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National Doctors' Day celebrated



Gangtok, July 01: National Doctors' Day is celebrated every year on the 1st of July in commemoration of the birth and death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.C. Roy, an eminent doctor of extraordinary talent and acumen, who was also the second Chief Minister of West Bengal.

The national theme for this year's celebration is 'Lessen the mortality of COVID-19'.

To mark this important occasion and to honour the selfless contribution of doctors as health care providers and life savers, STNM Hospital organized a special programme in the Hospital Auditorium, today. The programme was graced by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang extended warm greetings to all the doctors and medical fraternity of the State on the occasion of National Doctors' Day. Highlighting on the significance of the day, he paid his tribute to noted physician Dr. B.C. Roy in whose memory this day is celebrated every year on the 1st of July.

He said that doctors symbolize the epitome of service to mankind and is considered one of the noblest professions.

The Chief Minister attributed the success of Sikkim's fight against COVID-19 to the relentless effort of the entire medical fraternity and the supporting staff. He extended his gratitude to the medical team and support staff for lending their support from various quarters such as the screening centres, the quarantine centres, the sample collection centres, the contact tracing rendering their services at the COVID-19 wing of the STNM Hospital as well as in the Isolation wards in Namchi and Gyalshing.

The Chief Minister further stated that the State Health Department accepted the challenges posed by the pandemic with all readiness and exhibited high level of management skills to ensure that each and every COVID-19 patient is handled with utmost care and compassion. He said that the medical team has been quick to respond to the daily incidence of COVID-19 cases and in providing timely treatment. This

has resulted in over 50 patients completely cured and discharged within a short span of time, he added.

The Chief Minister reiterated that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought out the best in the health workers in the State, and has signalled the possibility of Sikkim becoming a leading State in terms of providing quality health care.

The Chief Minister stated that the State Government has laid highest priority on the overall improvement of healthcare system in the State. He assured that the Government will make sure that the healthcare workers are not deprived of any necessary equipment or manpower, and added that all gaps would be fulfilled immediately. He informed that the Government has allocated an enhanced budget of 40 crore for the health sector, with an additional 16 crore as buffer fund to meet any exigencies.

The Chief Minister also spoke about plans of the

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Sanskrit teachers to be reinstated in August

Gangtok, June 30: The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang today chaired a meeting to discuss on the issues pertaining to the discontinuation of service of Sanskrit Teachers. The Minister for Education Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha along with Secretary and other senior officers of the Department attended the meeting. The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to the points submitted by the Minister and officers of the Department.

During the meeting the following decisions were taken appointment of 124 Sanskrit Teachers, whose service was discharged earlier, will be reinstated in the first week of August, 2020

along with the other categories of adhoc teachers.

Decision was taken that those who have B.Ed degree would be given an honorarium of 10,000/- per month and those who do not have B.Ed degree would be given an honorarium of 8,000/- per month.

As per the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sanhthaan, it is mandatory to have degree/diploma in teaching for the Sanskrit Teachers over and above their Shashtri /Acharya degrees. Decision was therefore also taken that those who do not have B.Ed degree would be given a time of three (03) years to acquire professional degree/diploma in

teaching as per the prevalent rules in order to continue in service.

It may be mention may be made here that appointment of these 124 Sanskrit teachers were done by the Education Department under the assurance that the fund would be provided by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sanhthaan. As per clause 4 of the appointment letter, it was made clear that 'term of service will automatically expire if Rashtriya Sanskrit Sanhthaan stop releasing the fund'. However, because of no fund provided by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sanhthaan, the State Education Department managed to pay for these teachers and thereafter relieved them of their duties.

Chief Minister convenes high level meeting

Gangtok, July 02: A high level meeting was convened under the Chairmanship' of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at Gangtok, today where the Chief Secretary, Secretary to Chief Minister, Secretary Transport Department, Secretary Coordination COVID-19, Secretary Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department were present on she issue of the instances circulated in the facebook page "Mothers Sikkim" wherein four persons including Gauri Shanker Gupta of Jorethang entered Sikkim without registration and passes. The issue was discussed in detail and the Chief Minister gave strict instruction to the Chief Secretary to investigate the matter in depth and submit the report to the Government for further action to those involved in illegal access of these persons

including the Gauri Shanker Gupta resident of Jorethang, South Sikkim. The Chief Minister directed the Chief Secretary to ask for an explanation from the Director General of Police, Government of Sikkim, Mr. A. Shankar Rao, on the issue.

Secretary Coordination for COVID-19, Mr. Rinzing Chewang Bhutia has been directed to visit Melli, Jorethang and Namchi for fact finding and submit the report to the Government as soon as possible. Accordingly, on receipt of the said report the Government shall take appropriate action against those involved in giving illegal passage to Mr. Gauri Shanker Gupta of Jorethang and four others.

The Government has taken the issue very seriously.

Chief Minister visits flashflood affected area in Dzongu



Mangan, June 29: Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang visited the flashflood affected areas in Passingdang, upper Dzongu and took stock of the situation, today.

During the visit, the Chief Minister interacted with the people of the Passingdang village and enquired about the present situation of the villages. He directed the officers concerned to shift the people of the affected area to a safer place as soon as possible to avoid untoward incident.

He asked the Power Department to restore electricity as soon as possible for the better

communication between villagers and Administration. He also instructed Irrigation department to provide immediate relief and to find permanent solutions for the villagers on war footing. Road and bridges Department should keep road communication open during this monsoon season and also find alternative solutions, he added.

As per the NCRT norms, 35 affected families were given financial assistance of 1,01,900/- each by the Department of Disaster Management and District Administration. The Chief

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Pearls of Wisdom

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

- Mark Twain

District Diary

Health Minister inaugurates Dialysis Unit in District Hospital Gyalshing

Gyalshing, July 02: The District Hospital Gyalshing is now well equipped with the much awaited medical facilities for kidney dialysis. The Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. M. K. Sharma officially inaugurated the newly established Dialysis Unit.

