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Seventh Session (Part-IV) of Tenth Assembly commences

Gangtok, March 01: The Sikkim Legislative Assembly passed the Second Supplementary Demands for Grants of ₹13479.61 lakh for the Financial Year 2023-24 during the Seventh Session (Part IV) of the Tenth Assembly, today.

The Second Supplementary Demands for Grants of ₹13479.61 lakh, comprising ₹3781.59 lakh on Revenue Account and ₹9698.02 lakh on Capital Account, was passed by the House to meet the gross additional expenditure of the Government after it was moved by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, who is also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department during the Financial Business of the session.

The House also passed the Sikkim Appropriation Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 13 of 2024) for the Second Supplementary Demands for Grants, relating to the Financial Year 2023-24, which was presented and moved by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department.

The Sikkim Appropriation Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 13 of 2024) is introduced in pursuance of clause (1) of Article 204 read with Article 205 of the Constitution of India to provide for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Sikkim of the money required to meet the expenditure charged in the Consolidated Fund of the State of Sikkim and Supplementary Grants made by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly for the expenditure of the Government of Sikkim for the remaining part of the Financial Year 2023-24.

Subsequently, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department, presented the Vote on Account for the disbursement of salaries and other expenditures for the Financial Year 2024-25 in the House.

The Vote on Account for six months, starting April to September 2024, has been prepared for presentation to the Legislative Assembly pending consideration of the detailed Demand for Grants for the year 2024-25.

The total fund requirement is of the order of ₹607325.52 lakh, comprising of ₹480290.35 lakh on Revenue Account and ₹127035.17 lakh on Capital Account, worked out based on the Budget Estimate for 2023-24 after excluding spill over one-time



provisions and taking into account the latest available figures of salary & wages and pension payments.

Discussion and voting on the Vote on Account shall be taken up on 2nd March, 2024.

During the Legislative Business, two new University Bills were introduced in the House by Minister-in-Charge, Education Department, Mr Kunga Nima Lepcha.

i) The Sikkim Pannadhay University Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 15 of 2024)

The statement of objects and reasons of the Bill states that Shree Balaji Trust, a registered Trust, proposes to establish Pannadhay University, a self-financed private University in the State of Sikkim. The proposed University aims to create world-level modern research and study facilities in the State to provide state-of-the-art educational and development facilities to empower students to make out of them human resources compatible with the liberalized economic and social order of the world.

The University also proposes to establish world-class academic and infrastructure support facilities to provide for the development and advancement of higher education in various disciplines and ensures to give preference for the students of Sikkim, while admitting students in different courses of the University.

ii) The Nirmala Devi University Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 16 of 2024)

The statement of objects and reasons of the Bill states that Nirmala Devi Foundation Trust, Singtam, is a private trust having a registered office at Shanti Nagar, Singtam, proposes to establish Nirmala Devi University, a self-financed private University in the State of Sikkim. The proposed University aims to become a premiere centre of academic excellence, cultural heritage preservation, and sustainable innovation and to empower students to excel as compassionate leaders for positive societal transformation, embracing diversity and shaping a harmonious future.

The university also proposes to establish world-class academic and infrastructure support facilities to provide higher and technical education in various disciplines and ensures to give preference to the students of Sikkim, while admitting students in different courses of the University.

The discussion and voting on the two Bills introduced in the House today shall be taken up in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly session on 2nd March 2024.

Thereafter, nine University Bills and two Amendment Bills introduced by the

concerned Ministers-in-Charge during the Seventh Session (Part III) of the Tenth Assembly held on 12th February 2024 were passed by the House today.

