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Defection of 12 SDF MLAs accepted as valid by Speaker



Gangtok, September 21 : The third session of the Tenth Assembly of Sikkim Legislative Assembly commenced today. The session was held for one day due to prevailing situation of COVID-19. The session began with an important announcement by the Speaker, (SLA) Mr. L. B. Das in the matter of Disqualification of 10(Ten) Members and 2 (Two) Members of the Tenth Sikkim Legislative Assembly under Article 191(2) and Para 2(1)(a) r/w 6(1) of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India, namely Mr. D.T. Lepcha, Mr. Ugen T. Gyatso, Mr. N. K. Subba, Mr. D. R. Thapa, Mr. K. S. Lepcha, Mr. K. B. Rai, Mr. Pintso N. Lepcha, Mr. T. T. Bhutia, Mrs. Farwanti Tamang and Mrs. Raj Kumari Thapa of Sikkim Democratic Front (Legislature Party) and Mr. Em Prasad Sharma and Mr. G.T. Dhungel of Sikkim Democratic Front (Legislature Party) who had submitted documents before the

Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly on 22/11/2019 and 27/11/2019, respectively, stating that having duly comprised of 2/3rd Members have merged with the Bharatiya Janta Party (Legislature Party) and Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (Legislature Party).

Therefore with powers conferred upon the Speaker of the 10th Sikkim Legislative Assembly under paragraph 6(1) of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India r/w clauses 8 and 9 of the Member of Sikkim Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on Ground of Defection Rules, 1985) their petition was found satisfactory in the interest of the established anti-defection law and thus the merger was accepted.

Further the provisions of paragraph 2 (1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India i.e. disqualification on the ground of defection if he has voluntarily given up his membership of such political party

shall not be attracted upon them.

Consequent upon this decision seats are allotted to the Members along with the Members of Bharatiya Janta Party (Legislature Party) and Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (Legislature Party) respectively.

Thereafter, during the Financial Business, Chief Minister, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department presented the First Supplementary Demands for Grants for the Financial Year 2020-21.

The first batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2020-21 includes 34 grants, with a gross additional expenditure of 45123.63 lakh comprising of 25422.02 lakh on revenue account and 19701.61 lakh on capital account.

The first supplementary demands for grants 2020-21 was voted and passed by the House.

Two new Bills, six amendments bills and one appropriation Bill introduced and passed in SLA

Gangtok, September 21 : During the Legislative Business, two new Bills, six amendments bills and one appropriation Bill were introduced and passed by the House.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department introduced the Sikkim Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, Bill No. 11 of 2020.

The Statement of objects and reasons of the Bill states that the State Government felt it expedient to amend the Sikkim Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2010 in view of the decision of Government of India to allow additional borrowing to the state up to 2% of GSDP in the current year 2020-21 to offset fiscal hardship caused on the resources of the State Government due to the serious negative effect of COVID-19.

The Bill was taken into

consideration and passed by the House.

Likewise, Minister-in-Charge of Urban Development Department, Mr. Arun Upreti introduced the Sikkim Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2020, Bill No. 16 of 2020.

The Statement of objects and reasons of the Bill states that it has been considered expedient to amend the Sikkim Municipalities Act, 2007 (Act No. 5 of 2007) inter alia, to provide for deferment of the Municipality election in the event of certain unprecedented exigencies like the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation and also to provide for provision to make Municipalities elections apolitical. It is felt necessary to bring amendment in Section 12 and insertion of new section 14A in the Sikkim Municipalities Act, 2007 (Act. No. 5 of 2007).

The Bill was taken into consideration and passed by the

House.

Similarly, Minister-in-Charge of Education Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha introduced the Khangchendzonga Buddhist University, Sikkim, Bill No. 15 of 2020.

The statement of objects and Reasons of the Bill states to promote knowledge, understanding and growth in all members of the community by providing reflective educational opportunities as well as research opportunities and by promoting and creating innovative educational models in higher education, to focus on developing professional competence in emerging area of business by establishing a Buddhist University by providing innovative and high quality programmes and training in Buddhist studies, Education, Vocational Domains, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, Science and

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Obituary Reference

Gangtok, September 21 : The Sikkim legislative Assembly which commenced today saw the obituary reference on passing away of former Member of SLA, late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri and former President of India late Mr. Pranab Mukherjee.

Speaker (SLA), Mr. L. B. Das in his obituary reference on the passing away of late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri said that late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri was the first woman MLA of Sikkim who passed away on 10th June, 2020 in Siliguri Hospital due to cardiac arrest. He said that late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri joined active politics after the 1973 revolution and was elected to the Sikkim Legislative Assembly in the year 1974 and served her full term as an MLA from 1974 to 1979 from the then Gyalshing constituency.

Born in Temi Tarku, South Sikkim on 14th June 1955 to parents Mr. Dhan Bahadur Tiwari and Smt Amrita Tiwari, late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri has left behind her husband Mr. N. B. Khatiwara, two sons and two daughters. late Mrs. Chettri completed her primary education from Temi Tarku and high school from Pelling West Sikkim. She pursued her graduation from Kalimpong College.

After serving as the first woman MLA for one term, late Mrs. Chettri resigned from active politics and joined social service. Subsequently, she opted for Government service and served as Secretary, Social Welfare Board till 2013. She continued to remain active in various organizations like the Balika Niketan, National Blind School, mostly working for the welfare and upliftment of women and children. In the year 2000, the State Government conferred the prestigious 'Role of Honour' upon Late Smt. Hemlata Chettri in honour of her notable contribution to society.

The Speaker said that the passing away of Late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri has left a huge void in the Sikkimese society.

In his obituary reference on the passing away of Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, the 13th President of India, Speaker Mr. L. B. Das said that late Mr. Mukherjee was a political stalwart and a rare leader in contemporary India. Born on December 11, 1935 in Birbhum, West Bengal to father Mr. Kamada Kinkar Mukherjee and mother Mrs. Rajlakshmi Mukherjee, late Mr. Pranab Mukherjee is remembered as one of the finest statesmen in the country. After completing his higher education from the University of Calcutta, late Mr. Mukherjee served in the office of the Deputy Accountant General. Subsequently, he joined as an Assistant Professor of Political Science in Vidya Sagar College in Calcutta in the year 1963. In the 70s, on the invitation of former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi, he joined active politics and was elected to the Upper House of Parliament, where he served for four terms.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang in his obituary remarks described the passing away of late Mr. Pranab Mukherjee as an irreparable loss to the nation. He outlined the illustrious political career of late Mr. Mukherjee spanning over five decades, where he held key portfolios in the Union Cabinet. late Mr. Mukherjee was the most trusted lieutenant to former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi. late Mr. Pranab Mukherjee went on to become the 13th President of India from the year 2012 to 2017, after which he retired from active public life citing health reasons. He breathed his last on the 31st of August, 2020 at the Army Research and Referral Hospital, New Delhi, due to multiple organ failure. He leaves behind two sons and a daughter.

Decorated with the Padma Vibhushan in 2008 and Bharat Ratna in 2018, late Mr. Pranab Mukherjee will be remembered as one of the most astute political figure in the country. He had also visited Sikkim twice in the year 2013.

The Chief Minister condoling the demise of the former President of India expressed deep sorrow and said that an era has come to an end.

The Chief Minister also condoled the passing away of late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri, the first woman MLA of Sikkim, who passed away in Siliguri on the 10th of June, 2020. The Chief Minister said that the former legislator left an indelible mark both as public representative and later as a noted social worker. He shared that late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri was conferred with the 'Role of Honour' by the Government of Sikkim in the year 2000. She was also awarded the Best Performing Legislator Award in 2016 for her notable contribution as the lone woman legislator of Sikkim Legislative Assembly from 1974 to 1979.

The Chief Minister expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family of late Mrs. Hemlata Chettri and prayed for her soul.

The Chief Minister expressed his deep sorrow and anguish over the passing away of late Mrs. Basanti Sundas, Assistant Nursing Superintendent in STNM Hospital who lost her battle against COVID-

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District Diary

DIET Namchi conducts Online Orientation Programme

Namchi, September 18: With a vision of transforming our nation sustainably into an equitable and vibrant knowledgeable society by providing high quality education to all, National Education Policy, 2020, with the approval of Union Cabinet of India has now replaced the National Policy of Education, 1986.

With the aim of Orienting School Heads of Primary Schools of South Sikkim on the same, a two day Web based Orientation programme was organised by DIET, Namchi on September 17 and 18. Participants of the event were the School Heads of Primary schools, Principals and Faculties of DIET (West & East), and Assistant Directors of Block Administrative Centres of South Sikkim.

