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Chief Minister condoles death of CDS General Bipin Rawat

I am deeply saddened by the untimely demise of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat in a tragic Mi-17V5 helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu.

Born in Pauri, Uttarakhand in, 1958, he attended the Cambrian Hall School, Dehradun, and St. Edwards School, Shimla. He then joined the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, and the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, where he was awarded the 'Sword of Honour', following which he was commissioned into the 5th battalion of 11 Gorkha Rifles on 16th December 1978, the same unit as his father.

In a career spanning 40 years, he served in various capacities and is one of the most decorated army officers in the country. He was bestowed with several gallantries and distinguished awards including, the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, to name a few. He was appointed as the first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) on 31st December 2019 and under his leadership, the army set a new echelon of valor and bravery. His sudden demise comes as a shock and is an irreparable loss for the country.

In the tragic incident, we also lost Mrs. Madhulika Rawat, wife of General Bipin Rawat, and 11 army personnel. In this hour of grief, I join the country and extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, friends and pray for the departed souls.

Om Shanti!

Sensitization programme on TB conducted



Gangtok, December 07: A sensitization programme on Tuberculosis (TB) was conducted at the Conference Hall of Sikkim Legislative Assembly for the elected Members of the Legislative Assembly, today.

The programme was attended by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, Speaker SLA, Mr. L.B. Das, Deputy Speaker SLA Mr. Sangay Lepcha, Cabinet Ministers, and MLAs. The other dignitaries present were Political Secretary to CM, Secretary to CM, DG-cum-Secretary, Health, Deputy State TB Officer, and Assistant Programme Officer, Health Department.

Additional Director cum State TB Officer Dr. Ashok Rai made a brief presentation wherein

he spoke about the importance of TB elimination and NTEP programme. Stressing on making Sikkim TB free, he also presented the comparison of state and National data and TB disease concern in India and Sikkim. He also highlighted the incentives under NTEP programme like Nikshay Poshan Yojna, Patient Support System, and Travel Support System etc and the ongoing activities in the state like Active case finding, TB preventive treatment, formation of the TB forum at Community level and involvement of NGOs.

The Annual TB Bulletin 2021 was released by the Chief Minister who assured full support to the NTEP and Health Department regarding human resource constraints.

Sikkim Legislative Assembly adjourns Sine-die



Gangtok, December 08: The third and final day of the fifth session of the Tenth Assembly of Sikkim Legislative Assembly began with discussions and voting over the two new Bills and one Amendment Bill that were moved for consideration in the House during the Legislative Business on 7th December, 2021.

During the discussion over the Sikkim (Re-Organization of Districts) Bill, 2021 (Bill No. 15 of 2021) moved by Minister, Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, for consideration, MLA Namcheybung, Mr. Em Prasad Sharma, on behalf of the people of

Pakyong Sub-Division extended gratitude to the State government for declaring Pakyong to be amongst the two new districts to be operational in the State.

Likewise, MLA Soreng-Chakhung, Mr. Aditya Golay, also expressed gratitude to the State Government for bestowing the district status to Soreng Sub-Division, the functioning of which will provide easy access to the district administration for people from remote areas under constituencies covered by the present Soreng Sub-Division. He also placed his suggestions about training on e-District for staff and officers to strengthen and advocate transparent administration in Soreng and called for strong legislation on traffic management and water resource planning.

After discussion and

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State Level Advisory Committee meeting of FSSAI Act 2006

Gangtok, December 08: Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta, chaired the second meeting of the State Level Advisory Committee for implementation of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI Act 2006), at the Conference Hall of Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok, today.

FSSAI Act 2006 is an Act to consolidate the laws relating to food and to establish a regulatory body- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for laying down science-based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import, to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

Additional Director, FDA, Dr. Yudok Bhutia briefed about the implementation of the FSSAI Act 2006 in Sikkim. She apprised everyone about Food Safety Compliance through Regular Inspections and Sampling (FoSCORIS), a mobile app which inspects samples and generates report based on certain criteria and also captures onsite inspection carried out by Food Security Officers (FSOs) as per the inspection checklist. She also



talked about Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC), which is a large-scale training and certification ecosystem designed by the FSSAI Act to fulfil the criteria of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. This training covers content for 16 courses for different kinds of food businesses by competent

authorities to have at least one trained and certified food safety supervisor for every twenty-five food handlers. Further, she highlighted the activities of FoSCORIS and FoSTaC in the State.

Central Food Safety Officer,

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Pearls of Wisdom

*"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
- Mother Teresa*

District Diary

Chief Minister inaugurates Bala Chaturdasi Puja-cum-Mela

Gyalshing, December 02: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated the Bala Chaturdasi Puja-cum-Mela at Mr. Kirateshwar Shiva Dham at Legship, West Sikkim, today.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Speaker (SLA) Mr. Sangay Lepcha; Minister Mr. L. N. Sharma; MLAs, Advisor IPR, Political Secretary to CM, Chairmen, Secretary Tourism, DC West, SP West, Officials and other dignitaries.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the 'Gurukulam' at

Kirateshwar Shiva Mandir and also presented the Ganesh idol to the Temple authorities. CM along with the guests took part in the 'Purnawati' yagya after which, they proceeded towards the Legship Public Ground, where he formally inaugurated the Balachaturdasi Mela cum Open Football Tournament 2021 by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

In his address, the Chief Minister extended his warm wishes to all the devotees and well wishers on the auspicious Balachaturdasi Puja. Chief Minister also highlighted the

focus of the government on the completion of many stalled projects in Sikkim. In relation to the Kirateshwar Shiva Mandir, he informed about the construction of the 'Development of Eco-Tourism and Cultural Heritage Site' project by Tourism Department at the Mandir area along with the construction of other buildings and monuments, the strengthening of the foot bridge for devotees visiting the Mandir and similar works in relation to the development of

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Chief Minister performs Ganga Aarti at Legship

Gyalshing, December 02: The famous "Ganga Aarti" was performed in the Kirateshwar Shiva Dham Mandir vicinity, which had the participation of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang.

After the Ganga Aarti, the Chief Minister in his address at the Shri Kirateshwar Shiva Dham emphasized on the importance of education and the Sanskrit

language, which the Government has taken into consideration and appointed more than 134 Sanskrit teachers. The Sanskrit language and its importance on the social front was emphasized by the Chief Minister during the function.

The Chief Minister mentioned about the importance of Gurukul schools in Sikkim, where he asserted that in every

district one Gurukul school, would be established by the State Government.

The Chief Minister assured the Committee members and the public on the development of Mandir's infrastructure and other constructions, which would attract tourists' and local public thereby also helping the local economic stability.

Minister L.N. Sharma visits Livestock Farm Karfectar and Regional Sikkim Milk Union Plant

Namchi, December 05: Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Departments Mr. L.N. Sharma visited Livestock Farm Karfectar and the Regional Sikkim Milk Union Plant, Jorethang, today.

During his visit, he interacted with the officers stationed at these places. He also took a detailed report of the field activities and made a brief visit to Karfectar farm. He looked into the current status of Mother Dairy Farm along with various other activities undertaken by

Livestock Farm at Karfectar. The Minister also surveyed the fodder fields and nursery wherein he was informed that around 50 lakh fodder cuttings and saplings were distributed from the farm to the public, free of cost during the period of 2020 to 2021.

After carrying out the inspection, the Minister directed the officials to put up a proposal for the upgradation of Dairy Plant at the earliest.

During the visit, Deputy General Manager, Sikkim Milk Union, Dr N. K. Pradhan informed that the quantity of the milk

collection at the Centre has gone up to thirty five thousand from fifteen thousand litre per day, after the declaration of financial incentives of ₹8 per litres of milk by the State Government. In view, of sharp increase in the production and collection of milk, the Centre is in dire need of additional plants to bear the increasing strength.

It may be mentioned that the Government is paying 6.5 crore to 8 crore as the total price of milk collected from the dairy farmers of East, West and South District.

District Level Declamation Contest 2022

Gyalshing, December 04: A District Level Declamation Contest 2022 on the topic 'Patriotism and Nation Building' as part of the Republic Day Celebration 2022, was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Sangathan, an autonomous body under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India with the theme 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikash, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayash' at Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, Kyongsa,

today.

The event was graced by the Chairman, Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department, Mr. Hari Narayan Subedi as the chief guest and was accompanied by Assistant Professors from Gyalshing Government College, Dr. Anuradha Thapa and Mr. Lochan Sharma, District Youth Officer, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Gyalshing, Mr. Dev Nepal.

Judges for the

competition were Municipal Executive Officer, Gyalshing Municipal Council, Mr. Gopal Sharma; Centre Administrator, 'One Stop Centre' Ms. Pema Yankee Bhutia; Motor Vehicle Division, Mr. Gopal Krishna Kafley; District Coordinator, Primal Foundation, NITI Aayog, Mr. Kuntal Pal, participating students and others.

Chairman, Public Health

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Ex-Servicemen Rally- 2021 held

Namchi, December 01: Ex-Servicemen Rally- 2021 was held at Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism (IHCAE) at Chemchey, today. This rally was organised under the aegis of Rajya Sainik Board, Sikkim wherein Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Mr. B.S. Panth was the chief guest for the occasion.

Addressing the gathering Mr. Panth extended his congratulations to Rajya Sainik Board for successfully organising the programme

involving servicemen who have in their lifetime richly contributed to the nation and extended gratitude to them for their great service. He also read out the message from Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang. He emphasized that the State Government allows 3% reservation for recruitment in the Government service for Ex-Servicemen and said that this reservation is meant for the Ex-servicemen and their children's benefit. He added that Ex-Servicemen needs to be aware for

the implementation of this job reservation policy.

The Minister further proposed that in order to preserve the rich legacy provided by the Ex-servicemen of the State, a book could be introduced for the students dedicating the sacrifices made by veterans of the state so that a sense of patriotism can be inculcated from an early age. This book can also include a chapter of Article 371F, which the school

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CM launch JEE/NEET preparation classes

Namchi, December 05: In the initiative of District Administration South, the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang in the presence of the Minister for Education Mr. K.N. Lepcha and ACS Education officially launched JEE/NEET preparation classes by Kota's leading Institute Allen Career Institute in the Shikshak Shikshika Sammelan 2021, Jorethang, today.

