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Chief Minister inspects progress of Sikkim State Library construction



Gangtok, August 25: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang conducted an inspection of the ongoing construction of Sikkim State Library near the MLA Hostel, today. The ambitious project is envisioned as a state-of-the-art facility that will house an Art Gallery, Digital Library, Physical Library, an Atma Nirbhar Research Centre, and the Institute of Transforming Sikkim.

During the site visit, Chief Minister reviewed progress of the work and issued clear instructions to officials from the Buildings and Housing Department to expedite

the construction process and ensure its timely completion.

Once completed, the facility is expected to serve as a key hub for intellectual, educational, and cultural development in the state, said the Chief Minister.

"It will offer valuable resources and opportunities for students, researchers and the wider community", he added.

Furthermore, the Chief Minister expressed confidence that the project would be a major step forward in achieving knowledge, innovation, and self-reliance in Sikkim.

34th Nepali Bhasa Manyata Diwas observed

Soreng, August 20: 34th Nepali Bhasa Manyata Diwas, 2025 organised by Sphuran Sahitya Prakashan (Mangalbaria) and Nepali Bhasa Manyata Diwas Samaroh Samiti (Mangalbaria) was celebrated at SL Dow Gyatso Kazi Senior Secondary School, Mangalbaria, today.

Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the event as chief guest and Dr Gokul Sinha, as special guest.

The Chief Minister extended his congratulations to the organising committee for successfully hosting the programme. He emphasised that preserving a language is equivalent to preserving humankind itself, underlining the significance of cultural and linguistic heritage. He briefly recalled the historic journey of the recognition of the Nepali language in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution and stressed the need to promote Nepali and other regional languages through modern digital platforms. He further informed that State Government is actively pursuing

the inclusion of Lepcha, Bhutia, and Limboo languages in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.

Making a significant announcement, the Chief Minister declared that on August 20, 2026, the State Government will felicitate Late Mr Nar Bahadur Bhandari (Former Chief Minister) and Mrs Dil Kumari Bhandari (Former Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha) for their immense contributions to the recognition of the Nepali language.

Addressing the proposals submitted by the organising committee, he assured full support from the State Government. He also announced that the remaining 990 beneficiaries from every constituency will be provided assistance under the Aama Shashaktikaran Yojana on 17th September 2025, to mark the birthday of Prime Minister of India, Mr Narendra Modi, in every constituency of the State.

The Chief Minister also declared that from 2026 onwards,

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Chief Minister attends 45th Foundation Day of Sirijunga Yakthung Sakthim Phojobho

Soreng, August 23: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the 45th foundation day of Sirijunga Yakthung Sakthim Phojobho (SYSP) along with Madam Sarda Tamang at Yakthung Sakthim Heem (Limboo Cultural Centre) in Tharpu, today.

Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to Sirijunga Yakthung Sakthim Phojobho and paid his respect to the founding members, acknowledging their efforts in preserving the rich culture and traditions of the Limboo community. Emphasising, on cultural preservation, he urged the people of the state to celebrate the festivals of all communities with pride, underlining that such celebrations are a form of development that strengthens communal unity. Further, he highlighted the efforts of the State Government in preserving and safeguarding the traditions and customs of every community.



Additionally, he applauded individuals who were honoured during the event, commending their contributions to cultural preservation and community upliftment. He also expressed concerns over the decline in

regional languages among the youth, urging the younger generation to take interest in literary works, assuring government assistance to those

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Sikkim Time Capsule 2025-2075 buried for 50 years into future



Gangtok, August 21: Time Capsule 2025-2075, a 32-kg rose-gold cylinder symbolically designed as a 'Message for the Future' and crafted from 316L surgical-grade stainless steel, was sealed and buried at the Rustomji Deer Park, Tashiling Secretariat premises, today.

Organised by Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD), marking 50 years of Sikkim's Statehood, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang performed the final sealing and burial of the

capsule at the designated site in the presence of Mr Mingma N Sherpa Speaker SLA, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Advisors, Chairpersons and Deputy Mayor (GMC).

Participating in the ceremony were Mr R Telang Chief

Secretary, Mr Akshay Sachdeva Director General of Police, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, senior officials and staff from various departments.

The Time Capsule will remain sealed until May 16, 2075, and it will be opened on the historic occasion of the 100th anniversary of Sikkim's Statehood.

Chief Minister described the sealing of the Time Capsule 2025-2075 as a landmark moment in the history of Sikkim and commended the IPRD for conceptualising and bringing the project to life. Stating that the state's cultural heritage, customs, and developmental achievements have been meticulously preserved for future generations in the capsule by the Department, he extended appreciation for the contributions from various communities, citizens, educational institutions, and government agencies.

When the capsule is opened in 2075, he said, he hoped the tale

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Pearls of Wisdom

"Life is about accepting the challenges along the way, choosing to keep moving forward, and savoring the journey."
- Roy T. Bennett

SGREWA Soreng District observes International Senior Citizens' Day

Soreng, August 21: Sikkim Government Retired Employees Welfare Association (SGREWA), Soreng District, observed International Senior Citizens' Day 2025 with the theme 'Spotlight on Older Persons in Emergencies' at PM SHRI Government Senior Secondary School, Soreng, today.

The celebration was attended by Madam Sarda Tamang as the chief guest accompanied by Mr Aditya Golay MLA Soreng-Chakung and Mr Erung Tenzing Lepcha MLA Rinchenpong as the special guests.

The chief guest, conveyed her gratitude to the Organising Committee and shared that she felt immensely proud and deeply fortunate to felicitate the senior citizens on this special occasion.

