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48th State Day celebrated



Gangtok, May 16: To commemorate the formation of Sikkim as the 22nd State of Indian Union, the 48th State Day of Sikkim was celebrated in a function held at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok, today.

The event was graced by the Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya as the chief guest and the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the guest of honour. Also present were the Speaker, SLA, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, MPs Lok Sabha and Rajya

Sabha, other dignitaries, awardees, special invitees, and officers of the State Government among others.

The function began with garlanding and offering of khadas by the dignitaries on the statue of Padma Vibhushan Late Mr. L.D. Kazi, the first Chief Minister of Sikkim, in the premises of Chintan Bhawan.

The programme was followed by a flagging-off event of eight new ambulances for the State Government Colleges. The distribution of these vehicles is a

significant step towards addressing health emergencies in educational institutions, providing students with quick access to medical attention in need.

The ambulances were distributed to Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College, Tadong, Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, Sikkim Government College, Rhenock, Sikkim Government College, Namchi, Sancha Man Limboo Government College, Gyalshing, Sikkim Government Arts College, Mangshila, Sikkim Government Vocational College, Dentam and Sikkim Government Science College, Chakung.

Similarly, to improve the healthcare infrastructure in Sikkim, two Mobile Laboratory Services Vehicles were handed over to the Chief Medical Officer of Mangan and Gyalshing District Hospitals.

The Mobile Laboratory Services Vehicle is a state-of-the-art facility equipped with a broad spectrum of diagnostics in Biochemistry, Microbiology and Molecular Diagnostics, particularly for infectious diseases with modern medical equipment and technology. The facility has

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C-20 National Conference held

Gangtok, May 13: The C-20 National Conference-Sikkim Chapter in the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' was organised by the Chinmaya Mission, Sikkim at Chintan Bhawan, today.

'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - World is One Family' is one of the fourteen Working Groups under C-20 India 2023 that provides space for global Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to deliberate on the application of oneness and explore paradigms of spirituality, culture, regenerative development, minimalism, conflict avoidance and environmental consciousness.

The inaugural session was attended by Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya as the chief guest and Speaker SLA Mr. Arun K. Upreti as the guest of honour, accompanied by Minister for Education Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, Minister for Roads and Bridges Mr. Samdup Lepcha, Resident Mentor, Chinmaya Mission, Chennai & National Coordinator, C-20, Swami Mitranandaji, and Mentor, Chinmaya Mission Mumbai, Puja Swami Swatmanandaji, on the dais.

Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya, said that 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', a Sanskrit phrase that translates to 'World is One Family' is an ideal that resonates with Indian culture and beliefs and promotes the inclusive vision of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'.

He stated that 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' emphasises on the idea of universal brotherhood and the inter-connectedness of all human beings, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, religion, or other social divisions. It promotes the notion of creating a united and functional world that requires a collective commitment to change and a willingness to work together towards common goals.

It is time for us to collectively work towards handing over to our future generations a world that is not divided, fragmented and dysfunctional, but one that is united, cohesive, and functional, he added.

He also spoke about how 'local to global' should be the direction of progress and further highlighted the need to prioritise sustainable practices to combat

global issue of climate change and protect natural resources by adopting clean energy solutions, promoting eco-friendly industries, and adopting sustainable lifestyles.

Stressing the importance of spirituality, culture, and environment consciousness, the Governor hoped that the deliberations of the C20 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' will imbibe the spirit of oneness at the grassroots. He also expressed gratitude to the Chinmaya Mission and C20 team for organising the Conference in the State.

Speaker SLA said that the C20 National Conference, under India's G20 Presidency, has been deliberating and incorporating the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' to reinforce the unity of humanity through its various Working Groups. The spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' encourages people to transcend narrow boundaries and work towards a world where peace, love, and mutual understanding prevail, he added.

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Sikkim Organic Food Summit and Buyer Seller Meet inaugurated



Gangtok, May 12: Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya inaugurated the five-day Sikkim Organic Food Summit and Buyer Seller Meet, 2023, organised by Department of Commerce and Industries, Government of Sikkim, in collaboration with Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) at MG Marg, today.

Also present were MLA Gangtok Mr. Y.T. Lepcha, Mayor Gangtok Mr. Nell Bahadur Chettri, Executive Councillor GMC, Secretary Department of Commerce and Industries, Secretary UDD Department, Secretary Raj Bhawan, Director

MSME, Executive Joint Industrial Advisor, AD MSME Division Commerce and Industries Department, Enterprise Development Manager MoFPI, and officials from various line departments.

The Buyer-Seller Meet aims to give exposure to individual entrepreneurs and SHGs. The forum enables meetings between exhibitors and buyers from domestic and international markets, fostering direct contact. 35 stalls and 60 entrepreneurs of various Self-Help Groups and

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Governor visits various places in Ravangla Sub-division

Namchi, May 09: Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya visited various places at Ravangla Sub-division, today. He was accompanied by MLAs Mr. T. T. Bhutia and Ms. Raj Kumari Thapa, DC Namchi, SDM Ravangla, SDPO and other officials.

The Governor visited Densa Palchen Chosling Monastery at Ravangla, VCGL Senior Secondary School, Lall Bazar ICDS (Anganwadi Centre) and Doling Tharlam Changchup Ling Mani Lhakhang and Doling Lake, which is under Mission Amrit Sarovar.

The Governor sought blessings from His Holiness 12th Goshir Gyalsab Rimpoche at the monastery. Thereafter, he attended a programme at VCGL Senior Secondary School in Ravangla.

He expressed that students should set goals early in their life so as to achieve their objectives and become nation builders. While interacting with the students, he urged them to draw inspiration from Ganju Lama, the recipient of the prestigious Victoria Cross and make an effort to bring laurels to the State and the nation.

The Governor also inspected the Lall Bazar ICDS (Anganwadi Centre) and interacted with the Anganwadi Workers. He underlined the significance of Anganwadi Workers and the important role that they discharge in early childhood care and education. He also distributed basic utilities to the school for upgradation of students and teaching faculties.

Pearls of Wisdom

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently."

-Maya Angelou

District Level Mock Drill organised in Namchi District

Namchi, May 12: A District Level Mock Drill on earthquake-induced calamities was organised by Namchi District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) in coordination with Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) under the aegis of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) at various points across Namchi, Ravangla, and Namthang, today.

The mock drill was supervised by DC Namchi cum Responsible Officer Mr. M. Bharani Kumar along with ADC Namchi Mr. Anant Jain, ASP Namchi Mr. Parshu Sharma and other officials.

