Press release from the office of Fisheries Department Soreng District

On 16th November 2026, a one-day Awareness Programme on the theme “A Week of Awareness, Visibility, Learning and Community Participation” was organised at Singling Gumpa by the Fisheries Department, Government of Sikkim, Soreng District, as part of the week-long observance of World Fisheries Day 2026.

The programme was conducted in the presence of Shri Lobsang Tamang, Joint Director, Shri Krishna Prasad Sharma, Range Officer, Smt. Deepa Chettri, Block Officer, Fisheries Guards, Assistant Fisheries Guards and other staff members of Soreng District. The programme was also graced by Shri Jas Bahadur Tamang, Assistant Director, Shri Singh Raj Subba, Zilla Panchayat, along with other Panchayat members of Singling GPU and participants from the surrounding localities.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Shri. Lobsang Tamang,Joint Director, who highlighted the objectives and significance of the awareness programme. Subsequently, Shri Krishna Prasad Sharma, Range Officer, delivered an informative address on the conservation of indigenous fish species, protection of riverine ecosystems, prohibition of Thai Magur species and preservation of aquatic biodiversity, in alignment with the objectives of World Fisheries Day 2026.

He further sensitised the gathering about the traditional practice of Tschitar, observed by the Buddhist community, wherein fish are released into rivers as an act of compassion. In this regard, he encouraged the public to promote the release of native fish species and refrain from introducing exotic and prohibited species such as Thai Magur, emphasising the importance of safeguarding the ecological balance and biodiversity of local water bodies.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Smt. Deepa Chettri, Block Officer, who expressed her gratitude to the dignitaries, Panchayat representatives, departmental officials and all participants for their valuable presence and active participation. The programme witnessed enthusiastic involvement from the local community and served as an important platform for creating awareness about riverine conservation, indigenous fish species protection and the sustainable management of aquatic resources.