In addition, she further recalled her days as a student in the very same school where the programme was conducted. She expressed her appreciation

to her teachers, many of whom are now retired senior citizens, for having guided and shaped her with knowledge. She humbly sought their continued guidance and support, acknowledging the lasting role they have played in her life.

Also, she mentioned that this was the second time she had attended the celebration and stated that she felt privileged once again to be a part of the celebration. She thanked each of them for giving their valuable time and dedicated service throughout their lives for the welfare of the State.

Reflecting, on the journey of retirement, she emphasised that while it often can be a painful transition however ageing does not define anyone's ability to make change. She stressed that even after retirement; one can continue to contribute to society, assuring the gathering that good deeds or karma will always return as blessings. She

also spoke about the significance of organising such programmes, as they not only honour senior citizens but also provide a platform for them to reconnect with their old friends and colleagues, which she believed must have brought them happiness.

The programme featured a series of cultural performances and bhajans by senior citizens, poem recitation and songs followed by felicitation of the retired senior citizens, district toppers and Mr Ayan Rai, finalist of Voice Kids Season 4, 2025.

The event saw the presence of Advisor IPR, Zilla Adhyaksha, Panchayat Members, APS Soreng, DC Soreng, ADC (Dev), OSDs, Principal (PM SHRI Government Senior Secondary School, Soreng), Heads of Departments, retired Government employees, senior citizens, teachers, student and dignitaries.

Awareness-cum-sensitisation programme at EMRS Suntaley

Namchi, August 22: District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Namchi, under the Women Child Senior Citizens and Divyangjan Welfare Department, organised an awareness-cum-sensitisation programme at Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Suntaley, Melli, today.

The programme aimed to educate both teachers and students on child protection laws, including the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and other child related legislation.

The programme had the presence of Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi, Ms Kalden Zangmu Bhutia Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Chairperson, SDM Hq Namchi, District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), EMRS Principal, Child Protection Officer, Welfare Officer, Probation Officer, Health Educator, District Health Educator Officer, teaching faculties and students of EMRS Suntaley.

DC Namchi emphasised the importance of understanding Child Protection Acts to address various challenges faced by students. She addressed that the initiative was taken in direct response to a request from student representatives during her recent visit to the school. She

also clarified that the Child Protection Acts provide equal safeguards for both male and female students and also encouraged every student to be self-motivated, attentive, and honest, and to feel comfortable sharing their problems.

She further urged the school to nurture each student's potential in co-curricular activities alongside their academic pursuits and to ensure all doubts regarding the Child Protection Act, are clarified. She also advised students to enquire about mistakes and learn from them.

Ms Megha Pradhan (Protection Officer, IC) delivered briefing on key legislation including the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. She detailed the procedures under these Acts. Further, she elaborated on the operational roles and significance of the District Child Protection Unit and the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). She provided the toll free Child Helpline number 1098 explaining the complaint resolution process for protection-related issues.

She also focused on the POCSO Act, where she highlighted its social importance and consequences. She

specifically mentioned that prescribes penalties for those who are found false reporting of the case, and also that it is mandatory to report any form of cases related to child abuse like physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse etc.

She also emphasised the crucial role of emotional and psychological well-being in daily life. She strongly cautioned students against alcohol and drug consumption, describing them as harmful substances that impair emotional health and cognitive abilities, leading to addiction, and adversely affect both society and future generations. She concluded with an appeal for students to reject these substances entirely.

Ms Pema Wangmu Bhutia (DCPO) conducted a session on Academic and Administrative matters, while Ms Kalden Zangmu Bhutia (CWC Chairperson) provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Child Welfare Committee, and the Child Need in Care and Protection (CNCP) framework.

Similarly, Mr Manish Rai HE delivered a session on Adolescent Health, Hygiene, and Sex Education for boys, while Ms Roshni Thapa DHEO conducted a session for the girls.

study 6 high-risk glacial lakes.

Using cutting-edge technology surveys, bathymetry, UAV 3D terrain mapping they will assess the hazard of the lakes, GLOF modelling, design retention structures and plan Early Warning Systems. These studies will form the basis of mitigation proposals to safeguard

downstream communities from disasters like the 2023 South Lhonak glacial flood. A team of 5 senior officials from Himachal Pradesh Disaster Management Authority are also joining for an exposure-cum-field training. This is science in action, resilience in motion.

DC Namchi chairs Transgender Protection Cell meeting

Namchi, August 25: Second quarterly meeting of Transgender Protection Cell, was led by Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi at DAC Namchi, today.

DC Namchi underlined the crucial role and responsibilities of the Committee members in safeguarding the rights of transgender persons. She emphasised that protecting their identity and confidentiality must remain a top priority for the Committee.

She stated that certificates of identity for transgender persons or individuals who have undergone gender transition shall be issued by the District Administration Centre and highlighted the significance of such certificates, emphasising the necessity of ensuring their equal entitlement to schemes and benefits provided by the welfare department, in accordance with their affirmed gender identity.

Moreover, she directed the Chief Medical Officer's Office to thoroughly verify the legal rights of transgender individuals and ensure proper documentation through the Police Department and she requested that the committee members thoroughly review the procedures and verify the necessary documents required for the issuance of the transgender ID card, in order to prevent any potential violations or misuse of the ID card.

Awareness programme on Cooperatives organised

Namchi, August 22: An awareness programme on Cooperatives was organised at Sikkim Government College, Namchi, as part of the ongoing commemoration of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, today.

Themed 'Cooperatives Build a Better World', the event was conducted by the Department of Cooperation to foster awareness and encourage student participation in the cooperative movement.

Mr Pemba Tshering Lepcha, Additional RCS, outlined the objectives and importance of hosting such awareness events for youth, especially students in higher education.