Under this initiative, Allen career Institute shall open its Centre in South Sikkim and the faculties members from Kota will be teaching as per JEE and NEET syllabus. Under this, the Government will provide scholarships to meritorious

students and Allen Institute will add equal amount under its CSR initiative. Classes are likely to start from next academic session.

The project will develop economic activities in and around the town, like starting of Paying guest system, mess and fooding facilities, stationery and general items for shopkeepers along with income of Taxi drivers.

Currently, approximately more than 500 students from Sikkim are already studying in Kota for medical and engineering classes. The project will benefit students in getting admission into top colleges.

Horticulture Deptt. (West) organises one-day training programme

Gyalshing, December 07: The Horticulture Department (West Sikkim) organised one-day training on floriculture plants, cultivation, and management techniques for flower growers and cultivators at Soreng SDAC Conference Hall, today.

The main trainer for the day was Joint Director, Floriculture (Hq), Mrs. Kesang Lachungpa.

The main agenda for the training was to provide in-depth information on floriculture schemes and demonstration regarding the package of those flowers that are suitable for the focused area of Soreng Sub-

Division and alike terrain, such as gerbera, cymbidium, anthurium, phalaenopsis, liliun, gladiolus, alstromeria, rose among many others.

Mrs. Kesang Lachungpa enumerated all the benefits of floriculture schemes and proper harvesting. She said that the altitude of the land plays a major role in flower cultivation and farming. Each species of flowers requires a certain altitude and temperature for proper framing along with soil suitability and conventional plantation

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Ministry of DONER holds review meeting with line departments of DAC

Gyalshing, December 03: Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDONER), Mr. Umesh Kumar, Director held a review meeting with the line departments of District Administration Center. He was accompanied by the District Collector West, Mr. Karma R. Bonpo at the Conference Hall of District Administrative Centre (DAC), Rabdentse, today.

The Director included the three main agendas of the meeting, namely, to review the delayed projects, the living standards of villagers under backward block and West District as an Aspirational District. He discussed the projects in detail

in sectors like education, health and tourism. He stressed on West District of Sikkim being a part of the Aspirational District programme in the country. He appealed to all to make contributions from all the sectors so that district can achieve better ranking. He also asked to submit the proposal of Central schemes and for the early completion of the projects.

He welcomed detailed cooperation in the field of various sectors and reviewed the progress done till date. He also asked for the all round development of the district.

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Workshop-cum-sensitization to VHSNC on AYUSH

Gyalshing, November 30: One-day Workshop cum sensitization to the Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) of West District on AYUSH and its activities was organised by Sikkim State AYUSH Society at Zilla Bhawan, Gyalshing, today. All Aganwadi workers under Gyalshing along with other members of the VHSNC participated in the programme.

SPO, AYUSH MISSION, Sikkim, DRCHO from Gyalshing District hospital and Doctors of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy were present as resource person for the workshop.

The objective of the workshop was to sensitize the VHSNC about AYUSH and its activities in Sikkim, to know the common medicinal plants, which are found in Sikkim and its uses in home remedies, Yoga and its benefits, to have a holistic approach towards disease prevention, treatment and adopt a healthy lifestyle.

A session of Y- Break was demonstrated by Doctor of Yoga and Naturopathy wherein participants practiced 5 minute Yoga protocol to de-stress, refocus and refresh wherever they are working.

Cooperative Societies of Sikkim awarded with NCDC Regional Awards for Cooperative Excellence

Gangtok, December 03: Eight Cooperative Societies of Sikkim were awarded with the NCDC Regional Awards for Cooperative Excellence and Merit 2021 in an event organised by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) in collaboration with the Cooperation Department at Sahakari Bhawan, today.

In the award function which takes place once in two years, four Cooperatives namely, Luing Perbing MPCs Ltd, East Sikkim (Best Primary Cooperative Society), Sikkim Pragatisheel Nari Cooperative Society Ltd, South Sikkim (Best Primary Cooperative in two prominent sectors of State), Padamchey MPCs Ltd, East Sikkim (Best Primary Cooperative in two prominent sectors of State) and Sikkim Women's Cooperative Society Ltd, East Sikkim (All Primary Women's Cooperatives) were honoured with the NCDC Regional Cooperative Excellence Award 2021 for their exemplary work in the State of Sikkim.

Likewise, the NCDC Regional Cooperative Merit Awards were presented to Wok MPCs Ltd, South Sikkim (Best Primary Cooperative Society), Padamchey MPCs Ltd for Agro Processing Turmeric, East Sikkim (Best Primary Cooperative in two prominent sectors of State), Siribadam MPCs Ltd, West Sikkim (Best Primary Cooperative in two

prominent sectors of State) and Kadamtam MPCs Ltd, East Sikkim (Best Primary Cooperative in two prominent sectors of State).

Besides, a certificate and a memento, a cash reward of ₹25,000 for excellent cooperative and ₹20,000 for meritorious category awards, were also presented.

The award distribution programme was attended by Minister for Cooperation Department, Minister Mr. Sonam Lama, as chief guest and Chairperson, Cooperation Department, Mr. B.B. Chettri, as guest of honour.

Mr. Sonam Lama, in his address, affirmed the welfare of the cooperative societies of the State to be of paramount importance and assured that the grievances of the department and its stakeholders will be put forward for redressal at the earliest.

Congratulating the awardees for their dedication and commitment, the Minister quoted them as 'Gurus' who have caused an effect in positively impacting the entire community of cooperative societies in playing a significant role in contributing to rural economic empowerment. He urged all the Cooperative Societies of the State to perceive the event as a source of inspiration to keep striving towards self-reliance.

Chairperson, Cooperation Department, Mr. B.B. Chettri, congratulated the awardees and

expressed that they have paved a missionary way towards heralding rural income, dairy productivity and rural employment. He also laid out various issues pertaining to the overall progress of the Cooperation Department.

Regional Director, NCDC, Kolkata mentioned that the NCDC is a statutory corporation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India that aims at broadening the base area of operation of the Corporation to assist different types of cooperatives in order to expand its financial base. He expressed that the NCDC is committed to economic development through Cooperative principles while ensuring appropriate capacity building interventions.

The programme was also addressed by the outgoing Secretary, Mr. B.B. Subba, wherein he elaborated on the basic objectives of the NCDC Regional Awards for Cooperative Excellence and Merit Awards. He stated that these awards are being conferred in order to recognise the important roles played by the cooperative societies in the development of the State and the nation as a whole.

A 5-minute documentary film on Van Dhan Yojana was also presented during the course of the programme.

Meeting-cum-interactive programme held

Gangtok, December 02: A meeting-cum-interactive programme was held at the Conference Hall of Directorate of Fisheries, Near Paljor Stadium, today. Deputy Director, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Regional Division, Kolkata Mr. Archiman Lahiri, was present in the meeting which was also attended by Director, Directorate of Fisheries Mr. N. Jaswant, Additional Director Mr. C.S. Rai, Directorate of Fisheries including all district fisheries officials, officials from engineering section of Fisheries Directorate and some nearby fish farmers.

The main highlight of the programme was to discuss the possibilities of establishing the first Tilapia hatchery/nursery in the state duly considering the growing popularity of this fish species in the culture system. The state

government had also recently notified the guidelines for farming of Tilapia in the state, which was previously banned.

Director, Directorate of Fisheries Mr. N. Jaswant in his address thanked Mr. Archiman Lahiri Deputy Director, MPEDA for his informative presentation and requested MPEDA for necessary support to establish Tilapia hatchery/nursery in Sikkim for the welfare of fish farmers. He further stated that the Directorate of Fisheries would send proposal for establishment of the hatchery at the earliest along with the list of five farmers for providing support from MPEDA under SC/ST plan fund for initiating Tilapia farming in the State for demonstration purposes.

Deputy Director, MPEDA Mr. Archiman Lahiri, made a detailed presentation wherein he

Tilapia farming and about the process involved in breeding of Tilapia and raising of the seeds. He further stated that MPEDA shall provide financial assistance (upto 75% of the total project cost) to the State Government for establishment of Tilapia nursery in the State and training of the interested farmers. On the request of the Director, Directorate of Fisheries he also agreed to take up the proposal for providing necessary inputs to five farmers of Sikkim for initiating Tilapia farming in their private ponds.

Assistant Engineer, Directorate of Fisheries, Mrs. Rahel Gurung, in her presentation suggested two sites for establishment of Tilapia hatchery in the West and South District as per the preliminary feasibility studies conducted earlier.

Meeting on plastic waste management with special focus on EPR organised

Gangtok, November 30: A meeting on plastic waste management with special focus on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) was organised by the State Pollution Control Board Sikkim at the Sidkeong Tulku Conference Hall in Forest Secretariat, today.

The meeting presided over by the Chairman SPCB Sikkim, Dr. Thomas Chandy was attended by officials of SPCB Sikkim, Urban Local Bodies, Forest and Environment Department and other departments apart from the distributors of consumer goods, industrialists, leading waste management agencies of the country and representatives of small and medium enterprises.

Extended Producer Responsibility is a concept that is part of the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016, which casts an obligation upon all producers, importers and brand owners to collect the plastic waste generated by the marketing of their products. The PIBOs are obligated to collect 100% of the plastic waste put out by them by 2023-24 and reuse and recycle most of this waste.

Dr Thomas Chandy in his closing remarks stated that there was a good opportunity for local

entrepreneurs to enter the recycling business which is economically viable due to the thriving fast-moving consumer goods market in the State.

Welcoming the gathering, Member Secretary, SPCB-Sikkim Dr. Gopal Pradhan stated that the purpose of the meeting was to generate awareness among stakeholders on the concept of EPR. He stated that EPR did not have the desired effect in the State so far, as there was a gap in the plastic waste generated and collected. He stated that Producers, Importers and Brand Owners (PIBO) had an obligation by law to collect the plastic waste generated by the products they introduced into the market.

Executive Environmental Engineer, SPCB Sikkim Mr. Ranjan Rai made a power point presentation on the principles and stipulations of EPR in the proposed new law of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change which will take effect shortly.

In the interactions that followed the participants gave inputs about their experience on the working of the EPR mechanism and made suggestions to improve waste collection in the State.

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Ministry of..