The inaugural session began with a welcome note by, Principal, DIET, Namchi, Mr. Ganesh Chandra Dahal and was chaired by Deputy Director, Education Department, South Sikkim, Mr. D.B.Subba.

Two key note speakers,

Rashtriya Poshan Maah celebrated in Namthang

Namchi, September 17: The celebration of 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah' with regard to the Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture and Innovation (NARI), an initiative under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was held at Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Namthang, today.

The Chairman for Sikkim Poultry Development Board, Mr. Krishna Gurung was the Chief Guest.

In his address, he said that in order to achieve the objectives of Kuposhan Mukh Bharat, collective efforts from the concerned departments and grassroot workers is needed

He also emphasized that increased awareness on nutritional diet for young children, pregnant women and lactating women is extremely important especially for masses at grassroot level. He informed that one can also utilise areas available in the household wherein they can grow and consume various vegetables and fruits, this activity can be a recreational activity for the individual as well.

He also spoke about various benefits of rare breed of chicken 'Kadakhnath' which is rich in vitamin and proteins and extended his support for ICDS centres and to cater the needs for the supplement as nutritional diet.

Senior Scientist, Mr. I.P. Shivakoti highlighted about the aims and objectives of NARI. He informed about the various measures with regard to the NARI initiative undertaken by the KVK Namthang focussing on the

Joint Directors of SCERT, Sikkim Dr. S.R. Adhikari and Mr. Sagar Moktan, gave their deliberations on Perspectives, Opportunities, Need and Preparedness of the teachers according to NEP, 2020 and the implementation of the same in due course of time.

Faculties of DIET, Namchi viz. Dr. Nanda Lal Sharma, Mr. Ajay Subba, Mrs. Parumita Rai, Mrs. Bandana Chettri, Mrs. Nayuma Rai, Mrs. Passang Lhamu Bhutia and Mrs. Martha Lepcha were the Resource Persons of the event who gave presentations on important aspects and themes of NEP, 2020 such as Strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, New Curriculum and Pedagogical Structure, Transformation of Curriculum and Pedagogy, Teacher and Teacher Education, Equitable & Inclusive Education for Every Child in the Country, School Complexes, Effective Management and Administration of Schools, Promoting Indian Languages.

nutrition sensitive agriculture. He emphasized to promote nutritional literacy, nutri garden in the household and centres of Anganwadi workers to achieve the goal of malnutrition-free. In addition, he also informed that the KVK shall provide technical support for the setting up of Nutritional Garden in the centers. He advised to ensure for fruitfulness of the scheme as varieties of nutritional seeds are being distributed so as to attain the proper nutritional diet for the students.

CDPO, Namchi, Mr. Laxman Tamang informed about government schemes that have been introduced and implemented in the District.

To make the students aware about the importance of Nutritional value in one's life, essay writing, drawing and painting competitions have been organised in co-ordination with Education department.

During the program, the distribution of agriculture tools along with nutritional seeds were handed over to the ICDS supervisors and Anganwadi workers by the chief guest.

At the outset of programme, plantation drive in the premises of KVK was held.

The programme saw in-depth lecture on Poshan Maah, Nutri-Garden and Nutritional Diet presented by the technical experts.

A special feature film on the methods of setting up of Nutritional Gardens was also screened during the programme.

IPR department carries out miking of lockdown information to various GMC areas

Gangtok, September 20: The Government of Sikkim has recently declared to lockdown the Gangtok Municipal Corporation area for a period of one week as a precautionary measure to contain COVID-19 in the area.

In the recent Order issued from the Home Department, it was mentioned that the areas under the purview of the Gangtok Municipal Corporation would be adhering strict lockdown from 21.09.2020 (Monday) to 27.09.2020 (Sunday) where all movement of private and commercial vehicles would not be allowed to ply, the vehicles

carrying persons responsible for carrying out essential activities shall be exempted on production of valid ID Cards or other relevant document to the Police personnel on duty. Business establishments, restaurants, bars and eateries would be closed and only ration shops, medicine shops and groceries would be open for the public.

The Department of Information and Public Relations (IPR) with regard to the above mentioned order carried out the miking of the information at various places of the GMC areas

in and around Gangtok on 19th and 20th September to provide a clear message to the people.

The other important information mentioned in the Home Department Order 33/Home/2020 dated 19/09/20 was also disseminated through miking by the Department.

The areas covered by the miking were Ranipool, 6th mile, 5th mile, Lumsey, Tadong, Deorali, Gangtok, Chandmari, Vajra, Tashi View point, Burtuk, DC Office Sichey, Arithang, Lalbazar, Tibet Road, Kazi Road, Convoy Ground, Development area and other areas.

1st Online Boxing Training-cum- Competition concludes

Gangtok, September 20: The closing ceremony of the 1st Online Boxing Training-cum-Competition organised by the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs was held on 17th September 2020. The Chief Guest of the programme was Mr. Kuber Bhandari, Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs Department and the Guest of Honour was Mr. Jaslal Pradhan (Arjuna Awardee), President of Sikkim Amateur Boxing Association. National Coach Dronacharya Awardee Mr. Blas Iglesias Fernandis, Mr. Ramanand and Mr. Vijay Kumar both SAI Coaches and International boxer and coach Mr.

Hardeep Singh from Chandigarh also witnessed the function.

The Secretary interacted with the participants, parents and National Coaches. He thanked the National Coaches for their valuable time and taking sessions for the upcoming boxers of the state. He encouraged the youngsters to pursue their passion and cautioned them that the quitters can never be winners.

The Online Boxing training-cum-competition had registration of 77 under 14 boys and girls and the training focussed on shadow boxing, straight plank hold, and reach hold. The training was held under the supervision of Boxing

Coach Mrs. Pratima Gooroong. The National Coaches also took sessions during the training. Online Competition was also held at the end of the training.

In the girls category, Aashira Singh Lohar, Kanchan Limbu and Yuna Limbu were declared first, second and third positions respectively.

In the boys category Samir Limbu, Anmol Rai and Saroj Chhetri were declared first, second and third positions respectively. They were awarded cash prizes of 3000/-, 2000/- and 1000/- respectively.

Government of Sikkim Office of the Dy Inspector General of Police (Range) Police Headquarters NH 10, Gangtok PRESS RELEASE

The Sikkim Police have been working tirelessly since last six months to prevent the spread of coronavirus along with the Health and other departments. 'With the optimum use of all available resources the police have been implementing and enforcing all the guidelines of the government and administration besides helping citizen in the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic in various ways.

It goes without saying that we have to live further with the coronavirus and adopt new normal and, move forward along with the world till the effective treatment is made available. The state government in an effort to bring the life back to desired normalcy by following the processes of unlocking have decided to open the inter state movements further and tourism industry (unlock I) systematically from the 1st and 10th October 2020 respectively. There will be some other relaxations including maximum number of persons in social gatherings in all places from 21.9.20 except Gangtok GMC area which will, observe one week complete lockdown from 21 to 27.9.20.

In view of the recent surge in local transmission of the virus especially in Gangtok city and the future challenges, the Sikkim Police appeals each and every citizen to behave in a very responsible manner both at home and outside. Of late it is being observed that many of citizenry have become a bit callous and negligent in following the prescribed mandatory protocols of virus prevention, This issue was deliberated in a meeting of State Task Force for Covid-19 chaired by the honourable Chief Minister of Sikkim yesterday on 18th September, 2020 at Samman Bhavan, Gangtok.

Therefore, the Law & Order Branch of Sikkim Police will be launching a state wide special drive for compulsory wearing of face mask, maintaining social distancing and sanitizing hands and places of contact (by Corona positive persons) with immediate effect. In this drive all senior police officers of the respective districts along with the force will conduct extensive checking in public places and vehicles and impose fines prescribed by the government on violators strictly.

We also urge our fellow citizens to follow the night curfew imposed by the government in letter and spirit.

We extend our gratitude to all the general public for their cooperation to Sikkim Police in the fight against invisible enemy so far and again seek their wholehearted support in this campaign.

Issued in public interest and for the information of general public.

(Prawin Gurung) IPS
DIGP Range

Government of Sikkim Buildings and Housing Department

Memo no. 139/Accts/Sec/Bids

Date: 08/09/2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Superintending Engineer (South & West), Buildings and Housing Department invites e-tender from eligible Class II-B contractors enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department for the work "Construction of Co-operative Society Building at Nandugaon under Poklok-Kamrang Constituency in South Sikkim" with tender value of 376.26 Lakhs. The details will be available at the website www.sikkimtender.gov.in. Date of uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal will start from 16th/09/2020 after 1:00 pm.