Mr Tsewang Norbu Bhutia, Assistant Registrar, provided insights into various aspects of the cooperative sector, including Cooperative Movement in India and Sikkim, principles and values of Cooperatives, role and importance of Cooperative Societies, its registration process, State and Central Government initiatives, objectives of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 and activities undertaken by the Sikkim in support of Cooperatives.

He stressed on the evolution of the cooperative movement, referencing major milestones such as the NABARD Act (1982), the National Cooperative Policy (2002), and the creation of the Ministry of

The DC also instructed line departments to carefully monitor the implementation of social welfare schemes for the community and directed the Education Department to ensure that the rights to education and employment, as provided to transgender persons under the law, are duly upheld.

In addition, she also mentioned that Mr Subash Ghimirey ADC (Hq), has been designated as the District Complaint Officer for Namchi District and referred to the role of the Transgender Complaint Officer in the District, who is entrusted with the responsibility of addressing grievances relating to discrimination or harassment faced by transgender persons.

The meeting further briefed on Section 18 of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, which outlines offences and punishments for violation of the Act. Reference was also made to the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) Act, 2023, aimed at updating and consolidating laws relating to criminal procedure in India for all.

Present during the meeting were Dr SN Adhikari CMO, Mr Bikash Tewari SDPO, Dr Nation Chamling Deputy Director Agriculture Department, Mr Shyam S Pradhan SWO, Mr Sonam Dadul Bhutia WO, Mr Laxman Tamang CDPO and others.

Cooperation in July 2021. He highlighted the robust cooperative landscape in Sikkim, comprising over 3,776 cooperative societies across 24 sectors, with a membership exceeding 84,943 individuals. These cooperatives span diverse sectors including agriculture, dairy, tourism, labour and women's welfare.

He also detailed the responsibilities of cooperative members and functioning of the Department of Cooperation, which oversees apex bodies like SIMFED, DACS, SCMU, and SISCO.

Further, he appreciated the initiative of the Chief Minister for conferring meritorious awards on August 15 each year to the best-performing cooperative societies. This, he stated, has significantly enhanced motivation and visibility in the cooperative sector.

Mr Dewan Rai, Vice-Principal of the college and Chief Guest commended the Department for organising the programme. He noted that cooperatives not only bring about social and economic change but also offer promising avenues for entrepreneurship among youth.

Mr Pursotam Pradhan, Additional Registrar Namchi encouraged the students to reach out to the District Cooperative Office for further guidance and assistance.

Press Release issued by Science and Technology Department

Mangan, August 20: From August 20- September 10 2025, over 35 experts from six top national institutes (CWC, CWPRS, NIH, GSI, DGRE, NIDM, Sikkim University) and six State Government Departments, Army, ITBP and local community are trekking to the icy heights of Mangan District to assess and

Government of Sikkim
Social Welfare Department
5th Mile Tadong, Gangtok

NIT No: 15/GOS/SWD/EC/2025/01

Dated: 25/08/2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Assistant Engineer (Gangtok), Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Lumsey, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim on behalf of Governor of Sikkim, invites sealed tenders in percentage rate basis from the eligible contractors of appropriate class Vide Notification No. 21/R&B/PWD/Secy/2023-24 Dated 18.10.2023 for the work (s) listed under:-

SL. No	Name of work	Value put to Tender (in ₹.)	Completion Time, (in months)	Amount of Earnest Money@ 2.5% For issue of tender form (₹)	Amount of Bank receipt for cost of tender documents (₹)	Constituency / GPU/ Ward
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of Club House at Samdong under Sukrodaya Samaj Kalyan Sangh, Tumin Lingee Constituency, Gangtok District,Sikkim	40,35,786 /-	12 months	1,00,895 /-	1,500 /-	Tumin Lingee Constituency, Samdong Kambal GPU, Raley Ward.

Time Schedule is as follows:-

1. Date for submission of applications: 29/08/2025 to 15/09/2025 (10.00am to 4.30pm)

2. Last date for issue of tender form: 19/09/2025 (10.00am to 4.30pm) .

3. Date and Time for submission of Tender: 22/09/2025 (10.00am to 1.00pm)

4. Date and Time of opening of Tender: 22/09/2025 at 2.00pm.

5. Place of Tender: Gram Prasashan Kendra, Samdong Kambal GPU, Ralay Ward, Gangtok District, Sikkim.

Note: The details of conditions of contract and tender documents including tender form can be obtained from the office of the Assistant Engineer-(Gangtok) Social Welfare Department on production of receipt of deposit towards tender documents made to the respective GPU. The applicants should enclose attested copies of valid/updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate of appropriate class along with the application, COI/SSC, valid electoral card for proof of residence of same ward/GPU.

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Government of Sikkim
Roads & Bridges Department
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok.

NIT No: 02/NIT/GOS/R&B(JOR)25-26

Date: 25.08.2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Chief Engineer - II, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim invites sealed tenders on ITEM RATE BASIS under TWO BID SYSTEM from the eligible contractors of Class I - A Grade enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department within the state of Sikkim for execution of the work with details as under:

Sl. No	Name of the Work	Bid Value (In Lakhs)	Earnest Money @ 2.5% of the Bid Value (In Lakhs)	Cost of Tender / Bid Form (In Lakhs)	Completion Period
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Restoration of approach road to Melli Town under Namchi District {Approach Road - 1.20km & RCC Culvert - 2 Nos}.	₹1378.49	₹34.46	₹3.00	24 Months

Note:-

{1} For participating in the tender, the registered women contractor of Class I-A Grade are directed to deposit a sum of ₹ 17.23 lakh only (50% of ₹34.46 lakh) as Earnest Money.

