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## Foundation stone of eco-tourism pilgrimage complex laid



**Gyalshing, November 30:** The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang laid the foundation stone of Vrindavan Dham, a eco-tourism pilgrimage complex at Dodak, today. The Dham expands over an area of 10.78 acres of land

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister, Mr. P.S. Tamang expressed his gratitude towards those whose endeavors for Vrindavan Dham has become reality and for the success of the programme. The Chief Minister added that when this project gets completed, will boost pilgrimage tourism in west Sikkim, providing various employment opportunities to the locals while attracting tourists from every corner. He directed the concerned department to complete the project within the stipulated time with quality construction work.

Speaking on the health sector, the Chief Minister informed that the State Government is working continuously to tackle the

pandemic situation in Sikkim. The Government has given health sector the top priority and is providing the best medical facility and infrastructure in all the districts so that the people of Sikkim can avail and have access at their doorsteps. He further informed that on the availability of COVID-19 vaccine the State Government would provide the vaccine free of cost to the people of Sikkim.

The Chief Minister in his address motivating the farmers said that production incentives would be given to those farmers who produces more agricultural products.

Earlier, the Chief Minister visited Urgyen Choeling Monastery in Dodak and assured that the Government would look into the demands of the monastery at the earliest.

The programme also saw the felicitation of 17 land donors who donated the land for the project.

## Chief Minister meets Governor

**Gangtok, November 27:** The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad called a meeting with the Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at Raj Bhavan to take stock of preparation of the State in view of the surge of COVID-19 cases all across the country, today.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary (Raj Bhavan), Mr. Bhagwan Shankar.

During the meeting, Governor directed the Administration to be more cautious and vigilant as the cases are in surge in the State like;

Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi etc.

The Governor stressed on guru mantra of use of mask, social distancing, personal hygiene and avoid unnecessary movement to win the battle against COVID-19.

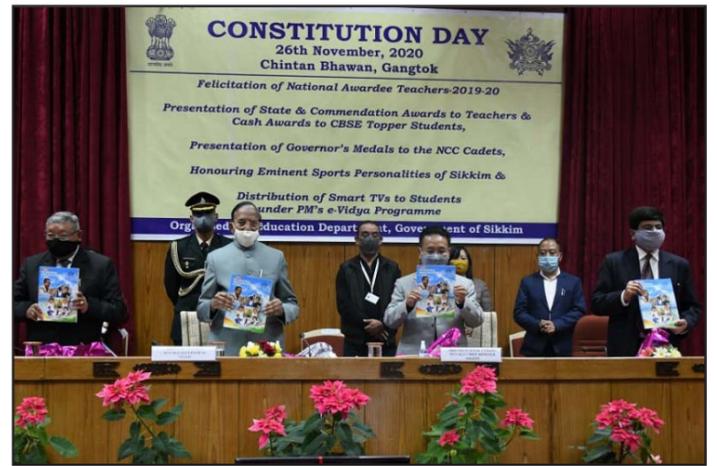
Meanwhile, the Chief Minister informed the Governor that the State is fully prepared to tackle COVID - 19 cases.

The Chief Minister assured that the Sikkim government will work closely with the direction of Central Government to contain the COVID - 19 case.

## Constitution Day Observed

**Gangtok November 26:** The Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Diwas was observed at Chintan Bhawan, today. The programme was organised by the Education Department. The Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad attended the programme as the chief guest while the Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang was the guest of honour. Also present at the programme were Minister for Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, Cabinet Ministers, Political Secretary to Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta, Heads of Departments, former government bureaucrats, Senior officials and staff of the various departments, Army officials, teachers, students and the NCC cadets along with the press and media.

The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Governor, Chief Minister and the dignitaries on the dais while paying tribute to the portraits of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. It may be mentioned here that because of COVID-19 lockdown in September and the demise of the former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Mr. Sanchaman Limboo, programme for the



Teacher's Day and Children's Day events were also incorporated today.

On the occasion, the student of Namchi Senior Secondary School read out the Preamble to the Constitution of India, which was then followed by a welcome song, composed particularly for the occasion and performed by the students of Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School.

The Governor began his address by greeting the Chief Minister, dignitaries and everyone at the gathering. He highlighted the importance of a democracy and the need to observe the Constitution Day. He congratulated the NCC

cadets, the students, teachers and sports personalities who received the awards. He also urged the people to work together in combating COVID-19 and also emphasized not to take the pandemic lightly. He expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity to interact with the students and teachers and particularly commended the discipline and achievements of NCC cadets. He said that he was proud of the cadets and hoped that they would go on to serve the country wholeheartedly. He also encouraged all the younger sports enthusiasts of the State to follow

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## 13<sup>th</sup> e-Convocation of ICFAI University held

**Gangtok, November 26:** The 13<sup>th</sup> e-Convocation of ICFAI University was held at the Conference Hall of a local hotel at Gangtok, today.

The convocation was attended by the Vice President of India Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu via video conference from New Delhi and joined by the Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad as the guest of honour, the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, was the special guest of honour, Minister for Education Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary (Education Department), Mr. G.P. Upadhyay, Vice Chancellor of ICFAI University, Sikkim Dr. Jaganath Patnaik.

The ceremony began with lighting of ceremonial lamp.

Graduating students were awarded Bachelors and Masters Degrees in various disciplines with exceptional performers being awarded Gold and Silver medals.

In his address, the Vice President Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu extended his greetings to all



present at the convocation both physically and virtually. He stated that virtual convocations have become the new trend and commended the ICFAI faculty for organising this e-Convocation successfully despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Vice President went on to congratulate the students, the professors and the parents for the day, a grand culmination of the efforts, sacrifices and dedication put in by all. He especially congratulated the students for

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### Pearls of Wisdom

*I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse.*

*-Florence Nightingale*

## District Diary

### Mega Health Camp organised at Gyalshing

**Gyalshing, November 30:** A daylong Mega Health Camp was organised at Government Senior Secondary School Bermiok, today. More than five hundred people undergone free medical check up, who all were examined by medical specialists including Cardiologist, Gynecologist, Ophthalmologist, Orthopaedic, Pediatrician, Surgeon, Medicine and ENT Specialists, Anaesthesiologist and Dentists. The participants were also provided prescribed medicines free of cost.

While addressing the gathering, the Minister for Agriculture Department Mr. L. N. Sharma extended heartiest gratitude to the entire health professionals for conducting Medical Camp. He also applauded Gyalshing Bermiok Yuva Samaj and Indian Medical Association (IMA-Sikkim) for taking up such noble initiative. Further he commended Bermiok Senior Secondary School for making necessary arrangement for the medical camp smooth functioning.

He also shared his vision to make Bermiok Government Senior Secondary School as one of the model schools and informed that required infrastructures of Science Block will be established, for which fund of 20 Lakh has already been sanctioned by Niti Ayog. Further he also added to construct additional infrastructures of Basketball Ground and Pavilion.

Earlier, Minister Mr. Sharma inspected the newly upgraded infrastructures of the school.

### Minister L.N. Sharma launches initiative Transforming Health Care in West Sikkim

**Gyalshing, November 24:** Minister for Agriculture, Mr. L.N. Sharma launched the initiative "Transforming Health Care in West Sikkim. Under this, the West District Administration will work on upgradation of the medical infrastructure in the district right from the level of the District Hospital, PHCs to PHSC. The programme will also seek to achieve the goals laid down by NITI Aayog under the Aspirational District program and aim to make West Sikkim among the best Aspirational districts in health sector.

Mr. Sharma said that under the leadership of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, the State Government has set the vision of providing quality healthcare to every citizen of the state. He stated that the state has made significant progress in healthcare sector and within a short span of time,

the infrastructure in the district hospitals have been significantly improved. He said that dialysis centres, blood banks and ICUs have been set up in the district. The earlier shortage of medical professionals has been sorted out today and specialists are being posted to the districts for the benefit of the public.

The West District Administration under the CSR support has set an ambitious target to achieve top-notch Health Care for all. West District has sought the CSR funds of Rural Electrification Corporation for procurement of various medical equipment like Digital X-Rays, Ultrasound machine, Ventilators, Cardiac monitors, Dental chairs etc. With these, the District Health Department will be able to significantly improve.

Mr. L. N. Sharma thanked the Rural Electrification

Corporation for lending their support in the development of the health infrastructure of the district. He complimented the CMD Rural Electrification Corporation for providing funds under which, various medical equipment have been procured and PHCs of the district. He also acknowledged the work done by the District Magistrate Mr. Karma R. Bonpo for taking up the initiatives in the health infrastructure of the District with the support of REC.

