

Press Release from Sikkim Athletics Association

Team Sikkim Departs for 41st National Junior Athletics Championships

Gangtok, October 21 : A 10-member contingent of Team Sikkim, comprising seven athletes and three officials, departed for Chennai to participate in the 41st National Junior Athletics Championships, scheduled to be held from October 23 to 27, 2026, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai.

The team, fielded by the Sikkim Athletic Association (SAA), comprises three boys and four girls who will compete across the Under-16, Under-18 and Under-20 age categories. The contingent is led by Team Manager Mr Hishey Tenzing Bhutia, accompanied by Coach Mr R.B. Subba and Physiotherapist Dr Avika T. Kaleon. The team is scheduled to fly from Bagdogra this evening and arrive in Chennai tonight, with document verification scheduled for October 22 ahead of the commencement of the competition.

The participation of the young athletes at the national-level championship provides an important platform to showcase their talent, gain competitive experience and represent Sikkim on the national stage.

The Sikkim Athletic Association expresses its sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr Prem Singh Tamang, and the Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Government of Sikkim, for their continued support and encouragement towards the promotion of athletics and the development of young sporting talent in the state. Their support remains instrumental in enabling athletes to participate in national-level competitions and pursue sporting excellence.

The contingent is scheduled to return to Sikkim on October 28, 2026.