Press Release
Lokbhawan Sikkim
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Today, under the leadership of Mr. Jacob Khaling, President of the Badminton Association of Sikkim, the Executive Members of the Association paid a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Shri Dushyant Gautam, at Lokbhawan.

During this meeting, the delegation formally invited the Hon'ble Governor to attend the closing ceremony of the '49th Yonex-Sanraj Junior National Badminton Championship 2026' being held in the state as the Chief Guest.

This national competition, organized by the Badminton Association of Sikkim under the auspices of the Badminton Association of India, is being held at the Indoor Badminton Hall of Paljor Stadium Complex in Gangtok from 14th November to 21st November 2026. This is a significant achievement in the sports history of Sikkim, as the state is hosting a national-level badminton championship for the first time.

During the meeting, the Chairman informed the Honorable Governor about the tournament's framework and preparations, stating that the championship features 33 teams from various states and Union Territories across the country, including young players (under-19 category) who are emerging talents, and several of them are also national and international medal winners.

The Honorable Governor praised the Badminton Association of Sikkim, saying that such national-level events not only inspire local youth to play sports but also promote the spirit of 'One India, Best India' through players from across the country.

The Governor has accepted the invitation and given his approval.