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## Governor visits Raigaon under Namcheybong GPU



Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad and MLA Mr. Y. T. Lepcha handing over seedlings at Raigaon.

**Gangtok, February 02:** The Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad visited Raigaon under Namcheybong Gram Panchayat Unit in East district, today. He attended a small function held at the local residence and visited the farm of Mr. Saroj Rai. The Governor was accompanied by MLA (Gangtok) Mr. Y.T. Lepcha, SDM (Pakyong), Mr. Hemant Rai and officials from various line departments under

Pakyong Sub-Division, East district.

On his arrival, he was greeted and welcomed by the Panchayat members and the local public. The Governor also visited organic stalls placed by the local public and Self-Help Groups that showcased organic agro-production of various products including leafy

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## Chief Minister attends meeting with NCDC

**New Delhi, January 30:** The Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended a meeting with Managing Director, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Mr. Sundeep Kumar Nayak in Sikkim House, New Delhi, today.

The meeting was attended by senior officials from Government of Sikkim as well as officials from NCDC. The meeting began with the felicitation of the Chief Minister and he released a document titled "NCDC in Sikkim."

Thereafter, Mr. Nayak made a presentation on the NCDC, its schemes, strategy to develop cooperatives with special focus on opportunities and possibilities to finance projects of 3000 crores for Sikkim cooperatives. He highlighted the mega projects by NCDC for Dairy, Piggery and

other Livestock projects in the North-Eastern states of Meghalaya and Nagaland with the support of their respective state governments.

Mr. Nayak also assured the Chief Minister that NCDC has the potential and the capability to assist the cooperatives of Sikkim government. He also spoke on marketing, branding and linking up with ASEAN countries for high value realization that could be improved through cooperative businesses and value chains. He also suggested that by becoming a member of NEDAC - an international platform for Asia and Pacific countries for strengthening agricultural cooperatives, could accelerate and boost the value of these organic products.

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## Chief Minister calls on Vice President of India

**New Delhi, January 30:** The Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang called on the Vice President of India, Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu at his official residence, New Delhi, today.

He was accompanied by the MP (Lok Sabha), Mr. Indra Hang Subba, Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mr. S.D. Dhakal and Resident Commissioner, Sikkim House, New Delhi, Mr. A.K. Chand.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister extended his invitation to the Vice President, Mr. Naidu to visit Sikkim during the month of March 2020, which was accepted by the Vice President, who mentioned that he will be visiting Sikkim from March 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> this year.

The Vice President will be inaugurating the Thakurbari Temple in Gangtok and will also be attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of SRM University as the chief guest, during his visit to Sikkim.



Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang with the Vice President of India, Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu at his official residence, New Delhi.

The Vice President acknowledged the efforts put in by the Chief Minister for taking the state forward with zeal and vigor after forming the

Government last year. He was also vocal about how Sikkim has been exemplary

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## Sonam Lochhar celebrated

**Namchi, February 02:** The Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the Sonam Lochhar celebration at Kateng Public ground, Namthang, today.

The Chief Minister along with dignitaries, inaugurated the newly constructed Block Administrative Centre at Namthang. This centre is equipped with a cafeteria, gym provision, offices for staff and many other amenities. Thereafter, he unveiled Tamang Community Bhawan at Kateng. The funding department is the Social Justice and Welfare and the executing department is Rural Development Department. This centre has been constructed with the aim to preserve and to promote the cultural heritage of the Tamang community. It comprises of a hall, washrooms, a lounge, stores, office, a library, museum, dormitory and many more.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister extended his warm wishes on the occasion of Sonam Lochhar celebrations, which is being observed in a grand manner at Namthang. He also congratulated the public of the locality on inauguration of



Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang and Cabinet Ministers releasing a book titled, the Tamang Community in Sikkim - a historical study at the state level Sonam Lochhar celebration at Kateng.

