

Press Note issued from the Office of the Press Secretary to the Chief Minister of Sikkim

‘Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana’ One Scheme, One Spirit: Empowerment and Respect for Every Aama of Sikkim

In a State where governance has increasingly come to be defined by its proximity to the everyday lives of its people, Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang Golay today handed over cheques under the Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana to 1,000 eligible Aamas of Rhenock Constituency, a gesture that, for the Chief Minister, carries a meaning far deeper than a routine disbursement of funds. In a coordinated exercise held simultaneously across all remaining 31 constituencies of the State, the respective area MLAs personally handed over 1,000 cheques each to eligible Aamas under the scheme, ensuring that mothers in every corner of Sikkim received the benefit of the programme on the very same day.

Addressing the gathering at Rhenock, the Chief Minister reflected on the deeply personal roots of his government’s welfare philosophy, recalling that he had learnt the true meaning of love, compassion, sacrifice and strength from his own mother an inspiration, he said, that continues to shape the women and mother-centric initiatives of his administration. For the Chief Minister, this is not sentiment confined to a single occasion; it is a governing principle that has steadily translated into policy, budgetary commitment and institutional recognition over successive years. The Hon’ble Chief Minister described the Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana as an initiative born of that very emotion, not merely a financial assistance programme, but a means of placing economic strength, confidence and decision-making power in the hands of Aamas themselves, to be used according to their own priorities, be it a child’s education, household needs, farming, livestock or a small enterprise. It is this quiet trust in the judgement of mothers, rather than a prescriptive, one-size-fits-all approach to welfare that has come to distinguish the scheme as an instrument of dignity as much as assistance.

That spirit of recognition extends beyond financial support. The Chief Minister spoke of the Aama Samman Puraskar and the Pragatisheel Aama Puraskar, instituted to honour deserving Aamas and celebrate inspiring stories of self-reliance built on the scheme’s foundation, and situated the day’s distribution within a wider and still-expanding architecture of care, the Aama Sahayog Yojana, Vatsalya Yojana, Bahini Yojana, Shishu Samridhi Yojana, enhanced maternity benefits, reservation for women in government jobs, targeted healthcare measures and sustained efforts towards women’s safety and dignity. Taken together, he noted, these are not isolated schemes but threads of a single, deliberate fabric of governance woven around the wellbeing of Sikkim’s women.

The State-wide reach of the day’s exercise spanning Rhenock and all 31 other constituencies, each led by its own elected representative was, in itself, a reflection of how deeply the scheme has been institutionalised: a single day’s effort translating into direct, dignified support reaching eligible Aamas across every corner of Sikkim, regardless of geography or distance from the capital.

In a moment that captured the tenor of the occasion, the Chief Minister spoke not as an administrator reading out entitlements but as a son acknowledging a debt that policy alone cannot repay. He left the gathering with a reflection on scale and consequence: that strong Aamas build strong families, strong families build strong societies, and strong societies, in turn, build a stronger Sikkim, a reminder that the smallest unit of welfare, a mother’s economic security, is ultimately inseparable from the State’s larger story of progress.

"An empowered Aama means an empowered family, an empowered society, and a stronger Sikkim. This is not just our vision. This is our promise to every Aama of Sikkim," the Chief Minister said.