

Press Release from Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim

Gangtok, 27th October 2026: A Departmental Coordination Meeting of the Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim was held at the Conference Hall, Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok, on 27th October 2026. The meeting was chaired by Shri N.B. Dahal, Hon'ble Minister for Roads and Bridges Department, in the presence of Shri Erung T. Lepcha, Hon'ble Advisor to the Department.

A detailed review of various ongoing projects was undertaken with the objective of identifying and resolving hurdles and bottlenecks to expedite the timely completion of works. During the meeting, Shri Sailendra Sharma, Secretary, Roads and Bridges Department, directed all officers to adopt a proactive approach in the field, ensure timely issuance of necessary instructions to contractors, and maintain effective supervision at project sites. He emphasized the need to make optimal use of the ongoing dry working season to achieve the required targets. He also called upon the Officers for proper maintenance of file records and timely issue of communication and responses. Addressing the officers, the Hon'ble Minister stressed the importance of maintaining the highest standards of quality and ensuring strict adherence to prescribed specifications in all developmental works. He urged all engineers and officials to work collectively as one team in furtherance of the vision and directives of Shri P.S. Tamang, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, for providing robust, reliable, and sustainable road infrastructure that would contribute significantly to the State's socio-economic development.

The Hon'ble Minister emphasized the need to prepare a comprehensive plan with clearly defined and actionable annual targets aimed at achieving the broader vision of establishing an efficient, resilient, and sustainable road network across the State.

The Hon'ble Minister also commended the officers and staff for their dedication, commitment, and sense of responsibility. He particularly acknowledged the efforts of those who have been at the forefront during natural calamities, ensuring uninterrupted connectivity by keeping the road network operational under challenging circumstances. At the same time, he cautioned officials who had been lax in the discharge of their duties and called upon them to enhance their performance and responsiveness in the execution of assigned responsibilities.

In his concluding remarks, the Hon'ble Minister directed all concerned officers and officials to return to their respective stations and discharge their duties with renewed commitment and vigour to ensure timely implementation of developmental works and for effective achievement of targets.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.