the Centre, which will assist the masses in completion of various developmental works. He also underlined how this can aid in maintaining the cultural artifacts of the community and urged the locals to use this complex

diligently. On the release of 'The Tamang Community in Sikkim- a historical study' book by Ms. Anjana Tamang the Chief Minister highlighted that this particular

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### Pearls of Wisdom

*"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."*

*- Winston Churchill*

## District Diary

### Mangan Nagar Panchayat conducts Awareness-cum-Sensitization meeting

**Mangan, January 30:** Mangan Nagar Panchayat conducted an Awareness-cum-Sensitization meeting with Stakeholders, Business communities and Local Taxi Driver Association, under Mangan Nagar Panchayat on Preventive and Precautionary Measures against the spread of Corona Virus, today. The meeting was attended by Councillors of Mangan Nagar Panchayat.

The Resource Person of the meeting was Sr. Specialist of District Hospital Mangan, Dr. Tenzing Choden.

During the meeting, MEO, Magan Nagar Panchayat, Mr. Tempo Tashi Bhutia provided general information about the

Virus.

Dr. Tenzing Choden explained in detail the Do's and Don'ts of Corona Virus and the preventive steps taken by the District Hospital and Government.

She further added that this measure is taken as extra precaution after the information received wherein the case of corona virus was confirmed from the neighbouring country, Nepal.

She further added that any symptom of corona virus, such as running nose, severe cold and cough should be immediately reported to the nearest health facility.

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### State level...

book should be translated in vernacular language and that students should be encouraged to read such books so that they can acquire the knowledge of our local history.

He highlighted that Sikkim is a state that has various kinds of festivals belonging to different communities and their respective festival are celebrated in a grand scale. In this regard, he urged the organizing committee to include each and everyone so as to uphold the secular factor of the state.

He added everyone should come together and contribute in transforming and substantially building the state in a positive

way.

He also elucidated that the State Government is making an adjustment with regards to rules that government employees has to follow and includes affairs concerning transfer policy, removal of the word junior and many more keeping in mind the betterment and enhancement of the state government employees.

He assured that demands placed by the area MLA will be looked into and will be fulfilled at the earliest. Speaking on the proposal to make Namthang a sub-division, he informed that this point will be put into the next budget session. Delivering about Ashta-Chiranjeevi Dham to be established in Namthang the Chief Minister updated that the State Government will be taking up this project forward.

He also added that this dham will open up innumerable commercial and employment avenues for the public of Namthang through pilgrimage tourism.

Building & Housing Minister cum Area MLA, spoke at length about this celebration. He also thanked the public for their unwavering support towards the State Government. He put forward demands of the constituency which is to create Namthang as a sub-division, upgradation of Public Health Centre, streamline of tourism sector, providing of sufficient drinking water and proper road maintenance.

The Chief Minister was also felicitated by the organising committee for his efforts in uplifting state in various spheres.

### Government of Sikkim Office of the Sr. Superintendent of Prisons State Central Prison Rongyek

Memo No:15/GOS/JAIL/97(P-III)/2019-207/487

Dated:21/01/2020

#### TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited from registered firms of Sikkim for Supply of ration, grocery, hardware and electrical items to the State Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Namchi for the period with effect from 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021. The rates quoted by the firms inclusive of all transportation/carrriage charges upto point of delivery i.e. the Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Namchi as and when the items are requisitioned shall be final for all purpose.

The quotations addressed to the Sr. Superintendent of Police/Prison, Rongyek should reach the office of the undersigned on or before 10 A.M. on 03/03/20. The Tender Selection Committee shall open the tenders in the office of the Superintendent of Police/Prison, Rongyek at 11 A.M. on the same day in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized agents.

The quotation shall be accompanied by a state Bank of Sikkim, T.D.R. made in favour of the Sr. Superintendent of Police/Prison, Rongyek for 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) only alongwith certified copies of the concerned firms registration, valid Trade License, GST registration etc. The failure to submit anyone of the above mentioned documents shall render the quotation void.

The tender Selection Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

The Tender documents can be obtained from the Office of the Sr. Superintendent of Police/Prisons, Rongyek between 10.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M. on all working days with effect from the publication of Tender Notices.