Additionally, he also discussed about the sustainable solutions for infrastructure which have been made. He further asked the District Collector West to submit the list of villages under West District, which still required electricity, drinking water supply, broadband and road connectivity.

The Director (MDONER) alongwith the Mr. Gopal K. Chettri, SDM (HQ) Gyalshing visited and inspected the development works and interacted with general public of Chongrang block. The team was welcomed by BDO Chongrang Mr. Garap Dorjee Bhutia. The meeting at Chongrang was chaired by the Advisor (Ecclesiastical Department) Mr.

Rinzing Sharab Bhutia along with Panchayat President, Panchayat members of six different GPU's falling under Chongrang block and officials from different line Departments and SHGs.

The following demands were submitted to the Ministry: Road connectivity from Tashiding Bazar to Gangyap hot spring; Demand of College/University at Tashiding Lasso; Sinek PHC upgradation to CHC; Connectivity bridge to District headquarter from Pewthang along with Lodung river; Legship to Chongrang Road carpeting; Construction of Community Hall Tashiding with indoor facility; Car parking at Tashiding Bazar and construction of bridge connectivity Lingding with Nerdang.

Later, the Director along with the team also inspected the bee culture site at Chongrang.

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Ex-Servicemen...

pupils can read and further understand the nuances of this Article.

Speaking during the programme, Secretary Rajya Sainik Board (Retd) Col D. N. Bhutia spoke about the objectives of this rally, being celebrated as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The aim of this rally was to encourage interaction with the Ex-servicemen fraternity and to generate awareness regarding various policies of this board and other agendas. He added that Ex-servicemen continue with their facility even after their retirement and expand their values, discipline that they have learned in their years of service. He also gave a brief on the various

development that Rajya Sainik Board is conducting for the benefit of the servicemen like constructing a guest house at Gangtok, allocations of budget provided by the State Government for the board and many other important subjects concerning the servicemen.

The dignitaries also released the third edition of the newsletter titled "Samman". They also presented Chief Minister's Rolling Trophy for the Best Adminstrated Zilla Sainik Board for the year 2019-20 to Zilla Sainik Board Gyalshing West District. The trophy was handed over to Zilla Sainik Welfare Office, Tikjuk Gyalshing.

During the course of the programme, the chief guest also felicitated Ex-servicemen, 1971 Indo-Pak War Veterans and Young Achievers.

Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Government of Sikkim Gangtok

Ref no : 155(44)TC/DOT&CA/20-21/166/1D

Dated: 8/12/2021

Information to the Bidders NIT No: 166/TD

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim invites bids through E-procurement system of Government of Sikkim vide E-procurement Portal www.sikkimtender.gov.in to be uploaded on 09-12-2021 for tender of tourism project "Development of tourist Amenities at Khechepari in West Sikkim" sanctioned under State Plan. Tender dates and all other relevant documents details will be available on the above mentioned web site.

Superintending Engineer (S/W)
Tourism and Civil Aviation Department Gangtok
Government of Sikkim
(SI.No.1000)

**Government of Sikkim
Public Health Engineering Department
Gangtok-Sikkim.**

N.LT No.- 2//PHED

Dated:03/12/2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Gangtok, invites percentage rate tender in single cover system from an appropriate class of contractors enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department for execution of works as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Tender value (₹)	Earnest Money deposit@2.5 % (₹)	Cost of tender documents (Tender fee)
	Augmentation/Upgradation of water supply system to Pani House Area and Deorali, Gangtok, East Sikkim.	57,00,249.00 (i/c 12% G.S.T)	1,42,506.00	₹15,000.00

Contractors eligible for bidding may obtained the tender documents from the office of the Assistant Engineer (Mtc-I), PHED, Gangtok. General Directions and Conditions of Contract (GDCC) as per SPWD Manual 2009 are applicable in total.

TIME SCHEDULE:-

- Date of application and issue of tender form. Application to accompany Bank receipt of tender fee. 16.12.2021 & 17.12.2021 (From 10 am to 3.30 pm)
- Date and Time for submission of Tender form. 21.12.2021 (From 10 am to 12 pm)
- Date and Time of opening of Tender. 21.12.2021 (From 1:30 pm)

**Assistant Engineering (Mtc-I)
PHE Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim
R.O. No.276/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22(ii), Dt:03/12/2021**

**Government of Sikkim
Social Welfare Department
Welfare Division, Gayzing, West Sikkim -737113**

Ref. No.454/SWD/WD/WEST

Dated: 25/11/2021

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Sealed quotations are invited from Registered firms/ Authorized dealers/Authorized manufacturers for the supply of Readymade Uniforms for students of EMRS, Gangyap, West Sikkim as per the terms and conditions outlined by the Social Welfare Department outlined below. The specifications for the aforementioned work are as follows: -

TOTAL NO. OF BOYS: 184 Nos									
Particular(Size)	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	Total
Sweater	2	6	21	28	43	52	26	6	184
Track Suit	3	7	18	31	41	49	29	6	184
House T-shirt	2	6	20	31	47	48	25	5	184
Sport Lower	2	7	19	29	42	48	31	6	184
Blazer	2	7	25	44	62	38	6		184

TOTAL NO. OF BOYS: 184 Nos									
Particular(Size)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Sweater	4	11	18	34	61	37	15	4	184
Track Suit	2	14	18	37	55	40	15	3	184

TOTAL NO. OF Girls: 198Nos									
Particular(Size)	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	Total
Sweater	2	8	17	28	50	57	33	3	198
Track Suit	2	8	16	27	33	54	51	7	198
House T-shirt	2	8	20	25	40	49	49	5	198
Sport Lower	2	8	16	30	45	52	42	3	198
Blazer	2	8	24	60	55	37	12		198

TOTAL NO. OF BOYS: 198 Nos									
Particular(Size)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Sweater	6	18	30	40	55	30	15	4	198
Track Suit	4	23	24	43	51	35	15	3	198

- Neck Tie 382
- Sock 764 pairs
- Belt 382 pices

The Quotations should reach the Office of the undersigned by 15/12/2021 lately before 1:00 pm and will be opened on the same day at 3:00 pm.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- * The supply shall be made at the assigned destination.
- * No Advance is permissible as per norms.
- * No part payment shall be entertained.
- * The completed product supplied shall be subject to thorough inspection at destination and the materials rejected shall be returned back at the cost of the supplier.
- * The Social Welfare Department reserve the right to accept and cancel the quotation without mentioning any reason thereof.

**Sd/-
Welfare Officer
SWD/WD/West, DAC Rabdentse, West Sikkim
(Sl. no. 996)**

**Government of Sikkim
Social Welfare Department, Tadong, Gangtok**

No:21/SWD/2021

Dated:01/12/2021

INFORMATION

This is for information of all concerned that the Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim has extended the last date for submission of online scholarship application at www.socialwelfarescholarships.sikkim.gov.in from 30/11/2021 to 15/12/2021.

**Sd/-
Director
Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim
R.O. No.270/IPR/Pub/Classi/21-22, Dt:01/12/2021**

**Government of Sikkim
Land Revenue & Disaster Management
Department
Tashiling Secretariat, Block - B
Gangtok - 737101**

No.5/LR&DMD

Dated:26/11/2021

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, in compliance of the order dated 30.06.2021 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the matter W.P(C) No. 539 of 2021 and W.P.(C) No. 554 of 2021, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) , Government of India vide letter no.16/11/20-21-RR, dated 11th September,2021 and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) & Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), vide Office Memorandum No. C.18018/11/2021-DMCell, dated 3rd September, 2021 have issued guidelines for Ex-Gratia Assistance to the next kin of the Deceased who have died by COVID-19 as mandated under section 12(iii) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Now therefore, with a view to achieve the above objectives, the State Government is pleased to notify following guidelines in relation to Covid-19:-

1. An ex-gratia payment of ₹50,000/- (fifty thousand only) per deceased person, including those involved in relief operations of associated preparedness activities, subject to the cause of death having occurred within the State, being certified as COVID-19 death, as per the guidelines issued by MoHFW and ICMR, shall be provided to the next of kin of the deceased.

2. The ex-gratia assistance shall be provided from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

3. The District Disaster Management Authority hereinafter referred to as "DDMA" would disburse the ex-gratia assistance to the next of kin of the deceased persons. The concerned families shall submit their claims through a prescribed form issued by Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (Annexure-1) alongwith specified documents including the death certificate that certifies the cause of death to be COVID-19. The DDMA will ensure that the process of claim, verification, sanction and the final disbursement of ex-gratia payment will be through a robust yet simple and people-friendly procedure. All claims must be settled within 30 (thirty) days of submission of required documents and disbursed through Aadhaar linked Direct Benefit Transfer procedures.

4. In case of any grievances with regard to certification of the death, as prescribed in the MoHFW and ICMR guidelines, the Grievance Redressal Committee constituted at district level will propose remedial measures, including issuance of amended official document of COVID-19 death after verifying the facts in accordance with these guidelines in a prescribed form (Annexure -II). In case the decision of the committee is not in favour of the claimant a clear reason for the same shall be recorded. The Grievance Redressal Committee at district level shall consist of the following members :-

- Additional District Collector, all districts- Chairman.
- Chief Medical Officer, Health Department of the concerned district-Member
- District Medical Superintendent/HOD, Medicine, Health Department of the concerned district-Member.

5. The Ex-Gratia assistance to families affected by COVID-19 deaths will continue to be provided for deaths that may occur in the future phases of the COVID-19 pandemic as well, or until further notification.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

**Sd/-
(Sarala Rai,IAS)
Secretary - cum - Relief Commissioner,
Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department.
File No.37/COVID -19/LR&DMD(SSDMA). (Sl. no.992)**

**Government of Sikkim
Women & Child Development Department
Child Protection Scheme
Gangtok**

No:450/W&CDD/CPS/2021

Dt:24/11/2021

NOTICE

Applications are invited from interested local candidates for appointment as member in the Sikkim Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The applicant should be a graduate degree holder having experience in the field of:

- Education
- Child health, care, welfare or child development,
- Juvenile Justice or care or neglected or marginalised children or children with disabilities
- Elimination of child labour or children in distress
- Child psychology or sociology and
- Laws relating to children.

The applicant may submit their resume along with attested relevant documents and certificate in the above mentioned field (s) to the office of Special Secretary-cum-Director, CPS on or before 22/12/2021 by 4.30pm.