The CEO, REC Foundation, Mr. Srinivas Nagesha Rao joined the programme through Video Conference and stated the role of REC in electrifying the entire country. He stated that REC is playing an important role in implementing various power sector schemes of the

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### School Food Festival at Namchi Central Park

**Namchi, November 27:** A three-day food festival commenced at Namchi Central Park, today. Organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Namchi and District Administration had the presence of SDM (Namchi) Mr. Agawane Rohan, NYK (Coordinator) Mr. Muskan Rai, officials and other stakeholders.

It may be mentioned that,

this food festival is only limited to school students. Three schools, namely, New Secondary School, Namchi Senior Secondary School and Girls Senior Secondary School participated in the festival. The aim of this festival is to highlight the concept of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and to inculcate entrepreneurship skills amongst

the young students so that these youths can be motivated and can pave the way for local business opportunities for other students.

The food festival was celebrated duly adhering the COVID-19 protocol and impeccable hygiene was observed by the students while preparing and giving the food.

### Three-day paddy harvest festival concludes

**Gyalshing, November 24:** A three-day long paddy harvest festival which was held from November 21 at Toyang concluded today amidst various cultural and sporting events.

Minister for Agriculture Department, Mr. L.N. Sharma was the chief guest of the occasion. Minister for PHE, Mr. Bhim Hang Limboo was patron of the festival.

The festival was organized to promote agriculture and to create awareness among the

farmers about beneficial aspects of agriculture as a sustainable sector.

Mr. Sharma in his address briefed about the initiative taken by the organizing committee and maintained that paddy harvest festival would definitely help propagate and promote agriculture. He said that the state government has many farmer-centric initiatives and schemes to bring about greater development of agricultural sector in the state.

Further, he spoke about the Provision of loan which is easily available for the farmers to start their new ventures. The state government is committed to uplift the face of agriculture in the state and the farmers will be facilitated through various agricultural initiatives, he added.

The programme also saw the final volleyball match between Toyang and Kyongsa, where Kyongsa was declared winner of the tournament.

### 10 bedded ICU inaugurated at District Hospital Gyalshing

**Gyalshing, November 24:** Minister for Agriculture Department, Mr. L. N. Sharma inaugurated the 10 bedded ICU in District Hospital Gyalshing, today. This ICU has been set up as per the directions of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang and is a giant step

toward significantly revamping the health infrastructure of West District.

The Chief Minister's vision is to provide quality health care to all the citizens of the state and has made the upgradation of infrastructure of the District Hospital a top

priority.

The ICU has been set up under the funding of Aspirational District Programme of NITI Aayog and using the CSR funds of Rural Electrification Corporation, NHPC and Power Grid.

### Final Meeting of Krishi Loan Mela held

**Namchi, November 26:** The final meeting concerning Krishi Loan Mela was held at DAC, Conference Hall, today. The meeting organized by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Agriculture and Horticulture Department had the presence of SDM (HQ) Mr. Chiran Rizal, Additional Director (AH/VS) Dr. Mala Bajgai, Reserve Bank of India (AGM) Mr. I. Y.T Namcho, Lead Bank (Chief Manager) Mr. Gopal Lama, DDM (NABARD) Mr. Rupen Lamichaney, bank managers from various other banks along with staff of the concerned department.

Addressing, the gathering SDM (HQ) Mr. Chiran Rizal spoke about the importance of this mela and highlighted the proactive role that the banker's need to play in order to carry forward the Krishi Loan. He pointed out that it is crucial for the farmers and the banker's to understand the various components clearly before availing this loan. He also added that the banker's need to be specific while handing out the loan to the farmers and updated that the bank is responsible to guide the applicants while dispensing of the loan.

Credit Linkage Facilitator Mr. Pradeep Bhandari spoke about the aim and objective of this loan. He also informed that krishi loan mela will assist the

farmers and build up the economy in rural areas which will be facilitated by the agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry division.

Additional Director Dr. Mala Bajgai urged the gathering to work in tandem for the successful implementation of this loan. She added that the concept of this loan should be properly understood by both the parties.

Resource Persons Mr. Gopal Lama and Mr. I. Y.T Namcho underscored that the bankers need to aptly comprehend the intention of this loan. As, this loan mela is to uplift the economic standard of the farmers, they added to the bankers present during the meeting to be properly informed before disbursing the loan. They collectively emphasized that this Krishi Loan Mela is one of the important ideation of the Sikkim State Government aimed for elevating the living standard of the farmers and urged the bankers to relentlessly support the State Government in this endeavor.

During the course of the meeting an open discussion was held between the participants and the department. Various loans under Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry were also discussed in detail.

### District Level Nasha Mukata Campaign Committee meeting held

**Namchi, November 21:** The District Level Nasha Mukata Campaign Committee meeting was held in the chamber of DC (South), Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, who is the chairperson of DLNMCC, South.

The following agendas were discussed by the DLNMCC:

1. Awareness Generating Programme for students of schools and colleges once in a month and to form students' club to discuss the matter and spread awareness about drugs.

2. The committee shall visit the respective Integrated Rehabilitation Centre and Hospital to monitor counselling and treatment facilities once or twice in a month.

3. The committee shall identify the master volunteers

for identification of users and taking them to Rehabilitation Centre or Hospital for counselling and treatment.

4. The committee shall focus on most affected areas in terms of substance and alcohol abuse.

5. The committee has identified the spot like Mazigoan, Jorethang, Mamring, CCCT Chisopani and Namchi surrounding. And in the first phase these areas shall be focused

6. The committee shall conduct a meeting once in a month to review the previous activity plan of the meeting.

7. The priority of the committee is to save the youngsters from addiction and to make them work together to curb the menace of Drug addiction in society.

### Jal Jeevan Mission meet held

**Mangan, November 25:** Jal Jeevan Mission meet was held in the chamber of District Collector (North), today. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman/CEO, DC (North) Mr. Tenzing T Kaleon. The objective of the meeting was to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household. To prioritize provision of FHTCs in quality affected areas. To monitor functionality of tap connections. To assist in

ensuring sustainability of water supply system i.e. water source, water supply infrastructure and funds for regular O&M and to bring awareness on various aspects and significance of safe drinking water and involvement of stakeholders in manner that make water everyone's business.

There are 200 schemes in North Sikkim. 38 lies in Mangan, 51 in Passindang, 49 in Chungthang and 62 in Kabi.

**Sikkim Organic Farming Development Agency  
Agriculture Department  
Government of Sikkim, Krishi Bhawan  
Tadong-737102, Gangtok**

Memo No: .49/JD/MOVCD-NER/SOFDA/2020-21.

Dated: 27.11.2020

**POST HARVEST FUNCTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER SCHEME  
MISSION ORGANIC VALUE CHAIN  
DEVELOPMENT FOR NORTH EASTERN REGION (MOVCD-NER).**

Sikkim Organic Farming Development Agency under Agriculture Department, Government of Sikkim, invites Project Proposal for creation of various functional infrastructures from eligible entities viz. Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), Private Entrepreneurs & Others for credit linked subsidy schemes under the scheme MOVCD-NER. The list of projects available for availing subsidy are as follows.

A.	List of projects.		
SL. No.	Name of Project	Particulars.	No. of units available.
1.	Integrated pack house	Assistance for FPOs shall be restricted to 75% of Total Financial Outlay (TFO) or 37.50 lakhs whichever is less as credit linked subsidy. Assistance for Private entrepreneurs shall be 50 % of TFO or maximum of 37.50 lakhs whichever is less as credit linked subsidy.	2 nos.
2.	Refrigerated transport vehicle up to TFO of 25 lakh	Assistance for FPOs will be restricted to 75% of Total Financial Outlay or 18.75 lakhs whichever is less as credit linked subsidy. Assistance for Private entrepreneurs shall be 50 % of Total Financial Outlay or maximum of 18.75 lakhs whichever is less as credit linked subsidy.	4 nos.
3.	Pre-cooling/ cold stores/ ripening chambers up to TFO of 25 lakh	Assistance for FPOs will be restricted to 75% of Total Financial Outlay or 18.75 lakhs whichever is less as credit linked subsidy. Assistance for Private entrepreneurs shall be 50 % of Total Financial Outlay or maximum of 18.75 lakhs whichever is less as credit linked subsidy.	2 nos.