The entire drill process was done in the presence of the Observer for Namchi District Major Yogesh Gurung from the Indian Army.

As a part of the exercise, an earthquake measuring 7.1 magnitude was simulated followed by an emergency siren cautioning the public about the disaster. Thereafter, RO/DC along with the district officials assembled at the District Control Room set up at Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) wherein, the RO monitored and assessed the damages caused by the earthquake. Various tasks in the respective areas were also assigned to the incident commanders.

A real-time mock exercise was carried out based on different aftermath scenarios of earthquake at DAC Namchi, Central Park, Namchi District Hospital, VCGL Ravangla, and Alkem Pvt. Ltd. (Chemical Hazard).

Mock drill conducted in Mangan district

Mangan, May 12: Mangan district conducted a mock drill as a part of the State-level mock drill on earthquake disaster, carried out at pre-designated locations in and around the district, today.

The mock exercise was planned and executed through an Incident Response System (IRS) designed by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

The mock drill aims to evaluate the preparedness of the disaster management authority and forces of the district administration to effectively tackle any adverse situation when faced with any disaster. The mock drill also aims to ensure response to any disaster in a well-planned and coordinated manner between different departments and agencies.

The exercise was supervised by DC Mangan also the Responsible Officer Mr. Hem

A scenario was enacted at the District Hospital, wherein, the male psychiatric ward collapsed with 5 patients injured. Out of these, 3 were minorly injured and shifted to an alternate ward whereas 2 patients were admitted to the emergency ward for treatment. During the exercise, the hospital received a total of 25 patients, out of which 4 casualties were recorded, 5 patients were critically injured and 16 patients sustained minor injuries.

Likewise, at DAC Namchi, an annex building had collapsed in which 10 people trapped were rescued. Out of 10 people, 3 deaths were reported, 3 suspected with minor injuries, and 4 were found in critical condition. The entire rescue process was led by the Incident Commander cum SDM Namchi Mr. Mahendra Chettri along with the NCC, Police personnel, and quick response team from DDMA and NGOs.

Similarly, a residential building collapsed at Central Park was executed with 8 people trapped inside. Out of 8 people, 4 sustained minor injuries, 3 were critically injured and 1 succumbed to injuries. They received their medical treatment at the district hospital. The rescue operation was led by BDO(Namchi) Mr. Nim Pinto Bhutia along with NCC and Sri Sathya Sai volunteers.

A fire break-out scenario was set up at VCGL Senior Secondary School Ravangla wherein, 10 students were rescued. The rescue team was led by the Incident Commander cum SDM(Ravangla) Ms. Tirsang Tamang along with SDPO

Ravangla Mr. Bikash Tiwari, Police personnel, Apada Mitra volunteers, and locals.

A chemical spillage scenario was enacted at Alkem Pvt. Ltd, Mamring wherein, 10 employees were stuck inside. The team led by the Incident Commander cum BDO(Namthang) rescued them following proper safety measures. The evacuees were taken to the nearest hospital for medical check-up.

Additionally, Bhaichung Stadium was designated as a relief camp for the evacuees. The evacuees from the different affected areas were provided a temporary shelter. DCSO (Namchi) Mr. Tenzing Bhutia, the Nodal in-charge supervised all the basic amenities and other supplies such as drinking water, food, and bio-toilets.

Thereafter, DC (Namchi) Mr. Bharani Kumar along with other stakeholders attended a debriefing session conducted by Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, Gangtok. During the session, DC gave a brief report on the incidents of rescue and relief operations taken in the district and suggestions were put forth to improve the mechanism for disaster response in the district.

The objective of the drill exercise was to make logical and effective decisions while coordinating between the district authorities, emergency services, and other stakeholders in any emergencies. The exercise aimed to mitigate and minimize loss of life and property as per the guidelines of the Incident Response System (IRS) under NDMA.

the locations.

The disaster induced mock scenario were carried out at 5 locations in Mangan District, a fire incident at DAC (Record Room), stampede at Government Senior Secondary School Mangan, structure collapse at residential area Mangan Nagar Panchayat, mass casualty management at District Hospital Mangan and Galactic Lake Outburst Flood at Teesta Urja Chungthang. Relief Camp and Responder Unit was setup at Zilla Bhawan Mangan and Zilla Guest Mangan, respectively.

The exercise were conducted in coordination with Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Forest and Health Departments, Indian Army, GREF, ITBP, State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), and other line Departments.

Kumar Chettri, along with the ADC Mangan/ Incident Commander Mrs. Tshering Yangden Shartso, SP Mangan/ Operation Section Chief, ADC(Dev.)/Planning Section Chief, CEO Education/Logistic Section Chief, BDO Mangan/ Liaison Officer and other officers and staff.

A mock scenario was taken into account depicting an earthquake of magnitude 7.1 Richter Scale, which struck at 09:03 am IST, triggering building collapse, fire outbreak, dam outburst and challenges of evacuating people from sites of calamity.

The District Emergency Operation Centre at DAC Mangan, successfully carried out various task assigned for the drill. The staging area was set up at the Community Hall of Mangan from where all the men and machinery were mobilised to all

DC Soreng visits Chewabhanjyang

Soreng, May 09: A team led by DC Soreng Mr. Bhim Thatal made an official visit to Chewabhanjyang under Soreng district, today.

The team comprised of the officials and staff of Departments of Land Revenue and Disaster Management and Forest and

Environment and accompanied by the Officials of Sashastra Seema Bal, Chewabhanjyang led by Deputy Commandant Mr. Nirupesh Kumar.

The objective of the visit was to identify the bordering forest reserve area under Soreng district. Physical identification of

jurisdiction of the district was also carried out.

The visit was also made in order to inspect and verify the cases involving issues of forest land in the area. The team also visited the Indo-Nepal border area from the Soreng side and inspected the border pillars.

Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar visits Namchi District

Namchi, May 13: Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar visited Namchi District, today.

He was accompanied by Minister for Buildings and Housing Department Mr. Sanjit Kharel, MLA Melli Constituency Ms. Farwanti Tamang, DC Namchi Mr. M. Bharani Kumar and officials from line departments.

During his visit, he inspected various locations in Kitam, including the houses built under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Kitam ICDS, Health and Wellness Centre, Village Administrative Centre at Kitam Manpur GPU, and road connected to Gom Village, which is a part of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). He also attended a programme at Kitam Senior Secondary School and interacted with teachers and students.