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Superintending Engineer (S/W)
Buildings & Housing Department,
Government of Sikkim.

R.O. No.68/IPR/PUB/Class/20-21(ii), Dt:08/09/2020

**Urban Development Department
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok**

Ref NO.T(857)UD&HD/TP/E/2017/318 Date 15.09.2020

WALK IN INTERVIEW

Eligible local candidates are invited for filling up the following post on temporary basis till March 2021 on co - terminus to the Mission Period under AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation). The date for the interview is 19th October at 11:30 am, in the office of Principal Chief Town Planner, UDD.

The details of which are as under:

Sl.no	Assignment	Minimum Qualification
1.	Project coordinator	Bachelor Degree, Preferably in Engineering/Planning/IT/Computer Science.

Roles and Responsibility of the Project Coordinator:

All assignments required under the AMRUT scheme.

Documents Required:

Candidates must possess the following documents during the interview:

1. Curriculum vitae.
2. Attested copy of SSC/COI.
3. Self - Attested copy of essential degree/ certificate from recognized university and documentary proof of work experience.
4. Two passport sized photographs.

*Salary is based as per the qualifications and experience of the candidate.

*For any queries, the candidates may contact Assistant Town Planner-II via email to udhsikkim@gmail.com.

Sd/-

Chief Town Planner (Nodal Officer)

AMRUT Mission.

Urban Development Department.

R.O. No.77/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:16/09/2020

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**State Pollution Control Board
Forests & Environment Department
Government of Sikkim
Deorali - 737102**

F. No. 961/SPCB/1115 Dated: 15/09/2020

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to owners of all Dairy Farm and Gaushalas in the State that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi in the matter of O.A No. 46/2018, Nuggehalli Jayasimha Vs Govt. of NCT of Delhi has issued an order on 20.05.2020 directing all Dairy Farms and Gaushalas to comply with the Guidelines for Environmental Management of Dairy Farms and Gaushalas prepared by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. The State Pollution Control Board has been directed to implement this guidelines strictly to secure compliance in co-ordination with the concerned Department. Hence all owners of Dairy farm and Gaushalas are hereby directed to comply with the Guidelines of Environmental Management prepared by CPCB, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India

The Guidelines can be downloaded from the given online link http://sikenvis.nic.in/Database/Pollution_791.aspx and <http://sikkimforest.gov.in/spcb.html>

Member Secretary,

State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim,

Forest and Environment Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

R.O. No.78/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:16/09/2020

**Government of Sikkim
Planning and Development Department
Tashiling Secretariat
Gangtok-737101**

Memo No.367/PDD Date:16.09.2020

ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited from local eligible candidates for undertaking geo-mapping of Border Area Development Projects on the android application developed specifically for Border Area Development Project.

The candidate shall be responsible for location tagging and collecting data at the ground level across 3 border districts of the state.

Priority will be given to candidates having prior experience in the field.

All interested applicants are requested to submit their application by 30th September, 2020 at the office of the undersigned in Tashiling Secretariat along with necessary documents.

Joint Secretary-III,

Planning & Development Department.

Government of Sikkim.

R.O. No.81/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:16/09/2020

**Government of Sikkim
Horticulture Department**

No.25/DIR/HCCD/142

Date: 15/09/2020

**ONLINE ESSAY COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS IN
AGRICULTURE & ALLIED SECTORS**

The Horticulture Department, Government of Sikkim with the objective to bring awareness among young students of Sikkim on Agriculture and allied sector and also engage them in productive co-scholastic activities is organising online Essay Competition among students of **both Government and Private Schools/Colleges of Sikkim** in three categories; namely; Secondary, Senior Secondary and College levels. The subjects of the essay will be boardly on Agriculture and allied sector including Post-harvest Management, Development, Opportunities and Challenges in Horticulture Sector, Green Economy, Sustainable Agricultural Practices in Sikkim, Use of Technology in Agriculture and Horticulture Sector of Sikkim, Covid 19 & its Impact on Economy, Agriculture etc. The essay competition will be held on **30/09/2020 (2 to 4 pm)**. Keeping safety and self-distancing in view, the students will write the essay from their own home or a place convenient to them.

The interested students may visit the following link for detailed information/guidelines and to submit their registration for participation on or before **28/09/2020 (2 pm)**.

<https://sikkim.gov.in/departments/horticulture-cash-crop-department/essay-competition>

Only registered students will be allowed to participate in the competition.

For further details kindly contact following Nodel Officers during working hours:-

College Level	Mr. S.K. Tamang Director, Horticulture	Mobile No: 9734927483	email:nbmsikkim@gmail.com
Senior Secondary Level	Ms Kamala Rai, Joint Secretary	Mobile No: 9800374120	email:renome_123@rediffmail.com
Secondary Level	DikiDoma, Joint Director	Mobile No: 9434257419	email:ddoma_40@yahoo.com

Participants may also contact at 9434188330, 9635299344 and 6296818816 for technical support. For further details please visit <https://sikkim.gov.in/departments/horticulture-cash-crop-department/essay-competition>

Secretary, Horticulture

Government of Sikkim

R.O. No.79/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:16/09/2020

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Fax No. : 03592-203775

**Government of Sikkim
Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial Hospital
Gangtok, Sikkim**

Ref No.45/STNM/GH

Date:16.09.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The sealed quotation are invited from any local reputed Registered Pharmacy, within the radius of 1KM of STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, East Sikkim for the supply of Medicines and allied items for PMJAY Unit for the year 20-21.

Date of issue of Quotation form : 8th October to 9th October 2020(11AM to 3PM)

Date of submission of Quotation Form : 22nd October 2020 within 12.00 PM

Date &Time of opening of Quotation : 22nd October 2020 at 2.00 PM

Terms and Condition:

1. The Quotation form can be obtained from the office of Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital on any working days from 11 AM to 3 PM on production of State Bank of Sikkim Challan of 5000/- duly signed by Sr. Accounts Officer, credited under head 0210-01-800 other receipt.

2. The interested Firm should produce COI/Sikkim Subject/Residential Certificate, Valid Drug License, Valid Registration Firm, Valid Trade License, GST registration and Clearance Certificate, Experience Certificate and full address of the shop at the time of Submission of Quotation form.

3. The quotation should accompany TDR/FDR of 100000/-(One Lakh) against the supply of Medicines and allied items under PMJAY from the State Bank of Sikkim in favour of Sr. Accounts Officer, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang. The Department will not liable to pay the interest on the said amount.

4. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotation without assigning any reason thereof and reserve to award the work to any bidder found competent.

For further information, visit or contact to the office of undersigned.

Pcc cum Medical Superintendent

STNM Hospital, Sochakgang

R.O. No.80/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21(iii), Dt:16/09/2020

**Department of Health & Family Welfare
National Health Mission, District Health Society
District Hospital, Gyalshing, West Sikkim**

Memo No.004/H&FW/DHS/NHM/W/2020-21

Date:16.09.2020

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION/TENDER

Sealed quotations are invited from the local registered & eligible suppliers for the supply of following items for District Hospital Gyalshing under District Health Society - National Health Mission (NHM)/RKS:

1. Office Equipments/furnitures & Fixtures
2. Office consumables & Stationeries
3. Medical Equipments & Instruments
4. Medicines & Consumables-JSSK, Emergency, Mental Health and PMJAY
5. Printing-JSY Format, JSSK Referral slip, JSSK Medicines etc.

Interested firms may apply in writing to obtain the quotation form from DPMU Office (NHM), District Hospital Gyalshing on production of the following documents:-

- . Valid registration certificate and Trade License, registration of GST.
- . Tax clearance certificates

The complete quotation should be reach at the office of the CMO (W), District Hospital Gyalshing within the date and time, mentioned below.

a) The date of issue of the form: 28.09.2020 to 30.09.2020 up to 1500 Hrs

b) Last date of submission the complete quotation: 07.10.2020 up to 1200 Hrs

c) Opening of the quotations: 09.10.2020, 1400 Hrs

District Health Society (W) / undersign reserve to full right to accept or reject any or all quotation/tender without assigning any reason thereof.

For more details contact:9593887099-DAM/7076127404-DMS.

Chief Medical Officer

District Hospital Gyalshing, West Sikkim

R.O. No.82/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:17/09/2020

**Government of Sikkim
Rural Development Department**

NO:151/RDD/E-TEN

dated: 18/09/2020

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, invites percentage rate tender under single cover system from the eligible class of contractors (Class II B within District) enlisted with the SPWD for execution of work as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Cost of Bidding documents	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value	Bid value
1	2	3	4	5
1	Providing Drinking Water Supply Scheme for Malbasey Block under Soreng Chakung Constituency in West Sikkim.	50,000.00	9,68,339.00	3,87,33,543.00

The date and time of tender and submission of completed bid document are as under.

- Uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal by the Department :28/09/2020
- Last date for submission of bids online by the Bidders :04/11/2020, 1600 hours
- Last Date of submission of hard copy of bid security: 05/11/2020
- Date of opening of bids: 06/11/2020 10:30AM onwards.

2. Eligible Contractors having experience in the construction of building works may download the details and

bidding documents from the e-procurement portal i.e www.sikkimtender.gov.in.w.e.f 28.09.2020.

3. The completed tender documents must be uploaded in the e-procurement portal on or before 04/11/2020, 1600- hours. All the relevant papers as per the bidding documents along with the cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the form of challan 1 demand draft and TDR respectively drawn in favour of Additional Director (Accounts), Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, should be uploaded in the portal.

4. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason thereof.

Superintending Engineer (P)

RDD

R.O. No.84/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:21/09/2020

**Before the Ld. Oath Commissioner of Sikkim at Gangtok
AFFIDAVIT**

I, **Omnath Chettri** (Gautam), aged 34 40 years, son of Shri Mohan Prasad Chettri (Gautam), Hindu by faith, by occupation Indian Army, resident of Aritar, P.O. Aritar & P.S. Rhenock, East Sikkim, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows:-

- That Miss Manisha Gautam and Master Manish Gautam are my natural daughter and son.
- That in my Certificate of Identification, bearing Sl.No.351/SDM/P, dated 12.04.1996, issued by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, East, my name/caste has been recorded "**OMNATH GAUTAM**",
- That in my Army Service record and in the Residential Certificate, bearing Memo No.811/SDO(P), dated 26.12.1996, issued by the Sub- Divisional Magistrate, Pakyong Sub-Division, East District, my name/caste has been recorded "**OMNATH CHETTRI**".
- That "**CHETTRI**" is our caste and "**GAUTAM**" is our sub-caste/title.
- That hence this affidavit 1S to declare and state that **Miss Manisha Gautam and Master Manish Gautam are my natural daughter** and son and "**CHETTRI**" is our caste and "**GAUTAM**" is our sub- caste/ title and the person by the names of "**OMNATH GAUTAM**" and "**OMNATH CHETTRI**" is the names of one and the same person i. e. myself.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the deponent herein, do hereby verify and state that the statements contained in paragraphs 1 to 5 of the foregoing affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge. Nothing false is contained therein and nothing material is concealed there from. Sworn to this Affidavit at Gangtok, East Sikkim, on this the 5th day of August, 2013.

DEPONENT

Identified by:

Karma Loday Bhutia

No.2021N-11044-2480 Date:18/09/2020

**Before the Ld. Oath Commissioner of Sikkim at Gangtok
AFFIDAVIT**

I, **Lila Maya Chettri** [Gautam] @ **Lila Maya Sharma** is legally wedded spouse of No. 5849621 Y Rank Hav Name Om Nath Chettri (Gautam) presently residing at Aritar Maneydara PO. Aritar P.S. Rhenock, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath as follows: -

- That I have change name from **Lila Maya Sharma to Lila Maya Chettri (Gautam)** due to inclusion of her maiden surname in Dependant Identity Card. That my date of birth is 4th September 1981 (Fourth day of September Nineteenth Eighty One).
- That I am producing this affidavit for the purpose of evidence for my name.
- That, I shall at all times hereafter in all records, deeds and writing and in all proceeding dealing with transaction, private as well as under all occasions what so ever be knows as only **Lila Maya Chettri (Gautam)**.
- That what is stated above is true and correct to be best of my knowledge, information and belief. Nothing material has been concealed there from.

Date: 18.09.2020

Place: Gangtok

SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the deponent above named, do hereby solemnly declare and verify that the contents of the above affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed of suppressed there from.

SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT

No.2021N-11044-2481 Date:18/09/2020

**Government of Sikkim Home Department
Gangtok**

No:53/Home/2020

Dated: 05/09/2020

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of powers conferred by sub- section (1) or section 3 of the Sikkim State Public Services Act, 2006 (10 or 2006), the State Government is hereby pleased to nominate Shri Ganden T. Lachungpa on the Board of Teesta Urja Ltd. (TUL) and also designate him as Chairman of TUL Board of Directors, with immediate effect.

Shri Arvind Kumar, IFS (Retd) shall continue to function as Executive Chairman on the existing terms and conditions of his appointment, till further orders.

The entitlements of Shri G. Lachungpa Chairman, TUL Board shall be regulated as per the Notification' No. 55/ Home/2010 dated: 08.06.2010

By order and in the name of the Governor.

Sd/-

(S.C. Gupta, IAS)

Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim

File No. Home/Confdl/150/2019

**Government of Sikkim
Social Justice & Welfare Department
5th Mile, Lumsey, Tadong, Gangtok**

Memo No: Gos/421/SJ&WD/EC/2018-19/1174

Date:14.09.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Social Justice & Welfare Department invites e-tender from contractors of appropriate class enlisted in the SPWD for participating in the tender for the following works:

- Construction of Girls hostel at Yangang Sr. Sec School in South Sikkim.
- Construction of Girls hostel at VC Ganju Lama Sr. Sec School, Ravangla in South Sikkim.

For further details, please visit the website www.sikkimtender.gov.in

Sd/-

Superintending Engineer

Social Justice & Welfare Department,

Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.

R.O. No.75/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21(i), Dt:15/09/2020

**State Pollution Control Board Sikkim
Forest and Environment Department
Government of Sikkim
Deorali, Gangtok- 737102**

F. No. /SPCB/969

Dated: 27/8/2020

NOTICE

This is for the information of all the concerned that, the Ministry of Environment and Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has notified the revised guidelines for Idol Immersion.

Idols made up of only natural, biodegradable, eco-friendly raw materials without any toxic, inorganic raw materials such as traditional virtuous clay and mud should be encouraged, allowed & promoted and dried flower components, straw for making ornaments of idols and natural resins of trees may be used as a shining material for making idols attractive.

Use of single use plastic and thermocol materials and use of toxic and non-biodegradable chemical dyes/oil paints for painting idols shall be strictly prohibited. Enamel and synthetic dye based paints on idols should be discouraged.

Low height and eco friendly idols (made with natural clay idols stuffed with eco-friendly food materials such as corn, spinach, wheat and vegetable powder), idols decorated with bio- degradable, organic colours and non-toxic should be used for offering poojas to avoid impact on environment. For the protection of the environment Pooja Organising Committees should procure eco-friendly idols only from the respective ULBs registered or authorized craftsman or artisans.

Pooja Organising Committees should seek prior permission from concerned ULB as the case may be providing management plan and the required provisions for ensuring safe idol immersion during festival season well at least one month in advance for making necessary arrangements in consultation with the concerned departments.

For further details, please contact State Pollution Control Board, Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Sikkim, Deorali, East Sikkim.

Contact No. 03592-281913

Member Secretary,

State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim,

Department of Forest & Environment

Government of Sikkim,

Deorali, Gangtok.

Chief Scientific Officer

State Pollution Control Board- Sikkim

R.O.NO.62/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21(i), Dt:01/09/20

**Government of Sikkim
Home Department
Gangtok**

No:33/Home/2020

Dated: 19/09/2020

ORDER

WHEREAS it has been decided to allow free interstate movement of people without any requirement of registration with effect from 1st of October 2020 and also permit hotels, homestays and other tourism related services to operate from 10th October 2020;

And WHEREAS, prior to that, it is considered expedient to take special measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 within Gangtok Municipal Corporation area;

NOW THEREFORE, after careful consideration and in partial modification of Notification No. 30/Home/2020 dated 31/08/2020, it is hereby decided that:

1. There shall be complete lock down **only within G.M.C. Area** with effect from 21st September to 27th September, 2020.

The following activities shall be prohibited during the above stated period within **G.M.C. Area**.

A. Movement of persons and vehicles

1. There shall be no movement of passenger or private vehicles, including two wheelers in the area. However, the vehicles carrying persons responsible for carrying out essential activities shall be exempted on production of ID cards or other relevant document to the police personnel on duty.

2. Movement of Government vehicles of all officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above shall be exempted during the office hours on production of valid ID cards.

3. Movement of vehicles carrying essential supplies shall be exempted. Empty goods vehicle shall be allowed to exit from the area.

4. Movement of vehicles used by officials, staff of Assembly Secretariat, Hon'ble MLAs of Sikkim Legislative Assembly and others holding valid passes from assembly secretariat shall be permitted on 21st September, 2020.

