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District-Level Dialogue on 'Sikkim Vision 2047' was organised by the Planning and Development Department in coordination with the District Administration, Gangtok, on 3rd November 2026 at the District Zilla Panchayat Bhawan Conference Hall, Gangtok.

The Government of Sikkim is undertaking the preparation of the Sikkim Vision 2047 Document with the objective of articulating a collective vision for the State's long-term development through a participatory and inclusive approach. The district-level dialogue aimed to gather views, suggestions and recommendations from diverse stakeholders to ensure that the Vision reflects the aspirations, priorities and developmental needs of all sections of society.

The dialogue provided a common platform for participants to share their perspectives, identify key developmental priorities and highlight sector-specific issues and opportunities relevant to their respective fields. Participants actively contributed their views and suggestions, making the consultation a meaningful exercise in participatory planning.

The meeting was attended by Zilla Panchayat Adhyaksha Shri Bala Ram Adhikari and District Collector, Gangtok, Shri Agawane Rohan Ramesh, along with the Additional District Collector, Chief Executive Officer and Joint Directors of the Education Department, Director-cum-Chief Medical Officer, Gangtok, AD Rongey GPU, Block Development Officers, Panchayat Presidents, Panchayat Inspector and other district-level officials.

Other participants included Dr. Arjun Adhikari, CEO, PAKSAM; journalist Shri Nirmal Mangar; architect Shri Kailash Pradhan, Ms.Rinzing Choden Bhutia of Agapi Sikkim; principals and professors from Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College and Sikkim Government Law College; and the Principal of DIET. Students, teachers and the Headmistress from Government Secondary School, Upper Burtuk, Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School and Modern Senior Secondary School also participated in the consultation.

Representatives from various sectors and organisations, including SHG members and entrepreneurs associated with Sikkim Cab Rental, Khelum Foundation, Intensive International Learning and Sikkim Project Management Foundation, along with representatives of Sarbhamangala Society, also shared their perspectives.

The consultation forms part of the State's broader effort to promote people-centric and evidence-informed long-term development planning. The inputs and recommendations received will contribute to the ongoing consultative process for formulating Sikkim Vision 2047, with the objective of building an inclusive, resilient and prosperous Sikkim.

The coordination on behalf of the Planning and Development Department was undertaken by Shri Abhijeet R. Patil, IAS, Joint CEO, EEPF-cum-Joint Secretary, along with sector experts from the State Support Mission (SSM).