{2} In case, the bid of the registered women contractor is found to be the lowest & she qualifies for the issue of work order, then such women contractor has to deposit the remaining amount of Earnest Money i.e. ₹17.23 lakh only in the form of TDR prior to the issue of work order.

{3} Further, if the tenderer of the above-mentioned exempt category withdraws her tender within the validity period, then the Government without prejudice to any right or remedy, be at the liberty to debar such applicant from participation in any future tender for a period of 1 year. The same is governed by the Notification No: 40/R&B/PWD/Secy/2023-24, dated: 31.01.2024.

{4} The 50% exemption of the Earnest Money is only applicable for registered women contractor of Class I-A Grade enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department (SPWD).

The time schedule for tender process is as under:

1.	Date of submission of application along with Bank Receipt	02/09/2025 up to 1630 hrs
2.	Date of issue of tender documents and tender form	04/09/2025 up to 1630 hrs
3.	Last date and time of submission of pre-bid queries	10/09/2025 up to 1600 hrs
4.	Date and time of pre-bid meeting	11/09/2025 at 1100 hrs
5.	Date and time of submission of bid documents	15/09/2025 up to 1630 hrs
6.	Date & time of opening of technical bids	16/09/2025 at 1100 hrs
7.	Date & time of opening of financial bids	The date & time shall be intimidated to the Qualified Bidders.
8.	Place of opening of bids.	Office of the Chief Engineer - II, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok.

Note:- The qualification criteria as laid down in SPWD Manual -2009 Section -11.7 and amended from time to time have to be fulfilled by the intending bidders.

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Government of Sikkim

Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom

Gangtok

No.1138/GOS/D.H.H.

Dated: 25 /08 /2025

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Sealed Quotations are invited from the interested Registered Firms, Authorized dealers and manufacturers for the supply of Raw Materials such as Hardware Items, Multicrafts items, Timber items, Carpet Weaving items required for the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Government of Sikkim, for the financial year 2025-26.

The detailed list of Raw Materials and Tender form can be obtained from the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Zero Point, Gangtok on production of Bank Receipt/ Challan duly deposited in favour of Director, **DHH under Head-0851 VILLAGE & SMALL INDUSTRIES, 102-SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES 01-GICI.**

Sl. No.	Raw Materials to be Supplied	Cost of Tender/ Quotation Form	Remarks
1.	Timber, Multi-crafts items, Tools & equipments, Wollen Yarn NZ (60 Count) Cotton Yarn	₹2500/-	

The Quotation for Timber Supply shall be received only from the registered supplier authorized by the Department of Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management possessing valid license issued by concerned Department.

Time Schedule:-

- Sale of Quotation Form **4th September to 5th September Time 10 a.m To 3 p.m.**
- Receipt of Quotation Form along with relevant documents viz; Valid Trade License, Firm Registration Certificate applicable and GST Certificate etc. will be accepted **on or before 12th September 2025** in the office of the Director, DHH, Zero point-Gangtok.
- Opening of Quotation will be conducted on **15th September at 2 p.m.** sharp in the presence of Quotation Opening Committee and the bidders who wish to be present in the o/o Director, DHH, Zero-point Gangtok.

Further, the bidders should abide by all terms and conditions referred in the tender/Quotation form. The Directorate reserves the right to accept or reject any of the bid(s) without stating any reasons thereof.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- > Rates should be FOR Destination i.e. at Zero Point, Gangtok, DHH.
- > Rates quoted should be exclusive of taxes. It should be stated clearly along with the rate.
- > Supplies should be made within a period of 30 days from the date of issue of supply order.
- > The rates once accepted should prevail for the entire financial year i.e. 2025-2026 irrespective of market rate fluctuations. Rate quoted by the tenderer should be expressed in figure as well as in words, over writing and correction in the tender form will be liable for rejection.
- > The DHH will not be responsible for non-receipt/late receipt or loss of tender documents/offer in postal transit.
- > The goods should be supplied as per specification and rates accepted.
- > Discount on MRP in case of Paint to be given.
- > Bidders should attach their Valid Trade License, Certificate of registration etc which deals in the particular items.
- > In the event of deposit of Quotation forms, the interested Quotationers should deposit earnest money in the form of TDR against supply of materials indicated in the list @2.5%
- > The undersigned reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason thereof even though the applicant may satisfy the pre-qualification set in the tender/Quotation notice.

Sd:-

Director,

Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom,

Zero point- Gangtok

Government of Sikkim

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Health and Family Welfare Department

Government of Sikkim

District Hospital Gyalshing

West Sikkim-737111

Memo No: 222/Acctts/DHG/24-25

Dated: 07.08 225

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS

Sealed Quotations are hereby invited from interested Registered FIRMS/Agencies, having valid license and GST Registration Number for the supply of Emergency Medicines for District Hospital Gyalshing for the year 2025-26 on the following Terms & Conditions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The quotation should reach the Office of the CMO (W) by 09.09.2025 before 00 PM along with the License duly attested.
- The security deposit of ₹20,000/- only for the supply of Emergency Purchase of Medicines is to be drawn as TDR from State Bank of Sikkim in favour of Accounts Officer-cum-D&DO, Health (W) and to be submitted by 1.00 PM of 09.09.2025 along with the form and required documents.
- The Quotation Forms including list of items can be obtained from the Office of the CMO (W) on production of Bank Receipt of ₹1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) duly credited to major head 0210-800-01-Other receipts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. within the period 11.08.2025 to 08.09.2025.
- The quotation will be opened on 9th September, 2025 at 2:00 PM at the chamber of CMO (W).
- The tender form will be issued only to the bidders with valid license and registration of the firms.
- The items supplied must not be of inferior quality and supply must not be interrupted at any time due to any reason whatsoever. In case of breach of supply of items, the supplier's security deposit shall be forfeited and firm will be declared as defaulters.
- The rate quoted should not vary due to rise in the price once the quotation is accepted.
- The authority/undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject the quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

Chief Medical Officer

District Hospital Gyalshing

West Sikkim

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Chief Minister..

aspiring individuals.