Sr. Superintendent of Police/Prison,  
State Central Prison, Rongyek.  
R.O. No. 334/IPR/PUB/Classi/19-20(ii), Dt:22/01/20

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### Governor visits...

vegetables, spices etc.

Addressing the gathering, he mentioned Sikkim, being the only Organic State in India holds high potential as it has made a mark throughout the globe. It is important to propagate and promote organic farming as sustainable agricultural practice and to transform entire North East into an organic hub.

The Governor stressed on various central government

schemes including the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY) pension scheme. He mentioned that special attention is being paid to North Eastern States by the central government.

He also urged the public to remain consistent in their effort to promote entrepreneurship and model farming in the area and announced to provide discretionary grants from Raj Bhawan to Namcheybong GPU, Sunakhari SHG and Ranikhoila FPO.

The Governor also

distributed a small token of gift to the public during the function from Raj Bhawan.

Later, he had an interactive session with officials of Pakyong Sub-Division wherein the senior officials from concerned department briefed about the centre and sponsored schemes and initiatives provided to the farmers by the state government.

Earlier, Gram Panchayats of the Namcheybong GPU presented their GPU progress report and put forth local issues and public grievances to the Governor.

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### Chief Minister...

The Chief Minister, Mr. Tamang highlighted that the sectors like Tourism, fisheries particularly trout fish, dairy, marketing of organic agricultural products like honey, ginger, cardamom are the immediate priorities that need to be looked into. The state government has already initiated a scheme to incentivise the farmers in order

to increase production in fisheries, dairy and agriculture, he informed. He expressed his keen desire to seek appropriate financial assistance for scaling up of these activities from NCDC. He also showed his interest in MoU with NCDC to be finalized before budget so that adequate provisions can be kept in the state budget to implement the identified activities in cooperatives through NCDC. He further suggested that a meeting should be held in Sikkim shortly with the

Chief Secretary and the concerned departments along with MD, NCDC to work on the specific plan for cooperative development and associated assistance by NCDC. The Chief Minister said that a team of senior officials and personnel from the cooperative sector of the state may be taken on field visit to Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh to study successful cooperative societies in the priority areas for successful development of cooperative in Sikkim.

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Dated:28/01/2020

#### PRESS RELEASE

This is for information of all the Training Institutes imparting courses on topics pertaining to Information & Communication Technology and registered within the State of Sikkim are mandatorily required to empanel with the Department of Information Technology, Government of Sikkim. Further, the empanelment certificate is a mandatory criterion for registration with the Education Department, Government of Sikkim.

The Notification issued by the Department in this regard may be obtained from the State Portal [www.sikkim.gov.in](http://www.sikkim.gov.in). For any further queries please email to the department at [dit-sik@nic.in](mailto:dit-sik@nic.in).

DIRECTOR

R.O. No.349/IPR/PUB/Classi/19-20, Dt:29/01/20

### Government of Sikkim Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services

Krishi Bhawan, Tadong (Sikkim)-737102.

Ref. No.60/AHVS(Adm)

Date: 28/01/2020

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Sikkim invites sealed bids from registered co-operative societies having bye-laws to deal with trade and commerce of hides and skins for appointment of Authorized Agent.

The Notice Inviting Tender with details is available on official website of the Government of Sikkim: [www.sikkim.gov.in](http://www.sikkim.gov.in).

Director (AH & VS).  
Department of A.H. & V.S.  
Government of Sikkim,  
Krishi Bhawan - Tadong

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## National

### Update on Novel Coronavirus: Quarantine centres are being established at Manesar and Chawla Camp

**New Delhi, January 31 (PIB):** Government of India has made elaborate arrangements for the evacuation of 366 Indian citizens from Wuhan city in response to the emergency situation that has arisen due to outbreak of Novel Coronavirus in China. A team of doctors, public health specialists and para medical staff have been sent in the aircraft of AI.

