Press Release from District Industries Centre (DIC) Mangan, under the Commerce and Industries Department

Mangan November 03: Awareness Programme on State and Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Financial Literacy for MSMEs Held at Lum Gor GPK Hall

The District Industries Centre (DIC) Mangan, under the Commerce and Industries Department, organised a one-day awareness programme on State and Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Financial Literacy for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) at the Lumgor GPK Hall, Dzongu on 02nd November, 2026

The programme was graced by OSD, Land Revenue and Disaster Management Dept, Mr Ugen Lepcha as the chief guest, along with the Panchayat President of LumGor Sangtok GPU Mr Dawa Dorjee Lepcha as the guest of honour. The programme was further honoured by the presence of Panchayat Vice president and other Panchayats.

The programme was organised with the objective of creating awareness among aspiring and existing entrepreneurs on various government schemes, financial literacy, credit discipline and opportunities available for promotion and expansion of enterprises.

In his welcome address, Assistant Director(MSME) , Mr Reekpa Hissay highlighted the importance of awareness programmes in promoting self-reliance, innovation and employment generation. He emphasised the role of government initiatives in supporting aspiring entrepreneurs and encouraging the establishment of sustainable and scalable enterprises.

Resource persons made detailed presentations on the Sikkim Startup Policy 2025 and various schemes and initiatives including the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), PM Vishwakarma, FSSAI, Digital Marketing, ONDC, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), and the Udyam Registration Portal.

The participants were briefed on the objectives, eligibility, benefits and application procedures of the various schemes. The resource persons also explained the importance of preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for availing institutional support and financial assistance. They assured participants of the assistance and guidance available from the department and encouraged them to approach the concerned officials for consultations and further clarification.

The programme also highlighted the growing scope of entrepreneurship in the State and the need for enterprises to focus on sustainability, scalability and effective utilisation of available government support.

Chief Guest OSD, Mr Ugen Lepcha urged the participants to make effective use of the knowledge gained during the programme and avail themselves of the various schemes and initiatives available for entrepreneurs. He encouraged them to work towards self-reliance and take all the initiatives and schemes that were being offered by the Government.

Guest of Honour, Panchayat President Mr Dawa Dorjee Lepcha appreciated the initiative and stated that the programme had provided detailed and useful information on the available schemes and opportunities. He encouraged participants to make use of the benefits extended through various government programmes, he also highlighted the issues and how taking benefits of such schemes would improve their income and also create self-employment and employment gerneration.

He further highlighted the scope and potential of entrepreneurship and encouraged participants to explore available opportunities and develop sustainable enterprise.

A session on financial literacy and credit discipline was also conducted as part of the programme. Participants were sensitised on the importance of financial planning, distinguishing between needs and wants, responsible borrowing and saving, and maintaining proper credit discipline.

The session also highlighted the importance of exercising caution while undertaking digital and online financial transactions, particularly in view of the growing instances of fraudulent calls, messages and other deceptive online activities. Participants were advised to remain vigilant and follow safe digital banking practices.

Also present were by General Manager, DIC Gangtok, Mr Janak Bahadur Chettri, J.E (DIC) Mr Norbu Tshering Lepcha, Mr. Norden Tamang, Inspector , Sikkim Start up Dr. Ram, Consultant Prem Kumar Chettri, and FLC Counsellor Lead Bank SBI Mr TD Bhutia, officials and staff of concerned departments and participants.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Norbu Tshering Lepcha, JE(DIC) and the entire program was conduct by Mr. Chura Mani Chettri, Inspector who as the MC for the program.