

Press Release From Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Namchi District
Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana Cheque Distribution Programme held at Rabong

Namchi, 3 October: The Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana is a flagship women-centric welfare initiative of the State Government aimed at providing financial assistance to eligible non-working mothers to strengthen their economic well-being, self-reliance and dignity. The scheme reflects the Government's continued commitment to ensure that welfare benefits reach the deserving beneficiaries at the grassroots level.

The programme for 09-Barfung Constituency was organised at the Congregation Hall, Buddha Park, Rabong. The programme was graced by Hon'ble MLA, 09-Barfung Constituency cum Advisor, Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim, Shri Riksal Dorjee Bhutia as the Chief Guest.

A total of 990 beneficiaries from nine Gram Panchayat Units (GPUs) under Ravangla BAC are being covered under the programme. The cheques were distributed to 951 beneficiaries from Lamaten-Tingmoo GPU, Barfung-Jarrong GPU, Borong-Phamtam GPU, Kewzing-Bakhim GPU, Ralong-Namlung GPU, Lingzo-Legship GPU, Tinkitam-Rayong GPU, Ravangla-Barfung GPU and Sangnath GPUs, along with 14 additional beneficiaries from Sangha. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest congratulated all the beneficiaries and conveyed his best wishes on receiving the financial assistance. He underscored the importance of extending welfare measures directly to mothers and appreciated the State Government's sustained efforts towards ensuring financial security, dignity and empowerment of women.

He also highlighted various initiatives undertaken by the State Government for the welfare of mothers, senior citizens and families, including the Sikkim Aama Sahyog Yojana, Aama Samman Puraskar which honours mothers for their contribution to family and society, and the Shravan Kumar Puraskar which recognises individuals for exemplary care and responsibility towards parents.

The Chief Guest lauded the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) and the State Government's emphasis on inclusive and people-centric welfare, citing initiatives such as Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana (SGAY) and Sikkim Unnayan Garib Awas Yojana (SUGAY) aimed at strengthening social security and improving the quality of life.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Shyam S. Pradhan, Social Welfare Officer, Namchi, informed that the selection of beneficiaries was carried out strictly as per the prescribed guidelines and eligibility criteria. He urged the beneficiaries to utilise the assistance judiciously and to follow proper banking procedures while depositing the cheques.

The programme was also attended by Shri Bishnu Sharma, APS to HCM, Smt. Teny Doma Bhutia, Chairperson, Sikkim Commission for Women, Shri Yangten Bhutia, OSD, Buildings & Housing Department, Shri Shiva Kumar Rai, OSD to MLA, Shri Bhutia, former MLA, Shri Shyam S. Pradhan, SWO, Namchi District, Shri D.P. Dahal, ADC Ravangla, Shri B.B. Tamang, BDO Ravangla, Shri Tashi Gyalpo Bhutia, Vice President, Government Contractor, All Zilla Panchayats and Gram Panchayats, Mr. Mingma D. Sherpa, representative of Jan Prokhsta, Social Welfare Inspectors from Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, committee members from various GPUs, volunteers and beneficiaries at large.