**B. Eligibility Criteria:**

\* Private entrepreneurs should hold Sikkim Subject certificate or be a COI holder.

\* Should be a registered firm and be in operation for at least 2 years.

The application along with complete project proposal should be submitted by 4 PM of 22/12/2020 addressed to the Additional Director (MOVCD-NER), SOFDA, Agriculture Department, Krishi Bhawan, Tadong.

The details of Project components, eligibility criteria can be obtained from the office of Additional Director (MOVCD-NER), SOFDA, Agriculture Department, Krishi Bhawan, Tadong.

Sd/-

Additional Director  
MOVCD-NER Section  
Agriculture Department

R.O. No.159/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:27/11//2020

**Health and Family Welfare Department  
Government of Sikkim**

Memo no.215/CHSO/20-21

Dated:24.11.2020

**NOTICE**

The e-tender called by H & FW DEPARTMENT for the "PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENTS, CONSUMABLES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR VARIOUS HEALTH FACILITIES, H & FW DEPARTMENT" as per advertisement published in www.sikkimtender.gov.in vide tender ID 2020\_HCHSF\_466\_1 and in local newspapers vide R.O. no.144/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, dated 11/11/2020 "hereby stands postponed till further notice".

Director CHSO

H&amp;FW Department

R.O. No.156/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:24/11//2020

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer,  
Baluwakhani, Gangtok -Sikkim**

No:Elec/288/2020/ 2383

Dated: 11 /11 /2020

**NOTICE**

This is for general public information that the Special Summary Revision with reference to 01.01.2021 as qualifying date will commence w.e.f. 16.11.2020 as per the schedule given below:

**Revision Activities**

1	Publication of integrated draft electoral roll	13.11.2020 (Friday)
2	Period for filing claims & objections	16. 1 1.2020 (Monday) to 15.12.2020 (Tuesday)
3	Special campaign date	21.11.2020 (Saturday) & 22.11.2020 (Sunday) & 5.12.2020 (Saturday) & 6.12.2020 (Sunday)

All the eligible citizen are requested to register their names in the Electoral Roll from 16.10.2020 to 15.12.2020, for more details please visit [www.ceosikkim.nic.in](http://www.ceosikkim.nic.in)

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer,  
Sikkim

R.O.NO.145/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21(i),Dt: 12/11/20

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**Health and Family Welfare Department  
Government of Sikkim  
Gangtok**

No.1729/H&amp;FW

Dated:23.11.2019

**CORRIGENDUM**

The following corrigendum are hereby made on RFP document of "SETTING UP FACILITATION CENTER FOR MANAGING SU SWASTHA YOJNA FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM" as per advertisement vide R.O. no. 124/IPR/PUB/Classic/20-21, dated 03/11/2020 published in newspaper and uploaded in Sikkim Government website www.sikkim.gov.in.

1. Providing the office space/infrastructure for the facilitation centre is the scope of service provider. In event, department provides the office space/infrastructure for facilitation centre to the service provider the rental cost for the same shall be charged as per the prevailing Government rates.

2. The detail SOP for the functioning of the facilitation centre shall be worked out at the time of drawing of agreement.

Director (NCD)

H&amp; FW Deptt., Govt. of Sikkim

R.O. No.155/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:24/11//2020

**Government of Sikkim  
Home Department  
Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok**

No.205 /GEN/HOME

Dated:20/11/2020

**NOTICE**

Shri Rahul, Safaikarmachari, Home Department is absenting from his duty since 13/10/2018 without applying leave and his whereabouts is not known. He is, therefore, directed to report to Home Department within 10 days of publication of this notice failing which disciplinary action will be initiated against him. All his family members, friends and well wishers are requested to kindly convey the content of this notice to him.

Sd/-

Under Secretary (Adm.)

Home Department, Govt. of Sikkim

R.O.NO.151/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21 Dt: 23/11/20

**Government of Sikkim  
Home Department  
Tashiling, Gangtok - 737101**

No:745/Home/2020

Dated:04.11.2020

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In pursuance to the para 4(c) of the Guidelines No. 225(5)2013-D (Res-II) dated the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, applications are invited from the eligible candidates for inclusion of their names in the panel list for the selection of Director, Sainik Welfare-cum-Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board. The eligibility criteria shall be:

1. The candidates should be Ex-Servicemen either retired or discharged from the Indian Armed Forces.

2. The Ex-Servicemen (ESM) (O) should be of the rank of Brigadier/Colonel or of equivalent rank from the Navy or the Air Force.

3. Candidates should have had a clean record of service and good character.

4. The age of the Ex-Servicemen should not be more than 60 years of age.

5. 1<sup>st</sup> January of any vacancy year will be the crucial date for reckoning the eligibility of the applicants for the post covered under the guidelines. (Para 3(a), (e) and 7(a) of the Guidelines).

The interested candidate who fulfils above eligibility criteria may submit their applications along with the supporting documents to the Joint Secretary (Confdl), Home Department on or before 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

Joint Secretary (Confdl)

Home Department

Home/Confdl/182/1994/01 Pt.

R.O. No.139/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21(i), Dt:09/11//2020

**Government of Sikkim  
Buildings and Housing Department**

Memo No. 244/27/GOS/B&amp;H/west/19-20

Date: 5/11/2020

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, 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 ITI building at Chumbung Soreng in West Sikkim" with tender value of 328.00 Lakhs. The details will be available at the website [www.sikkimtender.gov.in](http://www.sikkimtender.gov.in). The bidding document can be viewed in the website w.e.f. 12<sup>th</sup>/11/2020 after 1.00 pm.

-Sd-

Superintending Engineer(S/W)

Buildings &amp; Housing Department,

Government of Sikkim

R.O. No.135/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21(i), Dt:06/11//2020

**Government of Sikkim  
Office of the Member Secretary  
Sikkim Biodiversity Board  
Forest & Environment Department  
Deorali, Gangtok-737102**

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No.12(16)/GOS/FED/SBB/MS/341

Date:26/11/2020

**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW**

Applications are invited from all interested and eligible candidates for a walk-in- interview which is to be conducted by the Sikkim Biodiversity Board on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 11.00 at Barbet Hall, Forest Secretariat, Deorali. Detail of the post is as follows:

Sl No	Name of Post	No of Post	Qualification	Remuneration	Job description
1	Multi-Purpose Office Assistant -II (contractual)	01	Std -XII Pass	12110/- per month	Typing letters/notes, etters/file dispatch, (preference shall be given to vehicle driving skill )

Candidates must submit the following documents to the office of the Member Secretary, Sikkim Biodiversity Board at the time of interview:

1. Attested Copy of educational qualification.
2. Attested Copy of Certificate of Identification/Sikkim Subject.
3. Work experience certificate, if any.
4. Attested Copy of valid employment card.
5. Attested Copy of driving licence if any.
6. All other relevant supporting documents.

Dr D Manjunatha, IFS

Member Secretary

Sikkim Biodiversity Board

For queries contact: 08250895719, 8918804395

R.O. No.158/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:26/11//2020

**Government of Sikkim  
West District Zilla Panchayat  
Zilla Panchayat Bhawan,  
Gyalshing, West Sikkim-737111**

No. 283/WDZP

Dated:26.11.2020

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Sealed tenders are invited from interested persons/parties for renting/leasing out the below mentioned property of West district Zilla Panchayat, Gyalshing.

Sl No.	Property	Address	Base lease value
01	Zilla Guest House	Kyongsa, Gyalshing	30,000/- p.m.
02	Cafeteria at Sikkip	Legship-Jorethang Highway	10,622/- p.m.

The terms and condition of tender are as follow:-

1. The terms form may be obtained from this office on production of **Deposit Receipt of 250/- from the HDFC Bank, Gyalshing deposited in the A/c No. 50100359380391** for the cost of tender form during office hours. The tender received without TDR shall not be accepted.
2. The tender duly accompanied by temporary deposit of 1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand) only each refundable as security deposit from State Bank of Sikkim in favour of Accounts Officer, West District Zilla Panchayat should reach the office of the undersigned on or before **10.12.2020 from 10 AM to 12 NOON.**
3. **The bids shall be opened at 2 PM** the same day in the office of the undersigned in presence of the bidders. The bidders have to abide by the terms and conditions laid down in the bid form.
4. The successful bidders shall deposit the full amount of one (01) year in **Advance in HDFE Bank, Gyalshing in favour of West District Zilla Panchayat, Gyalshing in A/c No. 50100359380391**
5. Interested parties can inspect the above property on or before **10.12.2020** with te permission of the undersigned during office hours.
6. The tender should be accompanied by valid teade license, COI/RC documents to be eligible.
7. Quotations below base lease value will not be entertained.