The incoming Indian passengers will be quarantined for 14 days at the two Quarantine Centres set-up at Manesar (managed by Armed Forces Medical Services) and Chawla Camp (managed by ITBP). All proposed male passengers (approx. 280) are

proposed to be sent to Manesar Camp and families/females (approx. 90) can be housed in the ITBP camp.

If any person is found affected by Novel Coronavirus, he/she will be shifted to the designated hospital for further investigation and management. In that case, it will be also assessed if further quarantine of the contacts is required. Dr Rajiv Garg, DGHS will be the Nodal Officer from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to look after overall arrangements at the ITBP facility. Medical Teams for Manesar Camp are being taken care of by AFMS. Adequate medical care will be provided by

a team of doctors at both the facilities. In addition, a 50-bedded critical care facility has been set-up at Safdurjung Hospital in Delhi for critical care of the patients. All persons admitted to both the quarantine facilities will be monitored on daily basis for a period of 14 days.

A nodal officer will be deputed from each Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of External Affairs for effective coordination. A WhatsApp group of all these officers along with Nodal Officers of the Camps will be created for seamless communication.

### Bhubaneswar-Varanasi Direct Daily Flight operations commencement marks the 250<sup>th</sup> route under RCS-UDAN

**New Delhi, January 31 (PIB):** Taking the next plunge in boosting the regional aerial connectivity in India, Alliance Air, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Air India today commenced the direct daily flight operations from Bhubaneswar to Varanasi under the RCS-UDAN (Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) of Government of India. The first flight under the UDAN scheme was flagged off on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 by the Prime Minister of India, henceforth the commencement of the Bhubaneswar-Varanasi route marks another milestone achieved by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) with 250<sup>th</sup>

route being operationalised under the RCS – UDAN scheme.

Recently, Alliance Air also started direct daily flight operations on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 on the Kolkata-Jharsuguda route under the RCS-UDAN. Alliance Air was awarded the Bhubaneswar-Varanasi route in the UDAN 3 bidding process, making it the 58<sup>th</sup> route commenced under the RCS-

UDAN scheme by the airline. Due to the presence of a large number of temples and the auspicious ghats of the river Ganga, people from all over the country travel frequently to Varanasi. Being a part of the Buddhist tourism circuit, this route will have a cascading effect

on the tourism industry of the city as tourism is Varanasi's second most important industry. The place attracts both domestic as well as foreign tourists for various reasons. Apart from being the religious & tourist hub, Varanasi city is the place of India's one of the prominent university, Banaras Hindu University, popularly known as BHU.

Alliance Air will operate direct daily flights on the Bhubaneswar-Varanasi route. The airline will deploy its 70 seater ATR 72 600 aircraft. This direct flight will cater to the need of pilgrims, tourists, students, businessmen and, traders.

### National Consultation on the review of Beijing +25

**New Delhi, January 31 (PIB):** To mark of 25 years of the adoption of Beijing Platform for Action, Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD), the National Commission for Women (NCW) and UN Women organized a National Consultation on the Review of Beijing+25, to galvanize all stakeholders to implement actions that remove the most conspicuous barriers to gender equality. The aim of the consultation was to bring together civil society and the women and youth of India, gender equality advocates from all walks of life, in a national public conversation on the urgent actions that need to be taken for the realization of gender equality.

The inaugural session was attended by Governor of Chhattisgarh, Smt. Anusuiya Uikey, Secretary Ministry of women and Child development, Rabindra Panwar and Ms, Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, National Commission for Women.

The objectives of the Consultation were to assess progress and challenges to the

implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in India over the past 5 year, discuss lessons learned, priority actions required to realized gender equality and the empowerment of women by 2030, discuss emerging areas that have impact on women's empowerment.

The 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing, was one of the largest ever gatherings of the United Nations, and a critical turning point in the world's focus on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

2020 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), (Beijing + 25). A quarter of a century on, several innovations and progress has been made on many fronts across the 12 critical areas of concern of the BPfA.