The Union Minister spoke about Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme, which aims to promote mutual understanding and interaction between people of different States and Union Territories. He emphasised on the importance of unity in diversity and urged the students to take

inspiration from the programme. He encouraged the students to set goals early in life and work hard to achieve them. Moreover, he appraised the students to work collectively in building Atmanirbhar society.

Later, he presided over a meeting with the HoDs of Namchi District at the office of DC, wherein he emphasised on focusing the development of North East states by the Central Government and ensured proper implementation of various central funded schemes.

Further, he highlighted the importance of schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and stressed on the importance of utilizing these schemes to develop the state. He also met with beneficiaries of PMJAY during the meeting.

After the meeting, the Union Minister visited Siddheswara Dham in Namchi, followed by JNMHIH Blind School and an Old Age Home.

Namchi Duathlon 2023 organised

Namchi, May 13: Namchi Duathlon 2023 organised by Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Namchi in collaboration with District Administration Centre under the banner of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan was held at Bhaichung Stadium, today.

Advisor, Skill Development Department Mr. Satish Chandra Rai attended the event along with Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department, Namchi Mr. Kyondit Lepcha.

A total of 60 participants of both male and female categories participated in the Duathlon. The Duathlon was flagged off from

Bhaichung Stadium covering Char Dham crossing Bhajyang road and culminating at Namchi.

From the male category, 1st position was bagged by Tajum Dere from Arunachal Pradesh followed by Sudhanshu Limbu from Darjeeling and Raaz Rai from Salghari Namchi District in second and third positions, respectively.

From the female category, 1st position was bagged by Lindum Kiakia from Arunachal Pradesh followed by Shital Chettri from Siliguri and Sabitri Rai from Namchi in the second and third positions, respectively.

DC Gyalshing chairs meeting

Gyalshing, May 10: DC Gyalshing chaired a meeting regarding the Mani Dungdup Chenmo Puja scheduled to be held from May 23-30, 2023 at Chenrezig Singkham Riwo Potala at DAC, Gyalshing, today.

The meeting was attended by ADC, ADC (Dev.), CMO, SDM, Addl. Chief Engineer Power, DFO(T), Addl. SP, Deputy Commandants, 36th Bn. SSB, SE PMGSY, SE (Roads), Mani Dungdup Committee members and others.

Incharge, Chenrezig Singkham Riwo Potala, briefed about the puja discourse, where Rimpoches and other important

dignitaries and a large number of devotees will participate. He sought support from the District administration to make it successful.

DC assigned the roles and responsibilities of the department officials and informed that the Puja is being conducted for the first time. She also discussed about various logistics and traffic management.

A field visit by all department Heads on May 11 will be carried out to facilitate efficient planning of the event. SDM Hq. Mr. Gopal Chettri has been designated as the Nodal Officer to liaise with the Committee members.

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CLEAN AND GREEN**

**Government of Sikkim
Office of the District Collector-cum-Magistrate
Soreng District, Sikkim-737121**

Memo. No.53/DC(Soreng)

Date:04/05/2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed quotations are invited in the name of Governor of Sikkim from Registered Firm/Supplier registered under Government of Sikkim, from Soreng District, Sikkim for the supply of following items for Sustainable Socio Economic Development of farmers of Gurung community under Soreng District:

Sl. No	Particulars	Specification	Nos
1	Milch Cow with Calf on Foot	1. Jersey Cross Breed 2. Maximum upto Second Lactation. 3. Minimum yeild of 8 (Eight) litre milk per Day	275 nos
2	Milk can	10 litres capacity	275 nos

Terms and conditions:

- The bid should reach the office of the undersigned on or before May 26, 2023 by 1:00 pm. Any bid received thereafter shall not be accepted.
- The bidder should submit Technical Bid and Financial Bid in two separate sealed envelopes superscribed as 'Technical Bid' or 'Financial Bid' as the case may be.
- The bid shall be opened on the same day at 3:00 pm in presence of the bidder (s), if any and Tender Selection Committee constituted for the purpose. Even if all or any of the bidders are not present, the bid shall be opened in presence of the Committee.
- The tender fee of ₹10,000/- Rupees (Ten Thousand) only in the form of Demand Draft and Earnest Money Deposit of ₹5,50,000/- in the form of TDR/Demand Draft from the State Bank of Sikkim/SISCO Bank/ any other Nationalised Bank in favour of District Collector, Soreng District payable at Soreng, should be submitted in the office of District Collector along with the bid.
- The rate quoted should be inclusive of transportation, Insurance of the livestock with one year coverage, medicine, first aid and feed till the distribution.
- The deed of insurance should reach the beneficiaries within 20 days from the date of distribution of livestock, failing which, payment will not be released to the vendor.
- Only the healthy animal with specified yield and lactation, duly examined by concerned Animal Health Professional shall be considered for distribution. If unhealthy and low yielding animal is supplied, the same shall be rejected on the spot and no cost shall be payable to the supplier.
- The following documents in the form of technical bid shall be submitted:-
 - Valid Trade Licence, Firm Registration, GST Registration and GST Clearance Certificates.
 - GST Return and Income Tax Return (if applicable) for the last three financial years.
 - Proof of annual average turnover of not less than ₹50 Lakhs for last three years duly certified by registered Charter Accountant.
 - The statement of financial accounts for last three financial year duly certified by Chartered Accountant.
 - The experience certificate for the supply of live animal to any of the Government Departments /PSUs obtained from any Designated Officer of the PSU or the Government Department, as the case may be.
 - At least one supply order per year not below the value of ₹50 lakhs for last three years for the supply of live animal to government of Sikkim/PSUs.
- The Tender Selection Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the tender without mentioning any reason thereof.
- Any dispute arising during the process, shall be subject to jurisdiction within Soreng District only.

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**Government of Sikkim
Power Department**

No.133/mech/PD/2023-24

Dated:03/05/2023

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed bids are invited from the interested party/bidders for auction of non-serviceable scrap materials lying at Mechanical Workshop, L.L.H.P, Jalipool. The details of which are furnished as under:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quantity	Government valuation (On scrap Basis)
1.	M.S. Circular Pipe & I-Beam	2545.1kg	2545.1 x 18.25 = 46448.07
2.	Winch machine and its accessories	1385kg	1385 X 18.25 = 25276.25
3.	G.I Sheet	200kg	200 X 18.25 = 3650
4.	Welding Machine	60kg	60 X 18.25 = 1095
5.	Sluice Valve	450kg	450 x 18.25 = 8212.5
	Total	4640.1kg	= ₹84,681.82/-

- The bidder should be bonafide Sikkimese, having valid Sikkim Subject/C.O.I.
- Interested parties may contact the office of AE (Mech.), Power Department Room No. 620 for obtaining tender form on production of SBS B/R of ₹1500/- under the Chargeable Head (0801. Power 800. Other receipts 02. Other receipts) from the State bank of Sikkim.
- The auction of the scrap materials will be on. "As is where is basis", and the interested individual / party can inspect the scrap materials on any working day at office hours at Power Complex, LLHP, Jalipool.
- Complete tender form accompanied with valid copy of Sikkim Subject/ C.O.I and the security deposit in the form of TDR amounting to ₹5,000/- (Five Thousand only) in favor of Divisional Engineer (Mech.), Power Department should reach to the office of the Assistant Engineer (Mech.), Room no. 620 on or before 19/05/2023 at 1:00 PM.
- The tender shall be opened on 19/05/2023 from 2:00 PM onwards in the presence of the tender opening committee.

