

Press Release from Health and Family Welfare Department,
Government of Sikkim
Comprehensive Inspection Visit to Assess the Readiness of Helen Lepcha Sikkim
Government Medical College for the Upcoming Academic Year 2026–27
21/8/26: Chief Secretary to the Government of Sikkim, Shri R. Telang, IAS, led an inspection and comprehensive review meeting at Helen Lepcha Sikkim Government Medical College (HLSGMC) to assess the final readiness and operationalization of the inaugural MBBS academic session for the academic year 2026–27, scheduled to officially commence on September 8, 2026. The visit focused on verifying overall preparedness and ensuring full compliance with the statutory norms notified by the National Medical Commission (NMC).
The Chief Secretary was accompanied by Shri Tshewang Gyachho, IAS, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, alongside the Principal Director of Medical Education, AMS-I (STNM Hospital), the Dean, Associate Dean, Heads of Departments, and faculty members.
The Principal Chief Engineer and technical team from the Buildings and Housing Department, the Chief Engineer and engineering team from the Health Department, the Special Secretary, Joint Secretary, Joint Director of Medical Education and representatives from CEEPL were also present.
During the extensive walkthrough and subsequent review, the Chief Secretary inspected the academic block, lecture theatres, laboratories, and instruments and equipment for teaching purposes. The Dean presented an overview of seat readiness across key operational parameters, covering faculty deployment, the academic calendar, laboratories, teaching resources, and student amenities.
Addressing the gathering, the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, reviewed on-ground logistics and urged collective participation from faculty and staff. He emphasized key operational priorities, including hostel management and supervision, timely completion of mess facilities by the engineering wing, and dedicated transportation arrangements.
Concluding the visit, Chief Secretary Shri R. Telang interacted with the administrative leadership and faculty members, urging seamless inter-departmental coordination to complete all remaining activities well ahead of schedule. Extending his best wishes and blessings to the entire team, the Chief Secretary noted that the operationalization of HLSGMC marks a historic milestone in elevating medical education and healthcare delivery across Sikkim.