The newly established Dialysis Unit within the District Hospital Gyalshing is comprised of five bedded unit along with the separate cabins for Doctors, Nurses, Isolation Room, Dialyzer Washing Room, Changing Room, Oxygen Plant and Reverse Osmosis Plant.

After the inauguration, a meeting was held at the Conference Hall of District Hospital Gyalshing. Health Minister Mr. Sharma expressed his happiness and congratulated the entire medical team for the new achievement of Dialysis

Unit. Viewing the increasing numbers of patients of kidney dialysis, the State Government has initiated the genuinely required medical facilities and upgradation for basic medical services. Dr. Sharma also recalled the series of developmental works in District Hospital including the upgradation of services, improvement in basic medicine supply, establishment of life saving Blood Transfusion etc.

He also applauded the medical team of West Sikkim for working consistently, confidently and augmented capacity, which is also proven by recovery of eleven COVID-19 positive cases from the District Hospital and further encouraged them to work more aggressively right from community level.

Minister for Agriculture,

Meeting on Monsoon Preparedness

Gyalshing, July 01: The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) meeting on Monsoon Preparedness was conducted at the Conference Hall, West District Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, Gyalshing, today. The meeting was chaired by DC (West), Mr. Karma R. Bonpo.

The objective of the meeting was to bring all the stakeholders together to strengthen and streamline the administrative response for an effective disaster preparedness initiative at the district level.

DC (West) in his address urged the respective line departments and central agencies to be fully prepared for any natural disaster that may occur due to the ensuing monsoon. He also stressed on the importance of making a disaster management plan for all the department, he touched upon the need to prepare a disaster management plan for those departments who haven't prepared disaster management plan yet. He highlighted that disasters are unpredictable and hence urged the participants to be seriously prepared for any forthcoming disaster.

He also mentioned that all departments need to submit the damage assessment report due to the recent rains in the district at their earliest. He stated that all department need to take preventive measures to avert any future disasters. He also directed the Power Projects in the district to take proper SOPs and their safety measures are to be checked by the concerned SDMs. He further stressed on the designation of relief camps for Tsong area in Yuksom which

needs to be set up as soon as possible which will be under the purview of the SDM (Yuksom).

He directed the Roads Department to make assessments of all Fair Weather Roads (FWR) in the district and review them at the earliest. These roads can cause potential harm to the public. Therefore, protection walls and preventive measures needs to be carried out. Further all the District Line Officials were directed to remain on high alert since the monsoons are disastrous period in the West District. DCSO was instructed to stock supplies of food grains along with buffer stock for food grains to be kept at Storage facilities where at least 3 months rations should be stocked for far off villages in case of any hindrance of vehicular movement. Relief centers to be designated with rations available for the victims in case of occurrence of natural calamities. Criticalities of various departments were also discussed.

SP (West) Mr. Tashi Wangyal Bhutia also provided valuable inputs and placed positive feedback and suggestions during the meeting. He mentioned that the West Sikkim Police is working on the road safety and urged all department to work in coordination with them in the coming days. He also stressed on the importance of road signs and barricades which are life savers for the drivers.

ADC (West) Mr. Tushar G Nihare took detailed stock of the equipment and preparedness of various line departments and private companies. He also directed all departments to have more participation in regards to

Flashflood in Passingdang village

Mangan, June 28: Due to incessant rainfall since a couple of days a huge flash flood occurred in Passingdang, Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim on June 27 at 6 PM. The flash flood has made huge damages to the houses and public properties. The old hostel of Passindang Secondary School has also been

damaged majorly. No casualties have been reported till now. Civilians were evacuated on time.

MLA (Dzongu) Mr. Pinstso Namgyal Lepcha along with District Magistrate (North), Mr. Tenzing T. Kaleon, SP (North), Mrs. Ongmu Bhutia, DFO (T), SDM (Dzongu), BDO Dzongu, RO Dzongu and NGOs

Mr. L.N. Sharma marked the establishment of dialysis unit as a remarkable achievement for the people of West District and the entire medical scenario as well.

CMO (West) Gyalshing, Dr. Anusha Lama briefed on the medical potential of the West District and anticipated to achieve status of inspirational district from aspirational district with relentless efforts and performance in near future. She further thanked the Chief Minister and the State Government for their active role and support to the District Hospital Gyalshing. She also thanked the DC West and the District Administration for the constitution of the isolation center at Ayush Hospital Kyongsa.

Disaster management. He further urged the Roads Department to be crucial players during such situation and reaction from them is needed. Similarly, he also asked all departments to work in coordination with each other to make the District team efficient during crucial times.

Agriculture and Horticulture department were also advised to make assessment of the crop damages in their concerned areas. They were further directed to visit the areas of crop damages and conduct inspections with the Revenue officials.

Various key issues on disaster mitigation like clearing of clogged drains and jhoras, streamlining water pipelines and water leakages, maintaining inventory lists of equipment, quick clearance of internal roads within the district, restoration of electricity during the ensuing monsoon, assessment and insurance of crops, maintenance of building and housing and dissemination of information were discussed at length.

Later, a meeting regarding the One Family One Job (OFOJ) and the selection of 3 members committee was also discussed in the presence of DC West. The meeting was mainly for the HoDs of West District Administration to understand how to sort the different criteria of OFOJ employees in their individual departments. The DC (West) explained in detail the procedure and the system in which the concerned HoD needs to file the report in order to cross-check the data given to them by the concerned authority regarding the employees.

visited the affected areas on June 28.

As per the information from SDM Dzongu the 19 houses has been damaged by the flash flood and 35 families were evacuated to Passingdang PHE house. The affected families were provided with ration by the District Administration.

Press Conference on GECL and PMEGP convened

Gangtok, June 29 : A press conference for mass awareness on Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) scheme and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was convened by Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. H.K. Sharma, at the Conference Hall of Udyog Bhawan, today.

