Press Release from Health and Family Welfare Department

Health Team Reviews Healthcare Infrastructure and Proposed CHC Site in Pakyong District

As part of a comprehensive visit to Pakyong District today, Shri Tshewang Gyachho, IAS, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, inspected key healthcare facilities across the region to review service delivery, infrastructure readiness, and operational efficiency. Accompanied by the PDHS, PDHS-cum-MD (NHM), Directors, Chief Engineer (Civil), Chief Engineer (Mechanical), Additional Directors, Chief Medical Officer (Pakyong), and other senior departmental officials, the visit aimed to assess ground-level requirements and strengthen public healthcare services across the district.

The visit commenced at HWC–PHC Pakyong, where the Secretary reviewed various departments, interacted with staff, and assessed overall facility management. Emphasising patient convenience and hygiene, he directed that the entrance ramp remain accessible at all times and that strict cleanliness and sanitation be maintained. He further highlighted the need for proper racks to ensure the systematic storage of medicines and medical supplies. Later, at HWC–PHC Rongli, he visited the OPD, NCD, and MCH departments, advising the Medical Officer In-Charge to optimise staff deployment according to service needs. Considering the facility's strategic location and wide catchment area, he stressed maintaining adequate stocks of essential medicines and medical supplies to ensure prompt emergency preparedness.

At CHC Rhenock, the Secretary reviewed medical manpower and discussed staffing requirements to support smooth clinical operations. He also inspected the five-bedded Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Emergency Department, reviewing infrastructure needs with the Engineering Cell to further strengthen and maintain uninterrupted critical care services.

The visit concluded at Khamdong (Kyongsa) with an inspection of the proposed site for the new CHC Rhenock, where the Secretary was accompanied by the Panchayat President and PRI Members of Rhenock GPU, OSD to the IT Department, OSD to the Hon'ble MLA, SDM Rongli, BDO Rhenock, and senior departmental officials. Following detailed discussions with local representatives and engineering officials on site requirements and infrastructure planning, the Secretary directed concerned authorities to expedite the necessary processes at the earliest.