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SLA passes First Supplementary Demands for financial year 2021-22



Gangtok, January 28: The Sikkim Legislative Assembly passed the First Supplementary Demands for Grants of ₹30455.34 lakh for the financial year 2021-22 on the Fifth Session (Part II) of the Tenth Assembly held today.

The First Supplementary Demands for Grants 2021-22 of ₹30455.34 lakh was passed by the House to meet gross additional expenditure after it was moved for consideration and passing by Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang who is also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department, during the Financial Business of the session.

Subsequently, the House also passed the Sikkim Appropriation Bill, Bill No. 01 of 2022 for the First Supplementary Demands for Grants, relating to the Financial Year 2021-22 which was moved for consideration by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department.

The Sikkim Appropriation Bill is introduced in pursuance of clause (1) of Article 204 read with Article 205 of the Constitution of India to provide for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Sikkim of the money required to meet the expenditure charged in the Consolidated Fund of the State of Sikkim and Supplementary Grants made by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly for the expenditure of the Government of Sikkim for the remaining part of the financial year 2021-22.

Earlier during the Legislative Business, two Bills were introduced in the House by the concerned Ministers-in-Charge:

1) Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, who is also the Minister-in-Charge of the Home Department, introduced the Sikkim Police (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Bill No. 02 of 2022).

The State Government has deemed it expedient to assign and empower the Sikkim Police Accountability Commission to perform the functions of Welfare Officer and Welfare Committee by bringing amendment in section 132 and section 152 of the Sikkim Police Act, 2008.With this object in view, the Bill has been framed.

2) Minister of Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, introduced the Sikkim (Re-organization of Districts) (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 03 of 2022).

The Sikkim (Re-Organisation of Districts) Act, 2021 (Act No 15 of 2021) was notified vide Gazette Notification No 26/L&PAD/2021 dated 13.12.2021. In terms of the provisions of sub-section (3) of Section 1 and vide Notification No.50/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS dated 20/12/2021, the said Act came into force on 21st December 2021.

In sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Sikkim (Re-Organisation of Districts) Act, 2021, the words Rangpo Sub-Division and Rongli Sub-Division has been inadvertently left out. Hence it has been felt expedient to insert the words "Rangpo Sub-Division and Rongli Sub-Division" in sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the said

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CM takes darshan of Dodrupchen Rinpoche's Kudung



Gangtok, January 31: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang along with Minister for RDD and Ecclesiastical Mr. Sonam Lama visited Phuntshog Ngayap Palri Meditation Retreat Centre at Luksyama (Hanuman Tok and received the Darshan of Kudung of His Holiness Kyabje Dodrupchen Rinpoche who had attained Mahaparinirvana on 25th January 2022.

"H.H. the Rinpoche was a gem of our state and the Buddhist spiritual world, who had contributed a lot towards the proliferation of spiritual education to thousands of devotees." stated the Chief Minister.

The Government has arranged Darshan of Kudung for all devotees which will open from tomorrow the 1st February, 2022. Prayers are offered from everywhere for the reincarnation of H.H. the 4th Dodrupchen Kyabje Rinpoche.

The Chief Minister also took stock of the arrangements made towards the Darshan of Kudung of HH the Rinpoche and suggested ensuring the most welcoming atmosphere for all the visitors coming to have the Darshan.

Discussions were also made for the arrangement of the post-Kudung programme.

Present on the occasion were Trustee, (Dodrupchen Chorten Trust), Mr. C. L. Denzongpa, Secretary Ecclesiastical Department, Dr. Passang D. Phempu, Personal Secretary to the HH Kyabje Dodrupchen Rinpoche, Lama Kinchok Yenten along with other officials of the Ecclesiastical department and members of Phuntsok Ngayap Palri Meditation Retreat Centre.

Meeting of SSDMA conducted

Gangtok, January 27: A meeting of Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) was conducted under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at Samman Bhawan, today.

Minister for Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, Chief Secretary, Mr. S.C. Gupta, Director General of Police, Mr. N.K. Mishra, State Relief-Commissioner- cum- Secretary, Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Ms. Sarala Rai and other dignitaries and members of SSDMA were present in the meeting.

Action taken report of SSDMA of 2016 was briefly discussed, which was followed by the presentation on activities of SSDMA on the Road-Map ahead. Likewise, the National Disaster

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Education Deptt. issues Nomination Letters to students selected for MBBS under State Quota

Gangtok, January 31: The Directorate of Technical Education, Department of Education, issued nomination letters for MBBS State quota seats of SMIMS, Tadong. The department handed over the nomination letters to the students who have been selected against the 50 free MBBS State quota seats under the sponsorship of the State Government at the conference hall of the Education Department, today.

Special Secretary, Education Department, Mr. Bhim Thatal expressed gratitude to the State government for arranging 50 fully free MBBS seats thus taking the total number of reserved seats under the state quota to 80 with the previously allotted 30 full payment MBBS seats for Sikkimese students.

These additional 50 seats will be free of cost for students from Sikkim who qualify the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) and the State Government will pay all expenses of the course, excluding the accommodation expenditure, he added.

Terming the event as a huge achievement for Sikkim, Mr. Thatal said that this development under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang will benefit students from financially weaker background and open opportunities for them to pursue a career in the medical field while also preventing drop-outs due to financial constraints.

He extended best wishes to the 50 selected students for their future endeavours and urged them to make the most of the opportunity being provided by the State Government.

Pearls of Wisdom

"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."

-John Lennon

District Diary

Sikkim Child Parliamentarians become Deputy Prime Minister and Minister in NICP

Mangan, January 31: The National Inclusive Children's Parliament was held from 23rd to 30th January, 2022, with virtual participation from Child Parliamentarians across India. With the presence of Member of Parliaments, Mr. Gaurav Gogoi and Mr. Hasnain Masoodi, the week-long programme culminated on 30th January 2022 promoting Gandhi Ji's Antodaya.

