

Press Release from State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (SIRD&PR), Karfectar
SIRD&PR Sikkim Organises Five-Day Training Programme on Good Governance and Public Service Delivery for 91 Participants from Soreng District

The State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (SIRD&PR), Sikkim, conducted a five-day training programme on “Good Governance and Public Service Delivery in Rural Development Programmes” from 05th to 09th October, 2026 (3rd Batch) at SIRD&PR, Karfectar, aiming to strengthen grassroots governance, improve administrative efficiency and enhance public service delivery in rural areas.

The third batch of the training programme covered three blocks of Soreng District, namely Kaluk Block, Mangalbaria Block and Baiguney Block, with a total of 91 participants participating in the programme.

The participants comprised elected representatives, Assistant Directors, Village Administrative Assistants (VAAs)/Junior VAAs, office assistants and attendants, DMAs/DMS, PDAs, PPMS personnel, and Project and Monitoring Assistants. The programme offered a common platform for elected representatives and field-level functionaries to enhance their understanding of good governance, share experiences and evolve practical strategies for improving rural administration.

The training encompassed the principles and characteristics of good governance, institutional values, public administration, office management, Own Source Revenue (OSR), the 29 subjects under the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution, citizen charters, record management and effective implementation of rural development programmes. The training was organised under the able Direction and Guidance of Shri Bishal Mukhia (SCS), Director, SIRD&PR, Sikkim.

Sessions were facilitated by Dr. Tara Sharma, Deputy Director, SIRD&PR as Course Director; Mr. Subash Rai, Jr. Faculty, Soreng District; Mrs. Dil Maya Rai, Jr. Faculty, Poklok-Nandugoan Block; Mr. Bikash Hingmang, Jr. Faculty, Daramdin Block; Mrs. Tika Maya Pradhan, Jr. Faculty, Dentam Block; Mr. Arbind Thapa, Jr. Faculty, Mangalbaria Block; Mr. Mukesh Dahal, Block Development Officer, Jorethang; and Mr. Keshar Rai, Deputy Director, UDD, Jorethang.

A special session was delivered by Shri Arjun Kumar Rai, Hon'ble Panchayat President, Tanzi-Bikmat GPU, who shared practical experiences and best practices in local governance, resource mobilisation, office administration and effective delivery of public services.

An integral part of the programme was an exposure visit to Poklok Gram Panchayat Kendra, Jorethang Block, which provided participants with hands-on exposure to grassroots governance and the functioning of local institutions. The programme followed a participatory methodology through group discussions, practical exercises, peer learning and presentations. Participants worked towards formulating model Good Governance and Public Service Delivery Action Plans, emphasising transparency, accountability, responsiveness and improved coordination among rural development institutions.

The valedictory session included group presentations, peer feedback, consolidation of learnings and post-training assessment. Focus was laid on translating the knowledge and experiences acquired during the programme into tangible improvements in day-to-day administration and public service delivery.

The active participation of 91 representatives and functionaries from the three blocks of Soreng District marked a significant step towards strengthening institutional capacities at the grassroots level.

The smooth conduct of the programme was supported by the committed efforts of the training management and technical team of SIRD&PR, Sikkim:

Mr. Deepak Rai, Training Manager; Mr. Bikash Thapa, Training Coordinator; Mr. Santosh Tamang, Training Coordinator; Mr. Bijendra Rai, Training Coordinator; Mr. Tara P. Sharma, Training Coordinator; Mr. Nimsa H. Subba, Training Assistant; Mrs. Rayal Rai, Training Assistant; Mr. Suren Subba, Photographer cum Technical Technician; Mr. Tika Ram Sharma, Photographer and Mr. Adarsh Gurung, Audio Visual In-charge.

The programme reaffirmed SIRD Sikkim's continued endeavour to strengthen Panchayati Raj institutions and rural development functionaries, promoting responsive, participatory, transparent and citizen-centric governance for inclusive rural development.