

Press Release from Government Fruit Preservation Factory, Commerce and Industries Department

GFPF, Commerce and Industries Department Launches Three Locally Inspired Premium Dark Chocolates on 77th Republic Day & 50 Years of Sikkim's Statehood

Gangtok, 26 January: On the proud occasion of the 77th Republic Day of India and the historic milestone of 50 Years of Sikkim's Statehood, the Government of Sikkim marked the day with an initiative that reflects purpose, progress, and pride.

The Government Fruit Preservation Factory (GFPF), Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Sikkim, proudly launched three locally inspired premium dark chocolates, celebrating Sikkim's rich agricultural heritage and the dedication of its farmers.

The products were formally launched in the presence of the Honourable Governor of Sikkim, Shri Om Prakash Mathur, Honourable Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay), Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department Ms. Karma D. Youtso, Managing Director, GFPF Ms. Chanda Rani Rai & GFPF officials.

Each chocolate draws its unique character from Sikkim's distinctive and world-renowned produce:

Sikkim Mandarin Orange Dark Chocolate (55% Cocoa) – crafted using mandarins that have been an integral part of Sikkim's culture and daily life for decades.

Dalle Chilli Dark Chocolate (47% Cocoa) – bold and distinctive, featuring Sikkim's GI-tagged Dalle Chilli.

Large Cardamom Dark Chocolate (47% Cocoa) – made with Sikkim's world-famous GI-tagged Large Cardamom, celebrated for its superior aroma and quality.

These chocolates are more than premium confections; they represent a commitment to respecting farmers, valuing local produce, and preserving traditional knowledge in a contemporary form.

As Sikkim commemorates 50 years of Statehood, this launch symbolizes how local strengths can be transformed into sustainable opportunities for the future, reinforcing the vision of inclusive growth and value addition within the state.

With pride and purpose, these products are a celebration of “Sunawlo, Samriddhi ani Samartha Sikkim.”