**Sd/-
Divisional Engineer (Mech)
Power Department
(110, i)**

**Health & Family Welfare Department
Government of Sikkim
District Hospital Gyalshing
West Sikkim-737111**

Memo No: 08/Accts/23-24

Dated: 01.05.2023

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS

Sealed Quotations are hereby invited from interested registered FIRMS/Agencies having GST Registration Number for the outsourcing of diet supply for the in-patients of 100 bedded District Hospital Gyalshing, West Sikkim for the year 2023-24 on the following Terms & Conditions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Any local reputed mess service provider / catering firms having minimum of 5 years experience in the said profession / service having the following documents may apply:-

- Sikkim Subject / Col
- Valid certificate of registration with UD&HD or any other competent authority.
- Valid firm registration certificate.
- Solvency certificate of 10 Lakhs (should be in the name of firm).
- Experience certificate of 5 years in running a mess/catering.
- GST registration certificate in the name of firm.
- Valid health license from FSSAI.

2. The interested party may collect the tender form (technical & financial) and diet menu from the Office of the CMO (W) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on any working days w.e.f. 03.05.2023 to 02.06.2023. on production of Bank Receipt of ₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) duly credited to major head 0210-800-other receipts (sale of tender form for the diet supply of District Hospital Gyalshing).

3. The duly filled up tender forms should reach the office of the CMO (W) accompanied by attested / self-attested documents as mentioned above along with TDR (refundable) of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) to be drawn from SBS, Gyalshing in favor of Accounts Officer cum D&DO, Health (W) within 12:30 PM of 03rd June 2023. Tenders received after 12:30 PM of 03rd June 2023 will not be entertained.

4. The quotation will be opened on 3rd June 2023 at 01:30 PM at the office of CMO (W) in the presence of bidders and authorized representatives present.

5. Tenders in which any of the prescribed conditions are not fulfilled or incomplete in any respect will be rejected.

6. The authority/undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject the quotations assigning any reasons thereof.

**Chief Medical Officer
District Hospital Gyalshing
West Sikkim
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**Government of Sikkim
Urban Development Department
Gangtok**

Memo No.T(2036)/2022/1514

Dated: 09.05.2023

NOTICE

It has come to the notice of the Department that the roof runoffs of buildings in and around Gangtok and other Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) have been left exposed/dropped off into public properties such as roads, streets, and pedestrian pathways etc. Therefore, in order to mitigate problems such as urban flooding resulting in property damage, to promote adequate storm water management and to safeguard eventual harm to life and property, the following is requested to be adhered to:

- In compliance to the Notifications No. T(1558)UD&HD/TP/E/2019/210 dated 30.01.2020, published in the official Gazette vide No.151 dated 9th July 2020, and No. 40/UDD/2021 dated 11.11.2022, published in the official Gazette vide No.330 dated 17th November 2021, all building/house/property owners are hereby directed to channelize the roof runoff by connecting to their respective house drains or public drains following proper procedure.
- Proper segregation of roof runoff, grey water and household waste water shall be maintained during discharge from their premises.
- Household discharge over watershed areas, aquifers, landslide prone areas, etc. is strictly prohibited.

Rain water harvesting, water reuse and recycling as per the regulation 21(A) of the Sikkim Building Construction (Amendment) Regulation, 2019 is to be followed wherever applicable. The Municipal Commissioner and the Municipal Executive Officers of all the ULBs shall monitor this strictly and take action against the defaulters as per the prevailing norms.

By order

**Principal Chief Town Planner
Urban Development Department
File No. T(2036)/2022/TP-IV
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MLA G.T. Dhungel attends Sikkim Organic Food Summit

Gangtok, May 11: Area MLA Upper Tadong, Mr. G.T. Dhungel attended the Sikkim Organic Food Summit at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

The Summit was organised by Department of Commerce and Industries in collaboration with Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India.

Area MLA Mr. G.T. Dhungel stressed on importance of food which is vital for all living organisms including human beings. He said that Sikkim is a pioneer in Organic food sector, in both national and international stage and added that the local food entrepreneurs can take advantage of the organic brand through proper marketing and packaging.

He emphasised on producing chemical free packaged foods and the use of natural preservatives in the State. He also appreciated the initiative of the Commerce and Industries Department.

Secretary Commerce and Industries Department Mr. Karma R. Bonpo acknowledged the support rendered by the Area MLA and apprised about the entrepreneurship in Sikkim still being at a nascent stage. He also called for the need to mould it into an organised sector. He added that main objective of the Buyer-Seller Meet 2023, is to give access to the local entrepreneurs to sell their products and to get live feedback from customers.

He also spoke about the importance of packaging food which is a vital component in preserving the nutrition and taste which promotes marketing the product outside of State. He said that the Department will provide local entrepreneurs with resources and information to take local products to the global market.

Director MSME Division Commerce and Industries Department, Mr. Ravikumar highlighted the main objective of the programme, which is mass food production, food packaging

and food preservation. He mentioned the challenges faced by local food entrepreneurs in marketing and quantity of products hampering export potential of Sikkim.

He also spoke about various local products and schemes like processed meat, processed spices, traditional food items, Skilled Youth Startup Scheme, PMEGP, PMFME, Common Incubation Centres (CIC) under PMFME, Promotion of MSME in Sikkim, Medium Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programmes (MSE-CDP), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI).

He briefed about the benefits granted to beneficiaries under various schemes of the Department.

Joint Industrial Advisor, MoFPI, Mr. Surendra Singh spoke about the schemes introduced by MoFPI, which assists in income generation of small, medium and large enterprises towards Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. He also asked the entrepreneurs and SHGs to take advantage of various schemes. Speaking about the World Food India 2023, he encouraged the entrepreneurs from Sikkim to participate in the event.