Upa-Sachiva-cum-District Planning Officer

West District Zilla Panchayat

R.O. No.160/IPR/PUB/Classi/20-21, Dt:30/11//2020

**Department of Information and Public Relations  
Government of Sikkim, Tadong, Gangtok  
ATTENTION**

Instances of non-receipt of Sikkim Herald in various Departments have been reported even though the same are being delivered by the Department regularly.

In view of above, it is proposed to deliver the Sikkim Herald to a designated delivery point in different Departments through a designated contact person (Nodal Officers) which will facilitate in keeping track of regular delivery of Sikkim Herald to them.

Although some Departments have already complied, there are still few Departments who have still not designated a Nodal Officer for the same. Kindly intimate the name, designation and contact number (both landline & mobile) of the Nodal Officer who will be responsible for receipt of Sikkim Herald in their respective Departments at the earliest to the undersigned.

Assistant Director (Pub.)

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Mob.No. 7908097115

**LIST OF NATIONAL, STATE & COMMENDATION AWARDEE  
TEACHERS-2020**

Sl. No.	Name of teacher	Name of School
<b>National Award</b>		
1.	Mrs. Archana Gurung (Principal)	Jorethang SSS, South
2.	Mr. Lomas Dhungel (GT, Maths)	Makha SSS, East
<b>Commendation Award</b>		
1.	Ms. Trinity Grace Namchu (PRT)	Tadong SSS, East
2.	Mr. Pranaya Pradhan (PRT)	Tarpin SS, East
3.	Mr. Hom Nath Sharma (PGT Phy.)	Rhenock SSS, East
4.	Mr. Deoraj Bagdas (GTM)	West Point SSS, East
5.	Mr. Dawa Bir Tamang (PRT)	Kolbong PS, West
6.	Mr. Tuk Bahadur Thapa (PRT)	Pakkigaon SS, West
7.	Mrs. Gauri Pradhan (GTA),	Pelling SSS, West
8.	Mr. Prabin Gurung (GTA)	Rinchenpong SS, West
9.	Mr. Shanti Lepcha (PRT)	Tingvong SS, North
10.	Mr. Topden Lepcha (HM)	Namprick JHS, North
11.	Mrs. Tshering Doma Bhutia (GTA)	Singik SS, North
12.	Mr. Dal Bahadur Thapa (PRT)	Dhargaon PS, South
13.	Mr. Tam Tshering Lepcha (HM)	Lower Ramabong PS, South
14.	Mr. Karma Wangdi Bhutia (HM)	Bermiok Thangsing JHS, South
15.	Mrs, Sushma Sharma (GTA)	Namthang SSS, South
<b>State Award</b>		
1.	Mrs.Pema Doma Bhutia (PRT)	Adhampool JHS, East
2.	Mrs. Indra Kala Sharma (GTA)	Lumsey JHS, East
3.	Mr. Phigu Tshering Bhutia (PRT/HM-IC)	Singpheng PS, West
4.	Mrs. Deepa Allay (GTA)	Mangalbarey SSS, West
5.	Mr. Mingma Sherpa (PRT)	Lum PS, North
6.	Mrs. Passang Doma Lepcha (GTA)	KGSSS, Kabi, North
7.	Mr. Suk Bahadur Tamang (HM)	Politam PS, South
8.	Mrs. Nevika Kafley (PRT)	Bermiok Athing Rai Bdr. SSS, South

**Education Department  
Government of Sikkim**

Reference No:2679/GOS/GDN(ED)/4 Dated:20/11/2020

**NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER NO:**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Chief Engineer, Education Department, Government of Sikkim, invitese-tendering Bids from the eligible registered contractors of appropriate class for the work listed below:-

**Name of Work: "Construction of Government Degree College Phase-II at Yangthang Gyalshing in West Sikkim".**

BID VALUE	35,86,60,236.00
DATE OF PUBLISHING IN E - TENDERING PORTAL OF SIKKIM GOVERNMENT ( <a href="http://www.sikkimtender.gov.in">www.sikkimtender.gov.in</a> )	27.11.2020 (11.00 AM onwards)

The intending contractors / tenderers may visit the e-procurement portal of Government of Sikkim [www.sikkimtender.gov.in](http://www.sikkimtender.gov.in)

Sd/-

Chief Engineer,

Education Department.

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## Horticulture Department announces result of online essay competition

**Gangtok, November 26:** The Horticulture Department announced the result of online essay competition organised for the students of secondary, senior secondary and college level this evening. The essay competition was held through online mode on 30<sup>th</sup> September amongst three categories.

Minister, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, Mr. L. N. Sharma, addressing the media at his chamber at Tashiling Secretariat, announced the names of the winners of the online essay competition. He also stated the importance of engaging students in creative assignments through online mode.

The Minister mentioned that the event was organised under the guidance of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang on various subjects, like agriculture, horticulture and allied sectors including Sikkim towards green economy, post harvest management, opportunities and challenges in horticulture sector, sustainable agriculture, use of technology in agriculture and horticulture sectors, COVID-19 and its impact on economy and agriculture. The department is now aware and has conscious views and ideas of young generations towards agriculture and horticulture sectors through the competition, he added. The Minister also underlined the significance of agricultural sector and dependence of human society

on farming profession to ensure healthy and fulfilled life even during the time of crisis.

The Minister informed that Rupna Khawas from Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School secured first position while Ashika Limboo from Government Senior Secondary School Rangpo and Kritika Sharma from Government Secondary School Langang obtained second and third position at Secondary level, respectively.

Similarly, in the category of Senior Secondary level, Mr. Florencia Pradhan from Government Senior Secondary School Sadam occupied the first position while Tshering Lazom Bhutia from West Point Senior Secondary School and Laksha Shree Pradhan from Tashi Namgyal Academy secured second and third position, respectively.

The student of Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College Tadong Sangay Rinchung Lepcha topped the essay competition in the college level competition while Nidhi Pradhan from Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing and Adarsh Rai from Central Agriculture University stood second and third position, respectively.

The winners of first, second and third position in the category of secondary level will be presented with cash award of 20,000/-, 15,000/- and 8,000/- respectively.

Similarly, the winners of first, second and third position at Senior

Secondary level category will receive cash award of 30,000/-, 20,000/- and 10,000/-, while the winning students of college level category will also be presented cash award of 50,000/-, 30,000/- and 20,000/-.

Besides, top three winners in each category, the Department of Horticulture will also provided with consolation cash prize of 20,000/- each, to five best performing participants in three categories as well.

The Minister also added that the assessment and evaluation of essay was done by the experts nominated by the Education Department. The State government will introduce subjects of agriculture and allied sectors in the academic syllabus from Class VI onwards, he added.

In his concluding note, he appealed the people to adopt agriculture and horticulture with new energy and spirit to enhance the productivity at large scale.

Earlier, Secretary Horticulture Mr. M.T. Sherpa briefed on the objectives of essay competition. He mentioned that the Schools were closed due to COVID-19 pandemic and the department came out with an initiative to engage the students on the productive assignments. The prize money along with certificates will be awarded to the winners and participants in a programme being organized shortly.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of SISCO held

**Gangtok, November 27:** The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of Sikkim State Co-operative Bank Ltd was held in the hall of a local hotel, today.

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of SISCO Bank Mr. Dup Pintso Kaleon, Registrar of Cooperative Society, (RCS) Cooperation Department Mrs. Jabi Thapa, NABARD, General Manager Mr. Diwakar Hegde and attended by all Directors of Sikkim State Co-operative Bank. The Officers and Staff of SISCO Bank and members of the various MPCs also attended the programme.

The Chairman, SISCO Bank while addressing the gathering expressed his joy and immense pleasure on being part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of SISCO Bank. He talked about his responsibility as a Chairman to forward the legacy of the bank and congratulated the employees of the bank who maximized service to the customers despite of the COVID-19 pandemic. He further assured everyone that the Indian economy will create more opportunities for which the bank will be able to reach to the next level.

Talking about the development of bank, Mr. Kaleon said that the bank had taken various internal decisions and initiatives to deliver long term growth. He concluded his speech with sincere appreciation for the unconditional support of the bank

by the stakeholders.