5. Movement of vehicles for medical emergency purposes will be allowed on the basis of medical papers.

B. Commercial Establishment

1. All shops, shopping complexes, commercial establishments, spas, saloons, vehicle showrooms, gymnasiums, garages, tyre repair shops shall remain closed. Medical shops and shops selling daily ration shall be exempted.

2. All restaurants, bars, fast food centres, sweet shops, bakeries shall remain closed.

3. All Hotels, Guest Houses, homestays shall remain closed except those empanelled by the DM, East.

C. Functioning of Government Offices

1. The Central Government offices shall continue to function as per GoI guidelines.

2. State Government offices shall remain open with up to 30% staff strength during this period. HoDs shall ensure that all Gazetted officers report to the office. Pooled vehicle may be arranged by HOD on need basis and Issuance of 2 passes for this purpose by HOD/Secy.

3. Movement of Government Vehicles will be allowed on production of valid official 10 during working hours plus minus one hour only.

2. Additional Directives

1. The Health Department shall issue fresh COVID 19 protocol for free interstate movement of people w.e.f 1st October, 2020.

2. Inner Line Permits for foreign tourists having valid visas shall be issued from 10th October, 2020.

3. Tourism Department, in consultation with Health Department shall issue an SOP for operation of hotels, homestays and other tourism related services with effect from 10th October, 2020. The bookings for hotels and homestays complying with the SOP shall start from 27th September, 2020.

4. Helicopter Service shall resume regular operations from 1st October, 2020.

5. Odd-Even restrictions for movement of taxis and passenger vehicles shall be lifted w.e.f 1st October, 2020. Private vehicles shall continue to follow these restrictions till further orders.

(R. Telang, IAS)

Principal Secretary, Home
File No.Home/Confdl/119/2020

**Government of Sikkim
Home Department
Gangtok**

No:05/Home/2020

Dated: 14/09/2020

CIRCULAR

Subject: Strict compliance of the provisions of Flag Code of India, 2002 and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971-Advisory.

Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide letter No. 15/1/2020-Public dated 23rd July, 2020 has informed that on the occasion of important national, cultural and sports events, th~ National Flags made of plastic are also being used in place of National Flags made of paper. Since, plastic flags are not biodegradable like paper flags these do not get decomposed for a long time and ensuring appropriate disposal of National Flags made of plastic commensurate with dignity of the flag, is a practical problem.

Therefore, the Ministry has requested to ensure that on the occasions of important nationals, cultural and sports events, Flags made of paper only are used by the public in terms of the provisions of the 'Flag Code of India, 2002' and such paper Flags are not discarded or thrown on the ground after the event. Such Flags are to be disposed of, in private, consistent with the dignity of the Flag.

As such, all the Secretary and Heads of the Departments are requested to comply with the provisions of Flag Code of India, 2002 and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 strictly and ensure that the plastic made national flags are not used in the functions.

Sd/-

(R. Telang, IAS)

Principal Secretary, Home
Government of Sikkim
File No. Home/Confdl/174/2016

**Government of Sikkim
Motor Vehicles Division, Transport
Department**

Yatayat Bhawan, Gangtok: 737101

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No.104/MVD/T

Dated: 09/09/2020

OFFICE ORDER

In addendum to the Office Order No: GOS/MVD/T/Secy/631 dated: 17/7/2020 and now with the approval of the Government, the following orders are hereby enforced with immediate effect;

1. The launching of online services for various activities like online payment of taxes, transfer of ownership, driving license, permits, dealer point registration and any other activities within the scope of Motor Vehicles Division shall hereby continue in both online and offline(manual) modes.

2. Till such time the officers and staffs are accustomed in the online process of the application, the manual processing of application shall continue with awareness and training of staffs by the respective RTO/DRTO and ARTO's and shall invite existing service providers like cyber cafes for familiarization.

3. This shall hereby be enforced immediately and shall continue till 31st December, 2020.

By Order.

Sd/-

Secretary to Government of Sikkim
Transport Department

**Education Department; Government of
Sikkim**

PO: Tashiling; Gangtok; East Sikkim- 737103.

Telefax: 03592-203338

Ret 48(2)/Secy/Edn/2020-21

Date: September 19, 2020.

CIRCULAR

In reference to the Order of Home Department vide Home/33/2020 dated September 19, 2020, the Education Department issues the following advisory:

Compartmental Examinations scheduled from September 22, 2020:

Compartment Examinations of the CBSE will be held as per the Datesheet from September 22, 2020, to September 30, 2020. Keeping in view the complete lockdown declared within Gangtok Municipal Corporation Area, the candidates are advised to travel with their valid Admit Cards to authenticate their travel to their Examination centers. This will also be applicable to IGNOU Term-End Examinations.

Further, the Education Department had issued a circular vide Ref. 48/Secy/Edn/2020-21 on August 31, 2020 with some instructions for the heads of schools, colleges and educational institutes, professors, teachers, and all other non-teaching staff members. The following instructions as per the said circular are again issued for implementation:

Partial reopening of schools and visit of students of Classes 9 to 12 to school on voluntary basis:

(a) 50% of the teaching and non-teaching staff members should attend the institutions from September 21, 2020, which may be arranged either on an alternative basis or any such convenient arrangement as may be deemed fit by the respective institutes. Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) to be issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department shall be followed by all.

(b) Students of classes 9 to 12 may be permitted to visit their schools in areas outside the containment zones only on a voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers from September 21, 2020, subject to the written consent of their parents/ guardians and strict adherence to the applicable SoP.

(c) These instructions shall not be applicable to those areas and persons falling within the containment zones and to those educational institutions which are acquired/requisitioned by the District Administration under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 until notified and sufficiently sanitized.

(d) Instructions at (a) and (b) above shall not be applicable in the GMC Area (Gangtok) where lockdown will be in operation till September 27,2020.

By Order.

Sd/-

(GP Upadhyaya, IAS)
Additional Chief Secretary
Education Department

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Cabinet approves and sanctions various proposals

Gangtok, September 16: A cabinet meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at Tashiling Secretariat, today. During the meeting following decisions were approved and sanctioned by the cabinet.

POWER DEPARTMENT

Financial sanction of 222.42 lakhs as Grants-in-Aid to the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SSERC) for the financial year 2020-2021.

FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

Financial sanction of 2,28,00,000/- as State Component under National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 for transportation, handling, movement of food grains and fair price shop dealer's margin for 2020-2021.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Renaming of Upper Tarnim Government Primary School as Upper Tinkitam Government Primary School in South District and Martam Secondary School as Nazitam Secondary School in East Sikkim.

Financial sanction of 4,50,00,000/- as first instalment of Central share to five colleges under the Infrastructure Grants Component of the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) 2.0.

Financial sanction of 51,57,100/- to be released as Examination Fees for Under Graduate Students of Sikkim State Government Colleges affiliated to Sikkim University.

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Financial sanction of 275.78 lakhs with a State share of 275.38 lakhs and Central share of 2482.01 lakhs for implementation of programmes under HMNEH.

Approval is also solicited to transfer the same to the accounts of Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) as and when funds are released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Enbloc sanction for drawal of 15,66,90,000/- as Central share and release the same to the State Institute of Capacity Building (SICB), Karfector for the implementation of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY).

TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT

Approval of 38,24,102 lakhs to be released as Grant-in-aid to Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism (IHCAE), Chemchey, South Sikkim.

ROADS AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT

Financial sanction of 3846.00 lakhs for the construction of two lane highway from Adampool to Ranka-Sichey road in East Sikkim, with funding under RIDF-XXV and de-sanction of 2428.00 lakhs under State Plan.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Financial sanction of 51.62 lakhs already released as Grant-in-

aid to five Private Aided/Unaided Schools having minority students under Scheme for Providing Education in Minorities and Madrasa (SPEMM) for the year 2011-12.

HOME DEPARTMENT

Approval of the policy regarding the prohibition on the construction of new religious structures and the removal/relocation/regularization of existing unauthorized construction of religious nature in public places.

Administrative approval of 282.41 and financial sanction of 200.00 lakhs for repair and Renovation of Sikkim House at X-13 Hauz Khas, New Delhi.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administrative approval of 200.00 lakhs and financial sanction of 40.00 lakhs as 1st instalment for formulation of Local Area Plan (LAP) under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approval of the First Supplementary Demands for Grants 2020-21 covering 34 grants and Appropriation to the tune of 45123.63 lakhs.

Approval of the "The Sikkim Goods and Service Tax (Amendment Bill 2020)" to amend the Sikkim Goods and Services Tax Act 2017.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Additional financial sanction of 67,44,731/- for the construction of 30 mtr span Steel Bridge over Naray Khola along Tshalumthang to Tarey thang Road, East Sikkim, due to revision of cost.