Ms. Lavomit Lepcha, Prime Minister of Village Level Children's Parliament, Ringhim Nampatam GPU , student of North Sikkim Academy, Mangan has been elected as the Deputy Prime Minister of National Inclusive Children's Parliament, 2022. Also, Ms. Bhumika Chettri, Minister of Quality Education of District Level Children's Parliament, North District, student of Mangan Senior Secondary School was elected as the Deputy Minister of Sustainable cities and communities.

The District Child Protection Unit, North under Child Protection Scheme, Women and Child Development Department, has been forming Village Level Children's Parliament in all the GPUs of the District to empower children in the most rural areas by giving them this platform to raise their voices. These Child Parliamentarians have been attending Gram Sabhas and getting involved in the village administration with active support from the Panchayat Presidents who are also the Chairpersons of Village Level Child Protection Committees.

The first Prime Minister from Sikkim to be elected in the National Inclusive Children's Parliament 2020 was from Hee Gyathang, North Sikkim and every year these Village Level Child Parliamentarians have been participating in the National level Children's Parliament with the guidance of the DCPO, North, Ms. Wendy Lepcha, who has been coordinating with the convening organization Pratyek, which is a Child Rights Organization working towards meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Minister L.N. Sharma inspects Eco Heritage Film Village Yangang

Namchi, January 29: Minister for IPR Department, Mr. L.N. Sharma led a joint inspection at Eco Heritage Film Village, Yangang, wherein a theatre was set on fire by unknown miscreants on 28th January, 2022.

He was accompanied by MLA Rangang Yangang constituency Mrs. Raj Kumari Thapa, Advisor-IPR, Mr. Birendra Tamling, Chairperson-Sikkim Film Promotion Board Mrs. Pooja Sharma, Secretary IPR Mrs. Siporah G Targain, Director Mrs. Benu Gurung, Joint Director IPR Mr. Bishal Khawas, Sub Divisional Magistrate Yangang Mrs. Sujata Subba, District Information Officer, Namchi, Mrs. Deepti Pradhan, SDPO Mr. Sonam Y. Thakarpa, SHO Mr. Sawan Gurung, AE Tourism Mr. Bidhan Sharma, officials and others.

It was found out that the indoor theatre had been damaged to a large extent. The Minister enquired about the loss of the damaged properties in detail.

Infrastructures of Eco Heritage Film Village were found abandoned and broken down into fragments.

Mr. Sharma strongly condemned the incident.

He also mentioned that the DIO South/IPR had lodged FIR at Yangang police station immediately after the incident and police investigation has already begun. He assured strict action shall be initiated.

He added that the joint visit was carried out immediately after receiving directives from the Chief Minister to take stock of the situation.

Minister L. N. Sharma visits Milk Collection Center of Upper Pechrek

Gyalshing, January 27: The Minister Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Departments, Mr. L. N. Sharma visited and inspected the Milk Collection Center of Upper Pechrek under Gyalshing Bermiok constituency, today.

He enquired about the quality of milk, technical accessories of milk collection centre and interacted with gwalas.

He also reminded about the benefits of financial incentive of ₹8 per litre of milk and touched upon schemes and programmes being implemented by the government in agriculture and livestock farming sectors.

MLA Yangang with team visit rockslide area at Pathing

Namchi, January 27: MLA Yangang, DC (Namchi) alongwith SDM Yangang, BDO Yangang and officials of SDM office Yangang visited Pathing to assess the situation of rockslide in the area.

The residents of the affected area had appealed for a permanent solution owing to the danger posed to their lives and livelihood due to falling boulders. The team inspected the available Government land at Rangang Block to explore the possibility of resettlement of the affected households. The team also visited Kissan Bazaar to view the plots being allotted to 26 landslide victims.

Following the inspection, DC (Namchi) along with officials of SDM office Yangang and residents of the area visited the scarp of the Pathing landslide, which falls under reserve forest to propose possible options for mitigating the landslide.

Review meeting to discuss progress of district formation of Gyalshing and Soreng held

Gyalshing, January 27: The first review meeting to discuss the progress of district formation of Gyalshing and Soreng was held at the Conference Hall of District Administrative Centre, Rabdentse, today.

The meeting was chaired by the District Collector Gyalshing, Mr. Karma R. Bonpo who also holds the additional charge of newly created Soreng district. The meeting was also attended by ADC Gyalshing, Mr. Agawane Rohan Ramesh alongwith HoDs of Gyalshing and Soreng districts.

Mr. Bonpo briefed about the district reorganization notification issued by the State government. He then discussed in detail the basic requirements to set up the offices. He further asked the concerned to submit the list of requirements and anticipated vacancies at the earliest. He stated that man power planning should be notified by head of departments to fulfill the anticipated vacancies. He suggested using man power from OFOJ to reduce the shortages.

Furthermore, he urged for a clear separation of departments within the stipulated time, therefore those posted at Soreng should thoughtlessly take charge of the district, he added. He further asked for the coordination from all the line departments for the better administrative control.

It may be mentioned here that the various progressive infrastructure pertaining to temporary establishment of Soreng District Administrative Centre and its allied offices are, Yatri Niwas; Base Camp Timburbong; Lower Housing Colony; Food Godown; Cafeteria of Bheer Dara; Sub-Divisional Administrative Centre; Ethnic huts and RTFC.

SGAY houses inaugurated

Gyalshing, January 27: A mass inauguration of 16 newly constructed houses under Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana (SGAY) under Gyalshing Bermiok constituency was held today. Minister-cum Area MLA Mr. L. N. Sharma inaugurated the houses in a day-long programme to the beneficiaries in Pecherek Hee-Patal GPU, Bermiok Berthang GPU and Martam GPU.