During the welcome address, Managing Director, SISCO Bank, Mrs. Pema Chenzom gave a brief history of SISCO Bank and informed about its journey which had started 22 years ago in 1998. Talking about the 14 SISCO branches around the State, she emphasized that the ultimate goal of the Bank is to expand further.

RCS, Co-operation Department, Mrs. Thapa apprised everyone about the SISCO Bank of Sikkim doing better than other States of India. She talked about the new changes in the structure of bank, which are sure to take the bank to greater heights in the future. She stressed on the importance of today's meeting which will select new board members of the bank. Touching on the subject of roles and responsibilities of the new board members, she said that they also should focus on the objectives of the bank.

Mrs. Thapa gave a brief report of the statistics of the bank by informing everyone about 4,118 co-operative societies with 1.17 lakh members. She also requested support from all the stakeholders and the new board members to take SISCO bank to new heights.

General Manager, NABARD, Mr. Diwakar Hedge, congratulated the bank on the growth of deposits and appreciated the profits through it.

He emphasized on expanding the bank through new products, by adopting new technology and diversification to help the farmers. He concluded his speech by congratulating the bank for positive statistics this year and hoped to reach greater standards next year.

DGM, SISCO Bank Mr. R.L. Sharma welcomed the guests and placed the agenda. He highlighted on the Clause 6(d) of the Bye Laws as per the guidelines of RBI which states freely transferable on payment of a transfer fee of 50 for every share to be transferred subject to the provision that the shares held by the Government of Sikkim shall not at any time be more than 25% of the total issued and paid up capital of the bank. Perhaps, this has been replaced by the BR Act (amendment) 2020 under section 2 which states that:

1. "No person shall be entitled to demand payment towards surrender of Shares issued to him by a Co-operative Bank, and

2. A Co-operative bank shall not withdraw or reduce its Share Capital except to the extent and subject to such conditions as the Reserve Bank may specify in this behalf."

During the programme, the following agenda were approved and passed by the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting.

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## NHIDCL to invest on Sikkim roads over a period of three years

**Gangtok, November 26:** The Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta chaired a meeting of NHIDCL officials with Secretaries of concerned State Government Departments along with District Magistrates to discuss the ongoing NHIDCL projects as well as those on the pipeline, today.

The NHIDCL was represented by the Managing Director, Mr. Keshav Kumar Pathak, who is on a visit to Sikkim from New Delhi for inspection of the work sites.

During the meeting, a presentation was made by Executive Director, NHIDCL, Mr. M.S. Sodhi, wherein it was stated that NHIDCL would be investing around 6,577 crores on the roads projects in and around Sikkim in the next three years. The timeline for the projects was also shared in the presentation and is reproduced as below for information of all:

Name of Road Total Length in km Estimated Completion date as follows:

1. Rhenock-Rorathang-Pakyong-Ranipool 81.004 30.03.2022

2. Rolep-Chochenpheri-Nenla 42.873 30.05.2023

## Sikkim's first 24/7 Television Network launched

**Gangtok, November 27:** Hamro Varta Publication launched Sikkim's first 24/7 Television Network, today. Minister for Information and Public Relations Department, Mr. L. N. Sharma inaugurated TV Network "Hamro Varta Print & Digital Media"- News you can trust, established at DPH.

After inauguration of Head Office of TV Network, the Minister along with the dignitaries, visited the Production Control Room and the Recording Studio and further officially launched the TV Channel and aired the broadcast. The Minister congratulated the team on the success of the launch in his recorded message.

The Minister in his inaugural address, marked the day a historic and constructive in the field of journalism. He expressed his happiness and recalled challenging circumstances tackled by the Daily Newspaper Hamro Varta at the beginning of publication. Further, he shared its popularity and success in gradually reaching urban and rural population in all districts. He also emphasised on role and responsibility of press and media and advised to work with ethics of journalism and stability at any

3. Singtam-Tarku-Rabongla 648.2005.04.2022

4. Rabongla-legship-Gyalshing 57.71 09.05.2023

5. Rangpo Viaduct 1.123 31.03.2021

6. Rangpo-Ranipool 28 10.06.2022

The Chief Secretary stated that the road projects under NHIDCL are of great strategic value and also of importance to the people of the State. He directed all the concerned Departments to extend full support to NHIDCL for timely completion of the projects. The issues relating to shifting of people and handing over the land in those cases where compensation amount has already been paid should be expedited. The proposals pending for cutting of trees falling in the land required for the road constructions should also be expedited by the Forest Department.

Further, the District Magistrates were asked to conduct monthly review meetings with concerned line Departments and NHIDCL officials to clear all pending issues.

situation for sustainable and professional journalism. The Minister also acknowledged hardships and impediments normally faced by the members associated in the field of journalism.

He congratulated the Hamro Varta media house on behalf of the Chief Minister and wished for consistent progress and successful journey ahead. Further, he assured to extend all possible support from government.

President, Press Club of Sikkim, Mr. Joseph Lepcha also addressed the gathering and drew light on sense of responsibility and work ethics of journalism.

He also extended best wishes on behalf of press fraternity for new achievements and success.

Earlier, Editor Hamro Varta Mr. Saran Karki and Editor-In-Chief Mr. Ratan Gurung also shared their views and experiences across the journey of Hamro Varta.

The Minister and the dignitaries also unveiled a vehicle of the Media House.

The newly launched TV Channel can be accessed on Hathaway Channel No. 325.

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## Constitution Day...

their passion sincerely. The Governor also remembered the frontline warriors who lost their lives, stating that they have lived exemplary lives which will become examples for others. He concluded his note by advising all, especially to the youths that one should move in sync with the changes in time, which will further help India become self-sufficient and self-reliant.

In his address, the Chief Minister welcomed everyone at the gathering. He congratulated the recipients of the awards. He started his address stressing on the democratic rights of the nation and in the same tone, reminded that with fundamental rights and democratic freedom, one should have an equal sense of responsibility to the nation. He spoke about defence force of the country who leave no stone unturned in keeping the country safe and secure. He also stated the significance of Article 371 F and assured that the State government works assiduously to safeguard the rights of the Sikkimese. He further said that the government believes in the unity of all communities in taking the state forward. He remembered the frontline warriors who lost their lives while helping the state combat the disease. He also thanked and applauded the sports personalities from the past for laying a strong foundation in sports, which will surely play an effective role in the future of the state. He also extended his gratitude to the teachers for their sedulous service in helping shape the future of the students. He reminded all about the challenges brought about by COVID-19 pandemic that has changed the face of the world but stated that Sikkim has taken every effort and provided every necessary measure, from health to basic commodities for one and all. He requested everyone to be cautious and adhere to all protocols and SOPs. He stated that the education sector is one of the priority sectors of the government. He said that he hoped it would be the quality of

education in Sikkim that would bring about recognition for the state from within and outside the country. He assured that Sikkim would not lack any IT support/facility in the near future as the government is committed to working towards the Information Technology sector. He also reiterated that required infrastructure for educational Institutes in the state would be revamped appropriately to provide the best of learning experience for the students. He also informed the benefits and advantages of digital education under the PM eVidya scheme and urged the students to make proper and complete use of the smart TVs that were distributed for learning and enhancing their minds. He also announced that under Chief Minister's meritorious Scholarship scheme, the students from classes six to eight will be catered to the reputed Schools within the State. He said that from class nine up to college level, the students would be given scholarships to renowned schools, colleges and universities outside the State. He further announced that Sikkim Manipal University will now have 50 free seats for Sikkimese students pursuing M.B.B.S from next year. He concluded his address by assuring to develop each and every sector in Sikkim earnestly and also announced that the monthly salary of Part Time Instructors under Samagra Siksha would be enhanced from 7000/- to 15000/-.

Minister Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, in his address reiterated the importance of Constitution Day. He expressed his happiness regarding the progress made by Sikkim in the education and sports sector as well as the commendable commitment of the NCC cadets. He also made a special mention of the teachers who received the National Teacher's Award and also acknowledged the veteran sports personalities and said that he hoped their contribution would serve as an inspiration to the coming generations. He assured complete government support and encouragement in the field of education and sports. He also wished the students for their future and hoped that Sikkim

would rank first in all spheres of life.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya in his address touched on the significance of Constitution Day, its origin and the importance of a democratic nation. He stressed on the importance of the Education sector and emphasized on value education that incorporates learning with respect for elders, nature, and society and stated that the students of Sikkim have such value education instilled in them. He also spoke on the challenges faced by the department and teachers because of the pandemic and how the department tackled these obstacles through diligence and commitment in spite of the virus outbreak. He urged the students to make full use of the smart TV that were distributed for the online classes. He also said that a free three-year maintenance service will be provided to them. He reiterated that recently launched additional facilities at Science Centres would enhance the students to hone their Science and Mathematical skills. He also announced that all colleges in the State have high-speed Internet connection. He added that soon seven new Masters course in three colleges at Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, Sikkim Government College, Kamrang and Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing have been added to the curriculum. He concluded his address wishing and hoping that the event would inspire teachers and students both to build a self-sufficient and reliable future.