Joint Director Horticulture Department, Mr. Biju Pariyar briefed about food processing prospects in Sikkim including its potential and production/average yield of local products. He spoke on post-harvest goals and post-harvest facilities created in Sikkim recently and also illustrated on Sikkimese Mandarin, Large Cardamom, Kiwi, Cherry Pepper, Ginger and Turmeric having immense export potential. He also mentioned about collaboration with Sikkim IFFCO and the vast potential of Sikkimese local products in the world market.

Enterprise Development Manager MoFPI, Ms. Belmati Jonko, talked about the schemes of MoFPI; Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), PM Formalization of Micro Food

Processing Enterprises (PMFME) and Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLIS). She also highlighted about the focus of Ministry in the State in reducing post-harvest losses of perishables, promoting Value addition and generation of off-farm jobs, enhancement of processing and preservation capacities and to encourage agro-processing clusters, identifying gaps in infrastructure and assist in its creation, formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises and creation of global food manufacturing champions.

Senior Investment Specialist Invest India, Radhika Mehta, in her address gave an overview of food processing sector in India. She mentioned about the scope of Agro for value Addition of Agro-Horticulture Crops and Geographical Indication (GI) tagged products in the North East region. She spoke at length about World Food India 2023 which is scheduled to take place in November in Delhi which included key elements of World Food India 2023, its proposed themes and sessions, snapshots of World Food India 2017.

It is to be noted that under Buyer Seller Meet 2023 stalls are being set up at MG Marg. The stalls will consist of various local products such as organically made pickles, bamboo products, traditional food items and other exotic products. The Meet is scheduled to take place from May 11-18, 2023.

The programme had the presence of Secretary Commerce and Industries Department, Director MSME, Joint Industrial Advisor MoFPI, Joint Director Horticulture Department, AD MSME Division Commerce and Industries Department, Enterprise Development Manager MoFPI, Senior Investment Specialist Invest India, Officers from Commerce and Industries Department, concerned Government officials, Self Help Groups and entrepreneurs.

Team inspects safety standards of restaurants

Gangtok, May 09: A joint inspection team conducted an extensive survey to review and check the safety standards of hygiene and regulate the quality of food at restaurants while catering to the availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption at MG Marg and Lal Market premises, today. The team comprised of Assistant Collector, Gangtok, Mr. Girdhari Lal Meena, SDPO, Gangtok Mr. Prakash Subba, along with the officials of

different departments.

The team while inspecting the restaurants checked their registration certificate and validity. Similarly, the team also enquired about the welfare of their employees.

The concerned officials apprised the stakeholders about proper disposal of waste, pollution control methods for air/water, installation of fire extinguishers in strategic locations, medical facilities, display of registration certificate

in the establishment etc.

The concerned officials scrutinized the checklists to identify the level of compliance with the requirement that is set up in the regulation.

During the inspection, notices were issued to those who failed to comply with regulations and guidelines set forth by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

owners and enquired about the origin of the products, its online availability, product's reach and demand among the public, and progress over the years in the market. He also extended his best wishes to the entrepreneurs.

It may be noted that Commerce and Industries Department, in collaboration with

MoFPI, started the Sikkim Organic Food Summit on May 11, 2023. Various issues, such as food packaging, usage of organic preservatives, and marketing, were discussed during the summit. Cultural performances from different Sikkimese ethnic groups were also showcased.

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He stated that 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' has found resonance in Sikkimese society and added that the people of Sikkim have managed to maintain a harmonious society by embracing diversity, social equality, environmental consciousness, and community bonds that has contributed to Sikkim's reputation as a place where different communities can live in harmony.

He further added that the slogan 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' from the Upanishads calls for humanity to take the universal responsibility of creating and handing over a better world to the future generation. He shared his firm belief that conferences of this nature will inspire societies around the world to move towards creating the world as one family where everyone prospers. The Speaker extended gratitude to Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi for his vision to promote a universal sense of oneness and to encourage concerted efforts to achieve human-centric globalisation.

He also thanked the Governor who has been actively engaged in getting first-hand knowledge of the State after assuming his office and expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for his relentless efforts towards preserving and maintaining unity and oneness in the State, while ensuring social, economic and political justice to the people of Sikkim.

He congratulated and thanked the C-20 National Conference - Sikkim Chapter team for having organised the conference that delved into essential subjects encompassing compassion and humanity to art and creativity, harnessing the goal of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

In his keynote address, Resident Mentor, Chinmaya Mission, Chennai & National Coordinator, C-20, Swami Mitranandaji, emphasised on fostering 'sadbhavana' as a means to address social divisions and promoting positive relationships, understanding, and mutual respect among individuals and communities, essential for the overall well-being and progress of society.

Highlighting the theme of the conference, he said that it is important to have a reverential attitude towards earth and bring ancient Indian ethos into living. He urged for collective efforts from all in ensuring a more sustainable and harmonious future.

On the occasion, the Chinmaya Mission, Sikkim felicitated the chief guest and the guest of honour. Felicitations were also offered to social activists of Sikkim, Mr. Lakpa Moktan and Mr. Phurba Rinzing Sherpa, for their major contributions as sponsors

for the C20 National Conference-Sikkim Chapter.

The inaugural session was followed by three technical sessions on sub-themes; Dharma, Ecology, and Media and entertainment.

During the first session on the sub-theme 'Dharma (Spirituality)', Mentor, Chinmaya Mission Mumbai, Pujya Swami Swatmanandaji, Spiritual Guru, Brahma Kumari, B.K. Sonam, and Bhutia Linguist, Dr. Tsewang Gystso Bhutia, spoke about how Dharma continues to hold significance in today's world, providing individuals with a framework for personal growth, meaning, and ethical living.

'Narrow vision is divisive, broad vision is expansive but spirituality is all-inclusive,' stated Mentor, Swami Swatmanandaji.

The second session on the sub-theme 'Ecology' had Environmental Scientist, Dr. Ghana Shayam Sharma, Ecologist, Ms. Priyadarshinee Shrestha, and Environmentalist, Dr. Bharat Kumar Pradhan, who emphasised on the importance of recognising and valuing the interdependence and interconnectedness of all life forms and the environment.

The final session on the sub-theme 'Media and Entertainment' had Film Director, Mr. Ugen Chopel Bhutia and senior journalists Mr. Karma Palzor and Mr. Nirmal Mangar, delving into the significant role played by media in shaping public perception and fostering a sense of oneness among individuals to promote unity, understanding, and empathy by amplifying diverse voices and perspectives and facilitating healthy dialogue and discussion among individuals.