He congratulated everyone for availing new single storey RCC structure, which consists of a living room, two bedrooms, kitchen, toilet along with TV and furniture comprising of 1 sofa set, 1 centre table, 2 almirah, 2 single beds, and 1 double bed.

He also elaborated objectives of introducing pathbreaking initiative of SGAY, envisioned by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang and stated that the construction of total of 100 house in the constituency are all set to complete within the stipulated time period. He drew light on pragmatic nature of implementation of schemes like SGAY for the welfare of the people under the leadership of the Chief Minister. He also emphasized on the achievements made by the state in various sectors during the first two and half years of the government formation and also marked the third best performing small state in agriculture, secured by Sikkim as a notable recognition at national level.

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SLA passes...

Act. With this object in view, this Bill has been framed.

The discussions for consideration and voting for these two Bills will be held in the next sitting.

Thereafter, the House was also informed regarding the withdrawal of the Wildlife (Protection) Act (Amendment) Bill, Bill No. 21 of 2018 by Minister of Forest and Environment Department, Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia.

Later, the Chief Minister, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department, tabled two Separate Audit Reports on the floor namely:

i) Separate Audit Reports on the Accounts of Sikkim Power Investment Corporation Limited for the year ended 31 March, 2019 & 2020.

(ii) Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of Sikkim Power Development Corporation Limited for the year ended 31st March, 2020.

Likewise, the Chief Minister who is also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department presented and tabled the following reports under Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act:

i) Half Yearly Review Report: 2021-22, Review of the Trends in Receipt and Expenditure in relation to Budget 2021-22.

ii) Evaluation Report of Compliance to Provision of Sikkim FRBM Act Fiscal year 2018-19.

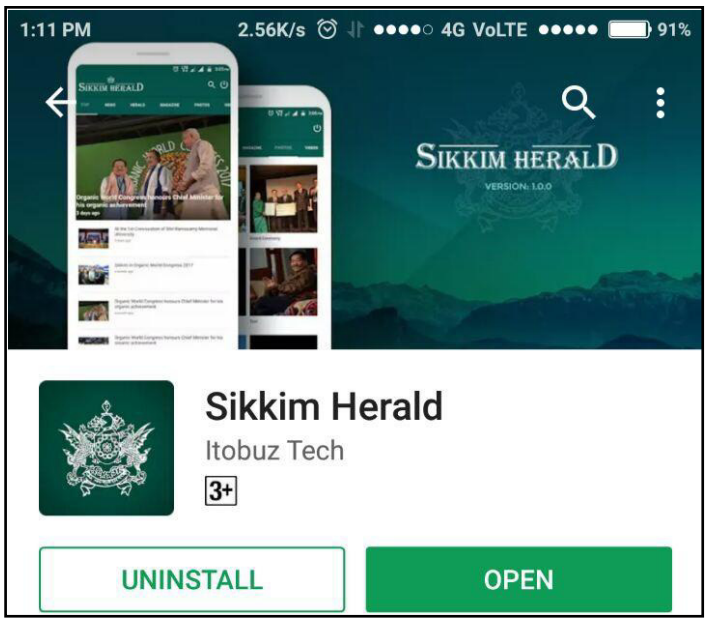
In his valedictory remarks, Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang extended warm greetings of New Year 2022 to the House and the people of Sikkim. He cautioned all on the grave danger posed by the new variant of Covid-19 and requested everyone to strictly follow the safety protocols.

He expressed gratitude to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker for overseeing and systematically conducting the session and thanked the Cabinet Ministers and MLAs for their valuable suggestions and review. His vote of thanks was also extended towards Chief Secretary, DGP, ACS, HoDs and other officials for their role in the session.

Speaker, Mr. L.B. Das, in his valedictory address, thanked the Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, government officials and Press media for their active participation and role in the successful completion of the session.

The House was then adjourned Sine-Die by the Speaker.

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Office of the Superintending Engineer-PMGSY- (S/W)
Rural Development Department
Government of Sikkim

No: 002/E-tender/RDD/SW /21 -22 **Dated: 24/01/2022**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer(S/W), Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Jorethang invites percentage rate tenders from qualified Class II B 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	Repair and Restoration of RCR from Lingchom Geyzing SPWD road 2nd KM to Chonzong under Geyzing Sub-division West Sikkim	50,000.00/-	10,14,910/-	4,05,96,400/-	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 **0515-0ther Rural Development Programme 800- other Receipts.** The challan for the same shall be issued from the office of Account officer RDD, Jorethang till 17/02/2022.

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

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. For women contractors, participating in contract for the tender, the exemption regarding submission of EMD shall be govern by Notification No 104/R&B dated 08/10/2020 issued by Roads & Bridges Department Government of Sikkim.

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.

4. The completed tender documents must be uploaded in the e-procurement portal on or before 18/02/2022, 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 Account Officer Rural Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Jorethang should be uploaded in the portal.

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

Suprintending Engineer PMGSY -(S/W)
RDD, Jorethang

CALENDER Of EVENTS

NAME OF WORK	Repair and Restoration of RCR from Lingchom Geyzing SPWD road 2nd KM to Chonzong under Geyzing Sub-division West Sikkim
AMOUNT PUT TO TENDER	₹4,05,96,4001-
DATE OF UPLOADING OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS IN E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL	27/01/022
DATE FOR DOWNLOADING OF DOCUMENT FROM E-PORTAL	28/01/2022
SEEK CLARIFICATION DATE:	03/02/2022 to 04/02/2022
DATE FOR ONLINE BIDS SUBMISSION BY THE BIDDERS:	10/2/2022 to 17/02/2022
LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF BID SECURITY	18/02/2022
DATE AND TIME FOR OPENING OF BIDS	22/02/2022
PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS.	Office of the Superintending Engineer-PMGSY (S/W), Rural Development Department Government of Sikkim, Jorethang
APPROVAL OF BID	22/02/2022
COMMUNICATION OF APPROVAL	23/02/2022

