

Press Release From The Office of Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, SLA

Grand Finale of Miss Universe Sikkim 2026 Held at Dhapper Yangang

Namchi, 15 June: The Grand Finale of Miss Universe Sikkim 2026 was held successfully on 14 June at Yangang and was graced by Chief Guest Hon'ble Minister Shri Bhoj Raj Rai, along with Hon'ble Deputy Speaker-cum-Area MLA Smt. Raj Kumari Thapa, Hon'ble MLA Shri Satish Chandra Rai, Advisors, Chairpersons, APS to HCM, ADC Ravangla, SDM Yangang, BDO Yangang, Zilla Panchayat and Panchayat members, State and District Level Culture Wing representatives, YTDC members, CLC bodies, and departmental officials.

During the event, Hon'ble Raj Kumari Thapa Ma'am conveyed her best wishes to all the contestants and appreciated their confidence, dedication, and hard work. She expressed her hope that, in the years to come, more talented young women from Yangang would participate and excel on prestigious platforms such as Miss Universe Sikkim and beyond. She encouraged the youth to believe in themselves, pursue their aspirations with determination, and continue bringing pride to Yangang and Sikkim through their achievements.

At the grand finale, Pema Choden Bhutia was crowned Miss Universe Sikkim 2026. Youdenla Bhutia secured the position of 1st Runner-Up, while Bindita Basnett was named the 2nd Runner-Up.

A particularly heartening outcome of hosting the event in Yangang was the discovery of Donila Bhutia, a 17-year-old girl from rural Yangang. Although she was not eligible to participate in the competition due to her age, her confidence, poise and natural presence drew the attention of the judges and organisers, who recognised immense potential in her as a future runway model. Her story reflects the untapped talent that exists in rural communities and highlights the importance of bringing prestigious platforms such as Ms Universe Sikkim closer to grassroots youth. The grand finale celebrated the beauty, talent, confidence, and aspirations of contestants from across Sikkim. The event provided a platform for young women to showcase their skills, personality, and dedication while promoting empowerment, leadership, and cultural pride. The vibrant atmosphere and enthusiastic participation made the occasion a memorable and inspiring celebration for everyone present.