The speakers were felicitated for their invaluable insights into their respective sub-themes.

Thereafter, Swami Swatmanandaji presented a summarization of the Conference and informed that the deliberations and suggestions presented by the speakers will be compiled for discussions in an interactive seminar scheduled to be held in Chennai on May 27-28, following which the final policy draft will be prepared for submission to the government to present it to the G20 leaders.

Likewise, Executive Member, Chinmaya Mission, Sikkim & team lead, C-20 Sikkim 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', Dr. L.P. Sharma, gave an overview of the initiatives undertaken by Chinmaya Mission, Sikkim.

The programme was also addressed by Vice Chancellor, ICAFI Sikkim, Dr. Jagannath Patnaik, wherein he shared the learnings and experiences that he gained from Swami Chinmayananda who was his childhood guru. He also spoke about how engaging in compassion and spirituality can be deeply fulfilling and enriching in one's personal growth.

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individual entrepreneurs showcased a wide variety of local products, organic cuisine and handicrafts.

Upon his arrival, the Governor interacted with the stall

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Mock exercise conducted in Soreng District

Soreng, May 12: A mock exercise on earthquake by District Disaster Management Authority, Soreng was conducted in different places of Soreng, today.

The mock exercise was conducted in relation to disaster preparedness organised by Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA), in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA).

The exercise was conducted in the presence of DC Mr. Bhim Thatal, also the Responsible Officer DDMA, along with SP-cum-Operational Section Chief Mr. J. Jayapandiyan, ADC-cum-Incident Commander Mr. Dhiraj Subedi, ADC Dev. Mr. Gaayas Pega, SDM Headquarter, SDM Soreng, CEO Education, SDRF, IRB, SSB, Heads and officials from various line departments, community organisations and NGOs.

A mock scenario was taken into account depicting an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter Scale occurring at 9.03 AM IST on May 12, 2023 with the epicentre at Gangtok. The reports of the loss of life and damage to

property in Soreng district were being received by the District Emergency Operating Centre (DEOC) located at the DAC Soreng.

A total of 5 incidents were enacted in Soreng Bazaar area, Soreng Government Senior Secondary School, Community Health Centre, Old Soreng Block Administrative Office and DAC Soreng. The incidents saw application of the 'DUCK-COVER-HOLD' by the participants and the evacuation of victims using tools and mechanisms by the SSB, Fire and SDRF teams. The first-aid was administered on-site by the first responders after successful evacuation and they were later sent to the Relief Camp and CHC respectively based on their conditions.

The officials from 36th Bn. SSB headed by Dy. Commandant Mr. Nirupesh Kumar monitored the sites as Observer for the entire exercise.

DC Soreng cum Responsible Officer thanked the 36th BN SSB team, the SDRF team from IRBn Pipalay, Fire Department, Soreng Police Department, District

Administrative Centre Officials, Sri Satya Sai Seva Organization (Sikkim Sai DM Team), Health officials and line departments.

He stressed on the importance of hands-on training for wireless communication devices. He shared his input on the exercise conducted by different teams and stated that the exercise was to create a learning experience for all through the mock exercise.

SP Soreng stated that communication improvement would be a key feature in conducting future exercises that would help them designate roles and activate resources more efficiently under similar circumstances, if any.

Similarly, inputs and experiences were shared by different functionalities engaged in the mock exercise.

Team from Health Department, Soreng also categorised victims' casualties via colour coding such as Black as dead, Red as severely injured, Yellow as least injured and Green as discharged after first aid.

Awards were presented to Mr. Ashwini Kumar Chand, Resident Commissioner, Sikkim House, New Delhi, Mrs. Ganga Pradhan, Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, Mr. Tshewang Gyachho, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department and Dr. D.P. Rai, Cardiologist, STNM Hospital, Sochyagang. The award comprises a cash award of ₹1 lakh, a citation, a shawl, and a memento.

On the occasion, the Governor launched a multimedia database management system called 'e-Sankalan' developed by Information and Public Relations Department.

'E-Sankalan' will play a vital role in documenting all essential multimedia databases concerning the entire State. It enables structured storage of all archival materials (text, photos, videos, films, books), making it easily accessible as a research centre. Along with archival material of the State, e-Sankalan will be a one-point solution to digitally store and preserve large volume of a categorically organised multimedia database of all the Departments of the State Government.

Following this, a public awareness video on Mobile Village Clinic prepared by Health and Family Welfare Department was launched.

The Mobile Village Clinic programme is an initiative by the Government of Sikkim aimed at improving healthcare facilities for remote communities. The programme provides quality healthcare services to the doorstep of the people in need. On August 15, 2022, the programme was flagged off by the Chief Minister. The programme is operational in 8 locations, with clinics assigned to 25, identified as less accessible and far-flung villages. The clinic rotate monthly and hold camps in locations within each village. The programme commenced its

insights from his recent tour to different places in Sikkim and expressed admiration for the unity among different communities. Through this experience, he gained a profound understanding of the State's vibrant culture and heritage, he added.

Concluding his address, the Governor emphasised the multitude of strengths possessed by Sikkim across different domains and stressed the significance of the State Day celebration as an opportunity to reflect upon the accomplishments of the State Government.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, in his address, extended his State Day greetings to all present and the people of Sikkim.

He said that since Sikkim will complete the milestone of 50 years of attaining Statehood in the year 2025, 'Swarn Jayanti' or Golden Jubilee would be celebrated in a grand manner in the State.

Extending his gratitude to the Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister said that Sikkim today is known as one of the most progressive states of India due to the multitude of growth opportunities that have been made available in the field of entrepreneurship development, agriculture, tourism and other sectors.

Sikkim won the title of the best-performing State for the reduction in Tuberculosis and is quickly heading towards the target of achieving 100% TB-free state well before 2025, he said.

On behalf of the people of Sikkim and the Government, the Chief Minister extended gratitude and offered salutations and respect to the former Chief Ministers of Sikkim.

The Chief Minister said that despite the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State, with its people's support, has successfully recovered from the crisis. He informed that the revenue mobilisation in the State for the financial year 2022-23 stands at 57%, higher than the revenue generated during 2018-19.

Further, he thanked the employees, organisations and individuals for the successful organisation and planning during the G20 events in March-April, including the Business 20 (B20) and Startup 20 (S20) conferences, as well as the Civil 20 (C20) conclave.

The Chief Minister mentioned numerous initiatives of the State Government in the past four years to usher in unprecedented development in the State, including women-centric programmes and initiatives. He further highlighted recent government policies and developmental initiatives health and education in topmost priorities.