In his address, Secretary Mr. H. K. Sharma highlighting the two schemes said that Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) scheme and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) have been designed by the Government of India in finding solutions to the issues related to MSME.

During the first phase of the conference, Chief Manager, Lead Bank, Mr. Gopal Lama, provided a brief introduction on the GECL Product scheme.

It was informed that the GECL scheme is a specific response to the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis. The main objective of the scheme is to provide an incentive to member lending institutions to increase access and enable availability of additional funding facility to MSME borrowers in view of the economic distress caused by the COVID 19 by giving them 100% guarantee for any losses suffered by them due to non-repayment of the GECL funding by borrowers.

It seeks to provide a much needed relief to the MSME sector setting a pre-approved sanction limit of up to 20% of loan as on February 29, 2020 through additional working capital term loan facility.

Those business enterprises or MSME having combined outstanding loans across different banks, Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Financial institutions (FIs) upto 25 crore as on 29th February 2020 and having the annual turnover upto 1000 crore for financial year 2020 are eligible for the scheme. The scheme is valid for existing customers of a bank, NBFC or FI and not for new borrowers.

The scheme will be applicable to all loans sanctioned under GECL during the period from 23rd May to 31st October 2020. The rate of interest is 7.5 % for public sector banks and maximum of 9.25 per annum for private sector banks. NBFCs cannot charge more than 14% interest for the loans under this scheme, it was informed.

The loan is extended for a period of four years from the day of disbursement and there will be no pre-payment charge if a borrower wants to repay earlier without any processing fee for such loans. With a moratorium of one year on the principal

repayment, but interest payment will continue during this period while the principal repayment will then be converted into equated installments spreading across the remaining period of 36 months. Mr. Lama further stated that by supporting MSMEs to continue functioning during the current unprecedented situation, the scheme is also expected to have a positive impact on the economy and support its revival.

The gathering was also briefed on the simplified guidelines of the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), a flagship programme of the Ministry of MSME, to streamline the process of selection and examination of the flow of application under PMEGP.

It was also informed that the State and District level implementing agencies namely Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Khadi Village Industries Board (KVIB) and District Industries Centres (DICs) will be directly receiving the applications and proposals and will also be scrutinising and forwarding them to the Banks within three weeks of receipt for taking credit decision. The Banks will then examine the project technically and financially and sanction the applications for loans as per their rules and norms.

A scoring sheet system has now been introduced for evaluation of the project by the applicant itself to help them judge their application for funding and further improvisation if needed. It was informed that there should be a minimum scoring of 50 out of 100 for the project estimate up to 10 lakhs and minimum 60 out of 100 for projects amounting to more than 10 lakhs.

The revised guidelines and the scoring sheet for PMEGP can be downloaded from the Ministry of MSME website or the Commerce and Industries Department, Government of Sikkim webpage or can be directly obtained from State DIC/KVIC office in Gangtok.

Earlier, a new scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries - "PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (FME)" - under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan was virtually unveiled by Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Mrs. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, in the presence of Union Minister of State, FPI, Mr. Rameswar Teli.

Director, State MSME, Mr. M. Ravi Kumar, along with media personnel also joined the video conference at NIC in Tashiling Secretariat.

Government of Sikkim
Social Justice and Welfare Department
5TH Mile, Lumsey, Gangtok, East Sikkim

No.106/ADM/SJ&WD/2020 Dated:30/06/2020

NOTICE

Shri Sangay Tamang, District Coordinator on consolidated basis, West District- Poshan Abhiyaan under ICDS Division of Social Justice & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, is absenting himself from his duties without any information or permission from the Department since 01.04.2020 and no response from his end is received in the concerned Department so far yet, despite several attempts having been made earlier to contact him. His responsibilities towards his duties as District Coordinator of the Department have been seriously hampering in the public interest.

Hence, in this regard, his family members, relatives and well wishers are hereby requested to inform him that he should immediately report to the concerned authority in the Department within 15 days from the date of issue of this notice failing which, his service shall be terminated without any further notice.

By Order. **Secretary to Government**
Social Justice & Welfare Department
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Reference No: 44/EXAM/SPSC/2020 Date: 29/06/2020

NOTICE

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Written Examination / Viva-Voce / Interview for filling up of various paramedical posts in the Sikkim State Allied and Healthcare Service under Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Sikkim, through direct recruitment as per advertisement no. 05/SPSC/EXAM/2019 dt: 05/03/2019 followed by Notice No: 38/SPSC/EXAM/2019 dt: 03/05/2019, the following candidates are hereby declared qualified in order of merit and their names are recommended for appointment.

FOR THE POST OF WARD MASTER IN PAY MATRIX LEVEL-10	
ROLL NO	NAME OF CANDIDATES
1	ARPAN CHETTRI
9	BIMAL ADHIKARI
5	LAXMI PRASAD GURUNG

01 post under the category of BL has been carried forward as no candidate under the said category applied for the post of Ward Master.

FOR THE POST OF MEDICAL RECORD TECHNICIAN IN PAY MATRIX LEVEL -10	
ROLL NO	NAME OF CANDIDATES
8	SHYAM KUMAR LIMBOO
9	DILLI RAM DAHAL
6	ONGCHEN BHUTIA
2	BENU HANGMA LIMBOO
4	BINEETA GURUNG

01 post each under the categories of SC, PT, MBC(SL) and WSS have been carried forward as no candidates under the said categories applied for the post of Medical Record Technician.

FOR NUTRITION EDUCATOR CUM INSPECTOR IN PAY MATRIX LEVEL -11	
ROLL NO	NAME OF CANDIDATES
4	SUMIRA SHARMA
15	SONAM NAMGYAL BHUTIA
6	PEM TSHERING TAMANG
9	SATISH SHARMA
1	YOZNA RANA

The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is **provisional**, subject to police verification, medical fitness and verification of all required documents by the State Government.