**Special Secretary-cum-Director, CPS
Women & Child Development Department
(Sl. no. 981,i)**

Office of the Additional Chief Engineer
Rural Development Department
Government of Sikkim
Gangtok

No: 001/E-Tender/RDD/S-W/20-21

Dated:19/11/2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Additional Chief Engineer(S/W), Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok invites percentage rate tenders from qualified Class II A contractors within concern District, enlisted with the SPWD in single cover system through e-tender platform. The bids should be submitted online through the website **www.sikkimtender.gov.in** for the work as listed below'

Sl. No.	Name of work	Cost of Bidding documents (₹)	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value (₹)	Bid value (₹)	Completion time
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Construction of Training /Activity Hall, Renovation of 36 Bedded Hostel At SIRD, Karfectar, South Sikkim	50,000.00/-	13,47,182.00/-	5,38,87,280/-	18 months

1. **NOTE:** For all details on the bid visit **www.sikkimtender.gov.in** and download the available tender documents.

1.1 The Tender value is based on Government of Sikkim Schedule of Rates 2020.

1.2 The rate quoted by the bidder should be inclusive of all taxes applicable for the given work.

1.3 The higher rate quoted by the bidder will not be accepted on Electrification works, Cost for furnishing and sanitation works and will be considered at PAR basis.

1.4 Bidders will be required to upload the attested scanned copies of the following tender documents in cover details/ Other Important Documents Section of portal as detailed in Section I of Standard Bidding Documents.

A. For Uploading in Cover Details of Portal

i. Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate

ii. EMD in form of TDR/FDR @ 2.5% of the Tender Cost drawn from State Bank of Sikkim

iii. Tender Fee (Cost of Tender Form) in form of Bank Receipt drawn from the State Bank of Sikkim under Revenue Head **0515-Other Rural Development Programme 800- other Receipts.**

iv. Tender Bid (Bill of Quantities) in form of spreadsheet as downloaded from portal duly filled with bidder's name and quoting the rates offered with following guidelines: -

a. Please fill the name in bidders name cell

b. To Quote the rate at PAR please select either 'plus' or 'minus' and type 0 (zero) in Percentage box.

c. To Quote the rate above Tendered Value please select 'plus' and type number in Percentage box at which the bidder wants to submit the bid.

d. To Quote the rate below Tendered Value please select 'minus' and type number in Percentage box at which the bidder wants to submit the bid.

v. Standard Bidding Documents

vi. Validated GST Registration certificate

vii. Latest GST Clearance Certificate

B. For Uploading in Other Important Documents Section of Portal

i. Permanent Account Number Details

ii. Litigation Details (If any)

iii. Affidavit Regarding Correctness of bid. (Please Upload an Affidavit declaring that bidder has understood and is acquaint with all terms and conditions prescribed in Standard bidding Documents and bid quoted by him/her is correct in all aspects)

iv. Miscellaneous Documents

2. In pursuance to the Notification No 104/R&B dated 08/10/2020 issued by Roads & Bridges Department Government of Sikkim, qualified women contractors will be exempted from submission 50% of EMD for participating in contract for the tender value which is in between ₹5.00 Crore and ₹10.00 Crore.

In case of such tender being accepted, the lowest bidder (Enlisted Women Contractor of Class cited above for this particular work) has to deposit the EMD @ 2.5% of the estimated cost put to tender before the issue of work order. Further, if the tenderer of above-mentioned exempt category withdraws her tender within the validity period, then the Government shall without prejudice to any right or remedy, be at the liberty to debar such tenderer for participation in any future tender for period of 01 (One) year.

3. IMPORTANT DATES

DATE OF UPLOADING OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS IN E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL	1911 1/2021
DATE FOR DOWNLOADING OF DOCUMENTFROM&PORTAL	20/11/2021 Onwards
SEEK CLARIFICATION DATE:	23/11/2021 & 24/11/2021
DATE FOR ONLINE BIDS SUBMISSION BY THE BIDDERS:	26/11/2021 to 17/12/2021 till 1600 hours
LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF BID SECURITY	17/12/2021 till 1600 hours
DATE AND TIME FOR OPENING OF BIDS	22/12/2021 10:30AM onwards
PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS.	Office of the Additional Chief Engineer (S/W), Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
APPROVAL OF BID	22/12/2021
COMMUNICATION OF APPROVAL	23/12/2021

4. The completed tender documents must be uploaded in the e-procurement portal on or before 14/12/2021, 1600 hours. All the relevant papers as per the bidding documents along with the cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the form of challan/demand draft and TDR respectively drawn in favour of Director (Accounts), Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, should be uploaded in the portal.

5. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any bid thereof.

Additional Chief Engineer (S/W)
Rural Development Department
Government of Sikkim (Sl. no. 971,i)

Sikkim Public Service Commission
Old Tourism Complex, MG Marg GANGTOK - 737101

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Reference No: 52/EXAM/SPSC/2021

Date: 01/12/2021

NOTICE

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Viva-Voce / Interview for filling up **22 posts of Health Educator / Extension Educator** in the Sikkim State Allied and Healthcare Service under Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Sikkim, through direct recruitment as per advertisement no.05/SPSC/EXAM/2019 dt:05/03/2019 followed by Notice No:38/SPSC/EXAM/2019 dt:03/05/2019, the following candidates are hereby declared qualified in order of merit and their names are recommended for appointment.

ROLL NO	NAME OF CANDIDATES
8	SARMILA RAI
3	LHA PHUTTI SHERPA
13	NEELA HANGMA SUBBA
6	RINCHEN NAMGYAL BHUTIA
4	MINGMA NORBU SHERPA
5	LOK BAHADUR TAMANG
11	DINESH SHANKAR
7	RESHMA SUBBA
10	GAURI SHANKER REGMI
9	CHAMPA BHUTIA
1	TSHERING WANGDI BHUTIA

CARRIED FORWARD	
CATEGORY	NO. OF POST
OBC(CL)	3
OBC(CL) (W)	1
OBCCSL)	1
OBCCSL)(W)	2
STeW)	1
SC	1
PT	1
MBCCSL)	1
TOTAL	11

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

Yangchen Tamang(SCS)
Controller of Examinations
(Sl. no.991,i)

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District Level...

Engineering (PHE) Department, Mr. Hari Narayan Subedi in his brief address, expressed his pleasure on being able to be a part of the event and thanked NYK. Further, he encouraged them for conducting such event more often and praised them for their efforts in conducting such an exemplary event for the betterment of the youth. He than assured for providing with the required assistance from his part and even informed about the vision of the State Government and the Chief Minister's envisionment of the youth being capable of taking the state forward towards prosperity.

Mr. Dev Nepal, in his opening remarks, outlined various activities, initiatives and work ethics of the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), which he believes would energise and uplift the youth and their overall growth. Speaking about the competition, he informed that the availed platform is a golden opportunity for the contestants and encouraged them extensively to reap valuable experience out of it, whilst, urging them to gearup and motivated them to put their all efforts into sharpening their skills and grab the opportunity to represent the state in the national level, where their voices would be heard and

witnessed in a much wider platform.

Mr. Pal, showed his satisfaction upon the event and believed that it would motivate the youths to come forth and join thier hands for contribution which would be a crucial aspect for the development of the nation. He informed about the Aspirational District programme of the NITI Aayog in to the district and pointed out key elements of the foundation.

Ms. Pema Yankee Bhutia drew light upon the 'One Stop Centre', the outreach centre for women in need and its work ethics. She informed that the primary focus is to assist women in distress and also informed Universal Women Helpline No.181 for required assistance pertaining to the issues related to women. She briefly senitised about the handling procedure, provided services and urged all present to report any instances at their poximity in an humanitarian ground.

A total of eighteen students from the various educational institutes from Sikkim participated in the competition, wherein, Ms Puja Bista secured first position; Mr. Ganesh Sharma, Second Position and Ms. Prasanti Chettri, Third Position. A certificate of particiaption to all contesting students was also handed over by the chief guest.

Education Department
Government of Sikkim,
Gangtok.

NIT No: 02/AE(E-I)/EW/EDN/GOS

DATED: 25/11/2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer (East-I), Education Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim invites sealed tenders from the eligible contractors of appropriate class for the work as below: -

Sl. No.	Name of work	Value put to tender	Completion time in months	Bank receipt towards cost of tender documents	Earnest money @ 2.5% for issue of tender form
1.	Construction of Eight Roomed School Building at Lumsey Secondary School	₹95,52,600.00	18 months	₹5,000.00	₹2,38,815.00
2.	Construction of Four Roomed School Building at Middle Camp Secondary School.	₹54, 12,000.00	12 months	₹5,000.00	₹1,35,300.00
3.	Construction of Four Roomed School Building at Ralap Secondary School.	₹54,12,000.00	12 months	₹5,000.00	₹1,35,300.00
4.	Construction of Four Roomed School Building at Sichey Senior Secondary School.	₹54,12,000.00	12 months	₹5,000.00	₹1,35,300.00
5.	Construction of Four Roomed School Building at Sherwani Secondary School.	₹54, 12,000.00	12 months	₹5,000.00	₹1,35,300.00
6.	Construction of Three Roomed School Building at Chuja Martam Primary School.	₹35,61,400.00	9 months	₹5,000.00	₹89,035.00
7.	Construction of Three Roomed School Building at Rabdang Chotang Primary School.	₹35,61 ,400.00	9 months	₹5,000.00	₹89,035.00
8.	Truss (Roof) and Repair at Nampong Govt. JHS, East Sikkim -	₹36,88,466.00	06 months	₹5,000.00	₹92,212.00

A. TIME SCHEDULE

1. Date for submission of application with bank receipt/challan For issue of tender documents : 15.12.2021 upto 1500 hrs.
2. Date for submission of TDR (Earnest Money) for issue of tender form : 20.12.2021 upto 1500 hrs.
8. Date and time for submission of tender : 23.12.2021 upto 1300 hrs
9. Date and time for opening of tender : 23.12.2021 (at 1400 hrs.)

