

Press Release from the Office of the Press Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim
National Press Day Message

On the occasion of National Press Day, I convey my sincere greetings and good wishes to the press and media community of Sikkim and the entire nation. This day reminds us of the indispensable place the media holds in nurturing democracy, promoting openness, and protecting the people's right to information. Through their dedication and steady commitment, journalists keep society informed, aware, and connected to the events that influence our daily lives.

National Press Day carries a distinct historical significance. It marks the establishment of the Press Council of India in 1966, an institution created to preserve the freedom of the press and to uphold ethical standards in journalism. The day is celebrated to honor the guiding principles that support a free and responsible media, and to remind the nation of its relevance in shaping an informed public mindset.

This year's theme, "Safeguarding Press Credibility Amidst Rising Misinformation", draws attention to a challenge faced by every democracy. As information spreads swiftly across digital spaces, the need to preserve truth, accuracy, and fairness becomes even more crucial. Protecting the credibility of the press is not only the duty of journalists, but also a shared responsibility necessary to maintain a well informed and thoughtful society.

Honorable Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang Golay shares his National Press Day message with the media fraternity:

"The press serves as the watchdog of democracy, tirelessly working to uphold the principles of transparency, accountability and the right to information. It is through the diligent efforts of journalists that we are kept informed about the events shaping our world.

As we celebrate National Press Day, let us also reflect on how journalism is evolving in the digital age. The rise of online platforms, social media, and new technologies has transformed the way information is disseminated presenting both opportunity and challenge. Journalists are adapting to these new mediums, striving to maintain the highest standards of reporting in an ever-changing landscape.

Let us stand together in support of a free and responsible press, recognizing its vital role in shaping a just and informed society."

Under the leadership of the Honorable Chief Minister, who also oversees the Information and Public Relations Department, the Government of Sikkim has undertaken meaningful measures since 2019 to strengthen and assist the media sector. These include reforms, welfare initiatives, and programs aimed at improving professional security and recognizing the vital role of the press as the fourth pillar of democracy. Each initiative reflects the belief that a strong media environment is central to a strong society.

As we commemorate National Press Day, the Government of Sikkim renews its commitment to protecting media freedom, enhancing institutional support, and fostering conditions where trustworthy journalism can grow. The bond between the State and the media is built on trust, responsibility, and shared democratic ideals. Moving forward, we remain devoted to supporting a press that seeks truth with courage, works with integrity, and serves the people of Sikkim with unwavering dedication.

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Happy National Press Day!

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