Yangchen D. Tamang(SCS)
Controller of Examination
R.O.NO.29/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:01/07/20

Government of Sikkim
Information & Public Relations Department
Gangtok

No. 03 /IPR/20-21 Dated: 25/05/2020.

NOTIFICATION

The State Government is hereby pleased to make the following amendment in the Advertisement Policy published in the Sikkim Government Gazette No.329 dated 11/10/2006 as under:-

In the said Advertisement Policy under the heading (C) **News Website** of Clause 13, the following sub-clauses shall be inserted namely:-

(vi)	Banner Advertisement 113x188 pixels, 96 dpi(3cmx5cm) 151x188 pixels 96 dpi (4cmx5cm) 188x227pixels 96 dpi(5cmx6cm)	500.00 for 5 days 700.00 for 5 days 1000.00 for 5 days
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By order and in the name of the Governor.

Sd/-
Secretary
Information & Public Relations Department

Government of Sikkim
Skill Development Department
Government Industrial Training Institute
Rangpo, East Sikkim

Ref. No:GOS/SDED/ITI/R/375/2020-21/18 Date:26/06/2020

Industrial Training Institute (ITI)
Training Opportunity

The Admission to academic session 2020-21 & 2020-22 is open at Government ITIs, Rangpo, Namchi and Gyalshing. All eligible local candidates may apply for training in Engineering and Non-Engineering trades/courses for session 2020-21 & 2020-22.

The sale of Admission form and Prospectus will start w.e.f. **01.07.2020 to 30.07.2020**. Admission will be purely on merit cum reservation basis. The interested candidates are requested to collect the form and other details to avail the training opportunity from the respective Institute.

Principal
Government ITI, Rangpo

For further details candidates may contact to:

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2. Principal, Govt. ITI, Namchi	9735989069
3. Principal, Govt. ITI, Gyalshing	9434409045
4. Skill Development Department, - Government of Sikkim	9832089975

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Government of Sikkim
Horticulture Department
National Bamboo Mission
Krishi Bhawan, Tadong

Memo No.142/NBM/Hort. Dated: 25/06/20

Opportunity for Local Enterprise

The Horticulture Department, Government of Sikkim with a view to provide entrepreneurship opportunities in bamboo sector invites Expression of Interest/Project Proposals with back ended 60% (50% plus additional 10% for NE states) subsidies through banks from individual entrepreneurs/registered NGOs/SHGs/Private Organizations for the year 2020-21 for setting up following bamboo-based Micro/Medium/ Big enterprises under the Restructured National Bamboo Mission in the State of Sikkim.

Sl. No.	Activities	Subsidy	Phy. Target (No/s.)
1.	Management of bamboo waste in primary processing units	15 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	1
2.	Handicrafts/Cottage industry	9 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	1
3.	Bamboo Furniture making	15 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	1
4.	Fabric/Jewellery making	9 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	2
5.	Incense Stick Making	15 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	3
6.	Bamboo Shoots processing	12 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	4
7.	Common Facility Centre	15 lac or 60% of project cost whichever is less	1

The proposals; after scrutiny of all relevant documents and ascertaining feasibility by a committee headed by Mission Director, National Bamboo Mission will be forwarded to Banks for granting loans. Priority will be given to those individuals/ organizations having past experience on bamboo handicrafts, marketing, industrial production etc. Proposals in the prescribed format should reach the office of the Mission Director, NBM within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice. For further enquiries, interested individuals/organizations may contact Mission Director, NBM -9434110106 & Additional Director, NBM-8145695154 /7001411965-email: nbmsikkim@gmail.com.

The detailed guidelines are available at www.nbm.nic.in

Mission Director, NBM
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Asaar Pandra celebrated at Khamdong

Gangtok, June 29: The traditional paddy (rice) trans-plantation festival of Asaar Pandra (15th day of the month of Asaar as per Nepali calendar), was held with much fervour and enthusiasm at Dung Dung village in Khamdong, East Sikkim, today.

The programme was graced by Minister for Agriculture Department Mr. L.N. Sharma as the chief guest, along with Minister for Health Department Dr. M.K. Sharma, Minister for Transport Mr. Sanjit Kharel, MLAs Mr. Sonam Venchungpa, Mr. B.K Sharma, Mrs. Sunita Gazmer, Mr. Em Prasad Sharma, Secretary Agriculture Department Mr. Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, Secretary Horticulture Department Mr. M.T. Sherpa, Secretary IPR Department Ms. Namrata Thapa, and senior officers of the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, amidst enthusiastic presence of the people of Khamdong and surrounding areas.

At the outset, the dignitaries performed the bhoomi puja as a mark of reverence to the mother earth. It may be mentioned here that the paddy land belongs to local gentry Mr. Bhim Bahadur Pradhan, Mr. K.N. Pradhan and Mr. L.P. Pradhan.

Amidst traditional songs and music, popularly called 'Bethi', the dignitaries joined the local residents in trans-planting new seedlings of rice in the field. Traditional sounds of the 'Naumati Baja' and traditional songs lent festivity to the occasion. The dignitaries and other guests were treated with the significant 'dahi chewra' or beaten rice with curd and bananas.

A brief introduction on the tradition of Asaar Pandra and Bethi was made by Mr. Hari Adhikari, a local resident and teacher by profession.

Secretary, Agriculture Department, Mr. Rinzing Chewang Bhutia in his address emphasized on the importance of the agricultural sector. He said that the people of Sikkim, especially the youth, are taking keen interest in agriculture and allied activities. He stated that the challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic has tested the forbearance of the farmers. But the farmers have responded relatively well and have not let the circumstances affect them adversely. To add to the zeal of the farmers, the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, under the guidance of the Minister Mr. L. N. Sharma have initiated schemes which are designed to uplift the farmers, he stated. He shared the Department's initiative to link the farmers with banks which will reap the desired results in days to come.

Minister for Health Department and also the Area

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Chief Minister...

Minister also gave away 2 lakhs each to affected families house from the Chief Minister Relief Fund.

During the interaction, the people of Passingdang informed the Chief Minister that the Passingdang Senior Secondary



MLA of Khamdong Singtam constituency, Dr. M.K. Sharma reiterated the importance of farming as a sustainable professional and a way of life. He extended his warm greetings to the people of Khamdong and surrounding areas and dignitaries present on the occasion.

He stated that post-Corona era will be an era of agriculture and sustainable development. He called for the need to integrate traditional farming with new and scientific farming methods for optimum production. He further stated that the State Government is laying highest priority to agriculture and allied activities and urged the people to make the most of the opportunities. He extended gratitude to the people who participated in today's festival with utmost zeal and enthusiasm, and wished them success in their endeavours.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma in his address stated that the purpose of organizing the festival in this manner is to encourage the farming community to take pride in this profession. He emphasized on the importance of farming in our daily lives and the contribution of farmers who toil day in and out to provide variety of products to the entire population.

He added that the vision of the State Government is to make the farmers self reliant and economically sound. He also informed the incentive provided to dairy farmers in the State. He urged the dairy farmers to take membership of Sikkim Milk Union to avail of an upcoming incentive scheme.

The Minister explained the economic viability of agriculture as a profession. He said that Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Departments has focused more on the fields rather than files. He added that all the officers are totally involved with the farming community and are eager to lend all required assistance.

The Minister informed of several agricultural schemes to ensure that agriculture will be the most viable profession. He also

School has been severely damaged and requested the Chief Minister to shift the Secondary School to a nearby Junior High School as a combined School till the situation normalises. The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing and directed the Education Department to do the needful.

Thereafter, The Chief

explained the concept of Green Economy. He informed of the Credit Subsidy Programme being launched from West Sikkim and subsequently in other districts. He explained about the details of the scheme and urged all the farmers to avail of the benefits. He also appealed to the farmers to inculcate a culture of timely repayment of the loans for long term benefits.

The Minister also urged the beneficiaries who received the agricultural inputs today to utilize them to the optimum.

The Minister also shared the special economic incentive package for the cultivation of Ginger, Cadamom, Turmeric, Orange and Buckwheat which was announced by the Chief Minister recently.

He also informed the Terrace Farming scheme for urban dwellers to keep them healthy and happy.

Earlier, it was also announced that the long pending aspiration of the people of Khamdong for the establishment of National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Khamdong has materialized, and the same has been sanctioned by the Government.

On the occasion, amount of land compensation were also presented to the following land owners namely, Mr. Ram Pradhan, Mr. Ganga Prasad Lamichaney, Mr. Sonam Thendup Bhutia and Hari Lal Dhakal for NIT campus in Khamdong.

Further, the chief guest handed over Agricultural inputs like chaff cutter, power tiller, poly pipe, spray machine under Agriculture Department.

Likewise, UV film, tubular Green House, gnep tank, micro irrigation pipes, and vermi compost were distributed under Horticulture Department.

Similarly, milch cow, backyard poultry, and chaff cutter were distributed under Animal Husbandry Department.

This was followed by Carp distribution under Intensive Fish Farming scheme from the Directorate of Fisheries.

Minister also visited old Mangan and Mangan SNT complex area. wherein he directed the concerned department to build a proper drainage system. While, visiting Rabumkhola the Chief Minister met 14 families who were also badly affected by the landslide, and hande over 2 Lakhs each from Chief Minister Relief Fund.

A Day for Mother Earth to be observed on July 7

Gangtok, June 30: The Minister for Forest Department Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia convened a press conference at Forest Secretariat, today in view of the upcoming programme on "A Day for Mother Earth" scheduled to be held across the State on July 7th. The day is also coinciding with the closing day of the weeklong Van Mahotsav.

It may be recalled that the Government of Sikkim launched a new green initiative of dedicating "A Day for Mother Earth" on July 7th last year in South District as a step towards nature conservation and protection.

The Minister Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia informed that this year, there is a greater initiative involving environmental friendly activities to address climate change including no vehicular movement for 7 minutes and tackling animal-human conflict through plantation of edible plants across wildlife regions in the State. These activities aim to contribute towards Nationally Determined Contributions and Sustainable Development Goals for positive climate action, he added.

In his brief address, the Minister said that the State Government has laid emphasis on conservation of forest through various environmental measures

International Day against Drug abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed

Gangtok, June 26: On the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, NSS Cell, Department of Sports and Youth Affairs organised 15 days online zumba training session starting from today for NSS volunteers of the State. This year the theme is 'better knowledge for better care. The theme has been emphasised with a need to improve the understanding of the drug problems and issues worldwide.

The session was chaired by Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha and attended by the Political Secretary to Chief Minister, Mr. Jacob Khaling as guest of honour, Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Department Mr. Kuber Bhandari, Mrs. Suchitra Rasaily, SNO, NSS Cell, Officers from the department, Programme Coordinators and Officers and NSS volunteers.

The Minister in his address urged individuals, youths, civil societies, communities, NGO's and

in a weeklong nature conservation programme from 1st to 7th July 2020.

He appealed to the people of Sikkim to contribute to the initiative by observing no vehicle plying for 7 minutes except emergency vehicles on July 7 to avoid carbon emissions. He also appealed to the public for their active participation in cleaning their surroundings, jhoras and rivers throughout the week from 1st to 7th July and urged all to resort to eco-friendly lifestyles and create low carbon footprints.

Touching on the subject of man-human conflict, the Minister said that such conflicts is due to shrinking habitat and it could be tackled by introducing edible plants in the forests such as phunchey, bhadrashey, amphi, kattus, okhar and lapsi in certain regions of the State.

The Minister also informed that there will be a plantation programme for all the 32 constituencies of the State with a target of planting 1,000 saplings each.

The meeting also had the presence of Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Mr. B.P. Pradhan, CCF Wild Life Mr. D.C. Nepal and Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board Dr. Gopal Pradhan.

various other organisations in the State to come forward and participate in making Sikkim a drug free state through selfless contributions from all.

Political Secretary to the Chief Minister briefed about the harmful effects of drugs and motivated volunteers to take part in physical activities to keep themselves away from drugs.

During the session, Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs also highlighted that zumba is a unique approach to overcome issues related to substance abuse and also helps in adopting a happier, healthier and positive lifestyle. He also briefed on various sporting and youth oriented activities carried by the Department in the State.

The vote of thanks was proposed by SNO, NSS Cell Mrs. Suchitra Rasaily.

Ms. Phurba Doma Bhutia, zumba trainer of the Department carried out the online zumba session which is going to be held for the next 15 days.

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12 more army personnel infected with COVID-19

Gangtok, July 02: As per the daily COVID-19 Health Bulletin issued by DG cum Secretary Health today, 12 new positive cases have been reported in the State. All the 12 cases are army personnel who were the primary contacts of the 89th patient who was an army personnel. He had tested positive for COVID-19 on the night of June 30.

With the new cases, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases in the State now stands at 101.

It was reported that out of 19 primary contacts of the 89th patient, 12 tested positive. Contact tracing of all secondary contacts is in process.

The DG cum Secretary informed that all the 13 positive persons, along with the remaining 6 primary contacts, have been shifted to the Army Hospital, Bagdogra, which is the dedicated Hospital for COVID-19 for army personnel.

These 13 cases are thus reported as 'Migrated Out' in the

IDSP report issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim.

Final Summary of COVID-19 cases in Sikkim as on July 02 is as follows:

Total Cases = 101.

Total Active Cases = 35 (All admitted in COVID-19 Isolation Ward of STNM Hospital).

Total Recovered and Discharged = 53.

Migrated Out = 13.

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National Doctors...

Government to establish Dialysis Units in the district hospitals as well as the sub-divisions. He informed that the Dialysis Unit in District Hospital Namchi is functional, and the one in Gyalshing will be inaugurated on July 02.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also made following announcements:

Minister for Health Department Dr. M.K. Sharma began his address by remembering the selfless service of doctors around the country especially in the challenging crisis of COVID-19. He also initiated a two minutes silence for all members of the medical fraternity in the country who lost their lives while dealing with the pandemic.

The Minister lauded the efforts of the medical fraternity of STNM Hospital and the frontline health workers in other parts of the State, in dealing with the COVID-19 crisis with utmost efficiency.

Speaking on the theme of Doctors' Day Celebration, he called for the need to be highly vigilant

and aware of asymptomatic hypoxia, to avoid deaths due to COVID-19.

The Minister also shared some of the experiences he has faced in the past as a professional doctor himself.

One of the highlights of the programme was the live video conferencing of the Chief Minister with the medical team (COVID-19 Warriors) of Isolation Wards in the COVID wing of STNM Hospital as well as the COVID warriors under quarantine. The Chief Minister extended his gratitude and Doctors' Day greetings to the COVID warriors. The Chief Minister thanked the COVID warriors for setting a unique benchmark though their service.

Staff Nurse, STNM Hospital, Ms. Menuka Pradhan, who was among the first batch of health workers to serve the first COVID-patient, shared her experiences on the occasion. She thanked the Government of Sikkim for providing all the necessary support throughout.

The health warriors who completed their COVID duties in the isolation wards as well as quarantine were also felicitated on

the occasion.

Earlier, Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Dr. C.S. Sharma in his welcome address highlighted the vital services rendered by doctors even under the most challenging circumstances.

Head of Department, Forensic Medicines, Dr. O.T. Lepcha highlighted the significance of Doctors' Day.

Likewise, Additional Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Dr. Yudok Bhutia presented the status report of COVID-19 Management in the State and the COVID dedicated wing of STNM Hospital. She explained in detail the timeline of COVID-19 and the steps taken by the State to combat the virus.

Also, during the programme, Senior Medical Officer, STNM Hospital, Dr. Tara Gautam recited a poem titled 'Bimari Ko Bibasta' which she had coined after completing her duty at the COVID-19 Isolation Ward.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Head of Department, Dermatology, STNM Hospital, Dr. Tshering Peggy.

Inner Wheel Club (Gangtok) presents Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine to IPR department



Gangtok, June 30: The Inner Wheel Club of Gangtok, led by the President Mrs. Asha Kiran presented a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine to the Department of Information and Public Relations in presence of the Secretary, Ms. Namrata Thapa, Officers and staff of Department, today.

Inner Wheel Club of Gangtok is an International Women's Organisation established in the year 2000, and has been actively involved in various projects for the betterment of women and child. They provide voluntary services in the State of Sikkim for many causes that are in need of attention.

The President, Mrs. Asha

Kiran, and Vice President of the Club Dr. Neeti Nepal apprised about various voluntary works undertaken by the Club as a gesture of goodwill towards the society.

The President informed that the Sanitary Napkin Vending machine presented by the Club is installed with 30 sanitary napkins. It is a self service napkin dispensing machine against a 5 rupee coin, as and when required.

The Inner Wheel Club of Gangtok, has already installed this machine at Government Colleges and M.G.Marg, Gangtok. They aim to install more of these in various State Government Offices wherein the number of women employees are higher.

Dr Shova Kanti Thegim (Lepcha) Smriti Puraskar-2020

Gangtok, June 23: The Dr. Shova Kanti Thegim (Lepcha) Memorial Trust in its meeting held at the Trust's office at Gangtok, the name Mr. Shanker Deo Dhakal, of Gangtok (Sikkim) has approved for the award of the 23rd Dr Shova Kanti Thegim (Lepcha) Smriti Puraskar-2020 for his book Kirayako Kokh (Novel) as recommended by the two tier Selection Committee constituted by the Trust.

The Award is presented annually on July 04, the birth anniversary of late Dr. Shova Kanti Thegim (Lepcha) and carries a Cash Award of 25,001/- a Tamra Patra and a certificate. Accordingly, Mr. Shanker Deo Dhakal the awardee select shall be conferred with the Award 2020. However, with regret the Trust is pleased to announce the postponement of the Award Function date due to the COVID-19 pandemic's prevailing situation. Accordingly, the Award function shall be held at a suitable/convenient date, later.

As per the provision contained in the Trust's Constitution, only the books in Nepali Language written/ authored by all levels of writers belonging to the State of Sikkim and of Darjeeling and Kalimpong Districts of the State of West Bengal (covering the areas such as Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Kurseong, Mirik, Gorubathan, Dooars, Siliguri, etc) and

published during the calendar years 2016, 2017 & 2018 are eligible for the Award-2020. Thus, out of the entries received from a wide range of writers; Mr. Shanker Deo Dhakal's book Kirayako Kokh (Novel) published in 2018, has been finally selected for the Award and Trust extended its hearty felicitation to the Awardee select.

Further, the Trust felicitated twelve numbers (9 nos. male and 3 nos. female) renoun music stalwarts viz lyricists, composers, singers and dancers of yester years of the State on the occasion of "22nd Dr. Shova Kanti Thegim (Lepcha) Smriti Puraskar" Award function on 4th July, 2019 with a memento, a shawl and a citation each as remembrance and honouring them for their contributions towards providing strong foothold in establishing & development of Nepali music in this region and Sikkim in particular. Likewise, the Trust has further taken a decision to felicitate and honour another 5 (five) nos. such personalities on the occasion of the "23rd Dr Shova Kanti Thegim (Lepcha) Smriti Puraskar"-2020 Award function as and when it will be held, slated to be conducted at a later date. Accordingly, the names of the music personalities shall be announced in a due course/appropriate time.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

State Level Nodal Agency, Forest & Environment Department has been implementing PMKSY WDC projects (CSS) in the State of Sikkim since 2009-10 which is nearing closure. Hence, sealed rate quotations are invited from registered/licensed firms or agencies for updating and orienting all project related data as well as organizing relevant documents as per the closing protocol prescribed by Department of Land Resources, Government of India.

The sealed quotations may be submitted to the office of the undersigned on or before 14.07.2020 and should consist of technical and financial bid. For any queries contact the office of the undersigned.

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**Urban Development & Housing Department
Government of Sikkim**

NO.26/Gos/UD&HD/T.L/2020

Dated: 2/08/2020

Notice

This is for information of all Trade & Hawker License Holders renewing their trade/hawker license from Urban Development Department, that due to the pandemic caused by the spread of Covid-19, the renewal process of the trade/hawker license for the period of 2020-2021 has been extended till 31st July 2020 and no late fee will be imposed till this period.

R.O.NO.31/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:03/07/20

Bazaar Officer
Urban Development Department

Orientation-cum-awareness programme for implementation of PMKSY

Gangtok, July 01: An orientation-cum-awareness programme for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) "Per Drop More Crop" and other schemes under Agriculture and Horticulture Departments was held at the Conference Hall of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department, today.

The Minister for Agriculture Department, Mr. L.N. Sharma graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma, in his address, highlighted the pivotal role of the field functionaries and the prime purpose to embrace the targeted goal of the department so that the farmers would be uplifted economically and socially. He motivated the participants to be actively involved in doubling the productivity of the farmers through proper implementations of the programme, directives and the issued guidelines. Further, he urged everyone to take pro-active steps to bring about a paradigm shift in the farming sector.

The Minister also showed concern over the age group of majority of working farmers and directed to encourage the youths towards agricultural profession. Field officers also need to evaluate their activities on a monthly basis and to address the limitations through output analysis to ensure consistent improvement in the field, he added.

He also advised field officials to be more responsible and accountable to address the existing challenges in the field. Mr. Sharma reiterated his commitment to revive the VLW centres and urged to develop every farm as a model to attract and encourage farmers. The department needs to act practically on the selected cluster of PMKSY and to follow the issued guidelines and directives with utmost sincerity. The

hardworking and deserving farmers need to be benefited, independently, he added.

The Minister also stressed to be more pragmatic while collecting data from the field and submit it to the department for preparing an action plan, accordingly, in a time bound manner for onward action. Speaking in the context of credit loan, he informed that a large number of youth have come forward to initiate farming and also touched upon department wise monitoring to meet up the objectives behind subsidised loan.

Encouraging the field functionaries, he announced to reward the best performing ADO and HDO on annual basis and directed them to show notable improvement in following the directives of the concerned authority and timely distribution of inputs like seeds, production of crops, cereals, fruits, vegetables, growth of farmers income, implementation of Governmental schemes etc.

Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Mr. R. Telang, interacted with the field functionaries to know the feedback, based on their experiences and observation in terms of germination, yielding, pest resistance, seeds, use of nutrients and technical aspects etc.

He acknowledged the individual potential of the participants and spoke on the need to institutionalize their invaluable knowledge and expertise.

Further, he urged everyone to work collectively as a team to achieve a common goal of the department. He also suggested to encourage dignified farming and to work for technical intervention in the field. He also emphasized upon the need to introspect on the outcome of the assigned responsibilities and thereby providing benefits to the farmers. He also advised to maintain

proper coordination at the community level and the concerned authority to ensure smooth flow of the activities without any hindrance and obstructions.

Secretary, Horticulture Department, Mr. M.T. Sherpa appreciated the efforts being made by the field functionaries and advised for demand based technological intervention to ensure required benefits to the deserving farmers. He also stressed on the need for synchronizing the activities like conservation of water and channeling with the concerned department so that the farmers would get optimum benefits of available resources.