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application should invariably be signed by the contractor himself /herself. The tender documents will not be issued to person other than the INTENDING TENDERERS. The application shall be submitted in person with all the required documents.
2. The application should enclose attested copies of the (A) latest GST Clearance Certificate (B) Latest Income Tax Clearance certificate and (C) Validated/ Updated Contractors Enlistment Certificate along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the original validated/updated Enlistment Certificate and other original documents during sell/issue of the tender documents for verification.
3. The prescribed non-transferable tender documents (excluding the tender form) can be obtained during the period specified in (A) above from the office of the Assistant Engineer, Education Department, Gangtok on production of requisite Bank Receipt/ challan duly deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim towards cost of tender documents (Non-refundable) under the receipt head 0202-01-101-03 other receipts.
4. Earnest money @2.5% duly deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of T.D.R in favour of the Sr. Account Officer, (Works), Education Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim. tender form shall be issued only to those contractors/firms who have obtained the tender documents.
5. The tender documents including the tender form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the works superscribed on it. Supporting documents listed at S.I. No. 2A, B and C above should be enclosed with the offer.
6. Sealed tender may be deposited in the tender box in the Office of the Assistant Engineer (East-I), Education Department, Gangtok East Sikkim, on the date and within the time indicated above.
7. A tender opening committee in the presence of the tendenslgvill open tender on the date and time included above.
8. The Tenderer Should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the General Directions and Conditions of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of all taxes. Overwriting and corrections should be avoided and if it occurs it should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected.
9. Incase of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, then the rate printed in the Schedule of Rates as per the approved estimate will be taken as correct, decision of the Chief Engineer or the Secretary will be the final in this regard.
10. The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change and the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the department. Claim of this account shall be as per the agreement rates and for any extra items which are not included in the Schedule of quantities at the time of tender, the rates of the SOR used in preparation of DPR i.e., the SOR of the year on which the tender is based shall be followed.
11. Quality control and testing of material shall be done by the contractors and when required to do so. The contactor shall engage Civil Engineer at project site during the period of execution of the work
12. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his /her risk and cost. The department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labourers at site.
13. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15days from the date of issue of Work Order.

14. The conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor.
15. The contractors are required to register themselves under Rule 39 or 40(as the case may be) ofSikkim Value Added Tax Rule 2005 with Income and Commercial Tax Division of Finance Revenue & Expenditure Department and obtain the TIN number before the settlement of Bill or they must be register companies/firms registered under the companies act 1956 having valid PAN/TAN.
16. The recoveries of Taxes and Royalties on Forest produces shall be as per the rates applicable on the date of payment notified by the State Government from time to time. In no case , the claims of the contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in the Analysis of Rates or Schedule of Rates or rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
17. The Education Department does not accept subcontracting of the project work, however, if circumstances warrant such subcontracting, the contractors shall not sub-contract any part of the work without prior consent of the Education Department, Gangtok. Any such consent shall not relieve the contractor from any liability or obligation under the contract and he shall be responsible for the acts, defaults and neglects of any sub-contractor, his agents or workmen as fully as if they were acts, defaults or neglects of the contractor.
18. In case the man power are required to be imported from out of State or the neighboring countries it shall be the responsibilities of the contractor to get them registered through the Labour Department Govt. of Sikkim as per the relevant Central and State Legislation.
19. Liquidated Damages: If the contractor fails to achieve the target or milestones fixed for the various activities (As per the work plan), the contractor shall pay liquidated damages to the Department at the rate the Chief Engineer/ competent authority finds suitable, which shall not be more than 5% of the contract value.
20. The contractor shall do photography/video photography of the site firstly before the start of the work, secondly mid-way in the execution of different stages of the work and lastly after the completion of the work but he/she shall not disclose details of drawings furnished to him and works on which he is engaged without the prior approval of the DepartmentlEngineer in writing. No separate payment will be made to the contractor on account of the photography/videography. The contractor shall not publish otherwise circulate wit out the approval of the Department which shall be treated as breach of contract.
21. The contractor shall confine all his activities inside the allocated project area. The allocated project area implies the identified quarry, identified debris disposal site and land acquired for the project.
22. All specification, dimension and geometries shall be verified by the contractor on the site and he shall be responsible for accuracy AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL DIMENSIONS AND LEVELS. Process quality control as well as End Product quality control both implies for achieving quality work at site.
23. No unauthorized persons shall be allowed on the site, The contractor shall instruct all such person to keep out and shall take steps to prevent tres pass.
24. In case of difference between other Clauses of the Agreement (and its sub-clauses) then additional conditions incorporated in the General Directions and Conditions of Contract shall supersede all other clauses.
25. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason thereof.
26. Expenditure involved for material testing viz., Cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of metals etc. at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed to do so.
27. It is expected for the tenderer to have reconnoitered/inspected the site before submitting his bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.
28. The contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Govt. and no claim will be entertained in this regard whatsoever.
29. The cost of Stock materials and equipment supplied by the Department will be deducted from contractor's bill as per rules.
30. Incase the tender date as included above is declared the Govt. Holiday, the process shall continue in the subsequent working days. Incase the quantum of works and specifications as prescribed in schedule of quantities or included in the work value at the time of tender deviates due to limitation of funds or otherwise this are subject to changes for which decision of the Head of the Department shall be final and conclusive.
31. The rate of the earnest money which a contractor should deposit before issue of tender form is 2.50% of the estimated cost put to tender, However, all enlisted women Contractors will be exempted from TDR for participation in any contract work up to an amount of ₹5.00 Crore. In case of such tender being accepted, the lowest bidder (Enlisted Women Contractor) has to deposit Earnest Money @2.50% of the estimated cost put to tender before the issue of work Order, Further, if the tenderer of the above mentioned exempted category withdraws her tender within the validity period, then the government shall without prejudice to any right or remedy, be at the liberty to debar such tenderer for participation in any future tender for a period of 01(one) year.
32. Reference to notification no. 584/RNB/PWD/Secy Dated: 08/ 10/2018 the competitive bidding amongst all class IV contractors enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department should be within the territorial jurisdiction of the CONCERNED WARD of the GPU/ULB where the work is to be executed.
33. Reference to notification no.66/R&B/PWD/Secy dated 08.01.2021 the tendering is to be conducted in the office of the undersigned.

Assistant Engineer (East-I)
Education Department, Gangtok, East Sikkim

Office of the Assistant Engineer
Education Department
Government of Sikkim, Gyalshing

NIT NO:10/Edu//Gyz/west

DATED: 03/12/2021

NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer, Education Department Gyalshing Sub-Division, West Sikkim invites sealed tenders from the eligible contractors of appropriate class for the work as below: -

Sl. No.	Name of work	Work value put to tender	Completion time (in months)	Bank receipt towards cost of tender documents	Earnest money @ 2.5% for issue of tender form
	1	2	3	4	5
1	Construction of 4/R/S/B at Pelling Chumbung PS	Civil Work Electrification = ₹54,94,868/- =₹3,20,657/- =₹58,15,525/-	12 months	₹5000.00	₹1,45,388.00

TIME SCHEDULE

1. Date for submission of application with bank receiptchallan 20112/2021 up to 1200 hours for issue of tender documents (excluding the tender form)
2. Date for issue of tender form 21/12/2021 up to 1500 hours
3. Date and time for submission of tender 22/12/2021 up to 1200 hours
4. Date and time of opening of tender 22/12/2021 time 1400 hours

A. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application should invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender documents will not he issued to the person other than the INTENDING TENDERS/ CONTRACTORS. The application shall he submitted for the work listed above with all required documents enclosed.
2. Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors of the appropriate Class within the Gram Panchayat unit -ward.
3. The intending tenderers/contractors are requisite to obtain the “challan” from the Senior Accounts officer. Education Department Government of Sikkim. Tikjuk west Sikkim towards the cost of tender documents (non- refundable), as indicated in the table above (column 4), and deposit the amount under the receipt head 0202/01.101.03 Other Receipt.
4. The applications for issue of tender documents shall be enclosed with bank reciept towards cost of tender documents as specified above and attested copies of the (a) Latest GST registration certificate (b) PAN Card number and (c) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. It is mandatory to produce original ValidatedlUpdated Certificates mentioned above during sale/issue ofthe Tender documents for verification.
5. The Prescribed non-transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified above from the Office of Assistant Engineer Education Department, Government of Sikkim, Tikjuk west Sikkim on production of requisite challan duly deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim towards the Cost of Tender Document (non-refundable).
6. Earnest Money (EM) 2.5% duly deposited in the State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of T.D.R. in favor of Sr. Accounts Officer, Education Department Government of Sikkim Tikjuk west Sikkim. Tender Form shall be issued only on production of the T.D.R., as prescribed to those contractors who have obtained the Tender Documents. Women Contractors are exempted from depositing 2.5% TDR as per notification No 1 04/R&B Dated- 08/10/2020. As per the notification, in case of such tender being accepted, the lowest bidder within (emlisted women contractor) has to deposit earnest money at the rate 2.5% of the estimated cost put to tender before the issue of work order.
7. The Tender Documents including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderer and the name of the work superscribed on it. Supporting documents listed at Sl. No.4 (a), (b), and (c) above should be enclosed with the offer.
8. Sealed Tenders may be deposited in the Tender Box in the office of the Assistant Engineer, Education Department at specified venue on the date and within the time indicated above.
9. Tenders will be opened by the Tender Opening Committee in the presence of the tenders on the date and time indicated above.
10. The Tenderers should sign on every page of the tender document as acceptance of the General Directions and Conditions of Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST. Over writing and corrections should be avoided and if it occurs, should be authenticated with initial/ signature of the Tenderer. Incomplete/Conditional tender shall be rejected forthwith.
11. In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the schedule of Rates & Quantities issued with the tender documents, the rates as per approved standard Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked and approved estimate/analysis.
12. The work should commence within 7 days from the date of issue of Work Order and no extension of time shall be granted.
13. The Department reserves the right to alter the quantity and items of the work as well as total cost of the work during execution of work.
14. This NIT shall form part of the agreement.
15. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

Assistant Engineer
Education Department
Gyalshing Sub Division, West Sikkim
(Sl. no. 999)

Government of Sikkim
Rural Development Department

No:04/RDD/E-TEN

Dated:16.11.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, invites percentage rate tender under two - cover systems from the eligible class of contractors (Class I - A) within the State enlisted with the SPWD for execution of work as detailed below:

SI No.	Name of work	Cost of Bidding documents	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value	Bid value
	23	45		
1	Construction of 40 mtr span steel bridge over Rani khola and 25 mtr span steel bridge over Hel khola including construction of connectivity from NH 10 to Basilakha and Priklakha in East Sikkim	₹1 ,00,000.00/-	₹34,78,806/-	₹13,91,52,258/-

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

i) Uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal by the Department: 17/11/2021
ii) Date for downloading of document from e-portat: 18/11/2021 Onwards
iii) Seek clarification date: 06/12/2021 & 07/12/2021
iv) Date for submission of bids online by the Bidders: 20/11/2021 to 20/12/2021 till 1600 hours
v) Last Date of submission of hard copy of bid security: 21/12/2021 till 1600 hours
vi) Date of opening of bids: 22/12/2021 10:30AM onwards.