Suprintending Engineer PMGSY -(S/W)
RDD, Jorethang
(1034)

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No:02/SPSC/EXAM/2022 Date: 27/01/2022

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Online Applications are invited from eligible local candidates for filling up of the following posts as follows

1) **one (01)** post of Photographer on the t**emporary regular basis in Level 11** of the Pay Matrix under the Information & Public Relations Department, Government of Sikkim, through **Direct Recruitment.**

2) **eight (08)** post of **Senior Information Assistant** on the t**emporary regular basis** in **Level 11** of the Pay Matrix under the Information & Public Relations Department, Government of Sikkim, through **Direct Recruitment.**

The candidates are advised to visit the Sikkim Public Service Commission website for detail Advertisement, eligibility conditions, and Scheme of Examination etc. at www.spscskm.gov.in. Any further Instructions/Corrigendum/ Addendum/Rejection List would be uploaded only on the Sikkim Public Service Commission website.

Controller of Examination
SikkIrn Public Service Commission
(1036, ii)

Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission

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Tel: (03592) 281081, 281088, 280081, Fax: (03592) 281044
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No:318/SSERC/2017-18/Part-II/12 Date:25/01/2022

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SSERC) has received the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) and Tariff Petition for the F.Y. 2022-23 from Power Department, Government of Sikkim, a deemed licensee engaged in the distribution and retail sale of Electricity in the State of Sikkim.

The ARR & Tariff petition have been registered by SSERC as case No. P-01/PDS/2021-22 dated 10.12.2021. The copies of ARR/Tariff Petition can be viewed and downloaded from Commission's website (www.sserc.in/Tariff Petitions) and also from the official website of the Power Department (power sikkim.gov.in).

The objections or comments shall be submitted with copies of the relevant documents and evidences in support thereof along with Affidavit as **per Form SSERC-3** of Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations 2012. Form SSERC-3 can be downloaded from the Commission's website (www.sserc.in/Regulations & Rules/Conduct of Business).

SSERC therefore proposes to hold a public hearing on the ARR/ Tariff Petition on the date, time, and venue mentioned below.

Date	Time	Venue	Type of consumers
23/02/2022	**10:30 am to 2:30pm**	**Court room of SSERC office**	**All category of consumers**

Interested parties/persons may appear before the State Electricity Regulatory Commission for the purpose and would be heard as per the above schedule.

Secretary
Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission
(1035)

Government of Sikkim
Women & Child Development Department
5th Mile, Lumsey, Tadong, East Sikkim

No: 69/WCDD/ADM/2022 Date: 21/01/2022

NOMINATION FOR NARI SHAKTI PURUSKAR

The Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India has invited applications for nomination of Nari Shakti Puruskar for the year 2021 to be awarded in International Women's Day on 8th March 2022.

The applications are invited from individuals/ groups/ NGOs/ Institutions etc who encouraged women to participate in decision making role, skill development in traditional and non-traditional sectors; facilitated basic amenities for rural women; promoted women in non-traditional sectors like science and technology, sports, art, culture, concretely and significantly towards safety and security, health and wellness, education, skill development, life skills respect and dignity of women etc.

The nomination will be accepted only through online mode on portal www.awards.gov.in. Nominations/ Applications received up to 31st January, 2022 will be considered for the selection of the Nari Shakti Puruskar 2021.

The applicant is requested to visit the Ministry of WCD website Nari Shakti Puruskar https://sarkariyojana.com/nari-shakti-puruskar/ login at awards.gov.in for complete information and online registration/ 2022

Principal Director
Women & Child Development Department
Government of Sikkim
(Sl. No.1033, iv)

State Level Workshop on PMEGP organised

Gangtok, January 28: The State Office, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Ministry of MSME, Government of India organised a State Level Workshop on PMEGP at Gangtok, today.

The programme commenced with the lighting of lamp and garlanding of portrait of Mahatma Gandhi by the chief guest Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, Dr. K. Jaya Kumar, in the presence of General Manager, RBI, Mr. K. Pariyer, State Director, KVIC, Mrs. Sale Ashuli Pao, Dy. CEO, NEZ, KVIC, Dr. Sukamal Deb, CEO, SKVIB, Mr. Gyurmie Yousal and Regional Manager, SBI, Mr.S.D. Lama.

The Executive, S.O., KVIC, Mr. Deepak Verma,Assistant, S.O., KVIC, Shri. Debdulal Sinha and Ex. Junior Executive and Consultant, KVIC, Mr. Sukumar Das felicitated the Chief Guests, Bankers and State Government Officials with mementos.

Mrs. Salle Ashuli Pao gave a keynote address regarding PMEGP activities and status of Sikkim. She said that, there are schemes under KVIC, which included criteria like, EDP (Entrepreneurship Development Programme) Training, awareness programme, Bankers sanitization by PMEGP and physical verification which checks the performance of the projects.

Mr. Sukumar Das gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on PMEGP and other schemes under which two schemes, PMRY and REGP, were introduced in rural and urban areas.

He gave a brief explanation about the journey of PMEGP and informed that 7 lakh 9 thousand PMEGP units have been established in the country. PMEGP has given employment to 58 lakh 20 thousand people all over the country.

Mr. Gyurmie Yousal talked about the performance and experience of KVIC under PMEGP. He said, 36 numbers of projects have been sanctioned and dependency of loans in the Banks has been improved. There is a quick response of Banks to the PMEGP, he informed.

General Manager, RBI, Mr. K. Pariyer, briefed about PMEGP and appealed to KVIC to inform people of Sikkim about PMEGP schemes.

Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. K. Jaya Kumar and General Manager, RBI, Mr. K. Pariyer, had an interactive session with Bankers and entrepreneurs of Sikkim regarding PMEGP.

Additional Chief Secretary Dr. K. Jaya Kumar gave a Presidential speech and summed up the State Level Workshop.

