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One-Day Orientation Workshop on XVI Finance Commission Grants for Urban Local Bodies in the North Eastern States

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A One-Day Orientation Workshop on the XVI Finance Commission Grants for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the North Eastern States was organised on 11 November 2026 at the Golden Jubilee Banquet Hall, Niti Vihar, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

The workshop was attended by Shri Tsewang Norbu, Municipal Executive Officer, Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, and Shri Yogen Syangden, Municipal Executive Officer, Namchi Municipal Council, representing the Urban Local Bodies of Sikkim.

The programme commenced with the inaugural session attended by Shri Balo Raja, Hon'ble Minister, UDD followed by the address of the Chief Guest, Shri Chowna Mein, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister-cum-Finance Minister, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

The keynote address was delivered by Shri Gopal Prasad, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, who highlighted the importance of strengthening urban local governance, improving financial management and ensuring effective utilisation of Finance Commission grants for sustainable urban development.

A technical presentation on "Operationalising XVI Finance Commission Grants" was delivered by Shri Janaagraha, focusing on the operational framework, guidelines for release of grants, implementation requirements and key aspects of utilising the grants by Urban Local Bodies.

This was followed by a live demonstration of the City Finance Portal by Smt. Shalu, MoHUA, providing participants with practical insights into the portal and its role in promoting transparency, accountability and improved municipal financial management.

The workshop also included an interactive Question-and-Answer session, during which participants raised queries and sought operational clarifications on various aspects of the implementation of the XVI Finance Commission grants.

The discussions provided an opportunity for municipal officials to better understand the guidelines, procedures and requirements for effective implementation at the Urban Local Body level.

The workshop is expected to strengthen the institutional capacity of Urban Local Bodies in Sikkim, particularly in the areas of municipal financial planning, transparency, digital reporting and efficient utilisation of grants, thereby contributing towards improved civic services and sustainable urban development.