The Bills are the Sikkim Enlistment of Constructional Machineries and Equipment Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 04) of 2024, the Orchid University Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 06) of 2024, the Gurukul Vidhyapeeth University Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 03) of 2024, the Matrix Skilltech University, Sikkim Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 07) of 2024, the Duke International University Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 05) of 2024, the Sikkim Medical Science University Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 02) of 2024, the Sikkim Legislative Members (Payment of Pension and Medical Allowances) Amendment Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 08) of 2024, the Sikkim Civil Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill No. 09) of 2024, the Sikkim Town and Country Planning Bill 2024, Bill No 10 of 2024, the Management and Information Technology University Sikkim Bill 2024, Bill No 11 of 2024 and Shri Rukmani Dwarkadhish University of Science and Technology Bill 2024, Bill No 12 of 2024.

Replying to the suggestion laid forth by Mr DR Thapa, Member of Sikkim Legislative Assembly, about the proposed private Universities in the State, Mr Kunga Nima Lepcha, Minister-in-Charge, Education Department, welcomed the MLA's suggestion and assured the genuineness of the universities. He said that it would benefit the students of Sikkim, especially from the remote corners of the State, while alleviating the financial burden of studying outside the State.

In response to the query put forth by Mr DR Thapa, MLA, about the expenditure on the construction of Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial Wellness Park in Gangtok, Mr LB Das, Minister-in-Charge, Urban Development Department said that the financial allocation aligns with the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the wellness park, taking into account various engineering considerations.

Pearls of Wisdom

"The purpose of our lives is to be happy."

-Dalai Lama

Chief Minister attends Yuva Bharosa Sammelan



Pakyong, February 29: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the Yuva Bharosa Sammelan, organised by Department of Personnel, at the public ground of Rangpo, today.

The day was earmarked for issuing temporary appointment orders and memorandum of appointment to 11000 temporary government employees and recently established 24,000 government employee positions who have been employed for four years or more, marking a significant milestone in their careers.

The event aimed at recognising and supporting the youth of the State, acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the temporary government employees who have recently been regularised.

Led by the Chief Minister, the Yuva Bharosa Sammelan puts emphasised on creating job opportunities and regularising employment for eligible individuals. The approach aligns with the broader objective of fostering economic stability and uplifting the workforce, ultimately leading to an improved standard of living.

In his message, the Chief Minister extended warm congratulations and directed the

newly regularised employees and newly appointed employees, to work with utmost sincerity for the State, assuring them that their retirement will far surpass their current positions. Addressing the issue of irregular pay scales, the Chief Minister reassured the newly regularised employees that their pay scales will be adjusted following the 6th pay commission in 2026.

Highlighting various employment opportunities in sports and entrepreneurship, the Chief Minister drew attention to the Sikkim Premier League, which provides aspiring football players with opportunities, and INSPIRE SIKKIM, which offers employment prospects for the youth of Sikkim.

He also added that very soon a new post of Aapda Mitra will be created under Disaster Management Department, where these employees will be posted in each Gram panchayat. This initiative aims to enhance disaster preparedness at the grassroots level, ensuring that communities are well-equipped to respond effectively to any emergencies that may arise.

On the other hand, in the Education Department, posts such as Senior Administrative Assistant and Junior Administrative

Assistant have been created to support teaching in schools. These positions play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth functioning of educational institutions by providing logistical support to students. He also urged all the new appointees to seize the moment and showcase their abilities and dedication to their respective roles.

Mr Jacob Khaling, Political Secretary to the Chief Minister, extended his congratulations to the newly appointed and regularised government employees in his address. He commended the Chief Minister's hands-on leadership style, which deeply engages with the needs of the citizens.

Mr Rinzing Bhutia, Secretary, Department of Personnel, expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for his unwavering commitment to the process of regularisations and appointments. During his address, he took the opportunity to provide clarification on the term 'temporary' as stated in the appointment letter, highlighting that it refers to the probationary phase mandatory for all newly appointed government employees, with the rules applying uniformly to all. He emphasised the importance of this period in assessing the competence and work ethic of the newly employed staff.