The Chief Minister put forth various proposals raised by Mr Aditya Golay MLA Soreng regarding community welfare and development. He assured that next year's celebrations will be held in a grandeur manner accommodating more participants. In addition, he suggested to organise a workshop focusing on the traditional attires of the community, emphasising the need to preserve and promote cultural heritage among young generations.

Addressing the proposal with regards to Krishna Pranami Mandir project at Tharpu, the Chief Minister assured that it would be built on a grand scale. Acknowledging the proposal placed by Area MLA, the Chief Minister also expressed to develop wellness parks for the elderly in every district with necessary facilities.

Touching upon the growing concern of cybercrime, he urged citizens to remain vigilant and informed to combat online fraud effectively. He further informed that on September 17 which is also the birthday of the Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, 990 mothers from each constituency will benefit from the Aama Yojana, with further distributions under other Government schemes.

MLA Mr Aditya Golay expressed gratitude to the State Government for the formation of Soreng as a separate district. Additionally, mentioning various ongoing infrastructural development in the district, he called upon the people, especially the youth to support Government initiatives that aimed at district growth. Touching upon 'One Family, One Entrepreneur', he informed that Soreng District is set to adopt Digital Nomad Village concept, inspired by Yakten village in Pakyong District. Further, he informed that a series of dedicated workshops, held at the beginning of the two-day celebrations, encouraging student participation from schools, colleges and universities in such workshops to generate awareness of local traditions among younger generations.

MLA also presented a few key proposals for the overall development of the region, including the construction of an approach road near Tharpu Government Senior Secondary School, Pranami Mandir to enhance tourism potential in the region. He also proposed the establishment of Animal Husbandry Centre at Chota Samdong, informing that the area is one of the good dairy farming producer. Mentioning the recent International Senior Citizen's Day programme held in Soreng, the MLA proposed the setting up of a Wellness Park equipped with necessary facilities for elderly.

Similarly, Mr Indra Hang Subba MP Lok Sabha referred to the occasion as a historic event for the Limboo community, emphasising the importance of preserving its rich cultural heritage. He expressed hope that SYSP will continuously play a crucial role in safeguarding the traditions and customs of the Limboo people. He further emphasised the importance of collective efforts for progress, stating that if the community strives for development, it will directly contribute to the overall growth of the State. Encouraging everyone to learn and embrace the history of their own community, he stated that such knowledge plays a crucial side in uniting people.

Acknowledging, the efforts of State Government in addressing the long pending demands of the community, he called for unity across communities. He further highlighted the infrastructural projects aimed at benefiting for the Limboo community under the leadership of the Chief Minister.

The programme also witnessed presentation of mementos to the Chief Minister and Madam Sarda Tamang by Sirijunga Yakthung Sakthim Phojumbho.

During the programme, Mr JB Subba retired Secretary (Architect) from Timburbong and Mr Bal Bahadur Limboo an artist from Labing, Gerethang were honoured for their contributions for the Limboo community. The event also featured the official release of several books and posters.

Also present were Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Advisors, Chairpersons, Zilla Adhyakshas, Zilla Up-Adhyakshas, Zilla Panchayats, Panchayats, Press Advisor to CM, Political Secretary to CM, Press Secretary to CM, Vice-Chairman (ITS), former-Ministers, former-MLAs, former-Chairpersons, Additional Political Secretaries, DC Soreng, SP Soreng, ADCs, SDMs, OSDs, Assistant Professor (Khangchendzonga State University), BDOs, HoDs, HoOs, officials, students and public.



Gangtok DC advocates adoption of PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

Gangtok, August 21: Mr Tushar Nikhare DC Gangtok, chaired a meeting with officers from various departments, BDOs and representatives of institutions and stakeholders at DAC Gangtok, to discuss the implementation of PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana in the Gangtok District, today.

During the meeting, Mr CP Sharma DE Sikkim Renewable Energy Development Agency (SREDA), briefed participants on the scheme, which seeks to promote rooftop solar adoption and provide free electricity to households. Approved by the Government of India on February 29, 2024, the scheme will be implemented till FY 2026-27. At the national level, the programme is being overseen by National Programme Implementation Agency (NPIA), while in Sikkim, SREDA has been designated as the State Implementation Agency (SIA).

He also highlighted that under the scheme, households installing rooftop solar systems will be eligible for Central Financial Assistance (CFA) in the form of subsidies, along with the option of availing low-interest loans, wherein the domestically manufactured solar modules and cells will be permitted and all

installations must be connected to the grid. Consumers will also have complete autonomy in selecting vendors from the empanelled list provided on the official portal. In Sikkim, subsidies will range from ₹49,500/- for a 1.5 kWp system to ₹85,800 for a 3.0 kWp system, he stated.

To qualify, applicants must be Indian citizens with a valid electricity connection and sufficient rooftop, terrace, or balcony space for installation and the scheme is limited to residential households and excludes commercial, industrial and Government buildings, he said. Additionally, he informed that a Model Solar Village will be identified in each district, with a provision of ₹1 crore per village, based on renewable energy capacity installed during a six-month competition period.

He underscored that the initiative is expected to significantly reduce household electricity bills, cut carbon emissions and enhance energy self-sufficiency, while ensuring low maintenance and high efficiency.

DC highlighted that the current uptake of the scheme in the State is low, despite monthly monitoring of targets at the national

level. He emphasised that rooftop solar adoption under the scheme is not optional and called upon institutions to lead by example in installing solar systems, while also encouraging their employees to adopt it at the household.