The programme had the presence of Bank fraternities, State Government officials and media personnel.

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

No. 52/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS **Dated:21/01/2022.**

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1), (2) and (3) of Section 7 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act 30 of 2013), read with section 9 and 10 of RFCTLARR(Sikkim) Rules, 2015, the State Government is pleased to constitute the Expert Group for evaluation of the Social Impact Assessment report, in respect of acquisition of land at Sirithang under Omchung Block, Gyalshing, West Sikkim for Construction of Sub Jail.

1)	Shri. G.P. Sharma, Retd. Deputy Director, LR&DMD	- Chairperson
2)	Shri. Rinchen Tamang, Assistant Professor, ICFAI University	- Member
3)	Shri Pritam Subba, Assistant Professor ICFAI University	- Member
4)	Shri. Karma Loday Tamang, Assistant Professor, Geography Department, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, Tadong	- Member
5)	Shri. Basant Poudyal,Superintending Engineer Building and Housing Department	- Member
6)	Shri.Bishnu Lall Thapa, Ward Panchayat, Gyalshing-Malabasey Under 14-Gyalshing Omchung GPU	- Member
7)	Smt.Priya Rai, Vice President, Upper Omchung, Ward under 14-Gyalshing Omchung	- Member

The Expert Group shall evaluate the Social Impact Assessment Report and submit its recommendations in accordance with the provisions under sub-sections (4) and (5) of section 7 of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013 and Rules there under, to the Government within a period of 2 (two) months from the date of this Notification for appropriate decision.

Sd/-
(Sarala Rai,IAS)
Secretary -Cum- Relief Commissioner,
Land Revenue and D.M. Department,
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.
File No. 454/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS (1038)

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

Memo no. 73/NHM/DHG/2021-22 **Dated: 27th January 2022**

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS TENDER

Sealed quotation/Tenders are invited from the registered eligible suppliers for the supply of furniture, medical equipment/instrument, medicine, stationeries, printing and other miscellaneous items to District Health Society, Gyalshing (NHM). Interested firms may apply in writing to obtain the quotations forms the office of the DPMSU (NHM), District Hospital Gyalshing.

Application/Quotations should be accompanied with the following documents.

- Valid registration certificate and Trade License
- GST certificate

The completed quotation should reach at the office of the CMO, West, District Hospital Gyalshing within the date and time, mentioned below.

i.The date of issue of the form 7th to 11th February 2022 up to 15 Hrs.

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Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme

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The Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme (CMMAS) is a vision of the State Government to work as the first responder to assist citizens of Sikkim who are in genuine need of financial aid in medical treatment. The scheme also includes coverage of medicine bills, transport fares and payment of flight tickets for the beneficiary. The unique health scheme covers all the minor and major diseases. The beneficiary has to provide a voter ID or COI document to take advantage of this scheme.

The CMMAS was envisioned by Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang to ensure immediate financial aid to people who are in genuine need. It is no surprise that the Scheme is directly implemented and monitored by the Chief Minister's Office. The CMMAS Cell comprises of a four-member team - Additional Director, Health Department Dr. Ganita Thapa, Medical Consultant to HCM, Dr. Subash Tamang, Joint Secretary, CMO, Shri Depen Sharma, and Inspector Shri Aniket Gurung. The Cell is open to everyone from Thursday to Saturday every week from 10 am to 4:30 pm here at the precinct of Old STNM Hospital, Gangtok. After the verification process, the applications are submitted to the Chief Minister's Office on Saturday. Within a few days, the amounts are sanctioned and the cheques are handed over to the beneficiaries. The entire process takes less than a week's time.

The CMMAS Cell began functioning from June 2020 providing one-time financial aid on case-to-case basis depending on the severity of the case to the beneficiaries. So far, an estimated 5,000 beneficiaries have taken advantage of the scheme.

The Cell takes full responsibility to avoid fraudulent activities by carefully verifying and screening of the documents submitted by the beneficiaries.

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Press Information

The Motor Vehicles Division, Transport Department, Government of Sikkim vide its Official gazette Notification No: GOS/MVD/T/2020-21/Adm/920/67 dated: 20/12/2021 has framed rules for Regulation of Construction Equipment Vehicles and Machineries in the State of Sikkim.

All such Construction Equipment Vehicles are now required to obtain Temporary Area Permit U/s 38 '*c*' of Sikkim Motor vehicles Rules 1991.

All companies /owners of Construction Equipment Vehicles and Machineries are hereby informed to approach the respective RTO Office for application of such permits against payment of requisite fees.

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Relief Fund / State Disaster Relief Fund was presented by the Director, SSDMA.

The members apprised the Chief Minister about the revised State Disaster Management Plan (SDMP) and also placed the proposal to constitute the committee to monitor and supervise the project under SDMF.

The house also placed the proposal for the constitution of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMAs) in the newly created districts of Pakyong and Soreng.

Several ongoing programmes, projects, and schemes were also discussed which included i) Landslide early warning system at Chandmari, ii)Extension of emergency response system, iii)Transformational Project pipelines for Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Implementation, iv) Common alerting Protocol (CAP) project, v)National Disaster Information Management System (NDMIS).

The members also had an open house discussion in the meeting where they put forward the suggestions and agendas for further implementation.

The Chief Minister also suggested a few points and recommended that the members take them into consideration. He also emphasized the importance of identifying the disaster hotspots and deliberating on mitigating them.

Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha, spoke about the importance of the SSDMA in mitigating and monitoring calamities within the state and insisted on conducting the meeting on regular basis.

Sikkim celebrates 73rd Republic day

Gangtok, January 26: The 73rd Republic day was celebrated at Manan Kendra, Gangtok, today.

At the onset of the celebrations, Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad, unfurled the national flag at the premises of Manan Kendra followed by the national anthem and guard of honour given by the police personnel.

The Governor was joined by Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang.

Patriotic song and dance forms by local artists under the Culture Department were performed.

Similarly, Republic Day celebrations took place at the High Court of Sikkim as well as at the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Gangtok.

Newly created Pakyong district celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at the Community Hall, Pakyong. The chief guest for the occasion was the MLA-cum- Advisor (Infrastructure Development) Mr. G.T Dhungel. The event began with the unfurling of the National flag and the Guard of Honour by the Police Department, followed by the National Anthem. Present at the event were DC Gangtok, SP Gangtok, ADM Pakyong, SDM Pakyong, SDPO Pakyong, ADC (Dev.), officials and staff of various departments in the district

Mr. G.T Dhungel congratulated everyone on gaining the district status and extended his Republic Day greetings to all. He said that the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang's decision to turn Pakyong into a district will bring about development and create opportunities for all. In the same regard, he also praised area MLA Mr. Em Prasad Sharma for his efforts.

He spoke on the historical significance of Republic Day and stated that the hand written constitution is a sacred document that protects and provides privileges to the citizens. He highlighted the achievements of the government in every sector and stated that in spite of the pandemic, the growth and development of the state has been commendable with better health care facilities in all the districts while emphasizing the Hon'ble Chief Minister's efforts in drawing an agreement with Manipal Medical College, where 50 fully free and 30 full paid MBBS seats are now available for Sikkimese students who desire to pursue in the medical field.

Speaking on the creation of Pakyong as a district, he said that newer avenues will be created while the administrative structure will be more systematic and communication clearer. He asked the public to take full advantage of it, explaining that lateral growth is limited while vertical growth could take Sikkim to newer heights.

Mr. Ajay Subba from AH&VS department, Mr. Tashi Topgay Bhutia, Mr. Raju Chettri , Mr. Tashi Tshering Bhutia and Mrs. Nirmala Regmi from Police Department were felicitated for their service and hard work.

Earlier, DC Gangtok, Mr. Ragul K read out the Republic Day message of the Governor while SDM Pakyong, Mr. K.B Rai read out the message of the Chief Minister.

Students from Dikling Senior Secondary school performed patriotic dance while Mrs. Lilawati Pradhan from Transport Department performed a patriotic song.

Similarly, at Namchi, the 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at the complex of District Administrative Centre, Namchi and subsequently at the auditorium Hall of Namchi Senior Secondary school, today. Minister for Buildings and Housing Department Mr. Sanjeet Kharel graced the occasion as the chief guest. He was accompanied by DC (South), Zilla Adhyaksha (Namchi), Additional Political Secretary (Namchi), ADC (Adm) along with HoDs and officials from the district.

At the onset of the programme, the chief guest was accorded with the Guard of Honour, followed by unfurling of the tricolour and rendering of the National Anthem.

Thereafter, the Republic Day commemorative message of the Governor and the Chief Minister was read out by DC (Namchi) and ADM (Namchi), respectively.

The chief guest extended his warm greetings on the occasion and emphasised the significance of Republic Day recalling the immortal sacrifices made by the freedom fighters and the Drafting Committee members by laying the Indian Constitution, which grants us fundamental rights and enables us to live in a free democratic society. He urged the younger generation to imbibe and learn from the qualities of the sacrifice made by the great leaders towards the nation-building exercise.

The programme also observed two minutes of silence to mourn the demise of DSP (Namchi) Mr. Roshan Gurung.

On the occasion, the Namchi District Administration felicitated the eight outstanding employees, namely, Office Attendant Mr Passang Lepcha (Education Department); Lance Nk. Tika Ram Pradhan (Police Department); ChildLine Coordinator Ms Pramika Kalikotey (Women and Child Development Department); Dr Sudeep Pradhan (Health Department); HDO Mrs. Kalpana Shrestha (Horticulture Department); VLW Mr Harka Bahadur Magar (Horticulture Department); Mr Karma Tshering Lepcha (PHE Department); Ms Khini Maya Pradhan (Food and Civil Supplies Department) working under various line departments for devotion and exemplary contributions towards their services.

In addition, felicitation was also accorded to the Amardeep Youth Club, Namthang as the Best Youth Club by the chief guest.

Republic day celebrations took place in other Sub Divisions of Namchi District like Yangyang, Jorethang, as well.

In Gyalshing, the 73rd Republic Day was celebrated within District Administrative Centre, Rabdentse today, organised by District Administration Gyalshing.

The function was graced by Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, Dr. M. K. Sharma as chief guest. He was accompanied by District Collector West, Mr. Karma R. Bonpo; DIG/Gyalshing, Mr. Tashi Wangyal Bhutia; ADC/ Gyalshing, Mr. Agawane Rohan Ramesh; SDM (HQ), Mr. Gopal K. Chettri and HoDs of the district.

At the outset, the flag hoisting ceremony was conducted by chief guest accompanied with a Guard of Honour followed by the National Anthem.

Dr. Sharma extended his greetings on the auspicious occasion of Republic Day. He then briefed about the importance of the day to the present gathering. He also paid tribute to the martyr of the country who sacrificed their lives to make Indian Constitution effective. He spoke about the progress done by the State in health and education sectors in a short and difficult times.

He also applauded DC West for his huge endeavor towards the district. He opined that being a citizen every individual should possessed sense of belongings and asked for the positive and significant contribution towards all round developments.

The message of Governor and Chief Minister were read out by DC and ADC Gyalshing, respectively.

At the felicitation ceremony the following departments were felicitated, namely, Health and Family Welfare Department West; Police Department West; Special Branch West; Education Department West; Fisheries Department West; Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department West and RDD (BAC Gyalshing).

Similarly, Republic Day celebration was carried out by the Sub-Divisions Offices of Gyalshing District.

After officially commencing as Sikkim's new district, Soreng celebrated the 73rd Republic Day on the premises of the Sub-Division Administrative Centre, Soreng.