Improvement in the sex ratio from 918 (2014-15) to 931 (2018-19), the female net enrolment ratio of 93.55 percent at the elementary level and a significant decline in the overall drop-out rate to 19.8% for boys and girls.

Over 17.43 lakh women were reached out under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY Maternity Benefit Programme) and over 18.6 lakh were addressed through Women Helpline Number (181) across country as on September 2018. To improve the overall gender responsiveness of the police and encourage participation of women in the force, advisory have been issued to increase representation of women to 33 percent resulting in extension of reservation in 15 additional States in the last 5 years. Further, to strengthen the ecosystem for working women and encourage economic participation, extension of maternity leave duration from 12 to 26 weeks and compulsory establishment of crèche in work spaces have been effectuated through legislative amendment.

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**Government of Sikkim  
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No.653/FIN/ADM

Dated:28/01/2020

#### TENDER NOTICE

N.I.T No. 649/FIN/ADM

Dated:28-01-2020

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide Internet Service Provider (ISP's) having Infrastructure Provider-1 (IP-1) License and ISP license holders with credential 80% of the similar nature of work for at least last 3(Three) Years and having existing Optical Fibre Connectivity in the specified locations. The others details relating to the tenders can be downloaded from [www.sikkimfred.gov.in](http://www.sikkimfred.gov.in) under the link "OFC N.I.T Details". The last date for submission of tenders is on 27/02/2020 up to 4.00 P.M.

**Secretary, Revenue  
Finance Department  
Government of Sikkim**

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**Government of Sikkim  
Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom  
Gangtok**

No.2564/GOS/D.H.H.

Date:24/01/2020

#### ADMISSION NOTICE

Applications are invited in the prescribed forms from the local boys and girls for admission to the following courses being conducted by the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Government of Sikkim for the year **2020-2021**.

Candidates should be above 14 years of age as on **31.03.2020** and should have at least educational qualification of class V from the recognized school or institution.

**The courses are as follows:-**

1. Two years course in HANDLOOM WEAVING.
2. Two years course in CARPET WEAVING.
3. Two years course in MULTICRAFTS.
4. Three years course in WOOD CARVING.
5. Two years course in CANE & BAMBOO.
6. Two years course in MASK MAKING.
7. Four years course in THANKA PAINTING.
8. One year course in SOFT TOYS MAKING.
9. Two years course in BLANKET WEAVING.

Interested candidates may contact the office of Deputy Directors/ Assistant Director of following Districts.-

- (1) East - Deputy Director (Training) East/Deputy Director (Training)HQ
- (2) West - Deputy Director (Pelling).
- (3) South- Deputy Director (Namchi).
- (4) North- Assistant Director (Mangan).

Prescribed forms can be obtained from the office of the aforesaid officers w.e.f **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020** during office hour on production of Bank Receipt of 50/- deposited under the Head "**0851-102-01-GICI**".

All the applications should be accompanied by attested copies of certificate of Identification/Domicile, Birth certificate/School Leaving Certificate along with two(2) latest passport size photographs and be submitted to this office by **27<sup>th</sup> March 2020** positively.

List of the selected candidates will be displayed on the Notice Board of Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Gangtok and respective District offices on **30.03.2020**.

Selected candidates will be given a stipend of **3000/- p.m for the first year and 4000/-p.m from the second year onwards**. The training session starts from **01.04.2020**.

**Director**

**Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom,  
Government of Sikkim,  
Gangtok.**

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#### Chief Minister...

in working towards safeguarding ecological balance and environment protection without compromising on overall development.

The Chief Minister expressed his heartfelt

gratitude towards the Vice President and also informed him about the award won by the state of Sikkim recently in the field of tourism.

He also informed how the footfall of tourists in Sikkim, both domestic and international has shot up in the last one year.

Further, the Chief Minister also discussed in detail about various issues of Sikkim with the Vice President.

## Minister L.N. Sharma on study tour to Chennai and Kerala

**Chennai, February 01:** As envisioned by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang to witness a substantial growth momentum in dairy farming and milk production in the State, Government of Tamil Nadu is ready to extend co-operation for Dairy Development in the State of Sikkim.

Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Mr. Lok Nath Sharma called on the Minister for Milk and Dairy Development, Government of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Thiru K.T. Rajenthra Bhalaji at his residence, today. Mr. Sharma who is on study tour to South India, is accompanied by the CEO Sikkim Organic Mission, Dr. S. Anbalagan.

During the meeting, both the ministers shared their views and existing scenario of dairy farming in their state and contemplated to explore in the field of Animal Husbandry through mutual support and cooperation. Minister Mr. Sharma invited Mr. Bhalaji to visit Sikkim with technical expertise to further strengthen milk productivity and other sectors of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services in the state. Mr. Bhalaji also assured to visit Sikkim next month along with the officials and field experts to conduct research for further development. He also assured to provide High Yielding Variety of cow which would be suitable in the climate of Sikkim. Mr. Sharma also discussed on ways and means to enhance productivity of milch animals, marketing of Organic Produces and other farmers orientated schemes.

Mr. Lok Nath Sharma visited the farm of Department of Horticulture Plantation Crops, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Management, Government of Tamil Nadu at Madhavaram.

He visited Mushroom Production Unit wherein Milky Mushroom Shed, Oyster Mushroom Shed and Mushroom Beds Packing Units were established and took stock on the various technical aspects, process of production and post harvest

management. He also visited Integrated Chocolate Making Unit in the premises.

Earlier, Mr. Sharma visited two different farms in Vellore District on January 30.

Mr. Sharma visited the Integrated Farming Centre at Virinjipuram to understand better components of farming that would be adopted within a farm to maximise production through optimal use of local resources, recycling of farm waste for productive purposes and to develop a judicious mix of income generating activities including Dairy, vermicomposting etc. He professed with a scientific method of preparing organic feed locally called "Sailesh" for cow and said that it can be adopted by Sikkim in the future. He was informed that a Sailesh feeding cow produces fifty litres of milk per day in the farm. He toured the premises to see and learn how seeds are propagated and new techniques and approaches are manifested for better output.

He also visited Coconut Farm at Nawlakhe and planted a coconut sapling. He was accompanied by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Joint Director, Agriculture, and officials from Government of Tamil Nadu.

Later, Mr. Sharma called on the Minister for Commercial Taxes and Land Revenue, Government of Tamil Nadu, Mr. K.C. Veeramani at Circuit House, Vellore. Both the Ministers exchanged greetings and shared new implementation and aspirations of their Government. Mr. Sharma also discussed on the subjects of agriculture importance and techniques & approaches applied for best practices in Tamil Nadu which can be adopted in Sikkim in the near future.

Similarly, on February 02, Mr. Lok Nath Sharma carried out a daylong extensive visit to the Fresh Water Fish Seed Farm and Ornamental Fish Hatchery at Neyaar Dam in Thiruvananthapuram.

With the view to improve fish production in the state of Sikkim they explored the practices

and the technical aspects of artificial breeding, hatching and rearing, water saving practices, feeding and other components which can be adopted for further strengthening of Fisheries farming Sikkim.

The Minister also called on the Chairman of Thiruvananthapuram Regional Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd. (TRCMPU), Mr. Kallada Ramesh. They discussed on the sphere of dairy development in collaborative support and exchanged inputs and ideas to improve production of milk and dairy products.

Thereafter, Minister Mr. Sharma also visited the Dairy Industrial Unit of Kerala Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, popularly known as "MILMA" at Thiruvananthapuram. The Chairman and the Managing Director of MILMA provided details about the functioning of the milk industry that aims at socio-economic progress of the dairy farmer through procuring, processing and marketing of milk.

Later, he made a visit to the Milco Dairy plant at Attingal, Trivendrum. The Milco Dairy is a co-operative of dairy farmers who run various business activities like dairy processing unit, farm input production unit, Heifer Park. The Minister interacted with the Board of Directors and staff to take educating information behind the success of the co-operative. Milco produces variety of products like milk, ice creams, desserts, fermented products, sweets and chocolates etc. The high value of their produce by value addition was noted to encourage educated youth into entrepreneurial perspectives. Mr. Sharma also visited Jaya Krishna (JK), a private dairy Farm at Kollam, Chirakkarthazham on the same day.