Administrative approval for revised cost of 2.17 crores and additional financial sanction of 92.10 lakhs for construction of State Panchayat Resource Centre (SPRC) AT GMC office, Deorali in East Sikkim.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Administrative approval and financial sanction of 25,67,000/- to be released as stipend to students studying in Sikkim Institute of Higher Nyingma Studies (SHEDA).

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Administrative approval and financial sanction of 97.54 lakhs as grant-in-aid to Sikkim Commission for Backward Classes (SCBC) for the financial year 2020-21.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Approval of the "Sikkim Municipalities Amendment Bill, 2020" with the provision of the following:

I. Insertion of new provision in the Act for deferring of Municipality election for a period not exceeding six months in one spell beyond the stipulated period and in no case election to be deferred by more than a year beyond stipulated date.

II. Insertion of section in the Municipalities Act is to be made for contesting the Municipality election on non-political party basis.

III. Omission of Section 15 A

of the Act which has provision of nominated Councillors.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Approval of "The Sikkim Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2020" to be placed in the forthcoming Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

BUILDINGS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Administrative approval for the foreclosure of work order in favour of M/s Civil Engineers Enterprises Pvt.Ltd, Kolkata for the work "Renovation and Up-gradation of 100 bedded District Hospital to 300 bedded Multi Speciality Hospital at Namchi, South Sikkim.

FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Administrative approval and financial sanction of 1,55,00,000/- for the implementation of Development of Grass Reserve and Management Action Plan for grass land of North Sikkim under MH-3601 (General) of National Livestock Mission Scheme.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administrative approval for the implementation of Sikkim Urban Garib Awas Yojana (Phase-I) at the total cost of 13050.54 lakhs with the provision to provide 502 Unit (Beneficiary Led Household) at the cost of Rs.16.02 lakhs per unit and 270 Units of Flatted Units at the cost of 18.55 lakhs per unit to be distributed among 07 (seven) Urban Local Bodies (ULB) of Gangtok, Jorethang and Gyalshing.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administrative approval and financial sanction of 2000.00 lakhs and transfer the same as grants to Urban Local Bodies as recommended by 15th Finance Commission for the year 2020-21.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Approval for setting up a Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education in collaboration with a sponsoring organisation and the draft Bill in this regard.

The proposal seeks approval of "Khangchendzonga Buddhist University, Sikkim Bill 2020" to be placed in the forthcoming Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

LABOUR DEPARTMENT

The proposal seeks approval for amendment of "Sikkim Essential Services Maintenance Act, 2000" by duly amending Section 2, clause (VII), to be placed in the forthcoming Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

ROADS AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT

Approval of the following with regards to "Consultancy services for preparation of Detailed Project Report and for the construction of Highway Tunnels and its approaches enabling all weather connectivity at various locations in the State of Sikkim:

(a) Approval of the Consultancy Firm, which would be a "Joint Venture between Lion

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Collaborative meeting of stakeholders for Krishi Loan Mela 2020 held

Gangtok, September 17: The collaborative meeting of stakeholders for Krishi Loan Mela 2020 was held at the Conference Hall of Krishi Bhawan, today.

The meeting organised by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments was chaired by ACS cum Agriculture Production Commissioner, Mr. A. K. Yadav.

The meeting was held with an aim to facilitate Krishi Loan to the farmers under East District in order to strengthen the rural economy through the agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry sector in the State.

Mr. A.K. Yadav in his address mentioned that it was a welcome step by the banks to extend the credit to the farmers. He added that the scheme will go a long way in doubling the farmers income. He further mentioned that Sikkim is famous for large cardamon, ginger and oranges and added that these are strength of the state which must be capitalised and worked upon. He said that appropriate forums and competent authority will take note of the operational bottlenecks and resolve the problems apprised during the meeting. He further urged the stakeholders to take a holistic views and approach to make this scheme a success. He also thanked all the private banks operating in Sikkim for providing loans to the farmers in enhancing the rural economy.

Secretary, Agriculture Department, Mr. Rinzing Chewang urged the stakeholders to educate and sensitise the farmers before disbursing the loans. He added that viability should be ascertained before sanctioning of loans and said that the concept of schemes should be properly understood by the farmers before availing the loans. He mentioned that the Nodal Officers should be specific to the farmers regarding repayment of loans to the banks so that the farmers don't have to suffer in the long run. Secretary Horticulture Department in his address mentioned that the applicants should be properly informed and sensitised regarding the scheme. He further added that besides this

Status Report of Forest Nurseries 2020-21 released

Gangtok, September 16: Minister for Forest and Environment Department, Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia released a book on 'Status Report of Forest Nurseries 2020-21' in the presence of Principal Secretary cum PCCF Mr. M. L. Srivastava and senior officers of the forest department, today.

Minister in his brief address congratulated the entire team for preparing the book and stated that it will be immensely beneficial for the practising foresters, researchers, academicians, scientists and general public.

It may be mentioned here that the Research and Extension sector of the department has taken

particular scheme, the banks should also categorically inform and guide the applicants accordingly regarding other ongoing schemes as well.

Earlier, Credit Linkage Facilitator (Consultant), Mr. Pradeep Bhandari highlighted on the various activities undertaken under the scheme. He mentioned that this scheme was launched on 28th August 2020 from West District under the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister. He added that major steps have been taken by the Government to support the farmers and their overall improvement.

During the meeting, Chief Manager Lead Bank Mr. Gopal Lama spoke on the mobilisation of credit to the farmers. He suggested for a proper coordination between the Banks and the State Government.

AGM, RBI, Mr. I.Y.T Namcho spoke on streamlining the loan process. He pointed out that counselling should be provided to the farmers regarding crop insurance though it was optional. He further said that there should be proper streamlining in the distributions of forms and specifically mentioned that bankers should verify eligible applicants to recover their loans within stipulated time period.

Similarly, M.D. SISCO Bank, Mrs. P. Chozam highlighted on Kishan Credit Card and Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (D.E.D.S) and also spoke on benefits being availed by the beneficiaries so far.

Mr. T.B. Ghatani highlighted on the preliminary planning, preparedness and execution to avoid upcoming challenges under the Krishi Loan Scheme.

Joint General Manager, Sikkim Milk, Mrs. K.D. Barfungpa during the meeting highlighted on the marketing linkages of milk in the State and added that there has been an increase of milk production through the KCC scheme.

The meeting was followed by an open house discussion which featured various queries, suggestions and inputs put forth by the stakeholders regarding the scheme

up a commendable initiative by coming out with detailed status report of forest nurseries in the state of Sikkim in the current financial year i.e. 2020-21. This includes inter alia, the past and present history, soil and water analysis, current seedling stock and prescription for further improvement and so on.

The report has been prepared under the supervision of Assistant Conservator of Forest, Mr. Chewang Tashi Bhutia and his team comprising of Mr. Robish Pradhan (Tour In-charge), Mr. Ramesh Sharma and Mr. Passang Dawa Tamang.

SSDMA organises a webinar to commemorate State Disaster Risk Reduction

Gangtok, September 18: Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) under Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Sikkim organised a webinar to commemorate State Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Day in National Informatics Centre (NIC), Gangtok, today. The event was organized online duly following the COVID-19 protocol. The webinar was chaired by Minister for Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha and participated online by Member NDMA Mr. Kamal Kishore, Vice Chairman Prof. V.K. Sharma and Prof. Rajib Shaw, Keio University, Japan.

The State Relief Commissioner cum Secretary, Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Mr. P.N. Sherpa, gave a brief description on the activities carried out by SSDMA. The Vice Chairman of Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, Prof. V.K. Sharma informed about the importance of making the State a Disaster Resilient State. He stressed beside investing on technologies and mitigation interventions, it is also paramount to create awareness among the general masses and the importance of equal and individual participation to make Sikkim a Disaster Resilient State. He further highlighted on the importance of strengthening the State Emergency Operating Centre (SEOC) and District Emergency Operating Centre (DEOC) on which he is actively pursuing with the Central Government.

Prof. Rajib Shaw, Keio University, Japan on his presentation gave an insight on the "Role of Science and Technology

in Disaster Risk Reduction.

The presentation was followed by a brief presentation on the importance of "Community based Disaster Risk Reduction in Sikkim", by Co-Founder, SEEDS, India Dr. Anshu Sharma. A short presentation was presented by the SAI organization, an NGO which is actively involved in disaster management activities in Sikkim.