Gracing the occasion as the chief guest was the Minister for Energy and Power and Labour Department, Mr. Mingma Norbu Sherpa. Accompanying him were Advisor (SYA), Advisor (State Tribal Welfare Board), Chairpserson (Agriculture and Horticulture), President and Zilla Panchayats, ASP (Gyalshing), Officers from Police Department, retired Army personalities along with Officials from various departments.

The chief guest was accorded a Guard of Honour at the SDAC premises where he also hoisted the National Flag attuning to the National Anthem.

Mr. M.N. Sherpa extended his warm wishes to all the fellow citizens of the Nation. He then briefly explained the importance of the day and its history while adding that the occasion is all the more special as it is the first celebratory event under Soreng as a new district.

He stated that educated youths and budding minds must come forth in taking the State and Nation towards prosperity and growth. Their efforts and contributions will determine the future of the next generations, he added. He said that entrepreneurship has to be the new outlook rather than the conventional career choices.

With Soreng as a new district, constituencies closer to Soreng will have more opportunities in being able access to better health, education, communication and tourism, thus one should take the advantage of such given opportunities without any hesitation, he noted. He thanked the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang and MLA (Soreng-Chakung) Mr. Aditya Golay for their continuous efforts that resulted in Soreng becoming a new district.

In his concluding remarks, he urged everyone present to work systematically and in tandem with the Government in order to provide better quality services to the community.

Earlier a welcome speech delivered by SDM (Soreng), Mr. Ranjan Rai, who read out the message given by the Chief Minister, while Mr. Gaayas Pega (ADC/Dev) read out the message given of the Governor.

Five Police personnel and One Fisheries Guard were felicitated for their dedicated services during the programme.

A two minute of silence was observed for the departed soul of Mr. Roshan Gurung (SDPO, Jorethang)

Likewise, celebrating "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and observing 73rd Republic Day, as well as following the directed fortnight thematic Calendar (17th -31st January 2022) under AKAM by the department, Mangan Nagar Panchayat has dedicated one Chauraha for Branding AKAM at the heart of Mangan Bazaar.

The Chauraha has been decorated with AKAM Materials (flexes, Banners, Flags, Wall Paintings). It also has a Selfie Point with messages related to Solid Waste Management.

Minister Roads & Bridges department Mr. Samdup Lepcha was the chief guest while, Chairman Welfare Commission Board, Mr. N.T Lepcha, and other dignitaries also attended the event

Northern Ryders Club-Mangan was acknowledged for their active participation in Solid Waste Management of Mangan. One local patron Mr. Anil Kumar was also felicitated with khada and token for his continuous effort with MNP in developing Mangan towards a waste managed city.

The public was also sensitized about Swachhata App and Awareness on Solid Waste Management. IEC on "Source Segreegation" was also distributed to the public present.

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12th National Voters Day celebrated

Gangtok, January 25: 12th National Voters Day celebration with the theme "Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative", was organised by the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim, at the Conference Hall of the Election Department, Gangtok, today.

Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Dr. K. Jayakumar graced the occasion as the chief guest. The function also had the presence of District Collector East, Mr. Ragul K, ADC, Mr. Tushar G. Nikhare, Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Mrs. Pema Lhaden Lama, Padma Shri Draupadi Ghimirey, Dronacharya Awardee Mrs. Sandhya Gurung, recipients of felicitation, students from various government schools, social media influencers and officials of Election Department, Sikkim.

The programme began with the administration of the National Voters' Day pledge by the chief guest.

Dr. K. Jayakumar expressed his heartiest congratulations to the office of the Chief Electoral Officer for the wonderful orchestration of events which culminated in today's National Voters Day Celebration. He mentioned that democracy stands for people's power and the first step towards exercising our fundamental duty as inscribed in the Constitution of India is by registering as a voter and by exercising our voting rights. He apprised the gathering by mentioning that we as voters have the power to decide the destiny of the Nation by exercising our voting rights, which will make a huge impact in determining the future of our great nation. He congratulated all the new voters and mentioned that we must challenge ourselves to excel, and bring out the best of our capability, to contribute towards the growth and progress of our country.

The programme also saw a series of events, wherein, a documentary of State Icons-Dronacharya Awardee Mrs. Sandhya Gurung, Padma Shri Draupadi Ghimirey and Mr. Bikram Bhattarai were displayed before they were felicitated Chief Electoral Officer.

A Video on Mascot Designing competition followed by felicitation of Mascot design winner was also presented.

Best BLOs (Booth Level Officer) from all the four districts of Sikkim and NGO "Service to Mankind" were also felicitated.

Display of creatives of Instagram influencers and their felicitation, Display of 6th Sikkim Run- marathon video and felicitation of ELC marathon participants also took place.

The programme also had the Release of Coffee Table Book on 6th Sikkim Run. Certificates were distributed to Marathon participants.

One of the key highlights of the event was the distribution of EPICs (Electoral Photo Identity Card) to New and PwDs (Persons with disabilities) voters, and distribution of braille EPiCs to the visually impaired.

Earlier, a video message by Chief Election Commissioner of India, Mr. Sushil Chandra, was displayed.

It may be mentioned that this year the Election Commission of India is focusing on persons with disabilities, in order to make the voting process inclusive for all, and ECI has launched a new App called PWD App.

The significance of this year's theme "Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative", is to encourage all the voters, young, old and persons with disabilities, to enrol and inspire them to exercise their voting rights.

Along with the rest of the country, National Voters Day was celebrated at the Conference Hall of District Administrative Centre, Namchi. Present during the programme were DC (South) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, ADC (South) Mr. Anant Jain, SDM (HQ) Mr. Chiran Rizal, Under Secretary (Elections) Ms. Bhumika Chettri. They were accompanied by football star Mr. Nirmal Chettri who was appointed as district icon with regards to elections alongwith newly enrolled voters.