2. Eligible Contractors having experience in the construction of road and bridge works may download the details and bidding documents from the e-procurement portal i.e www.sikkimtender.gov.in w.e.f 18/11/2021.

3. The completed tender documents must be uploaded in the e-procurement portal on or before 20/12/2021, 1600 hours. All the relevant papers as per the bidding documents along with the cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the form of challan/demand draft and TDR respectively drawn in favour of Director (Accounts), Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, should be uploaded in the portal.

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

Chief Engineer,
RDD
(Sl. no. 965,i)

Government of Sikkim
Horticulture Department

Ref. No. 454 /Horti./Adm

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Notice.

To,
Ms. Rosa Rai,
Lab. Attendant,
CDC, Rumtek,
Horticulture Department,
Govt. of Sikkim.
Rumtek.

A report was received from your concerned Officer regarding your unauthorised absence from duty w.e.f 23.03.2021 without any information and leave application.
Accordingly, you have been served with a Show Cause Notice vide No. 371/Horti./Adm. Dated. 27.07.2021 to submit your explanation by 27th July 2021 as to why disciplinary action should not be taken against you for dereliction of duty. The same was sent to you through whatsapp which was received by you.
However, till date you have neither submitted youreplanation nor reported for duty.
Therefore, a final notice is being issued to you to report to your duty within one week from the date of issue of this notice, failing which the department will initiate disciplinary action against you ex-parte in accordance to Sikkim Government Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1985 without any further notice.

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voting, the Sikkim (Re-Organization of Districts) Bill, 2021 (Bill No. 15 of 2021) was passed by the House.

Minister, Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, moved the Sikkim State University (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Bill No. 16 of 2021) for consideration of the House. The Bill was passed after discussion and voting by the House.

Thereafter, Minister, Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, moved the Sikkim Skill University Bill, 2021, (Bill No. 17 of 2021) for consideration of the House. Replying to the suggestions put forth by MLA Mr. D.T. Lepcha, Minister, Education Department, Mr. K.N. Lepcha, said that the basic purpose of the new Sikkim Skill University is to equip students with quality skill education to prepare them for accessing employment opportunities in and outside the State.

While welcoming the suggestions made by the MLA, Mr. K.N. Lepcha added that the setting up of the Skill University at Namthang Rateypani will not only open up access to higher education and opportunities for the people of the constituency but will also help in boosting the development activities in the area. After discussion and voting, the Sikkim Skill University Bill, 2021, (Bill No. 17 of 2021) was passed by the House.

Thereafter, Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, also the Minister-in-Charge, Finance Department, presented following the CAG Reports/Separate Audit Reports in the House, namely,

i) Finance Accounts Volume I & II and the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Sikkim for the financial year 2019-20.

ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Economic, Revenue and General Sectors for the year ended March 2019 (Report No. 2 of 2021).

iii) State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the

year ended March 2020 (Report No. 3 of 2021).

iv) Annual Consolidated Audit and Review Report on the Accounts of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Municipalities for the financial year 2019-20.

v) Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of Sikkim State Commission for Women, Gangtok for the year ended 31st March 2019.

vi) Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Gangtok for the year ended 31st March 2019.

The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, also the Minister-in-Charge, Home Department laid the copy of the Private Security Agencies (Private Security to Cash, Transportation Activities) Rules, 2020 & the Sikkim Private Security Agencies Rules, 2021 on the Table of the House.

Minister, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Mr. Arun Upreti laid the copy of Rules and Notifications issued under the National Food Security Act, 2013 on the Table of the House.

Thereafter, Chairperson, House Committee (2021-22), Mr. G.T. Dhungel, presented the Fourth Report of the House Committee on the issues about the Members of Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

Speaker, Mr. L.B. Das, announced the presentation of Annual Reports of Commission/ Departments before the House.

Chief Minister and Leader of the House, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang in his valedictory remarks thanked the Speaker and Deputy Speaker for the successful conduct of the Assembly Session, and Members of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly for their active participation in the debates and deliberations during the three-day Assembly Session. He thanked the Members for passing the three Bills introduced during the Session in the larger interest of the people of Sikkim.

Speaking about the Sikkim (Re-Organization of Districts) Bill, 2021, the Chief Minister termed it a historic Bill which will bring positive results in future, especially for people residing in far-flung areas. Likewise, he expressed happiness that the Khangchendzonga State

Food Testing Laboratory and Food Welfare Department, Dr. N.R. Gurung in his brief address gave basic details of laboratory in the State and manpower and also provided a brief report on the performance of technical lab staff, reports of analysis of food samples for the last five years, Mobile Food Testing Lab (MFTL). He spoke on the upgradation of Laboratory in the State under the Central Sector Scheme (Section 43 of FSS Act, 2006).

Joint Food Safety Commissioner, Mr. Niraj Thapa, outlined the success of Eat Right Challenge Initiative in Gangtok and South Sikkim. Activities coming under the initiative License Mela conducted in South Sikkim were discussed during his brief address. Furthermore, the stakeholders were apprised about

University, Sikkim, in due course of time, will move from the confines of Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College to a campus of its own at Temi Tarku in South Sikkim.

On the Sikkim Skill University Bill, 2021, the Chief Minister said that the new University will train the youth in specific skills thus making them employable within and outside the State. He added that the University will be a boon for the people of Namthang Rateypani constituency.

Responding to a point raised by MLA Mr. D.R. Thapa during the Question Hour on 7th December regarding the Companies Act, the Chief Minister reiterated that the Government has already constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Justice S.P. Wangdi, former Judge, High Court of Sikkim, and former Judicial Member, National Green Tribunal, to examine and review the Registration of Companies (Sikkim) Act 1961.

Responding to points raised by MLA Mr. D.T. Lepcha in his valedictory remarks, Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang informed the House that interviews for vacant posts in various departments are being carried out regularly by the SPSC. The Skilled Youth Startup Scheme and the Mega Homestay Project are initiatives taken by the Government to encourage the youth towards entrepreneurship and self-reliance. The recent tie-up of the Government with Kota based coaching institute 'Allen Career Institute' for providing career guidance to the Sikkimese youth for various competitive examinations is yet another step taken in the direction of youth empowerment. He further stated that the Government is laying great emphasis on the tourism sector as it is the backbone of the economy for the State of Sikkim. Likewise, incentives in the dairy, agriculture and animal husbandry sectors have helped strengthen the rural economy to a large extent.

Speaking on law and order in the State, the Chief Minister informed the House that the crime rate in the State has come down by 7% since the formation of the present Government. He said that

the tentative schedule of Eat Right Mela 2022, which will include a Walkathon campaign to sensitize everyone about safe and healthy foods.

Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta after observing the reports concluded that a fully functioning laboratory is the need of the hour to test food samples in the State. Further, he also briefed on sensitizing the public about eating healthier foods and co-ordination of line departments to make food safety a priority in Sikkim.

The Chief Secretary was accompanied by Director General-cum-Secretary, Health Department, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia, Heads of various line departments, DIG Range, Police, Food Safety Officer and officers of various line departments and representatives from NGOs.

the Government is committed to ensuring efficient law and order in the State. Speaking on the issue of substance abuse, the Chief Minister stated that there has been a marked decrease in the SADA cases in the State in the past two years.

Speaking about the State's handling of the first and second wave of Covid-19, the Chief Minister said that Sikkim was successful to a great extent in controlling the pandemic due to the proactive role of the medical fraternity and the support and resolve of the people of Sikkim. He said that vital support such as oxygen, injection, medicine, and other resources was made available throughout. He expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister for his support and strength to deal with the pandemic. Speaking about the emergence of the new variant named Omicron, he called for the need to take utmost precaution and follow the basic protocol.

The Chief Minister thanked MLA Mr. Y.T. Lepcha for his suggestions during his valedictory remarks. Responding to the points raised by MLA Mr. D.R. Thapa during his valedictory remarks, the Chief Minister said that the 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme of the Central Government is a boon for the State as it will help curb illegal influx, curtail corruption and eradicate the system of middlemen. He welcomed the suggestion of the MLA to devise a system of creating a database of migrant labourers from other States.

Responding to a question regarding financial incentives to doctors and medical staff, the Chief Minister said that in the first phase, the Government has provided incentives to the ASHAs, which will soon be extended to other health workers. Regarding the issue of shortage of teachers, the Chief Minister said that regular interviews are being conducted by the State Teachers' Recruitment Board to meet the requirements. He said that this one-time interview will ensure that they will be regularised after completing eight years of probation, as per the New Policy established by the Government. Further, the

Government has ensured that all the vacant posts of Principal are filled through interviews, as a result of which all senior secondary schools now have a Principal.

The Chief Minister also apprised the House of the Awards and Honours received by the State in the year 2021, which are, Award for Most Improved Small State in Environment; Award for Most Improved Small State in Law and Order; Award for Best performing Small State in Economy; Award for Most Film Friendly State; Award for Best Governance in the Small States; First Fully Vaccinated State (first dose) and 92% Population provided the second dose and Sustainable Development Goals Award for Best District under the North Eastern States of India – East District of Sikkim judged 1st, South District 6th, North District 14th and West District of Sikkim bagged the 17th position.

Among other achievements, the Chief Minister mentioned about the recent allotment of 50 additional seats per year for Sikkimese students in the Sikkim Manipal Medical College. In conclusion, the Chief Minister once again thanked everyone involved in making the Assembly Session a success, and extended his greetings to the people of Sikkim for the upcoming festivals.

Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Mr. L.B. Das in his valedictory remarks thanked the Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers and Members of the House for their participation in the proceedings of the Session. He thanked and congratulated the Members for passing two new Bills and one Amendment Bill framed for the development of the State and the welfare of the people. The Speaker thanked the State Chief Secretary, DGP, Heads of Departments, officers of various departments, members of the media, police personnel and everyone involved in ensuring smooth conduct of the three-day Assembly Session. Thereafter, the Session came to an end with the Speaker adjourning the House Sine-Die.

started taking preventive steps to safeguard the public.

Minister L. N. Sharma presented his welcome address and extended his gratitude to the Chief Minister for his constant support.

Mr. Sharma also mentioned the multitude of works undertaken and completed by the government in the Gyalshing Bermiok Constituency. He also thanked the Chief Minister and the Government for the appointment of Sanskrit Teachers and the development of the Sanskrit language via strengthening its academicians.

The Kirateshwar Mandir committee received a cheque of ₹5 Lakh from the Chief Minister.

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State Level ...

Regional Office, Mr. Saiteja Jakkani, gave information about the components of State Food Safety Index (SFSI), MoU Action Plan and Eat Right Initiative. The core regulatory duties of FSSAI, State Food Safety Index (SFSI), promotion of FSSAI initiatives were discussed at length. Further, he expanded on Eat Right Initiative, which focuses on the promotion of healthcare for all citizens of the country. He gave suggestions on actions that should be taken by the State to ensure that it follows the right path and achieve the goal of three Es of Eat Right Initiative, which is, "Eat Healthy, Eat Safe and Eat Sustainability."

Additional Director, State

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Chief Minister...

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The Chief Minister also expressed his desire in accordance with the demands placed by Minister cum Area MLA Mr. Sharma to build the 'Rock Climbing Institute' at Legship which would be a place for tourists attraction as well as a form of development for the public of Legship area. He also instructed that all should follow the COVID-19 protocol as laid by the State government to reduce the spread of the new variant of COVID-19 for which the State in accordance with the Centre have

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ASHA Sammelan 2021 organised

Gangtok, November 30: ASHA Sammelan 2021, organised by All Sikkim ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) Welfare Association in collaboration with Health and Family Welfare Department was held at Manan Kendra, today.

Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang graced the function as the chief guest. Minister for Education Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, Political Secretary to CM, Mr. Jacob Khaling, Advisor Health Mr. K. B. Gurung, Mayor GMC Mr. Neel Bahadur Chettri, Deputy Mayor GMC, Mrs. Tshering Palden Bhutia, DG cum Secretary Health, Dr. Pemba. T. Bhutia, Advisors, Chairpersons, Additional Political Secretaries from all the four districts, Officials from Health and Police Departments and ASHA workers of the State were present at the function.

The Chief Minister in his

address extended his congratulations for organising this historic convention for the first time and gratitude to all the ASHA workers for their sincere work. He mentioned that ASHA means hope and that the Sikkimese people place their hopes and expectations towards them for their work, assistance and support as they are directly involved with the grass root people. He also mentioned that without the support of ASHA workers, it would have been difficult to manage the COVID-19 pandemic during its 1st and 2nd waves in the State.

The Chief Minister mentioned that health remains a top priority sector for the State Government and the government has been working relentlessly to upgrade and bring reforms for its growth and development for the convenience of the public. He apprised the gathering about the implementation of various

schemes, policies and new infrastructure in the health sector from 2019 to 2021. The Chief Minister also assured to enhance economic facilities for the ASHA workers in the future. He concluded his speech by extending his gratitude to ASHA Association for the felicitation and honour conferred to him.

DG-cum-Health Secretary in his address mentioned that Sikkim has 667 ASHA workers currently, they are supporting the immunization/ vaccination drive in villages and implemented various other new schemes amongst many other activities and that they are an integral part of the Health Department family.

During the programme, a district-wise presentation was given by ASHA representatives, followed by the felicitation of eight ASHA workers by the Chief Minister.

Conservation and Awareness programme on Riverine Fisheries conducted

Gangtok, December 01: Directorate of fisheries, East District organised a one day programme on Riverine Fisheries conservation and awareness programme at the hall of training cum awareness centre, Directorate, Rangpo, East Sikkim, today.

The programme was attended by the chief guest Directorate of Fisheries Mr. N. Jaswant Director, Additional Director Mr. C. S Rai, Assistant Director Mr. Nitesh Gurung, Range Officer Mr. Krishna Prasad Sharma, and other officials of Directorate of Fisheries, along with local area police personnel and fishermen from nearby areas. The main purpose for organizing the programme was to give an awareness on riverine fisheries and their ecological importance, conservation of fish germplasm, with a prior focus on the conservation of state fish of Sikkim (*Neolissochilus hexagonolepis*) (Chocolate Mahseer) locally known as Katley.

Additional Director of Fisheries, Mr. C. S. Rai, informed the important causes for declining the indigenous fish population in the State. He outlined the

importance of indigenous fish species of the state, its immediate conservation and future strategies for riverine fisheries conservation by the Directorate of Fisheries etc. Director Mr. N.Jaswant in his address emphasized the different schemes like (Kishan Credit Card (KCC), Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), and Skilled Youth Startup and new ventures and large scale fishing in the reservoirs, opening fish kiosks and fish eco-tourism. He also informed that the Directorate of Fisheries for the first time has insured 375 numbers of fishermen under the Group Accidental Insurance Scheme (GAIS) of the Government of India. He also informed that the Directorate of Fisheries has submitted an amendment of the Sikkim Fisheries Act to the Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department for approval, where aspects on controlling illegal fishing activities, formation of the fish farmers or fishermen committee to assist the directorate for prevention and conservation of indigenous fishes were emphasized. Later, at the confluence of Singtam and Rani

Khola, a river ranching programme was conducted for the ranching of Golden Mahseer by the local fishermen in the presence of officials of the Directorate of Fisheries.

During the course of the programme, HFG Mr. Krishna Subba talked about the conservation of riverine fisheries, their ecological importance, reasons for their reduction in a number of species in the natural habitat of River Teesta and Rangeet and its tributaries and the strategies for their conservation by the Directorate of Fisheries through a powerpoint presentation.

Later, Range Officer Fisheries Mr. Krishna Prasad Sharma, elaborated about the silent features of the newly launched state sector scheme on Mukhya Mantri Matsya Utpadan Yojana (MMMUY), covering the target beneficiaries, subsidy aspects, its importance, objective of the MMMUY, the process to apply for availing the benefits of up to 60% subsidy from the total cost of the purchase of fish seeds and fishing for fish farmers and fishermen, respectively.

NYK (Gangtok) organises district level Declamation Contest

Gangtok, December 05: Nehru Yuva Kendra Gangtok, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organized a district level Declamation Contest on the topic ‘Patriotism and Nation Building’ with the theme of ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas’.

The nationwide declamation contest aims to provide youths with an opportunity to exhibit their presentation skills and leadership quality. It will be held at block, district, state and National level. This contest encourages the participants at the age group of 18-29 years. The event had the

presence of Joint Director, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Dr. R.B. Biswakarma, Assistant Director, Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Dr. Prakash, News Editor, Head of Regional News Unit, All India Radio, Mr. Saikat Sarkar as special invitees.

The panel of Judges present were Assistant Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr. Pincho Bhutia, Resource Person, Hindi, Education Department, Mrs. Mamta Awasthy, and Dean, NBBGC, Tadong, Mr. Kshittiz Chettri. The event began with a welcome speech by DYO (South), Mr. Muskan Rai.

The chief guest Joint Director, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Dr. R.B. Biswakarma lauded the participants and wished them success in their endeavours.

The programme was also addressed by Assistant Director, Regional Ayurveda Research Institute, Dr. Prakash, and Dean, NBBGC, Kshittiz Chettri.

A total number of 7 participants took part in the competition. The winners of the competition will further compete on State Level and move on to National level.

State level competition of Kala Utsav 2021 organised

Gangtok, December 02: The State Level Competition of Kala Utsav 2021 was organised virtually by the Education Department, under the aegis of Samagra Shiksha in the NIC Video Conferencing Hall, Gangtok on 1st and 2nd December, 2021.

The inaugural event was graced by the Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya as the chief guest. The programme also had the presence of Secretary, Education Department Mr. Anil Raj Rai, State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha Mr. Bhim Thatal and Chief Education Officer (CEO) of East District Ms. Tseringkee Chingapa as special guests followed by CEOs of South and West Districts, Joint Director of North District and Joint Directors and other officials of the Department.

The competition was virtually screened by eminent artistes and officials as jury members. The programme started with the welcome address and a brief overview of Kala-Utsav by State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha Mr. Bhim Thatal. He also highlighted the importance of arts in education and provided details of the selection process for Kala Utsav competition. Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya, in his address, blessed the participants and wished them luck for the future endeavors. He also highlighted on the importance of following the Covid appropriate behavior while performing day to day activities.

It may be mentioned here that Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students in the country.

Red Run Marathon flagged off on World AIDS Day

Gangtok, December 01: Boxing coach and Dronacharya awardee, Mrs. Sandhya Gurung, flagged off the first Red Run Marathon on the occasion of World AIDS Day at M.G. Marg in Gangtok, today.

The programme was organized by Sikkim State Aids Control Society (SSACS) in collaboration with the “Service to Mankind” group. The main objective of the programme was to sensitize the public about HIV/AIDS and awareness about the disease. The message also included shunning stigmatization of AIDS patients in a society and sensitization of HIV/AIDS National Toll-Free number-1097.

The theme of this year’s programme was “End Inequalities,

The focus of Kala Utsav 2021 will be on any one of the styles of traditional, classical, and folk- art forms. The solo competition is being held in four areas of vocal music, instrumental music, dance, visual art (2D and 3D) and indigenous toys/games for girls and boys, separately.

Children with special needs (CwSN) are also encouraged to participate and to express their hidden talents. All four districts had conducted block and district level competitions earlier for selection of one male and female participant in each art form. The best solo performance in each domain of arts selected out of State Level Competition being held will represent the State for National Level Competition slated to be held virtually from January 1 to January 12, 2022.