He informed that a dedicated call centre will be set up to support the campaign and follow up with consumers daily. He added that while incremental installations are possible, institutions are encouraged to plan for appropriate capacities at the outset to avoid higher costs later. He also underlined that Government offices, including block and district offices, will be installing rooftop solar systems and urged private institutions to extend full cooperation to achieve the State’s targets.

He mentioned that PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana will not only help reduce electricity bills but also contribute to energy self-sufficiency and environmental sustainability. He requested all institutions to take this initiative seriously, so that Sikkim can successfully meet its targets under the scheme.

For further information and assistance, citizens may contact Sikkim Renewable Energy Development Agency (SREDA).

Parliament passes National Sports Governance and Anti-Doping Amendment Bills 2025

Gangtok, August 19: The Indian sporting community has lauded the National Sports Governance Bill 2025 and the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bills 2025, which were passed by the Parliament on August 12. Athletes, coaches, sports administrators and more have hailed it as a long-overdue reform to clean up sports administration and protect athlete interests.

With Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya referring to the National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 as the most comprehensive governance overhaul since independence, the bill serves as a sweeping piece of legislation aimed at reforming how the country’s sports bodies are run.

Among various key features, the Bill aligns key governance provisions with the Olympic and Paralympic Charters, ensuring that Indian sports bodies function in harmony with the best international practices. This compliance not only safeguards India from international sanctions but also strengthens the country’s

bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games.

The key pillars of the Sports Governance Bill legislation include age and term limits, which mentions office bearers must be between 25 and 70 years old on the date of nomination. A limited exemption for those aged 70-75 exists only if international sports body rules permit. Presidents, secretaries and treasurers may serve a maximum of three consecutive four-year terms, with a mandatory cooling-off period thereafter.

Every National Sports Federation’s Executive Committee must have at least four women members, two sportspersons of outstanding merit, and two members nominated by the Athlete Commission. Recognised sports bodies will now be classified as public authorities under the RTI Act, ensuring public access to records related to their functions and funding.

A National Sports Election Panel will conduct and monitor all NSF and IOA elections, ensuring uniformity and fairness. In cases of governance breakdown, the

National Sports Board can appoint an ad-hoc administrative body of eminent administrators for up to six months.

One of the key legislations of the bill is the Safe Sport Policy, which addresses mandatory adoption of athlete protection frameworks, grievance redressal mechanisms and safeguards against harassment covering men, women and minors.

The National Anti-Doping Bill meanwhile gives the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) legal backing as the country’s nodal body for anti-doping measures. NADA gets the legal power to collect samples, store them, conduct or delegate testing, and investigate possible doping violations.

Among other features, it also mandates NADA to conduct regular awareness and outreach programmes to inform athletes about banned substances, therapeutic use exemptions (TUEs) and safe supplements.

The National Sports Governance Act, 2025 was published in the Gazette of India on August 18.

describing it as a ‘letter to the future’, filled with physical and digital memories, trinkets, relics, and a repository of voices and visions from 2025. She thanked the Chief Minister, who also serves as the Minister-in-Charge of IPRD, for guiding this project with his personal vision and touch. It was under his encouragement and leadership that this project took shape and by ceremonially sealing the capsule today, he has made this moment a true milestone in the state’s history, she added.

She further extended

gratitude for the diverse submissions received from government departments, institutions, schools, communities, and over 500 citizens, thus leaving an enduring legacy for future leaders, communities, and children to cherish and draw inspiration from.

It may be recalled that on May 16, 2025, during the State Day celebrations, Governor Mr Om Prakash Mathur and the Chief Minister launched the Time Capsule 2025-2075, a landmark project of the IPR Department,

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Sikkim Time...

of Sikkim’s tenacity, development, and solidarity will motivate future generations. Following his address, the Chief Minister proceeded to seal and bury the Time Capsule at designated site, witnessed by dignitaries, officials, and guests.

Ms Annapurna Alley, Secretary IPRD, traced the journey of the Time Capsule project from its inception to its execution,

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NOTICE

Whereas, sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act") mandates that all Societies, Associations and Organizations registered under the said Act shall renew their registration upon the expiry of two years from the date of initial registration or the expiry of its subsequent renewal;

And whereas, sub-section (2) of section 4 of the said Act states that failure to renew the registration within one month from the date of expiry of the renewal period shall render the Societies, Associations and Organizations liable for suspension or cancellation of its registration without further notice;

And whereas, clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the said Act states that the Governing Body/Executive Body of Societies, Associations and Organizations shall comprise of members who possess Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification. Therefore, all the Societies, Associations and Organizations are required to comply with this provision;

Now therefore, final notice is hereby issued to all Societies, Organizations and Associations registered under the said Act who has not renewed their registration, to renew their registration within 1 (one) month of issue of this notice, failing which the registration shall be cancelled without issuance of further notice.

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34th Nepali...

Bhasa Manyata Diwas will be celebrated at District Level, ensuring wider participation and recognition of linguistic diversity across Sikkim.

Special Guest Dr Gokul Sinha in his address, highlighted the formation of Bharatiya Nepali Rashtriya Parisad, under the leadership of its President, Late Mr Nar Bahadur Bhandari. He acknowledged and appreciated the significant contribution of people of Sikkim in the historic recognition of the Nepali language in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. He also commended the role of Sikkim University in encouraging young students to learn and preserve regional languages, thereby strengthening the cultural and linguistic diversity of the State.