He said that the purpose of the visit was for the welfare of the farmers in Sikkim with the implementations of impressive activities in practice.

## Orientation Training programme of various stakeholders/Health Professionals organised

**Gangtok, January 30:** A one day Orientation Training programme of various stakeholders/Health Professionals was organised by the State Tobacco Control Cell, Department of Health & Family Welfare at the auditorium, New STMN Multi-Specialty Hospital Sohaygang, today.

Principle Director/Mission Director Health service, Dr. P.M Pradhan was present as the chief guest along with ADHS/Nodal Officer NCPT, Dr. Baroon Subba who was the main Resource Person of the programme.

Nodal officers from 52 line departments and members of the health service (NTCP) attended the day long programme.

Dr. Baroon Subba while

welcoming all stated that this was not just an Orientation Programme but an Empowerment Training for the nodal officers who are the implementing agencies in the grassroot level.

He spoke about the Wellness Centres for Tobacco Control which is an initiative taken by the Government of India and mentioned that it was under process especially in the rural sub centres of the state. Further, he emphasized on putting in joint efforts by other departments to bring about change and to make the state of Sikkim a Tobacco free state in the near future.

The keynote address was given by the chief guest Dr. P.M Pradhan who spoke about the brief

history of Sikkim regarding Tobacco control, TFR (Total Fertility Rate) and elaborated on how important it is to minimise the use of Tobacco. He mentioned that there should be a total understanding of Tobacco and its harmful effects especially towards the younger generation.

Further, he stressed that the respective departments should work in tandem to spread this awareness.

Health Education Officer, Mr. Sonam G. Bhutia also made a power point presentation on behavior change communication and preventive of Novel Coronavirus.

## State Level Workshop on Jal Jeevan Mission conducted

**Gangtok, January 31:** A day-long State Level Workshop on Jal Jeevan Mission was conducted at Manan Kendra, today.

Jal Jeevan Mission is an initiative taken by the Government of India to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household by 2024.

The workshop was organised by the Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim in collaboration with stakeholders of the state to share the importance of conservation of water. The main objective of the programme was to disseminate the Government's water mission scheme to rural governing bodies of Sikkim.

The workshop was attended by Minister for Rural Management & Development, Panchayati Raj & Cooperative and Ecclesiastical, Mr. Sonam Lama, Representative from Jal Shakti Mission, Government of India, Mr. A. Muralidharan, Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mr. C.S. Rao, District Magistrates from all districts, Additional District Collectors (Development), SEs, AEs, JEs, Zilla Adhyaksha from districts, Government officials from various Departments,

Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats.

Minister Mr. Sonam Lama in his address mentioned that the mission to provide water to every household will be successful. He urged the rural governing bodies to use natural spring water to implement water mission for continuous in their respective areas and requested coordination of all line departments to serve the people of Sikkim.

Mr. Muralidaran in his address spoke about importance of conserving water. He also informed about the vision of the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi Jal Jeevan Mission to provide sufficient water supply to the rural areas. It is reported that it is the largest water supply mission in the world, he added.

Mr. Muralidaran further, gave a brief note on Trinity programme under the mission to provide infrastructure, sustainability and grey water areas. He reminded that the District Magistrate plays a big role in the mission as the Chairman of Water Mission in their respective districts. After concluding his speech, he interacted with the stakeholders.

During the workshop, the role of Panchayati Raj Institution for Water Mission was also propagated.

## Martyrs Day observed

**Gangtok, January 30:** The Martyrs Day was observed throughout the State of Sikkim, with observance two minutes silence in memory of those who gave their lives in the struggle of

India's freedom, today.

Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta administered Martyrs Day pledge to the officers, staff of the various departments at Tashiling Secretariat.



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