The second day event was graced by the Secretary, Education Mr. Anil Raj Rai as chief guest followed by Special Secretary and Director Secondary Education and Joint Director, Samagra Shiksha Mrs. Hondala Gyaltsen, as Special Guests. In his concluding remarks, the chief guest advised the students to work hard on their respective categories to shine at the National level. Further, he insisted to popularize the Kala Utsav event right upto the school level from the coming year. He wished all the best to the selected students for participation at the National level. At the State level, a total of 33 participants took part in various categories of art forms. A total of 09 (Nine) eminent Jury members were engaged for a fair selection of participants in each category. The programme concluded with the valuable feedback from the Judges and declaration of results.

End AIDS, End Pandemics.”

The event also observed as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav included various activities like signature campaign, storytelling, skit, theme-based songs and prize distributions. Free HIV testing was also conducted during the programme.

A total number of 115 (13-17 years old) participants from all the districts participated in the 21 kms marathon and 78 (13-17 year old) participants took part in 10 kms walkathon. The participants were also given cash prizes and certificates.

A candle light memorial to commemorate the lives of people who died of AIDS-related causes was also held.



State level Panchayat Sammelan at Karfectar

Namchi, December 04: The Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the State level Panchayat Sammelan at SIRD and PR, today. He was accompanied by Deputy Speaker SLA, Mr. Sangay Lepcha, Minister for RDD Mr. Sonam Lama, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Chairpersons, Advisors, officials and Panchayats at large.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister announced that from the coming years the Panchayat Sammelan will be a three-day affair and will assist the officials to listen to the grievances of the Panchayats and with proper teamwork concrete solutions of the grievances can be sought after. He also said that medical allowances, pension, and emergency funds for Panchayats will also be looked into. As per the regularization of Panchayat Development Assistants (PDAs) and Panchayat Accountants (PAs), the Chief Minister said that eight years norm will also apply to these employees and once they complete eight years the concerned department can draft a proposal to the DoP for needful action.

The Chief Minister informed that Panchayats in the State have given independence on how to function at the rural level and uplift the rural population. The Panchayats will always be supported and their demands will also be looked after by the State Government. He added that the upcoming Panchayat election will be a non-partisan form of election. He further stated that the State has been achieving strides in various spheres in the schemes such as Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), which is being implemented efficiently in the State. He also informed that under Sikkim Garib Awas Yojna, the Rural Development Department is also working assiduously in providing housing to the needy.

Speaking during the occasion, Minister for Rural Development Department Mr. Sonam Lama said that the Panchayats have a great responsibility as they implement many projects and schemes at the grassroots level.

Principal Secretary RDD Mr. C. S. Rao gave a brief background about the Panchayati Raj. He

spoke about how the Panchayati Raj has been reformed with the changing times. Mr. Rao updated that approximately 75% population resides at the rural level and that there are more than a hundred GPUs. He listed the various schemes which the concerned department is working on, namely, MGNREGA, Jal Jeevan Mission and many other. He highlighted about the scheme on start-up entrepreneurship programme which has been commenced at Pakyong, Rhenock and Parkha block. He also gave an overview about 'E Marketing Facility', which is a platform.

Wherein the Self-Help Groups can sell their products digitally. At the outset, the Chief Minister inaugurated a Permaculture farm and also planted a sapling of 'Simarouba Glauca'.

During the course of the programme, the Chief Minister also handed over awards to various COVID-19 warriors and the National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) project.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed

Namchi, December 03: The occasion of the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' was observed in the premises of Multipurpose Rehabilitation Centre, Bermiok, South Sikkim, today.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang graced the programme as the chief guest organised by Sikkim Divyang Sahayata Samiti (SDSS) in collaboration with Women and Child Development Department.

He was accompanied by Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Social Welfare and Women and Child Development Departments Dr. M. K. Sharma, Minister for Education Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha and Minister for Tourism Department Cum Area MLA Mr. Bedu Singh Panth along with other dignitaries.

The programme had the presence of Additional Chief Secretary Education Department Mr. G.P. Upadhyaya, Secretary Social Justice and Welfare Department, Secretary Mr. Tshewang Gyachho, DG cum Health Secretary Mr. Pempa Tshering Bhutia along with DC(South) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, SP(South) Mr. Thakur Thapa, Padma Shree Awardee Smt. Draupadi Ghimirey, members of SDSS, Persons with Disabilities and public at large.

At the outset, the Chief Minister inaugurated Special

School 'Divya Nirman Kendra' located in the premises of the centre. This Kendra is dedicated in the memory of Lt. Khajanchiram Agarwal by Nirmala Devi Foundation, Singtam.

The programme commenced with the obituary reference and two minutes silence as a mark of respect to late Tashi Densapa. It was informed that late Densapa was also known as Bermiok Rimpoche, who is remembered for his philanthropic activities, who also had donated 4.5 acre of land to SDSS for construction of this centre.

Chief Minister in his address motivated all by saying that this occasion is not only to celebrate and promote the rights of Persons With Disabilities but also to boost their courage to stand up against all odds. Further, he added that the State Government shall move forward and provide equitable opportunities to one and all and that People with Disability shall not be left behind.

He also further imparted the noble cause of philanthropy and extended gratitude to Mr. Kamlesh Agarwal and late Tashi Densapa for their relentless assistance towards uplifting the PwDs. The Chief Minister also made few announcements for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities; if both the parents are PwDs, the State Government shall employ one of the family members on ad-hoc

basis. Five Year Service of PwD employees are eligible for regularization service. It was informed that the Multi Purpose Rehabilitation Centre to be named as Swargiya Tashi Densapa Memorial Dibyanga Kendra. The Chief Minister further assured to look into the basic provision for facilitating the government offices and Bazar areas disabled friendly.

Minister Dr. M.K. Sharma said that the occasion is also to acknowledge the potential of PwDs and help them to inculcate their leadership skill so that they can lead in inclusive environment of the society. He also spoke of inclusive environment in order to bring equality.

Secretary Mr. Tshewang Gyachho highlighted the schemes and policies adopted by the State Government to cater to the welfare of the different types of disabled persons.

The programme also saw felicitation to SDSS members by the chief guest namely, Mrs. Purnia Sharma, Dr. Sabitri Hamal, Dr. Pempa Tshering Bhutia, Mrs. Sashi Pradhan, Dr. Sarita Gurung, Mr. Kamlesh Agarwal and Mrs. Shanti Ghimirey. Additionally, cash award for CWSN of Class X and XII Toppers, and token distribution of Sikkim Grant of Award for marriage with PwDs was also handed over by the chief guest.

Two-day Border Area Cultural Programme organised

Gangtok, December 08: A two-day Border Area Cultural Programme was organised by Culture Department, in coordination with North East Zone Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India on 6th December at Lachen and 7th December 2021 at Chungthang, North Sikkim.

Artistes from Manipur, Bihar, Assam, Odisha and others from the North east states participated in the programme. Chairman Social Welfare Mr. Nim Tshering Lepcha, graced the programme as the chief guest on the second day of the programme at Chungthang, while Deputy Commandant-117 Mt. Div, was the chief guest at Lachen on the first day. The cultural event was witnessed by a huge gathering consisting of the Lachen Pipon, members of the Lachen Dzumsa along with the Army personnel and the ITBP Officials and Jawans and the local people.

The Chairman, Social Welfare in his address at

Chungthang, thanked the Minister for Culture Department Mr. Samdup Lepcha, officials of Culture Department, and NEZCC for organizing the Border Area Programme in North Sikkim. He remarked that it was in fact, the first time that, the sound of the beating of the drums from the North Eastern States reverberated in North Sikkim and look forward to more such events in the future. He further stated that such programmes impart knowledge and create awareness among the people about the art and culture of these regions through these songs and dances.

The NEZCC has been organizing such programmes in coordination with Culture Department as a part of the cultural exchange programme for the benefit of the Armed Forces stationed in the border areas in recognition of their dedicated service and to promote the rich indigenous folk songs and dances of the country.

Awareness-cum-Training programme on PMMSY organised

Gangtok, December 04: A daylong Awareness-cum-Training programme on PMMSY (Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana) was organised by Directorate of Fisheries in partnership with National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Kolkata at the Community Hall, Pakyong.

The programme was graced by Director, Directorate of Fisheries, Mr. N. Jaswant as chief guest accompanied by the guest of honour Regional Director, NCDC Kolkata, Mr. Vikash Upadhyaya.

The objective of the programme was to aware the farmers regarding the activities carried out by the NCDC under PMMSY.

The Regional Director of NCDC, Mr. Ramandeep Kausis made a powerpoint presentation on the role of NCDC for Cooperative, SHGs and FFPO formation. He also stated that Cluster-Based Business Organisations (CBBO)/ Resource Institution for implementation of Central Sector Scheme for formation and promotion of fish farmer producer organisation (FFPO) can get upto ₹25 lakhs and the scheme provides for FFPO management cost upto maximum of ₹18 lakhs per FFPO for

a period of 3 years from its formation. He stressed to take advantage of FFPO and assure constant support to Sikkim Fisheries.

Director Mr. N. Jaswant, highlighted the various ongoing schemes under Directorate of Fisheries, fish farming potential and opportunities along with marketing and employment generation. He also informed the status of feed mill that has been set up at Rangpo fish farm which the Directorate is working hard to make operation by first quarter of 2022. He also encouraged youth to take fisheries as an enterprising activity for which the Directorate of Fisheries will nominate two numbers of interested youth to NCDC to sponsor for training by the India's first fish incubation centre recently set up at Gurugram under PMMSY.

Further, RO, East District Mr. Krishna Prasad Sharma made a brief presentation regarding the GAIS (Group Accidental Insurance Scheme), PMMSY (Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana), MMMUY (Mukhya Mantri Matsya Utpadan Yojana) and Backyard Ornamental Scheme.

The programme concluded with interactive session among farmers and officials.

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techniques, she added. She also informed about the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), an initiative taken by the Government to encourage harvesting of local marigold for limited beneficiaries.

She spoke extensively on techniques and benefits to produce different types of

flowers depending upon the grower's interest. She shared ideas regarding construction of greenhouse and suggested that the demarcation of flower's name can be very useful for future production.

She also explained the significance and method of tissue culture plantation. Later, the officials visited the site of one of the beneficiaries, namely Mr. Dilip Kumar at Soreng.

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