Mr Santosh Kumar Allay ADC-II (Soreng)-cum-President of Nepali Bhasa Manyata Diwas Samaroh Samiti (Mangalbaria), during the programme recited his poem titled ‘Mangalmai Mangalbarey’. He shared history of the special guest, Dr Gokul Sinha, and expressed his appreciation for his gracious presence at the event. He also highlighted the history and establishment of Sphuran Sahitya Prakashan (Mangalbaria) and elaborated on its various portfolios. Further, he recalled the revolutionary efforts made by the literary fraternity and other dignitaries in the movement for Nepali language recognition.

giving it the ceremonial and symbolic beginning.

Following this, the department received an extraordinary collection of memories, artefacts, letters, and dreams from citizens, government departments, communities, schools, and leaders of the state. These submissions, in both physical and digital forms, were meticulously curated by the

On the occasion, the Organising Committee placed a few proposals before the Chief Minister

The event also saw felicitation to the chief guest by the Organising Committee.

Certificates of Appreciation were also handed over to toppers on various languages; namely, Mr Yogesh Rai, Ms Sujala Rana, Mr Namdol Lepcha, Ms Chodenla Sherpa and Ms Chunu Lepcha.

During the programme, Ms Nimita Gurung (Footballer), Ms Gyurmi Dolma Tamang (Footballer), Mr Manoj Mukhia (Educator), Mrs Bhimit Lepcha (Educator) and Mr Phetu Tshering Bhutia, (Social Activist) were felicitated for their dedication towards their respective field of work.

Similarly, Chief Minister’s Discretionary Grants were distributed to Sanjeevani Sahitya Maanch (Gelling- Samsing) and Middle Gelling Nava Jyoti Gram Sudhar Sangh.

The programme also had quiz competition where KB Limboo Senior Secondary School, Sribadam emerged victorious. Later the chief guest handed over the prizes and certificates to the winners.

The event was also attended by MLAs, Vice Chairperson (ITS), Advisors, Chairpersons, Zilla Adhyaksha, Upadhyaksha, Secretaries, IGP (Law and Order), APS Soreng, DC Soreng, SP Soreng, ADCs, ADC (Development), SDMs, HoDs, OSDs and Officials from various line departments.

department to be sealed in the capsule, creating a bridge between today’s Sikkim and the state in the fifty years.

It may be noted that a public display of the replica of the Time Capsule is stationed at MG Marg, encased in a transparent glass, allowing visitors to glimpse at its contents and understand the symbolism between the past and future.

IPRD launches new website

Gangtok, August 19: Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) launched its new website ipr.sikkim.gov.in.

The portal was launched by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, in the presence of Mr R Telang Chief Secretary, Mr Akshay Sachdeva Director General of Police, Mr Ashit Rai Chairman IPRD, Ms Annapurna Alley Secretary IPRD, and Mr Saran Lama Assistant Director (IT) IPRD, during 79th Independence Day celebration held at Paljor Stadium.

The upgraded portal, built on the latest Net technology and hosted at State Data Centre, is designed to serve as the State's trusted digital gateway to information. It consolidates notifications, tenders, circulars, and public notices, and also provides Sikkim Herald in multiple languages in easy-to-download PDF format.

The website features digitised archives, detailed profiles of the Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers and others, as well as a

dedicated media corner for guidelines and listings of empanelled media outlets. Citizens can also subscribe to Sikkim Today magazine and explore a network of Government-verified websites and apps.

It may be mentioned that, the department has proposed future services such as online film shooting permits, journalist accreditation, PA system booking, advertisement request tracking, and AI-based assistance.

ITS team visits Rumlyang Tungrong in Daramdin

Soreng, August 27: Institute for Transforming Sikkim (ITS) team, accompanied by representatives from Renjyong Mutanchi Rong Tarjum (Sikkim Lepcha Association), Renjyong Mutanchi Rong Ong Shejum (Sikkim Lepcha Youth Association) and Renjyong Mutanchi Ringmom Kurmom (Sikkim Lepcha Literary Organisation), conducted a site visit to Rumlyang Tungrong (Stairway to Heaven) at Daramdin today.

The objective of the visit was to monitor the progress of ongoing construction works and gain insights into the overall advancement of the project. The ITS members were joined by Assistant Engineer, Buildings and Housing Department, Mr Rakesh Sharma, who provided a detailed briefing on the current status and developments.

Addressing the gathering, ITS Vice Chairman Mr CP Sharma recalled that the Chief Minister, had earlier expressed his desire during the Tendong Lho Rum Faat 2025 celebrations that the 2026 edition of the festival be hosted at Rumlyang Tungrong, Daramdin. In alignment with this vision, the ITS

team inspected the site to ensure timely completion of the project. He reaffirmed ITS's commitment to prioritising the successful execution of the Rumlyang Tungrong initiative and further advised Roads and Bridges Department in consultation with relevant departments to commence road widening works from Daramdin Bazar to the site, citing the strategic importance of the project. All concerned departments were instructed to maintain proper documentation and records to facilitate transparency and accountability.

ITS further requested a comprehensive report from the Buildings and Housing Department detailing the progress of construction works, including clarity on various components and features of the project.

Mrs Asha Gurung, Secretary Buildings and Housing Department, also briefed ITS team on key aspects of the project, including financial status, architectural features, material usage and other technical considerations. She assured that a detailed progress report would be submitted to aid further

planning and ensure smooth execution.

An open discussion followed between ITS, departmental representatives, and members of Renjyong Mutanchi Rong Tarjum (Sikkim Lepcha Association), Renjyong Mutanchi Rong Ong Shejum (Sikkim Lepcha Youth Association), and Renjyong Mutanchi Ringmom Kurmom (Sikkim Lepcha Literary Organisation), focusing on collaborative efforts to ensure timely completion and preserve the cultural significance of Rumlyang Tungrong. The Association requested ITS, emphasising inclusion of cultural elements in the design, preservation of the natural environment, and provision of basic amenities to support the Tendong Lho Rum Faat 2026 celebrations.