Also in attendance at the event were Madam Krishna Rai, Mr Arun Upreti, Speaker SLA, Mr Sangay Lepcha Deputy Speaker SLA, Cabinet Ministers, Area MLAs, Mr Indra Hang Subba MP Lok Sabha, Mr DT Lepcha MP Rajya Sabha, Mr. Jacob Khaling Political Secretary to Chief Minister, Chairpersons, Advisors, former MLA's, Secretaries, Zilla Panchayats, Mayor, Panchayats, Senior Officers, and government officials.

Chief Minister inaugurates Khelo India State Centre of Excellence



Gangtok, February 29: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence at Khelgaon, Reshithang near Gangtok, today.

He also inaugurated the replacement of synthetic track & field, archery field, and boxing arena, along with upgrading the existing infrastructure of the sports complex. The programme featured an archery demonstration, the flag-off of the inaugural train on the athletic track, and an inspection of the Centre of Excellence.

The event was attended by Mr Samdup Lepcha Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Mr Kunga Nima Lepcha Minister for Education Department, Mr LN Sharma Minister for Agriculture Department, Mr Raju Basnet Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs, Ms Kala Rai, Councillor, members of various state sports associations, and Sikkimese sportspersons.

During his address, the Chief Minister mentioned the State Government's support for sports associations, highlighting initiatives like hosting championships and constructing sports infrastructure across Sikkim. He stressed on the importance of keeping sports

separate from politics and encouraged sportspersons to pursue their passion professionally.

While the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence received funding from Khelo India, the State contributed additional funds for infrastructure development and amenities, he added. He pledged continued support towards sports associations, including financial aid and sponsorship opportunities.

Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs Department mentioned that the complex is the newest asset for the Sports Department as well as the sports enthusiasts in the State. He expressed gratitude to the State Government for its pro-sports policies that has not only nurtured the sports culture but also helped flourish the sportspersons. Later, he also presented the technical report.

Furthermore, grants-in-aid were awarded to registered sports associations, along with cash incentives for outstanding sportspersons.

Additionally, NSS volunteers Rejina Tamang and Zangmu Bhutia, who represented Sikkim during the Republic Day 2024 parade, were also felicitated.

Government of Sikkim Urban Development Department Gangtok

No:01/UDD/2024

Date:01/02/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Kind attention is drawn to the Notification No. 19/UDD/2022 dated:29/08/2022, wherein events such as rallies, processions, political gatherings, exhibitions, entertainment including melas, fairs etc. are prohibited in the middle of all major towns falling under the Urban Local Bodies and Class II bazaars in the State of Sikkim. Only Government events, National and State functions which are permitted by the Home Department are exempted from the aforementioned prohibition.

Of late, it has been observed that the applicants are frequently approaching the Urban Development Department seeking permission for conducting events in the areas which are prohibited by the above Notification. This has not only caused inconvenience for the applicants but also the Department has to deal with such applications where the Urban Development Department has no role in considering such applications.

It is therefore brought to the notice of the public in general that for any events which are prohibited under the Notification and requiring exemption from the Home Department, Government of Sikkim, applicants may apply to the Home Department directly and those which are permitted under the Notification, may be applied to the Urban Development Department at least seven working days prior to the scheduled event so that the last-minute public inconvenience could be avoided. It is also notified that while holding any events, no defacement of monumental National Flag, Gandhi statue and other infrastructure associated with them including beautification work shall be permitted.

**Additional Secretary
Urban Development Department
(322)**

Government of Sikkim Health and Family Welfare Department Tashiling Secretariat Gangtok

No.1009/H&FWD/2023-24

Dated:22/02/2024

NOTICE

Mr. Gyan Ratna Pradhan, Driver, STNM Hospital, Sochakgang has applied for leave with effect from 01st September, 2023 to 30th November, 2023. However, he failed to report at duty on expiry of above leave period and has not joined the duty till date.

The whereabouts of the Government servant is not known.

As such, the said Mr. Gyan Ratna Pradhan, Driver, is hereby directed to report to the duty immediately failing which disciplinary proceeding will be initiated against him without further notice.

All his family members/friends/well wishers are also requested to convey the contents of this notice to the Government servant.

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Health & Family Welfare Department
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