The Chief Minister also said that utmost priority is being laid on making health facilities both accessible and affordable, and to achieve this goal, the State government has introduced the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme in 2020 with the vision to work as the first

responder in assisting Sikkim citizens who genuinely need financial aid for medical treatment. The CMMAS aims at helping the economically weaker sections of society who cannot afford expensive medical treatments, he added.

Speaking about cancer treatments available within Sikkim, the Chief Minister announced that treatment and medicines for cancer patients from BPL families would be made free of cost.

He informed that in a bid to tackle and subsequently improve the declining fertility rate and boost the childbirth rate in the State, the State government has taken many steps, such as the introduction of the 'Vatsalya' Scheme, enhancement of maternity leave for women in government service to one year and additional increment in case of having more than one child and provision of childcare assistant. Further, he reminded that for women who are not government employees, the State government would be giving a child maintenance grant of ₹5,000/- per month for a year for the second childbirth and ₹10,000/- per month for a year for the third child.

He also said that to avail of such benefits, the beneficiaries must register themselves with the State Forest and Environment Department for interlinking with 'Mero Rukh Mero Santati' initiative.

Chief Minister said that the State Government has always been with the people of Sikkim and has extended all help and support during times of crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, Ukraine war and the Manipur conflict. The State government under 'Operation Gurans' brought back home a total of 128 Sikkimese students from Manipur, he informed.

He extended his gratitude for the dedication, support, and commitment of the government employees and the Sikkimese people for all the past and present achievements of the State.

Earlier, DC Gangtok Mr. Tushar Nihare presented a brief talk on 'Sikkim of my dream.'

In keeping with the day's theme, Ms. Susongmit Lepcha, a class X student of Government Secondary School, Upper Burtuk, also gave a talk on 'Sikkim.'

The vote of thanks was proposed by Secretary, IPR Department, Mrs. Namrata Thapa.

A photo exhibition organised by IPR Department in the lobby at Chintan Bhawan displayed glimpses of Sikkim's biodiversity and rich culture and heritage. Similarly, stalls were put up by Cooperation Department showcasing locally made products of Self-Help Groups under PM Van Dhan Yojana.

It may be informed that Government of India recently decided that all the states shall celebrate not only their own statehood day but also other states' statehood to promote 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. Sikkim's State Day was, thus, also celebrated in Raj Bhavans of other states of India.

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been designed to provide medical testing and diagnostic services to district residents, especially those living in remote and inaccessible areas. Moreover, the mobile diagnostic laboratory will also help reduce the burden on hospitals and other healthcare facilities, especially during emergencies. The facility can be deployed to any location in the district, making it a valuable asset in times of natural disasters or other emergencies that require rapid medical attention.

Thereafter, the main function commenced with the lighting of ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries followed by a welcome address by the Chief Secretary, Mr. V.B. Pathak. He briefly highlighted some of the key milestones achieved by the State after becoming the 22nd State of India.

Adding to the patriotic fervour, the students of Assam Lingzey Secondary School and Ranka Secondary School presented patriotic songs.

Children from Specially abled School for children with disability, Syari and Specially abled School for the speech and hearing impaired, Sichey, supported by the special educators, also performed the song 'Jahan Bagcha Teesta Rangeet.'

Following this, the Chief Secretary shared a brief history and significance of the official seal of Government of Sikkim, the 'Khang-sum-Wangdu.' The emblem was earlier used as the coat of arms of the House of Namgyal in the erstwhile Kingdom of Sikkim.

During the award ceremony that followed, Sikkim Sewa Samman or Sikkim State Civilian Awards were presented to notable State Government officers for their exceptional contributions to their respective services.

The Sikkim Sewa Samman

District India workshop held

Mangan, May 17: A Digital India Workshop was held at the Conference Hall, DAC Mangan, today. The workshop was organised in order to apprise the District Administration of the Digital India Programme, launched by the Government of India to ensure easy access and availability of Government Services to the citizens and making the country digitally empowered.

The programme had the presence of Chairman, State Welfare Commission, Mr. Nim Tshering Lepcha, DC Mangan Mr. Hem Kumar Chettri, SP, ADC, ADC (Dev), SDM, HOOs and staff of line departments. Dy. Director General NIC HQ cum State

Coordinator Sikkim, Mrs. Seemantinee Sen Gupta, Sr. Director (IT) NIC Gangtok, Mr. D.K. Basnett, State Information Officer, Sikkim, State Information Office, Sikkim, Dr. L. P. Sharma,

The Chairman articulated the importance of the workshop and urged the officials of the district to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the subject so that they may further work to implement effective and successful digitalization in the district.

DC Mangan, further elaborated on the issues of network connectivity, electrical failure and lack of infrastructure in the district.

Brief sessions on the Digital India Initiative in Rural Development Sector and Digital India Initiative in Sikkim were presented by Dy. Director, Mrs. Seemantinee Sengupta and Sr. Director (IT), NIC Gangtok, Mr. D. K. Basnett respectively. The presentations illustrated the impact of digitalization in the economic development of the country. The need to publicise the online platform for various schemes in order to provide proactive services to the public was emphasized.

A brief motivational discourse was also articulated by the State Information Office, Sikkim, Dr. L. P. Sharma.

Vibrant Village Programme meeting for Pakyong district conducted

Pakyong, May 17: DC Pakyong, Mr. Tashi Chophel, presided over the meeting of the district-level committee for the Vibrant Village Programme at Rurban Community Complex, Pakyong, today.

He disclosed that Phadamchen village has been proposed for inclusion in the Vibrant Village Programme (VVP).

He highlighted that the vibrant village programme's objectives, are to discover and develop the economic drivers based on the local, natural, human, and other resources of the border communities. One of the goals of VVP is the establishment of growth hubs based on the Hub and Spoke Model through the encouragement of social entrepreneurship. Another goal is the empowerment of young people and women through skill development.

The plan also aims to make the most of the tourism potential

in border regions by promoting local, cultural, traditional knowledge, and history. This will give locals more employment options and, as a result, reduce migration. It is also intended to develop sustainable eco-agribusinesses based on the idea of "One village-One product" through neighbourhood associations, cooperatives, SHGs, and other non-governmental organisations.

The district administration will prepare action plans with the help of Gram Panchayats for the identified villages to ensure 100 per cent saturation of Central and state schemes.

The objective is for making access to potable water, 24-hour electricity, accessibility to all-weather roads, cooking gas, mobile service and internet in border regions. Solar and wind energy, tourism attractions, multi-

use facilities, and health infrastructure and wellness centres will all receive special consideration.

