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Budget Session 2022 of SLA

Gangtok, March 29: The second day of the Sixth Session of the Tenth Assembly (Budget Session 2022-23) of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly, which was presided over by Speaker, SLA, Mr. L.B. Das began with the Governor's address.

Governor, Mr. Ganga Prasad, extended his warm greetings and best wishes to the Speaker and all the Members.

He informed that the deliberations of the budget will address pertinent issues of the state and chart out the path for achieving the goal of holistic development as envisaged by the state government. This will expedite the process of upliftment of the people and place the nation higher in the Global Ranking.

He further said that the State Government has introduced "BAHINI" scheme that focuses on providing free sanitary pads, safe and healthy environment for girls studying in classes 9 to 12 in different schools in Sikkim. He also spoke about "Sikkim AAMA Sashaktikaran Yojana" which will provide One-Time Assistance of ₹20,000/- and this fund can be utilized for medical care, support educational requirements, renovation of houses, and establishment for any source of income.

The Governor apprised the House about the 'Vibrant Village Programme' that has been launched from this year by the State government to ensure that development gains reach the farthest corners of the State. This programme will cover border villages with sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure.

He also highlighted the major up-scaling of the health sector in Sikkim through improvement in infrastructure, capacity building and manpower placement to ensure the smooth functioning of healthcare facilities. Shortages in dialysis units, blood banks, ICUs in district hospitals



have also been efficiently addressed by the State government, he added.

Focusing on the education scenario in the State, the Governor reiterated the State government's commitment to providing quality education in Sikkim with a major focus on the digitization of education. To allow easy access to online education, the State government provided SMART-TVs to students from classes 8-11 under the E-Vidya programme. This significant and historic step has made it possible for every student to access digital education in the comfort of their homes by facilitating access to the Swayam Prabha channel and also various apps including Sikkim Edu.Tech, the Governor stated.

He further highlighted that the State government has been successfully implementing all flagship programmes and schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Sikkim Garib Awas Yojna (SGAY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Gramin (PMAY-G), Swachha Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), etc.

He also said that the State government in tandem with the Central government has been constantly making efforts to develop a sound network of roads for smooth connectivity and solve

issues of recurrent maintenance of roads.

He hoped that this year's Budget would enhance the goals of the State Government towards the development of Sikkim in a progressive way. *(Full text of the Governor's Budget speech can be read on page 2)*

Thereafter, the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang moved the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's address.

In his Motion of Thanks for the Governor's address, the Chief Minister said that the Members of Sikkim Legislative Assembly are deeply grateful to the Governor of Sikkim for his address.

The Motion of Thanks was seconded by Member, SLA, Mr. Sonam Tshering Venchungpa. The discussion and voting on the address of the Governor will take place on 31st March, 2022.

During the Financial Business, Chief Minister, also the Minister-in-Charge of the Finance Department presented the General Budget of the Government of Sikkim for the financial year 2022-23.

While delivering his Budget Speech, he highlighted the key areas of the Budget for the financial year 2022-23 along with the budgetary profile. He presented an Explanatory Memorandum of the Government of Sikkim, Annual Financial

Statement, Estimates of Receipts, Demands for Grants for Financial Year 2022-23.

Explaining the budgetary profile for the year 2022-2023, the Chief Minister informed that against a gross expenditure provision of ₹10419.71 crore, the net outgo comes to ₹10116.11 crore after taking into account recoveries amounting to ₹303.60 crore. The fiscal deficit remains in adherence to the fiscal management targets set in the Sikkim Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2010, i.e. not more than 4% including additional borrowing space of 0.5% of GSDP on certain criteria for performance in the Power sector. The contribution from own Tax Revenue is of the order of ₹1336.42 crore and that of Non-Tax Revenue ₹990.09 crore.

Further, he explained that the total gross expenditure includes allocations amounting to ₹9.56 crore under the dispensation of the North Eastern Council, ₹255.48 crore under Non-Lapsable Pool of Central Resources, and ₹2660.45 crore only under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

While presenting the Annual General Budget for the Financial Year 2022-23, the Chief Minister said that the consistent efforts and perseverance have resulted in achieving many laurels in different fields after the

formation of the government as enlisted below:

i) Pakyong Police Station ranked as the 7th Best Police Station in the Country.

ii) Sikkim also received the Most Film Friendly State award in the Country during the 67th National Film Awards.

iii) All four districts of Sikkim were ranked in the top 20 among 120 districts of the North-East region in the Sustainable Goals, with East Sikkim ranking 1st, South Sikkim 6th, North Sikkim 14th, and West Sikkim 17th.

iv) Sikkim also received the India Today State of the State Awards for the best performing State in Economy, Most Improved small State in Law & Order and Environment and was also adjudged as the best performing small State in cleanliness.

v) Sikkim ranks 1st in Public Affairs Index 2021 under "Good Governance" category published by Public Affairs Centre (PAC).

vi) Sikkim tops North East and Hill states in NITI Aayog innovations rankings.

vii) Sikkim is adjudged among the top 5 states with the highest score in the overall Smart Policy Index, 2021.

viii) Sikkim has attained the first position with 92% eligible population administered with the second jab of the COVID-19 Vaccine.

ix) Sikkim has been ranked as the 5th Happiest Indian State/ Union Territory.

x) Sikkim achieved the highest Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education, with 75.8% in Higher Education, in the age group of 18 to 23 years as compared to the National average of 27.1%.

The Government has recently created two new districts namely, Pakyong and Soreng in order to decentralize the

Full text of the address delivered by the Governor on the first day of the Budget Session 2022

Hon'ble Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Hon'ble Members of this August House; it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Budget Session for the Financial Year 2022-23. I am confident that the deliberations of the budget will address pertinent issues of the State and chart out the path for achieving the goal of holistic development as envisaged by the State Government.

Hon'ble Members,

This year's Union Budget aims to strengthen the infrastructure with its focus on 1. Inclusive Development, Productivity Enhancement & Investment, 2. Sunrise opportunities, 3. Energy Transition and Climate Action. It lays a parallel track of a blueprint for the Amrit Kaal, which is futuristic and inclusive. The Union government has further reinforced its commitment to using infrastructure as a force multiplier for sustained economic development. Priority has also been given to achieving big public investment for modern infrastructure readying for India at 100 under guidance of PM Gati Shakti and proposed to be benefited by the synergy of a multi-modal approach.

Many of the initiatives in the Union Budget may not be relevant to Sikkim; however, the end goal remains the same- "Development" which will expedite the process of upliftment of the people and place the nation higher in the Global Ranking.

Hon'ble Members,

Over the past years, my Government has remained true to the goals and vision it has set for the State. Though the COVID-19 pandemic caused a major setback in progressing towards some of these goals, it is pertinent to mention that my Government has performed exceptionally well in sectors that are high on our priority list, such as health, education, agriculture, horticulture, tourism and infrastructure development.

We have remained committed towards our resolve to completely revamp the otherwise neglected health sector of the State by building state of the art infrastructure and providing quality healthcare services to even the remotest corners. This budget has, therefore, been prepared keeping in mind the need to develop a health care system that will not only benefit our people but also draw in patients from outside the State.

Hon'ble Members,

At the outset, let me take this opportunity to elucidate on some of the initiatives that have been announced by my Government for the FY 2022-23 aimed at the welfare and empowerment of our women:

1. Showing great concern about the health and well being of our girl child and after careful consideration, my Government has announced the "BAHINI" scheme which will come into force from Financial Year 2022-23. Under this scheme, my Government shall install vending machines which will provide 100% access to free and safe sanitary pads to secondary and senior secondary school going girls. With this initiative we hope to provide a safe and healthy environment for our adolescent girls and to see reduction in the number of dropouts amongst them.

We also hope to create awareness about menstrual hygiene and to sensitise the students that "menstrual cycle" is a natural process and build confidence in the minds of girls.

2. Another historic policy drafted by my Government as a mark of respect towards the Mothers of Sikkim and to empower them is the "SIKKIM AAMA SASHAKTIKARAN YOJANA". Through this scheme, a One-Time Assistance of ₹ 20,000/- (Twenty Thousand) only shall be released to each beneficiary selected under the scheme which shall be credited in the Savings Bank Account of the beneficiary in the State Bank of Sikkim. The fund can be utilized for medical help, support educational requirement, renovation of house and establishment for any source of income.

Hon'ble Members,

With the aim to ensure that development gains reach the farthest corners of the State, the "Vibrant Village Programme" has been launched from this year wherein border villages with sparse population, limited connectivity and infrastructure will be covered. Activities under this programme will include construction of village infrastructure, housing, tourist centres, road connectivity, provisioning of decentralized renewable energy, direct-to-home access of Doordarshan and educational channels, and support for livelihood generation. We will also provide additional funding for these activities.

Hon'ble Members,

In tune with the Union Budget for the FY 2022-23, my Government has approved the initiation of actions to be taken by the State on the 'PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan' which is aimed at providing an integrated plan depicting the economic zones and the multi-modal connectivity infrastructure. The objective is to holistically integrate the interventions of various Central Ministries and State Government Departments and address missing gaps to ensure seamless movement of people, goods and services.

Hon'ble Members,

In the Union Budget for the FY 2022-23, a new scheme **Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East (PM-DevINE)**, has been announced which will be implemented through the North-Eastern Council. An initial allocation of ₹ 1,500 crore will be made for the new scheme. It will fund infrastructure, in the spirit of PM Gati Shakti, and social development projects based on felt-needs of the North-East. This will enable livelihood activities for youth and women filling the gaps in various sectors. I am confident that my Government will work in close connection with the NEC and ensure that the activities under this are undertaken with great zeal and completed within the required time frame.

Under this scheme, the Central Government has allocated a sum of ₹ 123 crore for two projects to be carried out in our State.

Hon'ble Members,

My Government has placed the up-gradation of the otherwise neglected health sector as its topmost priority. It is due to the rapid progress made in this sector since the formation of my Government that Sikkim performed comparatively well in its battle against the COVID-19 outbreak. We have successfully vaccinated majority of our citizens and have now moved on to the precautionary dose to

health and front line workers as well as senior citizens of 60 plus years with comorbidities. The efficiency of our healthcare workers is reflected in the fact that there has been zero percentage spillage in the vaccine.

There has also been major up-scaling of the health infrastructure with the New STNM Multi-Speciality Hospital being facilitated with State-of-the-Art infrastructure along with the required manpower to ensure its smooth functioning.

Specialized Super Specialty – Neuro surgery and Cardio thoracic surgery has been established in the Multi-speciality STNM hospital in addition to existing Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Urology, Paediatric Surgery and Plastic Surgery. These services have been extended to District Hospitals through monthly visits conducted by the Super Specialists. A Tertiary Care Centre has been established at the New STNM Multispecialty Hospital along with a Trauma Care Unit- Level II.

Similarly, shortages in dialysis units, blood banks, ICU in district hospitals have also been adequately addressed. Manpower in these places have also been increased with appointments in the health sector being done on a priority basis by my Government.

We can confidently say that the State presently has one of the best Primary Health care infrastructures in the country. We have made great progress in up-gradation of Promotive, Preventive, Curative and Rehabilitative Health Care of the people of Sikkim. There has been manifold improvement in infrastructures, capacity building, and manpower placement and in delivery of comprehensive Services through 148 Sub Centres, 2 CHCs, 24 PHCs, 4 District Hospitals, and one State Referral Multi Speciality Hospital. Furthermore, 56 PHSCs have been upgraded to Health and Wellness Centre in order to provide comprehensive preventive, curative, rehabilitative and Palliative care. West District has been prioritized for delivery on comprehensive primary health care with the highest number (35) of operational HWCs in the State.

It is my Government's earnest desire to provide quality healthcare to every nook and corner of the State so that there is a decrease in the number of referrals of patients to hospitals outside the State. In addition to decrease in referrals, we also hope to see an inflow of patients from outside the State.

Hon'ble Members,

Equal importance has been placed on facilitating children in every aspect so that our students can compete and excel in the goals that they set for themselves. Providing quality education and nurturing the children in a manner which allows them to explore their talents and reach the pinnacle of success is one of my Government's aspirations. Prime focus is being laid on the up-gradation of school infrastructure, providing quality teachers, providing smart TVs and access to digital education.

To allow easy access to online education, which was an absolute necessity during the period of COVID-19 induced lockdown, my Government provided SMART-TVs to the students from 8th to 11th Classes under the E-Vidya programme. This significant and historic step has made it possible for every student to access digital education in the comfort of their homes by facilitating access to the Swayam Prabha channel and also various Apps including Sikkim Edu. Tech. In addition, certified classroom teaching videos of the NCERT curriculum are also being provided to the students through a pen drive.

Additionally, to enable our children to compete with the rest of the nation, my Government is providing UPSC Coaching to fifty (50) IAS aspirants every year. Under the Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme, my Government will further support the entire expenditure on the studies, boarding, and lodging of two students who get admission on his/her own merit in the top twenty Universities of the world.

We have also introduced New Post Graduate extension centres in Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College (Botany, Zoology & Chemistry), Sikkim Government College, Namchi (Geography, Education and Commerce) and Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing (Political Science).

My Government has also decided to establish a full-fledged campus for the Khanchendzonga State University at Tarku, South Sikkim on a land parcel measuring 17 acres. This step will provide the much needed infrastructure for the University and allow Government colleges that may later be affiliated with it, flexibility to choose various disciplines in line with the provisions of the National Education Policy, 2020.

The establishment of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose University of Excellence (NSBUoE) at Chakung, West Sikkim is a major project initiated by my Government towards propelling the education sector to greater heights and to achieve our dream of turning Sikkim into an education hub of the country.

In addition to the above initiatives and projects towards strengthening the education sector, my Government has also made available the land for the National Institute of Technology at Khamdong.

Apart from infrastructural up-gradation, Sikkim is the pioneering State in India to re-start pre-primary education system after the RTE Act. This pioneering programme of Sikkim today has paved the way for the pre-primary education in the whole country and is now a part of the new National Education Policy, 2020.

We are also the first State to implement Yoga curriculum in the schools. Organic farming education has also been introduced in a graded manner from Senior Secondary to Junior High Schools. Under my Government, SCERT has developed books for primary classes which include Sustainable Development Goals. This is a first of its kind of initiative in the country. We have also provided Remedial Teaching under Learning Enhancement to the identified students of classes IV, VI and IX. In addition, Co-location of ICDS (AWC) from rented houses to nearby Government schools is under process for proper transition and quality improvement of education of children.

Hon'ble Members,

Sikkim, owing to its abundant natural beauty, is a centre of attraction for many. The State sees an inflow of many national and international tourists which has resulted in the tourism sector contributing as a major employment and revenue

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generating sector. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a major setback to tourism and its allied activities in the State.

To reboot the sector, we have provided impacts related to relief and reconstruction measures and are undertaking a few major projects in this sector.

The vision of my Government is to make Sikkim a highly valued and responsible tourism destination with tourism contributing significantly to the State's economy while conserving its natural and cultural heritage. The four guiding principles of the **tourism policy** created by my Government are (i) Environment Sustainability (ii) Cultural Integrity (iii) Equity, Inclusiveness & Social Justice and (iv) the concept of 'Athithi Devo Bhava'. In line with these guiding principles, my Government has initiated the Mega Home Stay project wherein units numbering 1000 will be built by the Government. Each home will consist of three rooms and other amenities. In total 3000 rooms traditionally designed with local architectural structures will be laid out in the attractive locations of villages and will be run by the villagers themselves. Through this project, my Government aims to provide direct employment to 9600 persons and indirect employment to 38400 persons.

Other projects envisaged by my Government to catapult the tourism sector to greater heights are the Karmapa Park at Sajong, East Sikkim; Ropeway at Bhaleydhunga and support facilities, South Sikkim; Pilgrimage Tourist Centre at Dodak, West Sikkim; Development of Magarzung at Mangsari, West Sikkim; Herbal Healing Centre at Nandugaon, South Sikkim; Development of Sector 17 and Mela Ground at Temi, South Sikkim; Ropeway from Pelling to Sangchoeling Monastery, West Sikkim; Development & Beautification of Rolu Mandir, South Sikkim; Remodelling and Upgradation of Burtuk Heliport, East Sikkim etc.

Hon'ble Members,

My Government aspires to build a self-reliant and self-sufficient State for which we have taken the decision of rebooting and revitalizing the agriculture and horticulture sectors. We strive to provide as much support to our farmers-agricultural, dairy as well as piggy farmers which will hopefully decrease the trend of forgoing rural practices of agricultural and dairy farming for seeking employment elsewhere.

We have made good progress in our efforts towards this goal. We have extended Price Support Scheme to the following crops, vegetables, and fruits: Large Cardamom- ₹100.00 per kg, Ginger - ₹ 20.00 per kg, Turmeric - ₹10.00 per kg, Buckwheat - ₹10.00 per kg, Cabbage - ₹5 per kg, Cauliflower - ₹7 per kg, Green Peas - ₹ 8 per kg, Cherry Pepper - ₹ 20.00 per kg, Carrot - ₹ 7 per kg, Radish - ₹7 per kg, Kiwi - ₹ 25 per kg, Orange - ₹ 20.00 per kg, Pulses- ₹ 25 per kg. We have also extended similar incentives to fish, turmeric, amlisho, cardamom, orange, and buckwheat farmers. We have in addition to providing price support, extended Krishi Credit of ₹3 lakhs without any mortgage also.

In another historic step towards making a paradigm shift from traditional methods of farming to new, innovative and sustainable methods in the midst of growing concern of population growth and food insecurity, my Government has initiated futuristic concepts of aquaponics, hydroponics, and rooftop farming to develop into an integral food system for **Blue Revolution in Sikkim**.

Hon'ble Members,

Strong impetus is being laid on providing farmers more income from off-farm activities. We have recently revised the Piggery Incentive Scheme. Under this scheme, the eligible household shall rear at least three breed-able pigs in which there should be at least one male pig. Each pig shall have live body weight of more than 50 kg and shall be above 5 months of age in order to be eligible to receive incentive under the scheme. Such households shall receive an incentive of ₹15,000/- including the cost of insurance of 3 breed-able pigs. It is mandatory to insure these breed-able pigs for one year at the rate of 4% as insurance premium on the market value of ₹12,000/- per pig covered under the scheme. Once the number of pigs having live body weight of more than 50 kg with a minimum age of 5 months in the farm under the same household reaches the range of 4-10 pigs, the farmer shall be eligible to receive a total incentive of ₹25,000/- therefore, additional ₹10,000/- as an incentive will be paid. Once the number of pigs having live body weight of more than 50 kg with a minimum age of 5 months in the farm under the same household reaches the range of 11-20 pigs, the farmer shall be eligible to receive a total incentive of ₹ 35,000/- therefore, additional ₹10,000/- as an incentive will be paid. Once the number of pigs having live body weight of more than 50 kg with a minimum age of 5 months in the farm under the same household reaches 21 pigs and above, the farmer shall be eligible to receive a total incentive of ₹ 50,000/- therefore, additional ₹15,000 as an incentive will be paid.

In addition to these incentives, my Government has already extended incentive amount of ₹8/- per litre on the price of milk as Minimum Support Price (MSP) to dairy farmers under the organized sector which has resulted in a quantum increase in milk production in the State.

Hon'ble Members,

My Government recognizes the harmful effect plastic pollution has on nature and the environment. Our culture and traditions are acutely interconnected with nature and it is always our most sincere endeavour to safeguard it. Therefore, we have imposed a ban on packaged mineral water bottles in the State.

We have also launched the "Plastic Waste Awareness Week" wherein awareness regarding the harmful effects of plastic is generated and use of sustainable alternatives is encouraged.

Hon'ble Members,

My Government's agenda also includes turning Sikkim into a State with zero homeless people. We dream of a State where all citizens have access to the basic necessities of life. To achieve this goal, my Government has started the construction of 3050 nos. of pucca houses in rural areas under the Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana. This is in addition to the 3000 nos. of houses already constructed under the Chief Minister's Rural Housing Mission (CMRHM) Stage I. New added features are an additional 97.5 Sqft. space, TV set and furniture per home.

In the urban areas, my Government has initiated the construction of 502 nos. of Beneficiary-led Housing and 270 units of Flat System Housing under the Urban Garib Awas Yojana. Furthermore, House Up-gradation/Repairing Scheme to 45,069 poor and deprived families of the State has also been undertaken by my Government.

Hon'ble Members,

My Government has also taken adequate measures to ensure that every household in the State has access to safe, potable drinking water through implementation of numerous rural drinking water schemes in the villages. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, with the slogan of '**Har Ghar Nal Se Jal**', my Government is providing every household with 55 LPCD water through pipe connection called Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) which should be functional at all times. The Institution of Panchayati Raj System and Decentralization of power have further cemented my Government's commitment towards alleviating the conditions of the rural populace and enabling them to lead dignified lives.

The State Government has been successfully implementing all Flagship programmes and schemes like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana (SGAY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana -Gramin (PMAY-G), Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) etc.

We have successfully managed to spearhead the wave of cleanliness and sustainability through school level quiz competitions, plays, cleanliness drives, workshops on household composting and sensitization seminars.

Hon'ble Members,

Sikkim was adjudged India's '**Most Film Friendly State Award 2021**'. This has been possible owing to the **Film Policy** adopted by my Government which has been framed and implemented with the objective of promoting Sikkim as a film shooting destination. A Single Window System for the purpose has been put in place to provide clearance for permits and financial incentives. This has made the process of film making in the State easier and convenient. My Government has also proposed incentives to be given to films being produced in the State. We are working tirelessly towards promoting Sikkim as a conducive place for national and international films.

Hon'ble Members,

Being a landlocked State, smooth road connectivity is of vital importance for us. We have been carrying out road construction and up-gradation in a manner which involves least possible damage to ecology and environment. The State has prioritized the adoption of Green Roads in collaboration with Indian Chamber of Commerce as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. Green roads shall not only preserve nature but also bring about a balance to the already damaged ecological environment.

In our pursuit of developing a sound network of roads for smooth connectivity, my Government has been approaching the Central Road Ministry for declaration of our State Highways as National Highways. We are also making efforts to include the existing and new roads under the "**Bharatmala**" Scheme of the Central Government. The same will not only ensure one time development of the road network but will also solve the problem of recurrent maintenance of these roads.

Furthermore, it is proposed to construct a network of Highway tunnels and approaches on the Rangpo-Gangtok Corridor, Sirwani-Legship Corridor, Temi-Namchi Corridor and Jorethang-Chirbirey Corridor. The Highway tunnels will provide an all-weather connectivity and swift movement of traffic along these routes.

Connectivity to the remotest corners through rural roads, suspension and foot bridges has also been achieved under my Government which has allowed smooth access to basic amenities that are of vital importance like healthcare facilities, urban areas, markets, schools, etc by the rural populace.

Hon'ble Members,

I have taken this opportunity to highlight the Policy decisions and major achievements of my Government. Let me assure you that we are making concerted effort to build a State that is healthy, self-sufficient, in tune with nature and progressing towards a better tomorrow.

I am confident that the deliberations of this year's budget will help in realising these goals and will pave way for a healthier and happier Sikkim.

I wish the deliberations great success!

Jai Hind! Jai Sikkim!

**Government of Sikkim
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No. 25/Home/2022

Dated: 28/03/2022

NOTIFICATION

The State Government announces with profound sorrow the passing away of former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri B. B Gooroong, on Monday the 28.03.2022 at Gangtok.

As a mark of respect to the departed leader, 07 (seven) days mourning shall be observed w.e.f 28.03.2022 to 03.04.2022 (inclusive of both the days). During the period of mourning, the National flag will be flown at half-mast on all the buildings where it is flown regularly and there will be no official entertainment on these days.

Further, the offices of the State Government and its Public Sector Undertakings, all Educational Institutions shall remain closed throughout the State of Sikkim on the day of funeral i.e. 30.03.2022, Wednesday.

The last rites of Late Shri B.B. Gooroong will be observed with full State honours.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

Sd/-

(S.C. Gupta, IAS)

Chief Secretary

Government of Sikkim

File No. H/C/134/1987/01/Vol-I (Sl. No.1080)

**Office of the Assistant Engineer
Water Resources Department
Government of Sikkim**

Bid No: NHP-03 Online Tender-03 of 2021-22.

E-Procurement Notice

Assignment Title: "Hiring of agency for providing services of technical experts/ Incremental Staff for Establishment and Enrichment of state WRIS for State Data Centre Office". The Assistant Engineer, State Project Monitoring Unit, Water Resources and River Development Department, Government of Sikkim, invites eligible registered Suppliers to indicate their interest in providing the above Services. Complete details are available in the website <http://sikkimtender.gov.in>.

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**Office of the Assistant Engineer cum D&DO
(NHP)**

**Water Resources Department
Government of Sikkim**

Bid No: NHP-04 Online Tender-04 of 2021-22.

E-Procurement Notice

Assignment Title: "Procurement of Mobile Water Quality Lab for SPMU-National Hydrology Project, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Sokeythang".

The Assistant Engineer cum D&DO, National Hydro Project Monitoring Unit, Water Resources Department, Government of Sikkim, invites eligible registered Suppliers to indicate their interest in providing the above Services. Complete details are available in the website <http://sikkimtender.gov.in>.

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**Government of Sikkim
Urban Development Department
Gangtok**

No:06/GOS/UDD/205

Dated:25.03.2022

NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of public in general that some TDRs deposited with the Urban Development Department, Government of Sikkim as Security Deposit amounting to ₹5000/- against the building construction permission have been lying unclaimed so far.

It is hereby advised through this notice that all houseowners who have made such security deposit till 31.03.2018 may contact the Office of the Chief Town Planner, Urban Development Department, Government of Sikkim during working hours within fifteen days for claiming refund duly fulfilling all terms and conditions. In the event of failure to do so, the Department will treat that there is no claim to make and the Security Deposits will be transferred to Government Account.

**Chief Town Planner
Urban Development Department
File No.T(2078)/UDD/TP/22-Part II
(Sl. No.1076)**

**Government of Sikkim
Women and Child Development Department
Samaj Kalyan Bhawan 5th Mile, Lumsey,
Tadong-737102 Gangtok**

NO. 05/WCDD/ADM/2021-22

DATED: 21/3/2021

NOTICE

Smt. Pem Choden Lepcha, appointed on temporary basis as Chowkidar-cum-Helper under One Family One Job Scheme and presently posted at Lum Aganwadi Centre, Dzongu Tribal Project under Women Child Development Department has been absenting from her official duty since 14.12.2021 and her whereabouts are still not known thereof.

She is directed to report to the office of the undersigned within 15 days of publication of this notice, failing which the Department shall take necessary Disciplinary Action against her as per relevant government norms without any further intimation or notice.

All her family members, relatives and well wishers are requested to convey the contents of this notice to her and advise her to report to duty immediately.

By Order,

**Additional Secretary (Administration)
Women & Child Development Department
Government of Sikkim
(Sl. No.1067, i)**

**Government of Sikkim
Building & Housing Department**

NO: 2072/SD/HQ-I/21-22/93

Dated:24/03/2022

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim, on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, invites percentage rate tender under single cover system from Class II B register contractors enlisted with the SPWD for execution of work as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Cost of Bidding documents	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value	Bid value
1	2	3	4	5
	Construction of Barrack, Staff Quarter, Toilet and Mess at Mintokgang, Gangtok, East Sikkim.	₹30000.00	₹6,03,000.00	₹2,41,20,240.00

Eligible Contractors having experience in the construction of building works and consider themselves capable to undertake execution of the project may procure the Tender form from the Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim.

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

- Date of Submission of application: 05/04/2022
- Date of Sale of Tender Documents by the Department on : 06/04/2022, 1400 hours
- Last Date of submission of bid Documents & copy of bid security: 12/04/2022, 1200 hours.
- Date of opening of Tender: 13/04/2022, 13.00 AM onwards.

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governance framework of the state, to make the delivery systems smoother and effective, to equitably and efficiently distribute the population pressure, to diversify the development base and to make the delimitations of electoral constituencies more realistic.

The Chief Minister of the State informed about the allocated 18 acres of land to Khangchendzonga State University at Temi -Tarku of which the foundation stone was laid by Vice President Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu recently. The total project cost is estimated to be ₹581.57 Crore and the construction and other programmes including academic and ordinances will be started soon.

Likewise, for Gyalshing Degree College ₹25.13 crore was allocated in the first phase, and ₹59.02 crore was allocated in phase II and over 45% of the work has been completed, he said.

He apprised the House about the initiative taken for the establishment of the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University of Excellence at Chakung in West Sikkim and that the State Government has already allocated 32 acres of land for the University campus.

Similarly, he added that the State has a range of private universities located in rural areas of Sikkim including Medhavi Skill University at Bermiok (West Sikkim), Sikkim Professional University at Budang (West Sikkim), Capital University at Zoom (West Sikkim), Sikkim Alpine University at Kamrang (West Sikkim), Sikkim International University at Sreebadam (West Sikkim) and Sikkim Skill University at Passi under Namthang-Rateypani Constituency.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the various fellowship schemes under the State Government that are primarily aimed at harnessing inner talents and providing training-oriented

platforms for young students. One such scheme is the Chief Minister's Internship Fellowship which provides ₹10,000 to over 100 students who hold graduate degrees or are have completed 12th standard exams.

He added that the Government of India under its Operation Ganga mission evacuated 36 Sikkimese students from Ukraine and the State Government has set aside a sum of ₹1 Crore in this fiscal year to provide secure and smooth facilitation to complete their studies on time and in devising ways forward to this effect.

For the cause of Environmental Protection and Climate change, the State government has operationalized a ban on the use of plastic more effectively including the use of plastic water bottles.

The Chief Minister said that the State government has also started some major interventions for Dairy Farmers wherein a remunerative price incentive of ₹8 per litres of milk and a minimum procurement price of ₹ 40 to all the dairy farmers under the newly initiated Milk Production Incentive Scheme (MPIS), thereby increasing the supply up to 56,000 litres per day. Similar incentives are extended to piggery farmers under the Pig Production Incentive Scheme (PPIS).

The Chief Minister concluded his speech by urging all to collectively re-dedicate themselves in order to elevate Sikkim to greater heights of progress and development through the implementation of sustainable policies and also asked everyone to take a pledge to maintain the peace and tranquillity of our State and to set an example at the national and international level.

The discussion and voting on the General Budget 2022-23 will be taken up on the 31st of March, 2022.

The House passed the Demands for Excess Grants/ Appropriation for the expenditure of the Government of Sikkim relating to 2012-13 which was

presented and moved for consideration by Chief Minister who is also the Minister-in-Charge of the Finance Department.

Subsequently, the House also passed the Sikkim Appropriation Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 05 of 2022) for Demands for Excess Grants 2012-13 which was introduced and moved for consideration by Chief Minister also the Minister-in-Charge of the Finance Department.

The Sikkim Appropriation Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 05 of 2022) was introduced in pursuance of clause (1) of Article 204 read with sub-clause (b) of clause (1) of Article 205 of the Constitution of India to provide for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Sikkim of the money required to meet the expenditure incurred in excess of the appropriation charged on the Consolidated Fund and the Grants made by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly for the financial year ended on 31st day of March, 2013.

Thereafter, the House passed the Demands for Excess Grants/Appropriation 2013-14 for the expenditure incurred during 2013-14, which was presented and moved for consideration by the Chief Minister, also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department.

The House also passed the Sikkim Appropriation Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 06 of 2022) for Demands for Excess Grants/Appropriation 2013-14, which was presented by Chief Minister also the Minister-in-Charge of Finance Department.

The Sikkim Appropriation Bill, 2022 (Bill No. 06 of 2022) was introduced in pursuance of clause (1) of Article 204 read with sub-clause (b) of clause (1) of Article 205 of the Constitution of India to provide for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Sikkim of the money required to meet the expenditure incurred in excess of the appropriation charged on the Consolidated Fund and the Grants made by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly for the financial year ended on 31st day of March, 2014.