment with a dedicated 12-Bedded Indoor Patient Section, for patients who want to avail treatment in the comfort of the department.

Other departments include, 6 functional OPDs, alongside the Department of Orthology, Dental and Psychiatry wards, which provide specialized care respectively.

Present during today's programme were, Madam Krishna Rai, Mrs Raj Kumari Thapa Deputy Speaker SLA, Mr GT Dhungel Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, Ministers, Area MLA, MLA, Zilla Adhyaksha Namchi, Councillors, Chairman and Advisors, DC Namchi, Sr SP, HoOs from various line Departments, doctors, faculty and staff of Namchi District Hospital.

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