As a part of Prime Minister e Vidya scheme, Smart TVs to the students from classes 8 to 11 of the State were also distributed. It is pertinent to mention that Sikkim is the first state in the country to implement this scheme. Students from all the four districts received smart TV from the Governor and Chief Minister.

On the occasion, CBSE topper students of class X and XII board examinations from various schools all over the state were awarded for their distinctions, which were followed by the award ceremony. It included Topper Schools Award, Commendation

Awards, State Teacher's Award and National Teacher's Award. Thereafter, the programme also saw the presentation of Governor's Medals to thirty-six NCC cadets, who have excelled in various disciplines.

The Governor then presented ex gratia cheques to the next of kin of three frontline warriors who succumbed to COVID-19 virus in the line of duty. Family members of Late Basanti Sundas, Late A.B. Biswakarma and Late D.K. Rai were presented with the cheques.

During the programme, a biography of eminent sports personalities titled, 'First Generation of Eminent Sports Personalities of Sikkim' by the Sports and Youth Affairs Department was also released by the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and other dignitaries on the dais. The eminent sports personalities of Sikkim from yesteryears as well as those currently contributing to the field were honoured with a copy of the book.

During the programme, Principal, Rangpo Senior Secondary School, Dr. Hannah Yonzon, National Awardee - 2019 was also felicitated.

Similarly, the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (SSLSA) on the occasion of 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India, observed Constitution Day at the Conference Hall of SSLSA, Development Area, Gangtok on November 26.

The Day was observed with reading of the 'Preamble', to the Constitution of India, lead by Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, SSLSA, Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, along with Member Secretary, Officers and Staff of SSLSA. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the Executive Chairperson got connected with the Office Bearers and Staff of SSLSA through virtual mode (Video Conferencing).

Similarly, the 04 District Legal Services Authorities (D.L.S.As) (East Sikkim at Gangtok, West Sikkim at Gyalshing, North Sikkim at Mangan and South Sikkim at Namchi) and 09 Taluk Legal Services Committees (T.L.S.C.s) (East Sikkim at Gangtok, East

Sikkim at Rangpo, West Sikkim at Gyalshing, West Sikkim at Soreng, North Sikkim at Mangan, North Sikkim at Chungthang, South Sikkim at Namchi, South Sikkim at Jorethang and South Sikkim at Yangyang) also observed the 71<sup>st</sup> Constitution Day at their Offices in their respective Districts/ Sub-Divisions with the Chairpersons/ Ex-Officio Chairpersons reading the 'Preamble', to the Constitution of India along with the Panel Advocates, Para-Legal Volunteers and staff.

Also, Sikkim ENVIS Hub of Forest Department facilitated the celebration of Constitution Day on November 26<sup>th</sup> in coordination with 856 eco-clubs at schools and colleges across the State. The Preamble to the Constitution of India was read out at the forest secretariat premise administered by CCF Mr. D.C. Nepal, district forest offices, schools and colleges to promote constitutional values among citizens.

Clean up drives of respective office and institutional premises were conducted by officers and staff, teachers and students. Taxi Driver Associations of major towns such as Jorethang, Gyalshing, Mangan and Gangtok also conducted clean up and sensitisation drive at the respective premises. Waste bins, gloves, face masks, hand sanitisers were distributed to safai karmacharis. The programme was conducted as a part of Swachhata Action Plan 2020-21 funded by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) also observed Constitution Day at SMU Secretariat.

Vice-Chancellor, SMU, Lt. Gen (Dr) Rajan S. Grewal, accompanied by Prof (Dr) Karma Sonam Sherpa, Registrar, SMU and Prof (Dr) Ashis Sharma, Director, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT) virtually joined the President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind at 11 AM who lead the nation in the reading of the Preamble as a part of Constitution Day Celebrations to commemorate the adoption of Constitution of India via live telecast.

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## 13<sup>th</sup> e-Convocation...

achieving the feat of the university degree which is still a privilege to many and asserted that they now have a bigger responsibility towards serving the nation, the society, their families and themselves. He also spoke about the New Education Policy that has been envisioned by the Government at the centre and asserted that the value based education system being promoted by the New Education Policy (NEP) is the need of the hour and this system will go a long way in building resilience in the learners to face any adversity in life. He asked the educators to take inspiration from the holistic vedic education and understand the vision of the NEP. Highlighting that values had always been emphasised in our ancient

systems, the Vice President stated that our vedas and upanishads mandate our duties towards self, family, society and nature. He emphasised that we were taught to live in harmony with nature. The Vice President stressed on the importance of learning from nature and asked the students to follow the values enshrined in our ancient culture.

He concluded his address with a message for the students to move forward with honesty, sincerity and confidence.

The Governor Mr. Ganga Prasad in his address extended his hearty congratulations to the students for completing an important phase of their lives and expressed his well wishes on entering the next one. He encouraged the students to face every challenge with courage and knowledge to successfully overcome all adversities. He lauded the students for sailing

admirably through their academic journey due to their hard work and perseverance and exhorted them to move forward with the same spirit and determination. He mentioned that the students are now equipped to serve the nation to the best of their abilities and called on them to strive for excellence in everything they seek.

In his address, the Chief Minister, expressed his pleasure in being in the midst of an august gathering. He congratulated the students graduating and said that this was a momentous day as all their academic efforts over the years have come to fruition. He said that this day marks a milestone in the lives of the students as they are entering into a new stage. He expressed that with the knowledge and value education gained over the years at the institution, the students will be equipped to ably handle the

challenges thrown at them.

He acknowledged many sacrifices made by the students, the teachers and the mentors in the academic journey and said that it was a proud day for all. In conclusion, he said that the students are the country's next generation of managers and leaders and wished them growth towards effective leadership wherever life takes them. He urged them to strive towards peace and prosperity and ensure harmony in the society.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor of ICFAI University Dr. Jaganath Patnaik delivered the welcome address where he welcomed the Vice President of India, the Governor, Chief Minister and other dignitaries and distinguished guests. He thanked all for being a part of the Convocation ceremony which is a day of significance for all those associated with the institution. In his address, the Vice

Chancellor also briefed the gathering about various initiatives taken by the University in assisting the unemployed youths of Sikkim and also promising collaborations with other universities. He stated that even during the pandemic the University has grown stronger and managed to stay connected and upto date by organising webinars. He congratulated all the students for achieving a commendable feat in their academic life and wished them success for the future.

The Convocation ceremony saw the Conferment of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) to Dr. Achyuta Samanta-MP/Lok Sabha and Founder of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, and to Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Gurudevji- Founder of Art of Living Foundation.

## Cabinet approves and sanctions proposals

**Gangtok, November 25:** A Cabinet Meeting chaired by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang was held at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

During the meeting following decisions were approved and sanctions by the cabinet.

### Roads and Bridges Department

Administrative approval of 155, 97, 82,000/- and additional financial sanction of 27,96, 29,000/- for up-gradation of carpeting of Namchi-Phongla – Mamring road in South Sikkim.

Administrative approval of 22,98,76,000/- and additional financial sanction of 11,94,43,000/- for the construction of link road from Lower Payong to Middle Lingee via Lower Lingee under Yangang sub-division in South Sikkim.

### Agriculture Department

Approval and financial sanction of 2, 22, 22,000/- for the implementation of Rain fed Area Development (RAD) scheme during current financial year 2020-21.

### Home Department

Approval for creation of a post of Confidential Assistant (CA) in the Level 9 of the Pay Matrix of the Sikkim Government Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2018 in the Chief Secretary's Office under Home Department.

### Department of Personnel

Approval of the Terms and Conditions of deputation of State Government employees to Public Undertakings, autonomous bodies or other bodies wholly or partially owned and controlled by the

Government of Sikkim.

### Social Justice and Welfare Department

Administrative approval and financial sanction of 3,50, 00,000/- for Construction of OBC Girls Hostel at Government Degree College at Burtuk in East Sikkim.

