Press Release from SICUN Assam Linzey

Sikkim National Law University formally hands back infrastructure to SICUN

Assam Lingzey, 2nd November : In a significant development, the infrastructure facilities at the campus of the Sikkim State Cooperative Union (SICUN), Assam Lingzey, which were handed over to Sikkim National Law University (SNLU) on 31st May 2025, have been formally handed back to SICUN today, 2nd November 2026.

The original Handing and Taking Over Certificate was executed on 31st May 2025 at SICUN, Assam Lingzey, in accordance with Government of Sikkim Order No. 13/GEN/HOME/5/25/COOP/2014-15/HQ, dated 5th April 2025. The infrastructure was made available to SNLU to facilitate the establishment and functioning of the University at Assam Lingzey.

Original Handover – 31st May 2025

The original handing-over ceremony was held in the esteemed presence of Prof. (Dr.) Achina Kundu, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Sikkim National Law University; Dr. Mangal Jit Rai, Chairman, Sikkim State Cooperative Union; Mrs. Karma Ongmu, Registrar, Cooperation Department, Government of Sikkim; Mrs. Mingma Sherpa, Joint Secretary, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of Sikkim; Mr. G. L. Meena, IAS, Additional District Collector, Pakyong; Mr. Purna Prasad Sharma, Vice-Chairman, Sikkim State Cooperative Union; Mr. Phadung Bhutia, Chief Executive Officer, Sikkim State Cooperative Union and Mr. Avilash Kumar, Deputy Registrar-cum-Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim.

The infrastructure handed over to SNLU in May 2025 comprised the following facilities: Guest House; Director's Quarter; Ground Floor of the Administrative Building; Class-II Quarters.

Formal Return of Infrastructure – 2nd November 2026.

Following the completion of the University's requirements and the necessary administrative arrangements, the above-mentioned infrastructure has now been formally handed back to SICUN.

Today's handing and taking-over ceremony was held in the esteemed presence of Dr. Mangal Jit Rai, Chairman, Sikkim State Cooperative Union; Prof. (Dr.) Rajendra Dhar Dubey, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (I/C), Sikkim National Law University, Gangtok; Mr. Purna Prasad Sharma, Vice-Chairman, Sikkim State Cooperative Union; Mr. Shaileah Rai, Chief Executive Officer, Sikkim State Cooperative Union; Dr. Indra Kumar Singh, Head of the Department, Sikkim National Law University, Gangtok and Dr. Kishor Kumar Rai, Deputy Registrar (Administration), Sikkim National Law University, Gangtok.

The return of these facilities marks an important milestone for SICUN, enabling the Union to resume the full utilisation of its institutional infrastructure for strengthening its administrative operations, cooperative education, professional training and capacity-building programmes, particularly under its affiliation with Tribhuvan Sahkari University (TSU) along with other developmental initiatives for the cooperative movement in Sikkim.

The SICUN campus at Assam Lingzey serves as an important institutional centre for cooperative education, training and development. With the return of these facilities, SICUN looks forward to further strengthening its institutional capacity and expanding its services for cooperative societies, their members, elected representatives and other stakeholders across the State.

SICUN places on record its sincere appreciation to the Government of Sikkim, particularly the Cooperation Department and the Law Department as well as Sikkim National Law University for their cooperation and support in facilitating this institutional arrangement.