

Press Release from National Oral Health Programme (NOHP), NHM, Health & Family Welfare Department
Capacity Building Programme under National Oral Health Programme (NOHP), Sikkim

A series of capacity-building programmes were conducted under the National Oral Health Programme (NOHP), Sikkim, at various district hospitals to strengthen the skills and knowledge of dental professionals.

The programmes were organised at Mangan District Hospital for Mangan District, Namchi District Hospital for Namchi District, Gyalshing District Hospital for Gyalshing and Soreng districts, and Singtam District Hospital for Gangtok and Pakyong districts.

These programmes were conducted on 23rd February, 25th February, 9th March, and 17th March 2026, respectively. The sessions were attended by the respective Chief Medical Officers of the districts.

The programme was led by the State Nodal Officer, Dr. Suman Tamang, along with the Principal Chief Consultant (Dental), Dr. Sandeep Pradhan, and Assistant Programme Officer, Dr. M. K. Subba.

The resource persons from Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial Hospital included Dr. Norden Lepcha, Chief Consultant, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Dr. Tika Gurung, Senior Consultant, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Dr. Neha Chetty, Consultant, Endodontics; Dr. Neha Pradhan, Specialist, Periodontology; Dr. Novina Chetty, Specialist, Pediatric Dentistry; Dr. Eden T. Bhutia, Specialist, Pediatric Dentistry; and Dr. Bhupendra Rizal, Specialist, Prosthodontics and Implantology.

In total, around 200 dental doctors attended the programme, which significantly contributed to strengthening oral health services and enhancing the professional capacity of dental practitioners across the state.