

Press Release from Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim.

Mangan, April 20: The Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism (IHCAE), Chemchey under the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim, continues to advance its vision of becoming one of the nation's leading institutes for adventure-based education and training.

As part of its ongoing initiatives, IHCAE Chemchey conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Basic Mountaineering and Advance Mountaineering Courses currently underway at Yumthang and Lankong valley. These courses are designed to impart essential mountaineering skills, foster resilience, and promote environmental stewardship among participants.

The inspection was led by the Joint Director (Adventure), Tourism and Civil Aviation Department cum Principal, IHCAE Chemchey, Shri Kazi Sherpa. During his visit, he thoroughly reviewed critical aspects of course implementation, including safety and security protocols, food and nutrition management, equipment standards, and overall coordination of training activities. He also interacted with instructors and participants, providing valuable guidance and emphasizing adherence to best practices to ensure the successful and safe conduct of the programme. A total of 118 participants in four mountaineering courses for 28 days including all India NCC cadets, officials from Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, private candidate (self founded) are participating in the training, organized into four batches for 28 days i.e two batches for Basic Mountaineering Course and two batches for Advance Mountaineering Course.

The programme reflects a significant national-level engagement, bringing together young cadets from across the country to experience high-altitude training in the pristine Himalayan environment.

The inspection team further visited the training camps located at Yumthang, and Lankong valley, North Sikkim to assess on-ground arrangements, including accommodation, logistics, and preparedness for field exercises. The team expressed satisfaction with the overall management and the dedication displayed by both instructors and trainees.

The course, which emphasizes discipline, teamwork, endurance, and environmental awareness, aims to equip participants with both technical mountaineering skills and a deeper appreciation for sustainable adventure practices. Shri Kazi Sherpa extended his best wishes to all participants for the successful completion of their training and encouraged them to carry forward the spirit of adventure, responsibility, and respect for nature. He also conveyed his sincere appreciation to local stakeholders for their invaluable support and cooperation in organizing and facilitating the courses in these remote high-altitude locations.

The courses are being conducted under the supervision of training officer, IHCAE Chemchey Shri.Nakul Giri along with senior instructors from IHCAE and experts from HMI, ensuring high standards of professionals.

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