### Horticulture Department

Administrative approval and financial sanction of 54, 36,000/- construction of boundary fence at Government Horticulture Farm, Majhitar in East Sikkim.

### Home Department

Approval to constitute a Board named "Sikkim Film Promotion Board" and amend the Sikkim (Allocation of Business) (Amendment) Rules, 2019 and placed it under the administrative control of Information and Public Relation Department.

### Department of Personnel

269.13 Approval to amend Rule 9 and Rule 10 of Sikkim Government Servant's Conduct Rules, 1981 regarding insertion of electronic media, public media including social media websites.

### Culture Department

269.15 Administrative approval of 6, 38, 64,000/- and financial sanction of 2,00,00, 000/- for construction of Lebumba Pungwa Ne Ing Yuk Him (Manghim) at Darap in West Sikkim.

### Department of Personnel

269.16 Approval of the procedure for determination of the Date of Initial appointment of temporary employees (Muster Roll) under Urban Development Department for the purpose of

grant of terminal benefits.

### Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services

269.17 Administrative approval and financial sanction of the following with regards to establishment of New Multispecies modern abattoir at Gyaba, Gyalshing in West Sikkim:

i. Approval and sanction of the project costing 3, 49, 95,000/-  
ii. Approval and sanction of additional amount of State share of 593.83 lakhs  
iii. Approval to transfer 12,42,43,000/- as State share to Escrow account maintained by SLP & DC Ltd.

### Skill Development Department

Administrative approval and financial sanction of 72, 00,000/- as Central Share for implementation of Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) Scheme in the State of Sikkim.

En-bloc administrative approval and financial sanction of 2, 39, 00,000/- implementing Skill Development Trainings under State Grant-in-aid.

Administrative approval and en-bloc financial sanction of 1, 98, 00,000/- for implementation of Skill Acquisition and Knowledge for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) in the State of Sikkim.

### Roads and Bridges Department

Approval to amend the Notification.No.515/R&B/PWD/ Secy Dated 12.06.2018 pertaining to eligibility criteria of Contractors for E-Tendering of works.

## Speech Contest on "Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi Today" for School children held

**Gangtok, November 27:** A Speech Contest on "Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi Today" for school children in an around Gangtok was held at Manan Kendra, today. The programme was organised by Culture Department, Government of Sikkim in collaboration with Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, which has been organising different programmes to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi from 2<sup>nd</sup> October till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020.

On the occasion, Vishal Kumar Sha of Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School bagged the first position followed by Apeksha Uniyal of Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School and Ritam Santra of Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, respectively.

The contest was organised in the presence Secretary Culture Department Mrs. Sherap Shenga and also attended by Incharge and representatives of different Schools, participants, officials and staff of Culture Department.

The Joint Director Culture Department Mrs. Sonam Wangmu Shenga, Principal of Sichey Senior Secondary School Mrs. Yangchuk Donka and Assistant Director IPR Department Mrs. Karma Tshering

## 67<sup>th</sup> All India Cooperative Week Celebration 2020

**Gangtok, November 20:** The closing ceremony of the 67<sup>th</sup> All India Cooperative Week was held at Conference Hall, GPK Assam Lingzey, East Sikkim jointly organised by Sikkim State Cooperative Union and Cooperation Department, Government of Sikkim.

Advisor for Cooperation Department, Mr. J.B. Basnett was the chief guest of the event and was accompanied by Vice Chairman, SICUN, Mr. T.O. Lepcha, Secretary, Cooperation Department, Mr. A.B. Rai, Additional RCS, Cooperation Department Mrs. Javi Thapa, were the guest of honour. The theme for Cooperative Week celebrations was "COVID Pandemic - Atmanirbhar Bharat Cooperative."

At the outset of the ceremony CEO, SICUN, Mr. Karma Gelay Bhutia gave the welcome address. Messages of the Governor, Chief Minister, Minister for Cooperation Department and the Chairman of SICUN regarding the Cooperative week celebration were read out by Cooperative Educators of SICUN. The

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### Minister...

Government of India. Apart from its normal activities, a significant budget is being provided annually for CSR activities. Under its CSR, it has taken up the development of seven Aspirational Districts in the

Dolma Bhutia were the esteemed panel of judges.

The Secretary of Culture Department thanked the judges and welcomed all the participants, teachers and incharge of the various schools.

The students were well prepared and exhibited great oratorical skills and rhetoric to convince the audience. The participants had shown great confidence and ably expressed themselves that made their arguments, more interesting and lively.

The performance of the speakers were met with applause and cheers from the audience.

The event witnessed the participants from different schools, namely, Bojoghari Senior Secondary School, Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School, Enchey Senior Secondary School, Modern Senior Secondary School, Tadong Senior Secondary School, Sichey Senior Secondary School and Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School.

Later, Secretary of Culture Department also extended a free membership for accessing State Library to all the participating students along with certificates and gift hampers.

programme was conducted by Executive Officer, SICUN, Mr. Phadung Bhutia.

Mr. A.B. Rai in his address said that co-operators have to be self-reliant. He also mentioned that cooperative has to be more focused on branding, positioning and marketing of their products. For this, the cooperative societies in the grassroot level can take help from SIMFED for marketing and the milk producers can get help from Sikkim Milk Union and poultry farming cooperative societies can take help from DACS, he added.

Ms. Thapa said that there are lots of schemes for the cooperative societies given by the Central Government as well as the State Government to boost cooperative societies; and that, it is time for people to come forward with innovative ideas and make full utilisation of it. She mentioned that the government is also working on women empowerment and has provided schemes exclusively for women including cutting and tailoring.

country and West Sikkim is one such district. He expressed his delight on West Sikkim being among the first Aspirational district to submit project under the health and education sector and was pleased to know that some of the projects are nearing completion. He further stated that REC will continue to support West Sikkim in its development.

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### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual...

19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018-19.

2. The Annual Report of the Bank for the year 2018-19.

3. The Audited Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and Auditors Report of the Bank on 31 March 2019/ for the financial year ended on 31 March 2019-20. The Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss account for the year 2018-19 as approved by the General Body which was published in local newspaper as per statute and requirements of the regulators.

4. Sanction of the profit to various reserves for the year 2018-19, as recommended by the Board of directors- the appropriation of profit as approved by the General Body was duly accounted for.

5. Dividend for the year 2018-19 as recommended by the Board of Directors. The divisible approved by the General Body was distributed to all the shareholders as per their eligibility.

6. The capital budget of the bank for the year 2019-20 along-with the vis-s-vis the estimates during 2018-19. The capital budget for 2019-20 as placed before the General body was duly approved and the same has been reckoned as the basis for such capital expenditure during the relevant period. The actual position has been depicted as a separate agendum in the current

meeting.

7. Annual Business Budget for the year 2019-20 along-with the budget estimates vis-a-vis the actuals for 2018-19. The Annual Business budget for 2019-20 as placed before the General Body was duly approved and the same has been reckoned as the basis for such business expenditure during the relevant period. The actual position has been depicted as a separate agendum in the current meeting.

8. Income and Expenditure budget of the Bank for the year 2019-20. The Income and Expenditure budget for 2019-20 as placed before the General Body was duly approved and the same has been reckoned as the basis for such Income and Expenditure during the relevant period. The actual position has been depicted as a separate agendum in the current meeting.

9. To fix up the maximum borrowing power of the Bank for the year 2019-20 in terms of the provisions of the Bye Laws of the bank, The Sikkim Co-operative Societies Act, 1978, Rules 1981 as amended from time to time. The maximum borrowing power of the Bank for the year 2019-20 as proposed by the Board and as approved by the General Body was never exceeded during the relevant period.

During the meeting, the Bank distributed the Award to the "Best Performing Society" which is based on the diversified activities of the societies and is

an effort from the bank to recognize the commendable work done by the MPCS towards rural development and benefits of the members. The prize money of 50,000/-, 40,000/- and 30,000/- for the first, second and third position, respectively.

The Best performing Society are as follows:

1. Luing Perbing in the first position,
2. Aho Yangtam in the second position and
3. Ravang Sangmo in the third position.

The programme also saw the distribution of mementos and appreciation letter to former Board of Directors.

The token of appreciation for the 14 Branches of SISCO Bank for hard work and dedication in the COVID-19 pandemic was also distributed.

