Press Release From Education Department, Namchi District
District Level Cooking Competition 2026
PM Poshan, Education Department Namchi District
Namchi, 5 November: A District Level Cooking Competition was organized on 5th October 2026 at Namchi under the aegis of PM Poshan, Education Department, Namchi District. The Competition was attended by the Chief Education Officer as the Chief Guest; Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors of District Education Office Namchi; Sub Fire Officer, Fire Department, Namchi; Judges and participants.
The panel of judges was comprised of:
1. Mrs Anju Pradhan, Co-founder/MD, Skill Campus Namchi
2. Mrs Subindhy Rai, Faculty, Sadam SSS
3. Ms Anugrah Rai, Faculty, Bikmat SSS
Cooks from following schools under Namchi District participated in the competition:
1. Nandugaon SSS
2. PM Shri Temi SSS
3. Kitchudumra PS
4. Singithang JHS
5. Kopchey PS
6. Phong SS
7. Bhaisalgaon JHS
8. Dong Ambotey JHS
9. PM Shri Namchi Girls SSS
10. PM Shri Namchi SSS
11. Mamley JHS
12. Sangmoo SS
13. Tea Garden JHS
The competition was organized with the objective to enhance the quality, nutritional value, taste and hygienic preparation of meals served under the PM POSHAN Scheme by providing a platform for school cooks to demonstrate their culinary skills, exchange best practices, promote the use of locally available nutritious ingredients and receive recognition for their invaluable contribution towards the health and well-being of schoolchildren.
At the outset, Mr Santosh Kr Rai, Deputy Director, PM Poshan, DEO, Namchi, in his welcome address, highlighted on the nature and significance of the competition. He, further, underscores the importance of the Cooking Competition for enhancing the quality of Mid Day Meal served to the students and acknowledging the contributions of the cooks.
One of the Jury members, Ms Anju Pradhan, extrapolated on the parameters used for judging the competition and also urged the participants to primarily focus on the hygiene of the food. She, further, appreciated the department's initiative of organizing the Cooking Competition.
The participating cooks displayed commendable enthusiasm, dedication and culinary skills throughout the competition. The jury members meticulously and impartially evaluated each preparation based on taste, nutritional value, hygiene and presentation.
The result of the competition is as under:
1st Position: Singithang JHS
2nd Position: Dong Ambotey JHS
3rd Position: Kitchudumra PS
Winners were given away the cash prizes. Certificates of participation were also distributed to all the participants.
Also, Mr K B Gurung, SFO, Fire Department Namchi, spoke and demonstrated on the fire safety measures to be adopted during cooking.
Mr. G. P. Sharma, CEO, congratulated all the participants for their active and enthusiastic participation. He encouraged them to continue preparing healthy, hygienic and nutritious meals for students. He further emphasised that such competitions would enhance their culinary skills,

boost their confidence and help improve the overall quality of meals served under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

The programme was moderated Mr Dev Kr Chhetri, AD, DEO, Namchi while Mr Tilak Kr Chhetri, AD, DEO, Namchi, proposed the vote of thanks.

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