Likewise, line departments also participated in the meeting, where they presented their action plan for the development of the area.

Additionally, Panchayat President Phadamchen gave the proposal and a few recommendations on the action plans for the development of the areas.

The meeting had the presence of ADC Development Mr. Robin Sewa, DFO Territorial Mrs. Thenmozhi V, DFO Social, SDM Pakyong and Rongli, along with Head of Offices from line departments and officials Sashstra Seema Bal, Border Roads Organisation, Central Bank of India and BSNL.

DC Soreng chairs meeting of JNV Rothak

Soreng, May 17: DC Soreng cum Chairperson of Jawaharlal Nehru Vidyalaya (JNV), Rothak, Mr. Bhim Thatal chaired a brief meeting with the officials of JNV and Chief Education Officer, Soreng at his chamber, today.

Present at the meeting were CEO, Soreng, Mr. KB. Chettri, Coordinator, Mr. Govind Dhakal, Vice-Principal, JNV, Rothak, Mr. Dinesh Prasad and other school representatives.

The meeting reviewed and discussed the performance of the schools from previous academic session in internal as well as in Board Examinations. The DC enquired about various related matters of schools such as admission procedure and selection criteria for students, total number of seats in each class, total number of new admissions in each class in the current academic session, pass percentage in AISSE and AISSCE this year, highest scorers in AISSE and AISSCE.

Vice Principal highlighted all progressive parameters of the JNV school and the students including achievements and success stories, individual accomplishments of the students and administrative matters.

Upon reviewing, the DC put

forth many valuable suggestions and instructed few norms to be followed under the State rule. He advised them to involve students in participating at State level events and programmes. He said that all schools of State and Central Government including the JNV and Eklavya Model Residential School of Jhusingthang and private schools must ensure collaborative approach to learning for scholastic and holistic development. Adding to this, he informed about the district initiative of twining of school programme, wherein students from various schools can have new learning experiences by attending few classes at other schools. He suggested for twining of JNV with State Government schools and vice versa. Furthermore, he encouraged to provide comprehensive attention and care to weaker students through inclusivity and hand holding. The DC observed that the practice of certain private schools enrolling students in classes 9 but registering them in a nearby government school needs to be reviewed by the concerned Department. Since government schools have teachers with NCTE determined qualification and are

highly trained and also the schools are sufficiently provided with infrastructure as well as required teaching learning materials, libraries and laboratories, the DC appealed to the parents and guardians to support the government schools by enrolling their children and wards. This will encourage the system towards achieving better learning outcomes and a bond of trust will also develop, he added.

Keeping in view of two important KPIs of Aspirational District Programme, he reiterated that education along with health sector need to perform unequivocally in order to transform the status of Soreng from Aspirational to an Inspirational district. He instructed the district authorities of concerned department to work on the proposal of introducing health cards for students under Soreng district. He also directed for organising health and hygiene check-up camps and outreach programmes in schools and institutes at regular intervals.

It may be mentioned that the official declaration of the district toppers will be done by the concerned department once they receive the official results from the CBSE.

45th Meeting BOCW Welfare Board meeting conducted

Gangtok, May 15: The 45th Meeting of Sikkim Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Welfare Board was held at the Conference Hall of Shram Bhawan, today.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister for Labour Department Mr. Lok Nath Sharma, who is also the Chairman of BOCW Welfare Board and accompanied by PCE-cum-Secretary Roads and Bridges Deptt. Mr. D. Dadul, Secretary Labour Deptt. Mr. Karma Namgyal Bhutia, Pr. Director, Finance Deptt Mr. Rajendra Sharma, Special Labour Commissioner Mr. D.S. Kunwar, Joint Labour Commissioner Mr. Tashi W. Bhutia, representatives from GREF, NHPC, workers and others.

During the meeting, action report of the previous SBOCWWB

board meeting was placed and reviewed.

The meeting had discussion on various subjects including welfare scheme provided to workers under BOCW Act 1996, amendment of BOCW Rule as per the announcement made by the Chief Minister on 1st May 2023 for providing interest free housing loan to the workers registered beneficiaries, financial assistance to the children of registered BOCW workers, construction of separate BOCW Board Office, financial business of the board and other related subjects.

Minister Mr. Sharma suggested for continuous improvement in execution of various works for the welfare of workers. All the participants shared their suggestions in respective fields.

Central Nodal officers of JSA visits Gyalshing district

Gyalshing, May 17: Dy. Secy MHA, Mr. Dharmraj Khatik and Technical Officer, Centre Ground Water Board, Smt. Padmabathi, are on a three-day tour to Gyalshing District as the Central Nodal officers of Jal Shakti Abhiyan "Catch the Rain-2023" under the National Water Mission.

An interactive meeting was held by the visiting officers with District Collector, Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda along with ADC (Dev.), Chief Education Officer, BDO (Gyalshing), Deputy Secretary (RDD), DE (WRS), AE (BAC/Gyz), ADO (Gyalshing) and officers involved in water conservation related works at conference hall of DAC, Rabdentse, today.

The meeting was called to assess the ongoing and completed projects under the National Water Mission (NWM) by the district.

At the outset, a presentation was made by the RDD officials on activities and works undertaken by the department under NWM through convergence with other schemes such as MGNREGA, spring mapping and monitoring under Amrit Sarovar in '22, construction of community water storage tanks, construction of household storage tank, dhara vikas work and revival of dried up lakes, fodder development, geo-tagging of each sources etc.

Thereafter, the dignitaries were apprised on the roles and responsibilities of Water

Resources Department (WRD), PMKSY scheme aims and objectives, Ongoing PMKSY works in the district through WRD, mitigation works of jhoras and kholsas funded under CSS scheme etc. were presented by DE, WRC in detail.

Subsequently, Agriculture Development Officer, Gyalshing gave a power point on work progress under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchaye Yojana (PMKSY) and its components, which are being facilitated through various mediums at district level.

The visiting team appreciated the efforts being made by the concerned departments and suggested to increase community participation for awareness and understanding their responsibility as well.

DC Gyalshing reviewed all the department wise presentations and advised certain measures to be incorporated. She also thanked the Central Nodal Team for visiting the district and requested them to guide the officials properly for onboarding all the listed activities efficiently in a time bound manner.

During the second half the team visited to identified sites in and around Singyang Chumbung GPU.

In the course of the next two days, more field visits will be undertaken after which a debriefing session will once again be held in the DC's office.

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