The meeting also saw the conduct of election for the new Board of Directors, SISCO Bank. As many as 13 candidates had filed their nomination papers for the posts of eight, Board of Directors, as three are reserved posts. With the voting and counting process, the results of new Board of Directors declared, which are as follows;

Aita Maya Rai, Tashi Doma Bhutia, Kishore Kumar Sharma, Shiva Kumar Sharma, Phip Raj Limboo, Devi Prashad Sharma, H.B.Gurung, Vishnu Kumar Chettri and Dorjee Dadul Bhutia.

## Chief Minister attends virtual meeting chaired by Prime Minister

**Gangtok, November 25:** The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang joined the Chief Ministers and the representatives of all the States/UTs of India for a virtual meeting, which was chaired by the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi to corroborate on a coordinated plan for vaccine distribution in the country, today.

During the meeting, the Chief Ministers of several states gave updates about the COVID-19 situation in their respective States/UTs. The Prime Minister requested everyone present to start with the preparation for the transportation, storage and

distribution of the vaccine once it is available.

Dr V.K. Paul (NITI Aayog) gave an informative presentation regarding the vaccine and the approaches to be adopted during the various stages.

The Prime Minister informed everyone to bring forth their suggestions for an efficient implementation of the plan and to be prepared beforehand for a smooth process once the vaccine is accessible.

Union Home Minister, Mr. Amit Shah was also present during the conference.

## CS chairs 1<sup>st</sup> State Steering Committee meeting for COVID-19 vaccine introduction in Sikkim

**Gangtok, November 27:** Government of India has begun its preparedness for possible introduction of COVID-19 vaccine and a National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has been formed as the highest group that will guide the strategies for vaccine introduction. It is anticipated that initially the supply of vaccine will be limited in view of huge demand hence prioritization of socio-demographics group will be done for vaccination and subsequently other groups will be included for vaccination.

With this in view, a State Steering Committee has been formed with the Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta as the Chairman to develop a coordination mechanism at the state and district level for assessment of various activities like cold chain availability and its augmentation, preparation of database of Health workers etc to ensure readiness for the introduction of COVID-19 vaccine in Sikkim.

The first meeting of the State Steering Committee was held in Tashiling Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, today.

The meeting was conducted by the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim and attended by Heads of Departments (Members of the SSC), and senior officers of the Health Department.

The objective of the meeting was to sensitise the State Steering Committee on the new development regarding the vaccine, and to discuss on various aspects of planning and implementation of the vaccine programme in the State, with coordinated efforts from all concerned.

A detailed presentation on the objective of the meeting and the preparedness on COVID-19 vaccination was made by Principal Director cum MD (NHM), Dr. T. Yamphel.

Mr. Gupta, in his address said that the COVID-19 vaccination programme has to be done exactly in same way as all vaccination programmes in the past which have been carried out successfully by the State Government. The first task would be to select the groups to be vaccinated in the first phase and the logistical requirements thereof. He called for coordinated efforts from all the designated departments at every stage.

He maintained that the COVID-19 situation in the State is stable yet there is need for all necessary precautions.

The meeting also discussed the new guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home, Government of India. The District Collectors also briefed on the COVID-19 situation in the districts, and their response to the new guidelines issued by the Government of India. The need to increase institutional testing and introduction of mobile testing facilities was also discussed. The logistical preparedness of the State for the proposed vaccination programme was also discussed in detail. Dr. P. Denzongpa, DHS, RCH cum State Immunization Officer, provided a brief report of the logistics being planned.

The meeting had the presence of Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Mr. V.B. Pathak, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of various other Departments. The meeting was joined through video conferencing by the District Collectors, Army officers, Paramilitary Forces, and officers of WHO.

## Portable Labs for 4 Model Schools of Sikkim under CSR initiated

**Gangtok, November 29:** Mr. Nischal Narayanam, the owner of Nischal's Smart Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd, based in Hyderabad, today called upon the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at Mintokgang together with the Minister for Education Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha and Additional Chief Secretary Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya. Mr. Nischal is a prodigy who has created two Guinness Records for memory mapping and completed his double post-graduation at the age of 18 and is also the youngest Chartered Accountant in the country.

The Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to Mr. Nischal Narayanam and thanked him for having provided the four upcoming model schools of Sikkim with portable labs for Mathematics and Science subjects. The Chief Minister also expressed his happiness to meet such a personality and that he would like similar labs to be set up in all Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools of Sikkim.

Earlier, setting up of Microscale and Portable Labs was launched in West Point Senior Secondary School by Minister for Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha. West Point Senior Secondary School is one of the four schools in Sikkim being developed as model school.

State Project Director (Samagra Shiksha), Mr. Bhim Thatal, welcomed the dignitaries. He also mentioned that the Samagra Shiksha would be collaborating with the Nischal's Smart Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd. for setting up such laboratories for Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology in all the Secondary



and Senior Secondary Schools of Sikkim.

Mr. Upadhyaya gave a brief note about the labs. He also mentioned that requisition for these laboratories will be placed in the Project Approval Board of the Samagra Shiksha for inclusion in Annual Work Plan and Budget so that the entire funding required for such laboratories can be met from the central funding. Mr. Nischal Narayanam, gave a presentation and demonstrated the lab materials. Addressing the event, the Minister Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha expressed his gratitude to Mr. Nischal Narayanam for having provided all the four model schools with such laboratories. He further mentioned that the State of Sikkim has a long way to go further towards improving upon the learning of Mathematics and Science subjects and supports from Mr. Nischal would certainly help achieve goals.

This microscale lab consists of laboratory apparatus and materials for Physics, Chemistry and Biology for classes 6 to 10 and

Mathematics for classes 1 to 10. The total value of the lab materials for all the four schools is 20 lakh, which have been provided free of cost under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of the of Nischal's Smart Learning Solution. The lab is designed with the idea of Kinaesthetic Learning, which is learning by doing. The speciality of this lab is that it is portable and it needs a space of only 9 square feet area. The materials are eco-friendly. The laboratory manuals supplied have pictures which are mapped with Augmented Reality, that is by scanning the picture the 3-dimensional picture, will pop up with detailed instructions. These labs will surely change the mindset of students towards learning Mathematics and Science and the teachers will find it interesting to clear the concepts. These labs will be set up in other three model schools of the Sate viz; Namthang Senior Secondary School, Hee-Gyathang Senior Secondary School and Chota Samdong Senior Secondary School.

## DC East chairs Jal Jeevan Mission meeting

**Gangtok, November 30:** A meeting of Members of District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) was held at the Conference Hall of East District Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, DAC Complex, Sichey today. The District Collector, East cum Chairman/CEO (DWSM), Mr. Ragul K, presided over a District level meeting for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The main objective of the programme was to provide administrative approval by members of District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM) from line departments of the District Government to allow in-village water supply schemes at district level.

Government of India has restructured and subsumed the ongoing National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) into

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to every rural household i.e., Har Ghar Nal Se Jal (HGNSJ) by 2024. The goal of JJM is to provide functional household tap connection to every household with service level at the rate of 55 litres per capita per day.

Present in the meeting alongside the District Collector, East were Ms. Radha Pradhan, Additional District Collector, Development; Mr. Sonam Gyatso Bhutia, District Planning Officer-cum-Member Secretary, DWSM; Ms. Neelam Rai, Superintendent Engineer, EDZP and other Officers from line departments.

Mr. Ragul, who is also the Chairman CEO of JJM said that the co-ordination of all line departments was necessary and hoped all the Government institutions of the district will be

involved in the project. He directed the representatives of Education Department to make sure that all schools must have continuous water supply. Likewise, he directed the Social Justice and Welfare Department to make sure that there was continuous water supply in all the ICDS centres of the district. In the end, he urged all the line departments of the government to co-ordinate properly to make this mission a success.

Ms. Neelam Rai in her brief address apprised everyone about the 10 BACs from East District have submitted estimates for water related issues and the estimates shall soon go to the Apex committee.

During the session, the administrative approval for in-village water supply schemes at district level was approved by the members of DWSM in the meeting.

## Speaker and Deputy Speaker SLA attends 80<sup>th</sup> All IPO Conference

**Gujarat, November 25:** Speaker (SLA) Mr. L.B. Das and Deputy Speaker (SLA), Mr. Sangay Lepcha attended the 80<sup>th</sup> All India Presiding Officers' Conference

held in Kevadia, Gujarat from November 24 to 26.

The three-day Conference was inaugurated by President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind.

Dignitaries from different States of India participated in the Conference. The Conference was broadcasted live on DD News and Lok Sabha TV.

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