Minister, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha highlighted about the enhanced preparedness level of the State to manage the effect of the disaster. He said that the Government is actively investing and enhancing on the resilience practices in the State. He mentioned that enhanced resilience allows better anticipation of disasters resulting in better planning to reduce disaster losses. The Minister further informed on the activities carried out by SSDMA to pave a way towards making Sikkim a Disaster Resilient State. He also informed that the Government has implemented building bye laws concerning earthquake safety which is important for a hilly and earthquake prone State like Sikkim.

He informed that all the State Government Departments are working together in their capacity and expertise towards the goal to make Sikkim a Disaster Resilient State. Mr. Lepcha also announced one time honorarium to the QRT's working under SSDMA and District Disaster Management Department (DDMAs) who are actively engaged in COVID-19 duties. He motivated and thanked the officers of all the line departments, NGOs and the participants for their active participation in Disaster Management to make Sikkim a Disaster Resilient State.

as they are the life saving drugs and medicines.

The Bill was considered and passed by the House.

The Chief Minister, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department introduced the Sikkim Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2020, Bill No. 10 of 2020.

The statement of objects and Reasons of the Bill states that in the view of the spread of pandemic COVID-19, across many countries of the world including India, causing immense loss to lives and livelihood, the Government of India through an Ordinance had relaxed certain provisions, including extension of time, in the taxation and other laws including the Central Goods and Services Tax Act 2017 (CGST Act) 2017. Hence, further corresponding amendment are also required to be carried out under the respective SGST Acts of the States, including Sikkim.

The Sikkim Goods and Services Act, 2017 has been proposed for amendment by the way of bringing the Sikkim Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2020 for amending certain provisions of the Act.

This amendment Bill is additionally intended to update the State SGST Act based on the recommendation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, and related amendments incidental to the CGST Act passed by the Government of India.

The Bill was considered and passed by the House.

Similarly, Minister-in-Charge of Transport Department Mrs. Sanjit Kharel introduced the Sikkim Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2020, Bill No. 17 of 2020.

The statement of objects and reasons of the Bill states that in order to facilitate the general public of Sikkim, the State Government has deemed it expedient to bring about an amendment in the Sikkim Motor Vehicles Taxation Act 1982, by giving a rebate of 20% on payment of a one-time tax consisting a single/lump sum amount payable of the existing annual tax for 5 (five) years at a time for all categories of vehicles. This amendment of providing an incentive of 20% rebate would encourage the public to pay the one-time tax for five years at a time. This would spare the public from the trouble of coming to the Regional Transport Office every year and would reduce the footfall in the Regional Transport Offices. The amendment also provides flexible option of paying the tax for 1 (one) or more quarterly periods, or annually or one-time tax @ 5 (five) times of the annual tax either directly at the Regional Transport Office or through online payment via electronic medium.

The Bill was considered and passed by the House.

Minister-in-Charge of Education Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha introduced the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education, Sikkim, 2020 Bill No. 14 of 2020.

The statement of objects and reasons states that the crucial role of universal school education along with skills and vocational education for strengthening the social fabric of democracy through provision of equal opportunity to all has been accepted since inception of our republic. Over the years there has been significant spatial and numerical expansion of schools in the country, yet the goal of providing education to all continues to elude. The number of children particularly children from disadvantage groups, weaker sections and children from border and hilly areas, who drop out of school before completing school education, remains very large. Moreover, the quality of learning achievement is not always entirely satisfactory even in the case of children who complete elementary, secondary and senior secondary education.

ii. In order to enhance the infrastructural support to cater to the needs of growing number of students in the field of school education at secondary and senior secondary level in general and in the area of skill and vocational education in particular, it is felt necessary to involve public private participation and

partnership to improve literacy, enhance and accelerate the enrolment/retention of students and to attain universalisation of school education, vocational education in the State. It is also deemed essential, to create a mechanism to provide for secondary education, senior secondary education, skill and vocational education up-to pre-degree level so as to create and provide opportunity for continuing education to those who have missed opportunity to complete school and development education for adult neo-literates, working men and women to reinforce their functional literacy and not to allow them to relapse into illiteracy and other children/ persons desirous of pursuing school level education, skill and vocational education by offering courses and programmes of general education/life enrichment and vocational and skill education.

iii. In order to achieve the aforesaid, it is expedient and necessary to establish the Board of Open Schooling and Examination in the State of Sikkim to provide school education, skill and vocational education through all possible modes including face to face mode, flexible mode, open and distance learning mode and e-learning /online mode with a view to comprehensively enhance the access to education, to upscale the activities and to provide opportunities to the learners in all possible ways so as to provide ample access to sustainable learner-centric quality school education, skill up gradation and training to learners by using innovative technologies and methodologies of learning and imparting education.

The Bill was considered and passed by the House.

Likewise, the Sikkim Forests, Water Courses and Road Reserve (Preservation and Protection) (Amendment) Bill, 2020, Bill No. 13 of 2020 was introduced in the House by Chief Minister on behalf of the Minister-in-Charge of Forest and Environment Department.

The statement of object and reasons of the Bill states that the Sikkim Forests, Water Courses and Road Reserve (Preservation and Protection) Act, 1988, herein after referred to as the said Act, was enacted to strengthen the law relating to forests, the transit of forest produce and the duty leviable on timber and other forest produce.

The said Act, in clause (o) of section 2, defines "tree" which includes bamboos, brushwood, cane, banana, kernels, stumps, trees and palms. The bamboo though a grass is treated as tree for the purpose of said Act and therefore, attracts the requirement of permit for felling and transit under the said Act. The State of Sikkim has exempted the felling permission for bamboos within the state but the inter-state movement of bamboos requires permit when being in transit through other states. Due to this, farmers/growers are facing hardships in getting permits for transits of bamboos for outside the state, which has caused a major

hindrance to the farmers/growers in cultivation of bamboo in their private land.

Further, the central government has amended the relevant section 2 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 by omitting the word "bamboos" from the definition of "trees" and there is also a direction from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India to all the North East States to carry out necessary amendment(s) in the State Forest Act accordingly.

Hence, in compliance with the above said direction, it has been decided to amend clause (o) of section 2 the Sikkim Forest, Water Courses and Road Reserve [Preservation and Protection] Act, 1988 so as to omit the word "bamboos" from the definition of trees, in order to exempt bamboos cultivated on private and other non-forest areas from the requirement of permit for felling or transit under the said Act, which will encourage bamboo plantation by farmers or cultivators resulting in the enhancement of their income from fields.

The Bill was considered and passed by the House.

The House also passed the Sikkim Appropriation Bill, 2020, Bill No. 12 of 2020 for the First Supplementary Demands for Grants for the Financial year 2020-21, which was introduced in the House by Hon'ble Chief Minister, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department.

The bill has been framed to provide for the appropriation from and out of the consolidated fund of the state of Sikkim of the money required to meet the expenditure charged in the consolidated funds of the State of Sikkim and supplementary grants made by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly for the expenditure of the Government of Sikkim for the remaining part of the financial year 2020-21.

Thereafter, the Chief Minister, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department presented the Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended March 2019 (Report No. 1 of 2020).

The Speaker also presented the Annual Reports of Government Departments in the House.

While presenting his valedictory remarks, Chief Minister Mrs. Prem Singh Tamang thanked the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Members, Chief Secretary, DGP, Heads of various Departments, SLA Secretariat, Officials and staff for their presence and contribution to the session. The Chief Minister also thanked all the COVID-19 front liners for handling the testing procedures ahead of the SLA session.

Speaker Mr. L.B. Das while presenting his valedictory remarks thanked the Members for concluding the session in one day on the purview of COVID-19 pandemic. He also thanked all the individuals involved in the smooth holding of the one day session.

The session came to an end with the Speaker adjourning the House Sine-Die.

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Engineering, Hospitality and Tourism, Architecture, Medicine and related areas, it has been proposed to establish a Private University in Sikkim by the name of "Khangchendzonga Buddhist University."

While replying to the query put forward by Member Mr. Sonam Venchungpa, Minister Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha said that the University will be affiliated with the University Grants Commission (UGC) once it is established and functioning.

The Bill was considered and passed by the House.

The Sikkim Essential Services Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, 2020, Bill No. 18 of 2020 was introduced in the House by Chief Minister on behalf of the Minister-in-Charge of Labour Department.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill states that it is deemed expedient to make provisions for ensuring uninterrupted manufacturing, packaging, distribution and transportation of pharmaceutical products and components thereof,

Chief Minister launches Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme

Gangtok, September 18: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang launched the Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme at Samman Bhawan, today.

The 'Skilled Youth Start Up Scheme', is envisioned to generate equitable entrepreneurial opportunities in rural as well as urban areas of Sikkim, particularly among the educated unemployed youth to become self employed by setting up of manufacturing/ service/business/co-operative/ Agriculture and allied enterprises by availing loan with back ended financial subsidy assistance @ 50% for Below Poverty Line and @ 35% for rest on financially viable/ bankable projects from the State Government.