ADOs and HDOs also outlined the ongoing departmental activities, work progress and implementation of schemes in the field. ADO, Hee Martam Block, Mr. Suraj Chettri represented the West district while HDO Yangyang Block, Ms. Geetanjali Pradhan represented the participants from South District.

Additional Chief Engineers, Mr. Jeewan K. Chettri spoke on the technical aspects of PMKSY scheme. He threw lights on the other interventions like source development, conveyance pipeline, storage facilities in command areas and the application of irrigation water through sprinkler and drip irrigation systems.

Earlier, Additional Director PMKSY, Mr. Jagdish Pradhan proposed welcome address and gave an overview of the PMKSY programme, which is a flagship programme of Government of India launched during the year 2015-16. He also touched upon various components of the scheme and drew lights on implementation strategy, administrative setup, and procedure for selection of clusters and farmers under the scheme.

Chief Secretary chairs meeting with SSB, ITBP and BRO

Gangtok, July 01: In the backdrop of some reported positive cases in armed forces, a meeting was summoned by Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta today with Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Border Roads Organization (BRO) to discuss the Standard Operating Procedure followed by them for quarantine of officers and jawans, at the Teesta Lounge, Tashiling Secretariat. The meeting was also attended by Principal Secretary, Mr. K. Sreenivasulu and Principal Directors of the Health Department. The Chief Secretary directed that the SOPs followed by SSB, ITBP and BRO should

be shared with the Health Department for vetting by the Department's technical committee. This was acceded to by the organizations.

All three Organizations informed that their Officers and Jawans are being quarantined in Siliguri for 14 days and the remaining 14 days in Sikkim. Those who are found to be showing symptoms are isolated and tested immediately.

BRO informed that presently only their officers and jawans are entering the State, the labourers will be brought from August onwards. The Health Department would be informed about this, it was informed.

It was further informed

that the quarantine centres in Sikkim are well guarded and the quarantines are not allowed to roam around freely.

SSB requested the Health Department to conduct random testing of the returnees. SSB was asked to send the request to the Health Department in writing.

The Chief Secretary also directed that the uniformed personnel in quarantine should, at no cost, be allowed to mingle with the civilian population, till completion of the period of quarantine. This will assist in avoiding the apprehension about the community spread of the COVID-19 infection. The officers present agreed to ensure in the meeting.

Ecclesiastical Department organises plantation drive

Gangtok, July 01: The Ecclesiastical Department organised a plantation drive at the Sheda complex, Deorali Chorten, today.

Minister for Ecclesiastical Department, Mr. Sonam Lama led the plantation drive along with Secretary, Ecclesiastical Department, Mr. S. T. Tamang, Additional Secretary, Mrs. Kincho Doma Lepcha, Officers and staff of Forest and Ecclesiastical Departments.

The plantation drive was carried out for the purpose of setting up of Fruit Garden in the premises of Deorali Chorten.

While presenting a brief address, the Minister Mr. Sonam Lama mentioned that the plantation drive was carried out in view of the recent announcement made by the State government during the World Environment Day celebration to plant 1000 each saplings in all constituencies of the state to further preserve and

promote the environment and foster a responsible culture towards the nature.

He further informed that as per the vision of the State Government to increase the green cover, the Ecclesiastical Department in coordination with the Forest Department will simultaneously conduct plantation drives in all the religious places in the State.

During the occasion, the Minister planted a sapling of Guava. The monks from the Sheda, officials and staff from the Ecclesiastical and Forest Department along with volunteers and local public actively participated in the plantation drive and planted saplings at designated spots in and around the Sheda premises.

Around 100 saplings of Avocado and Guava provided by the Forest Department were planted during the plantation drive.

Meetings on State Level Task Force and Assessment on damages caused by Natural Calamities held

Gangtok, July 01: Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta chaired the State Level Task Force Meeting at the Conference Hall of Tashiling Secretariat today to review the State Government's plan of action in line with the new guidelines for phased reopening (unlock 2.0) issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India dated 29th June, 2020.

The meeting was attended by members of the State Level Task Force and was joined by all District Collectors through video conference.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary informed that the fresh guidelines 2.0 on phased re-opening (unlocking) of activities issued recently is enforced from July 01 to July 31, 2020 in the State of Sikkim. He directed the officials for strict enforcement of the new guidelines.

The new guidelines were discussed in detail during the meeting, and specific directives issued.

The Chief Secretary also said that it is mandatory for the returnees to get prior registration on covid-19sikkim.org and undergo compulsory quarantine as per the Health Department protocol.

The Chief Secretary reiterated that all the Government offices will now function with 50% of staff strength to ensure that all important works are attended to.

Thereafter, the Chief Secretary also convened a meeting with the Heads of various departments to prepare a comprehensive report on the damages caused due to natural calamities in the State. The meeting also had the presence

of Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Mr. V. B. Pathak and DGP Mr. A. Shankar Rao.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary made assessment of various places which have been severely damaged by the recent flashfloods and landslides triggered by the incessant rainfall in the State. He also asked the concerned officers to identify the vulnerable and affected areas which needs immediate attention like Adarshgaon in Singtam, Tsong and Salley villages in West District, Passingdang, Bay, Shipgyer and Mangan in North District.

He directed the District Collector (North) to identify a safe place to shift approximately 35 to 40 households of Passingdang village of North District which has been severely damaged by the flashflood as the village is still in a vulnerable condition. The Chief Secretary also directed DC (North) for relocation of the people in Bay and Shipgyer which are prone to natural calamities.

In the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed the heads of departments to prepare a detailed report on damages caused by the natural calamities and submit to the Secretary Coordination and Secretary cum Relief Commissioner, Land Revenue & Disaster Department for onward submission to the office of Chief Secretary by July 05, 2020.

A thorough discussion on department wise plans and proposals on assessment and mitigation of natural calamities were also discussed during the meeting.