

Press Release from State Bank of India

Gangtok, 28th October, 2026: The State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Sikkim, launched a mega Financial Inclusion Saturation Camp today at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok, as part of the nationwide campaign being organized as per the directives of the Government of India to connect every citizen with basic banking, pension and insurance services.

The launching ceremony was graced by Shri G. T. Dhungel, Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Culture Departments, Government of Sikkim, as the Chief Guest. Other dignitaries present on the dais included Shri Tenzing Loden Lepcha, IPS, DIG, CID Department, Government of Sikkim; Shri Manohar Lall, General Manager, NABARD; Shri Sudhir Kanekar, Deputy General Manager, RBI; and Shri Prashant Kumar Singh, Deputy General Manager, SBI.

The programme featured key thematic sessions by domain experts. On the topic of Social Security Schemes, Shri Gopal Lama, Assistant General Manager, SLBC, briefed the gathering on the benefits and enrolment processes for various schemes such as PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY, etc. On Cyber Security and Fraud Prevention, Shri Tenzing Loden Lepcha educated the citizens about digital and online frauds and shared essential tips on the prevention of cybercrime. On Safe Banking Practices, Shri Phurba Sherpa, Chief Manager, SBI, highlighted the importance of linking Aadhaar cards to bank accounts, updating KYC details and tracking unclaimed money or assets. On Support for Farmers, Shri Manohar Lall shared details on how farmers can easily avail loans through the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme and protect their crops using the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). On Fraud Prevention and KYC Compliance, Shri Sudhir Kanekar educated the audience on the importance of timely Re-KYC and C-KYC updates and provided a comprehensive overview of the official complaint mechanisms for reporting financial fraud.

In his closing remarks, the Chief Guest, Shri G. T. Dhungel, praised the event as highly informative and urged the public to secure their future by enrolling in these government schemes. The AGM, SLBC, informed that the campaign will continue till 31st December, 2026 and will cover all 197 GPUs and ULBs of Sikkim.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Shri Alok Kumar Das, Regional Manager, SBI.