The district administration also distributed Braille Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to four persons with visual disabilities.

The DC (South) spoke about the importance of National Voters Day and informed that this year's theme. He urged the attendees to exercise their right to vote, particularly the newly enrolled voters as this is one of the main fundamental rights given to the citizens of this country. Mr. Bharani added that this day has been celebrated keeping in view the COVID-19 protocol and underlined that voters need to be informed and ample awareness has to be created in order to understand the electoral process of our country.

During the function, newly enrolled voters were also felicitated and handed over their Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC). Awards were also given to various well performing officials during the election process they were namely ERO (ADC, Ravangla) Mr. Sunil Mothey , ERO (SDM, Namchi) Ms. Rajini Pega, AERO (BDO, Nandugaon) Mr. Tenzing Bhutia, AERO (MEO, Namchi) Mr. Lakpa Sherpa and other officials.

The programme was also live telecasted to Booth Level Officers, Supervisors and to volunteers from Nehru Yuva Kendra the telecast also included message from Elections Commission of India.

Various line department of South District administered the National Voters' Day pledge provided by Election Commission of India at their respective offices.

Similarly, the 12th National Voters' Day was organised by office of District Electoral Officer, North, was celebrated at District Election Conference Hall, DAC, Mangan.

The programme had the presence of ADM cum ERO (Mangan), Mr. Sonam Lepcha, SP (North), Dr. Tshering Namgyal Gyatso, officials of the district and new voters.

The programme began with the offering of khadas and lighting of lamp by the dignitaries followed by the screening of video message of CEC of India, Mr. Sushil Chandra. The National Voters' Day pledge was then administered by the chief guest.

Meeting on State Advisory Committee (PC & PNDT Act 1994) held

Gangtok, January 27: DG-cum-Secretary Health, Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia chaired a meeting on State Advisory Committee (PC & PNDT Act 1994) at the Conference Hall, Health Secretariat Tashiling.

The main objective of the meeting was the nomination of State Appropriate Authority.

ADHS/RCH Dr. Anita Bhutia gave a brief report on State Advisory Committee. Further the meeting discussed about the nomination of the new State Appropriate Authority.

Later, the meeting also discussed about the registration of the new private USG (ultrasound sonography test) clinic.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by DG cum Secretary Dr. Pempa T. Bhutia.

The meeting had the presence and participation of PDHS/ RCH, Dr. Phumzay Denzongpa, and officers of Health Department, representatives from Law Department, IPR Department and Lions Club NGO.

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Sacredness and Sanctity: HH the 4th Dodrupchen Rinpoche

Gangtok, January 29: As per the correspondence from the Dodrupchen Chorten Trust (NIT), H.H the 4th Dodrupchen Rinpoche, Thupten Thinley Palzangpo, ascended into a spontaneous meditative state in the afternoon of 25th January 2022 at the age of 96 years. With his attainment of Mahaparinirvana, Sikkim and the Buddhist world has lost a leading light and luminary.

Born on 21st June 1926, H.H. the 4th Dodrupchen Rinpoche devoted his entire life in service of Dharma and all sentient beings. H.H. the Rinpoche has done a lot for the growth of Dharma-based education and propagation of Buddhism in Sikkim.

H.H. the Dodrupchen Rinpoche was the principal lineage holder of the Nyingmapa School of Buddhism and had the treasure of Sutras, Tantras, and was proficient in Siddhi and the other rituals of Buddhism.

During the reign of Maharaja Tashi Namgyal, in October 1957, H.H the 4th Dodrupchen Rinpoche had arrived in Gangtok and was offered residence at Deorali. He had established the meditation centre at Deorali which later on proceeded to become the Dudul Chorten Monastery, which under his auspices, grew into a base for nearly a thousand Sanghas and a significant place of worship for the people of Sikkim and neighbouring states and countries. The devotees from overseas also visited the Chorten.

H.H. the Rinpoche also bestowed several initiations and procedures to the Monastic community for the guidance and benefit of all sentient beings and contributed towards the construction of several institutions, meditation centres, shedas, stupas, and chortens across the state, including Pema Choeling, Ngondro Drupkhang, the statue of Guru Rinpoche at Samdruptse near Namchi, and the statue of Chenreziz Rewo Potala at Sangha Choeling, near Pelling, West Sikkim.

H.H the Dodrupchen Rinpoche bestowed initiations and teachings to many disciples and members of the monastic community and made a vast contribution towards the research and preservation of Buddhist teachings individually and through his work at the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (NIT) Deorali.

He acquired essential texts and collected works for the study and practise of the Sangha such as the Karma (the Canonical Oral Lineage of the Nyingma School), Rinchen Trezod (The Great Treasury of Precious Termas), Lama Gongdu (Summary of Guru's Intention), the six volumes of Jatson Nyingpo and the 'Treasure Scripts' of Pema Lingpa among others.

H.H. the Rinpoche also authored two books viz, Sangak Ngagyur Thunmin Lug gi Lapcha (Tantric Doctrine according to Nyingma School) and Lama Sum So Soe Rangnam Gonpachey Kyi Jhungwa Dordue (A short Account of Monastic Life in Drodup), and personally commissioned and reprinted the Longchen Dzoedun (The Seven Treasures of the Longchenpa), Nyingthik Yabsi (the Four Heart-Essences) and many liturgical texts of the Longchen Nyingthing.

H.H. the Dodrupchen Rinpoche dedicated his life to the spiritual proliferation, maturation, and liberation of many devotees, disciples, lamas, khenpos, tulkus, and all sentient beings.

He was a prodigious scholar and a devoted spiritual leader with a gentle personality and thus his presence in the vicinity illuminated the atmosphere granting wisdom and peace to the devotees.

The abundant knowledge he left behind endures and guides hundreds of devotees forever.



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