Dignitaries present during the visit included Vice Chairman, ITS, ITS Members Advisor (SISCO Bank), SDM (Hq) Soreng, OSD to MLA (Daramdin) along with representatives from the Sikkim Lepcha Association, officers and officials from various line departments.

District Officers inspect One Stop Centre in Mangan

Mangan, August 27: The quarterly inspection of the One Stop Centre (OSC) at Pentok, Mangan was conducted by Department of Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Mangan, in the presence of ADC Mangan, Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarma, ASP Mangan, Mr Mani Kumar Tamang, Social Welfare Officer, Ms Choden Bhutia, and other officials, today.

Centre Administrator Ms Sonam Phuti Bhutia presented a detailed report on the functioning of the centre. She informed that since its establishment in 2019, the OSC has registered 311 cases, including 25 cases from June 1 till date. The report also covered services such as temporary accommodation for survivors of

domestic abuse, POCSO, counselling, free legal aid, and support under the hub for women empowerment, which is linked with the Women Helpline (WHIL) number 181. The SWO made relevant inquiries during the process, and it was noted that no inmates were present at the time of inspection.

She emphasised the need for wider awareness of OSC facilities, especially in remote areas where information is limited. She also suggested skill development training for women approaching the centre.

Taking note of these points, ADM Mangan observed that special Gram Sabhas at the GPU level could provide an effective platform for sharing information on

OSC facilities, as these gatherings see wider community participation.

Following the OSC inspection, the Hub for Women Empowerment was also inspected. Enquiries were made regarding the programmes conducted under the hub.

The inspection further included discussions on the factors contributing to the rise in such cases and the measures required to address them. The meeting concluded with the understanding that sustained awareness is central to enabling more people to access the support and services of OSC. For assistance, individuals can also reach out to the Women Helpline at 181.

Cooperation Deptt Gyalshing conducts awareness programme

Gyalshing, August 27: An awareness programme on Cooperatives, as part of Celebration of International Year of Cooperatives 2025 organised by Cooperation Department Gyalshing themed 'Cooperatives Build A Better World' was held at Sanchaman Limboo Government College Aarigaon, Gyalshing, today.

The programme imparted awareness on the importance of Cooperatives and inspire students to explore opportunities within the sector as means of entrepreneurship, employment and inclusive community development. Students of Sikkim Government Vocational College, Dentam and Sanchaman Limboo Government College Arigaon, Gyalshing (SMLGC), participated and gained information.

Dr Bhakta Kunwar Principal SMLGC also the chief guest of the event emphasised on the importance of cooperative movement in strengthening grassroot democracy, generating local employment and encouraging self-reliance through collective efforts. He motivated the students to take active interest in formation and support to the cooperative societies as a sustainable model of community development.

Principal SMLGC commended the Department of Cooperation Gyalshing for organising such a programme aimed at benefitting students with the invaluable information and requisite support.

Joint Registrar Cooperative Society, Cooperation Department Gyalshing Ms Laden Gensapa encouraged students to gain knowledge from the facilities provided. She underscored envision of the department was to build a strong cooperative culture that complements Sikkim's developmental journey.

Mr Tsewang Norbu Bhutia Assistant Registrar and resource person, Cooperation Department, highlighted on various aspects of cooperatives that included; history of cooperatives in India and Sikkim, The role, responsibilities and importance of cooperatives, principles and values of cooperatives, function of the Cooperation Department, process for registration of a cooperative societies, State Government support to cooperative societies, Ministry of Cooperation and its various initiatives, International Year of Cooperatives and its objectives with the primary focus on youth, women and students.

He shared the courses, career and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth and students through cooperatives and, also mentioned the established Tribhuvan Sahakar University for specialised training.

He further deliberated on the evolution of the cooperative movement, referencing major milestones such as NABARD Act (1982), National Cooperative Policy (2002), and the creation of Ministry of Cooperation in July 2021. He accentuated on the robust cooperative landscape of Sikkim, comprising over 3,776 cooperative societies across 24 sectors, with a membership exceeding 84,943 individuals spanning across the diverse sectors including agriculture, dairy, tourism, labour, and women's welfare. He underlined on the responsibilities of cooperative members and Department of Cooperation, which oversees apex bodies like SIMFED, DACS, SCMU, and SISCO.

Further, he lauded the initiative of the Chief Minister for conferring meritorious awards on August 15 each year to the best-performing cooperative societies. He added that, such recognition had significantly enhanced the motivation and visibility in the cooperative sector of the State.

Ms Sital Rai Auditor Cooperation Department Gyalshing and Resource Person sensitised on the Cooperative Audit Report and presented delved on the introduction to Audit of Cooperative Societies, legal framework under the Sikkim Cooperative Act, 1978, process and stages of Audit, scope and importance of Audit. She mentioned that, the process of Audit is imperative to ensure appropriate financial health and accountability. She highlighted that, through effective sensitisation and skills enhancement of the students will sure strengthen the cooperative governance tomorrow and collectively building a better world.

Mr Pemba Tshering Lepcha Additional RCs Cooperation Department, shared that, such initiative are aimed at sensitising and educating youth about the concept of cooperatives, their history, functioning, and potential in contributing to socio-economic development under International Year of Cooperatives - 2025.

During the interactive session, students clarified their doubts, shared ideas, learned about the practical steps for registration and expressed keen interest in forming cooperative societies in the district. Raised queries were appropriately corresponded with the viable information making the session engaging and informative.

The programme also had presence of Vice- Principal SMLGC, Dean SMLGC, Administrator SMLGC, Assistant Professors and SGDC Dentam, officers and officials from concerned department.

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