The scheme will be implemented by the Commerce and Industries Department through the District Industries Centres (DICs). The application can be obtained from DIC (E/N), Gangtok for applicants pertaining to North and East Sikkim and from DIC (S/W), Jorethang for applicants pertaining to South and West Sikkim. The applicants should submit their applications along with the Detailed Project Report and other relevant documents addressed to the General Manager, DIC (E/N)/(S/W) at Gangtok and Jorethang, respectively.

Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang in his keynote address informed that the Skilled Youth Start Up Scheme is a flagship programme of the State Government. The scheme was

launched to facilitate the unemployed youths of the State to take up entrepreneurship in areas like Dairy, Poultry and Piggery, Organic Farming by setting up Green house, manufacturing sectors, Traditional Wood Handicraft and Handloom Industries, adventure tourism like paragliding, mountain cycling etc. rural Home stays, IT, Cutting and tailoring, Bakery and Restaurants, Beauty parlour, Boutique shops, Herbal Products Industry including Nurseries, Paper bags/ Paper plates, Bamboo based Industry (Cane & Bamboo), Automobile Workshop Garage/Car spa, Diagnostic Centers, film related activities and other such viable projects. The State Government has initiated the scheme that would create new livelihoods option for the youths of the State and make them self reliant, he added. The Chief Minister also suggested the nodal department to constitute a committee to guide and inform the beneficiaries. The State has huge scope and potential in terms of dairy, poultry, piggery and other arrays of opportunities to explore their entrepreneurial skills and propel them towards contributing in the socio economic development, the Chief Minister added. This is also one of the key ways to build an Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Sikkim. He added that the current crisis has been an eye-opener and appealed the youths to utilize the scheme and make themselves self sufficient.

Minister for Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. B. S. Panth in his address highlighted the wide range of opportunities under this scheme for the unemployed youths of the State. The scheme is to generate entrepreneurship among the educated unemployed youths of the State and also to garnish the multi talented youths to take up entrepreneurial activities in their desired fields, he said. He also informed that admissible financial assistance of either 50%/35% of the approved bankable project cost in the form of back ended subsidy will be provided by the Government through Commerce and Industries Department. The back ended subsidy shall be released by the Commerce and Industries Department to the concerned public sector Banks/ PSU financial institutions upon sanction and disbursement of the project by them.

The Secretary Commerce and Industries Department Mr. H. K. Sharma in his welcome address highlighted about the Skilled Youth Start up scheme, an entrepreneurial scheme for the vast scope of the unemployment youths of the State. He also informed about the eligibility criteria, projects covered under the scheme and its implementation processes.

During the occasion, Chief Minister and other dignitaries also released the scheme booklet and brochure.

Chief Minister welcomes newly appointed Advisors and Chairpersons

Gangtok, September 17: Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang welcomed the newly appointed Advisors, Chairpersons and Chairmen at a programme held at Samman Bhawan, today.

The Chief Minister in his address, said that the Advisors and Chairpersons have equal responsibilities and roles to play in decision making process of the State as well as to deliberate and decide on the various programmes and policies of the State Government. The Chief Minister also spoke on roles and responsibilities, effective

participation, inclusiveness in taking the welfare measures and other policies and schemes of the State and Central Government so that it percolates down to the grass root level. He further mentioned that all should collectively work for the betterment of the State and also called for a close coordination and cooperation from them to ensure overall development of the State.

The Chief Minister in his address also extended his greetings on the occasion of Bishwakarma puja and also conveyed his warm wishes to the Prime Minister of India,

Mr. Narendra Modi on his 70th birthday.

The Chief Secretary, Mr. S. C. Gupta in his address spoke about the importance of elected and non elected representatives in a vibrant democracy. He added that the policy decision will aid the development and welfare of the State with their rich experience in public life.

Earlier, Principal Secretary Home Department, Mr. R. Telang presented the welcome address and the vote of thanks was proposed by Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mr. S.D. Dhakal.

Governor condoles passing away of ANS Basanti Sundas

Gangtok, September 19 : The Governor of Sikkim, Ganga Prasad condoled on the demise of Mrs. Basanti Sundas (49), Assitant Nursing Superintendent who passed away on September 18 due to COVID-19 at New STNM hospital, Sochyagang. She was on COVID-19 duty at the emergency ward of New STNM hospital. The deceased has become the first case of medical fraternity succumbing to deadly virus infection in the State.

The Governor in his condolence message said that, "I am deeply pained about her demise. It is sad to lose such a hardworking, brilliant and dedicated COVID-19 warrior, Assitant Nursing Superintendent of New STNM hospital. My Heartfelt condolences to her family,"

The Governor has appealed to the people of Sikkim to follow guru mantra of use of mask, social distancing, personal hygiene and Stay Home, Stay Safe to win the battle against COVID-19.

SNT and Education Departments make transport arrangement for Students writing exams

Gangtok, September 20: With the complete lockdown imposed in Gangtok Municipal Corporation (GMC) Area from September 21 to 27, 2020, the SNT Division of the Transport Department will be running dedicated SNT bus services from three points at Ranipool, Ranka and Tashi View Point to respective examination centres falling in the GMC Area and back from the examination centres to these three points. However, students are required to reach these three points from their respective places on their own.

There are some examinations being held in GMC Area like Compartmental Examinations of Classes 10 and 12 of the CBSE, IGNOU Term End Examinations, NET by NTA and some other examinations of the College level.

In order to facilitate these

State Task Force meeting held

Gangtok, September 18: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang chaired a meeting of the State Task Force at Samman Bhawan, today. The meeting was attended by Cabinet Ministers, Political Secretary to Chief Minister, Chief Secretary and Heads of concerned Departments, DGP, ADGP, Chairperson and Member of the State Health Technical Committee, and CMO officials.

The meeting was convened to take stock of the present situation and to deliberate on the issues that needed urgent attention and future course of action.

At the outset, two minutes

students reach their examination centres located within the GMC Area where total lockdown in operational, students are required to send WhatsApp or text messages giving their names, phone numbers, Class, Admit Card number, name of examination, date and venue of examination and pick up point (i.e., Ranipool, Ranka or Tashi View Point) so that they could be contacted for pick up from Ranipool, Ranka or Tashi View Point.

Contact numbers for WhatsApp or Text Messages:

For CBSE Compartmental Examinations of Classes 10 and 12: Mr. Subbiah, Joint Director (Phone No. 9933002215).

For NET and other examinations of Colleges, IGNOU: Mr. Sangay Gyatso Bhutia, Deputy Secretary (Phone No. 9434174754).

silence was observed as a mark of respect to the health worker who lost her life this morning to COVID-19.

After detailed discussion on the current COVID-19 situation, the following directives were given:

1. The Tourism and Civil Aviation Department to set up Special Task Force Team and frame SOP for reopening of hotels and tourism based businesses.
2. Education Department to prepare proper SOP/ guidelines for reopening of schools.
3. Health Department to review the existing protocol/ SOP in view of current developments.

Office of The Mission Director National Health Mission Health and Family Welfare Department Head-Quarter Government of Sikkim

Memo No: 405/H&FW/NHM/20-21

Dated: 21/09/2020

NOTICE

Due to sudden lockdown of the Gangtok Municipal Area from 21st September to 27th September 2020, the walk -in-interview that was to be conducted for Covid -19 Package under NHM w.e.f 22nd September 2020, is hereby postponed. The said interview will be conducted on second week of October. Candidates are advised to visit Health of Sikkim website for the final dates of interview.

Joint Director-HR/NHM
Department of health and Family Welfare
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Cabinet approves...

Engineering Consultants and Marsway Engineering

Consultancy and Construction Services Pvt. Ltd.

(b) Approval of the agreed bid offer of 50 crore inclusive of all taxes.

(c) Approval to create an independent project implementing and monitoring team.

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19 on the 18th of September, 2020. He said that the State has lost a brave warrior who never shied away from serving the people through her noble profession. He said that the Government is pained at her death as she was the first health worker who lost her life to the virus. He said that the services of late Mrs. Sundas will always be remembered. She has left behind her husband and two sons. The Chief Minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of late Mrs. Basanti Sundas.

The Chief Minister also paid his tribute to all the people in the State who have lost their lives battling against COVID-19 and said that the Government stands in solidarity with their families and loved ones.

The Chief Minister made a special mention of the selfless service of all the COVID-19 frontline warriors.

The Obituary Reference was also participated by members Mrs. Raj Kumari Thapa and Mr. D.R. Thapa.

The House observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls.