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Governor attends Ekta Ka Aadhar programme



Prayagraj, February 2: Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya inaugurated the spiritual picture exhibition as part of the 'Ekta Ka Aadhar' programme organised by Prajapati Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya, Prayagraj, today.

Commending the efforts of the organisation, the Governor highlighted that Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya goes beyond promoting spiritual awareness, emphasising character building and a drug-free lifestyle

through their spiritual photo exhibition. The programme aims to foster a healthy and prosperous society, setting an exemplary standard for others.

'The spirit of Atmavat Sarva Bhuteshu is evident through the character-building spiritual photo exhibition, connecting every individual with a soulful spirit. The organisation's combination of spiritual knowledge and initiatives on a drug-free lifestyle contributes

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Chief Minister unveils Duk mascot for SKBS 2024



Gangtok, February 5:The Organising Committee of Sikkim Kalakar Bharosa Sammelan 2024 called on Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang at his official residence Mintokgang, today.

The Chief Minister unveiled the poster and the mascot 'Duk' of the event. Scheduled to be held later this month, the event is being organised by VOICE and SDSA, under the theme 'Recognising Sikkim's Artistic Kaleidoscope'.

The Chief Minister acknowledged that the presence of Duk resonates with the idea of overcoming obstacles. In the same way, the event will allow artistes and attendees to experience the safe haven of the protector, which provides peace and happiness amid the vibrant festivities, he said.

The two-day event aims to to recognise and honour all the artistes of Sikkim.

Chief Minister assures health insurance to BPL houses

Pakyong, February 5:Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang, distributed essential materials and financial aid under the 'Chief Minister's Relief Fund' at SMIT Mahjitar, today.

A total of ₹67.05 lakhs in rental support was provided to 447 flood victims. Furthermore, 299 students received financial assistance amounting ₹29.9 lakhs, and relief assistance of ₹16.4 lakhs was extended to 82 families.

In addition to this, 385 students from the Pakyong, Namchi, Soreng, and Gyalsing districts were awarded the prestigious Chief Minister Scholarship under the Chief Minister Discretionary Grants, amounting ₹2.1 crore.

Moreover, 1,101 families were given material benefits, while 410 families obtained LPG connections to support their daily needs.

The Chief Minister highlighted the swift response of the State Government in assisting the victims of the flash flood that ravaged the Teesta River belt. The Relief Camps were promptly established without any



discrimination, and emergency assistance funds were also provided to schoolchildren in need.

He also shared details about the Purna Awas Yojana Bill, which has already received approval from the cabinet. The bill aims to construct new homes for individuals whose houses were completely destroyed by the flood.

Similarly, the Janta Housing

Colony will be developed for those who are affected by the Teesta flash floods and were previously renting. These individuals will have the opportunity to reside in the flats rent-free for three years, after which they will be required to pay a nominal amount as rent.

Furthermore, the Chief Minister announced that 130,000

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Chief Minister distributes cheques to affected families

Gangtok, February 5:Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang distributed cheques to flash floods affected families on October 4, 2023 at Government Senior Secondary School, Singtam, today.

A total of 798 cheques were handed over to the beneficiaries which included the recent fire incident victims, student scholarships, damaged compensation to the victims of Aap Dara and Zang village alongside the victims of the flash floods.

The Chief Minister assured of constructing houses under Sikkim Punar Awas Yojana (SPAY) for the victims, whose houses has been totally damaged or washed away. In addition, he also said that the compensation for the rent will be provided to the victims and assured of constructing Janta Housing Colony where no rent will be charged for three years.

The Chief Minister also assured support to the fire victims near Lall Bajar Singtam. He assured constructing houses under Sikkim Urban Garib Awas Yojana



(SUGAY) to the affected individuals whose houses were gutted in fire.

The Chief Minister also

handed over cheque of ₹50,000 each to 35 vendors whose shops

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Pearls of Wisdom

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

First round of training session for final batch of Presiding and Polling Officers I held

Namchi, February 2: The first round of training session for the final batch of Presiding and Polling Officers I for the upcoming General Elections 2024 commenced at DAC Namchi, today.

The training was facilitated by State Level Master Trainers Mr Sunny Kharel SDM Soreng and Ms Bhumika Chettri Deputy

Training programme for BLOs held in Gyalshing and Soreng districts

Gyalshing, January 31: A training programme for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) was conducted at Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, Gyalshing, today.

The training programme provided mandatory information and training to the BLOs for the upcoming General Elections, 2024.

Mr M Bharani Kumar, DC-cum-District Election Officer (DEO) Gyalshing, highlighted the crucial duties and functions of the BLOs at the polling day. He also delved into the new feature 'Home Voting' introduced by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Mr Zangpo Gyaltsen National Level Master Trainer-cum-Deputy Chief Election Officer sensitised the BLOs on use of the BLO-Net mobile app, which is designed especially for Booth level Officers towards relevant data entry on the poll day.

Ms KSC Tongden Lepcha SE Power who is also the District Level Master Trainer-cum-Nodal Officer, deliberated on the crucial duties of distribution of Voter Information Slip and its embedded judiciary provision on inappropriate handling, preparation of Absent, Shifted, Dead and Repeat (ASDR) Voters List, PwD Voters and Absentee Voters. She also highlighted the roles and responsibilities of BLOs during the polling day and to the Sector Officers.

Mr Rajesh Thapa, Nodal

Second day training session for Presiding and Polling Officers I

Gyalshing, January 30: The second day of the first round of training sessions for Presiding and Polling Officers I of Gyalshing District for General Elections 2024 convened at Kyongsa, today.

The training sessions held simultaneously at two venues, Gyalshing District Zilla Panchayat (GDZP) and the Conference Hall of EVM Warehouse, which had 110 Presiding, Polling Officers I and Sector Magistrates.

Mr M Bharani Kumar, DC-cum-District Election Officer (DEO) Gyalshing informed about the upcoming elections for four constituencies in the district. These elections will encompass 74 Polling stations, among which 14 Polling stations are designated as women-friendly, 6 Polling stations will be exclusively for women and 54 serving as normal Polling

Secretary Election Cell Namchi along with ALTs, aiming to further enhance the knowledge of the participating officers, followed by hands-on training on Electronic Voter Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT).

A total of 39 officers underwent training wherein 21 were Presiding and 18 were

Officer SVEEP-cum-Dy Director Education provided an overview on SVEEP activities in the district and motivated BLOs for their valuable participation.

During the training programme, hands-on training on commissioning Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) were demonstrated at EVM Warehouse Kyongsa.

Mr N B Biswakarma SDM Gyalshing urged the BLOs to be acquainted with the dynamics of the machines and provided essential information.

The BLOs were trained about the election procedures, Poll Day management, SVEEP activities and were given hands-on sessions.

Similarly in Soreng, a training programme for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to discuss the roles and responsibilities for the upcoming General Elections 2024 was held at DAC Soreng.

The training had the presence of Ms Yishey D Yongda DC cum DEO, Mr Dhiraj Subedi ADC Soreng, Mr DR Bista SDM (Hq), Mr Sunny Kharel SDM Soreng, officials and staff of DAC and 64 BLOs of the district.

Ms Yishey D Yongda, DC-cum-DEO advised that the training should be considered vital to ensure smooth functioning of the elections process. All participants were

stations.

He stressed on the importance of conducting mock poll process ensuring the timely closure of Polling stations. The training was also emphasised on adhering to the prescribed guidelines outlined in the handbook for Presiding Officers, including the implementation of specified DO's and Dont's. Additionally, all officers were instructed not to accept any form of hospitality from candidates or Political parties.

The sessions were facilitated by State Level Master Trainers (SLMT) Mr. Dilip Sharma DPO (Soreng), Mrs. Merina Rai, Joint Secretary, Election Department (Pakyong) and Mrs. Bhumika Chettri, Deputy Secretary, Election Department (Namchi) who lent their expertise and guidance to the training proceedings.

Polling Officers.

The training had the presence of Ms Annapurna Alley DC Namchi-cum-DEO, Mr Anant Jain ADC Namchi, Mr Pulkit Asst. Collector, Mr Sunil K Mothey ADC (Dev.) Ravangla, Mr Gopal K Chettri SDM (Hq), alongside other officials from various line departments.

asked to attend the training courses sincerely, as the BLOs are directly connected to the election department and the voters.

A session-wise presentation was conducted by Mr Sunny Kharel (SLMT), Dr MB Chettri Joint Commissioner (W&CWD), Mr RK Panday Principal Daramdin SSS (ALMT), Mr Hemant Ghimeray AD (IT), Mr HD Subba AD Education (ALMT).

Mr Sunny Kharel briefed about Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) and its activities wherein, he discussed on 'FORM 12D'. He also urged the participants to check 'BLONET' application twice a day.

Dr MB Chettri apprised on facilities available for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and senior citizens voters under the guidelines of Election Commission of India (ECI). He also discussed about the 21 types of disabilities.

Mr RK Panday apprised about the roles and responsibilities of BLOs during the elections process and poll day arrangements.

Mr Hemant Ghimeray explained on Garuda application and its features.

A hands-on training on Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trial (VVPAT) was demonstrated by Mr HD Subba.

The comprehensive training covered the roles of Presiding and Polling Officers I, ensuring that participants are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to fulfil their duties effectively during the upcoming General Elections 2024. The hands-on training on Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) were demonstrated.

The training session was attended by ADC-cum-AEO (Gyalshing), District Level Master Trainer-cum-SE Power Department (DLMT), Joint Director (Education), Deputy Director (Education), Nodal Officer (man power management) and (ALMTs), (ADC Dev.), DPO (GDZP) along with officers from various departments, trainees and staff from election department.

DC Mangan visits Tasa Tengay Govt.SSS Chungthang

Mangan, February 5: Mr Hem Kumar Chettri DC Mangan visited Tasa Tengay Government Senior Secondary School Chungthang, today.

DC Mangan interacted with the Principal, Teachers and students of the school and enquired about the general status report, enrolment and curriculum.

Grameen Sanchar Abhiyan launched in Mangan District

Mangan, January 30: 'Grameen Sanchar Abhiyan', a new initiative of the Information and Public Relations Department was launched for Mangan district at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mangan, today.

The Abhiyan ensures constant propagation of official State and Central Government information in rural areas especially in areas with low internet connectivity.

Mr Kado Lepcha Zilla Adhyaksha Mangan launched the initiative in the presence of Panchayats, Mr Umesh Sunam Director IPR Department, Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarpa SDM Mangan, Mr Karma Thendup DPO Mangan District Zilla Panchayat, Mr Subhash Sharma Deputy Director (e-news/IPR), Mr Kailash Thapa BDO Mangan, Mr Mani Kumar Rai BDO Dzongu, Mr Ongdi Bhutia AD BAC Kabi, Village Account Assistants (VAA) and Panchayat Account Assistants.

Zilla Adhyaksha highlighted how the district has benefited from new schemes and development projects from the

First round of training for Polling Officers I conducted

Mangan, January 30: The first round of training for Polling Officers I for the upcoming General Election 2024 was conducted, today. The training sessions were held at the Mangan District Zilla Panchayat Bhawan for theory sessions and at the DAC Election Halls for hands-on training on EVMs and VVPATs machines.

The theory sessions aimed to equip Presiding Officers and Polling Officers I with essential knowledge and insights into the electoral processes for the upcoming elections. State-Level Master Trainers Mr. Prem Kamal

The DC was accompanied by Mr Sonam Detchu Bhutia SP Mangan, Mr HS Kafley ADC (Dev.) Chungthang, Mr Kiran Thatal SDM Chungthang, Mr Arun Thatal SDPO Chungthang, Mr TR Baniya BDO Chungthang, Mr Kesang Rinzing Lepcha Revenue Officer Chungthang.

State Government and also mentioned the need for an awareness of Central and State Government schemes particularly in rural areas.

He also requested the VAAs who received the Bluetooth speakers to install and use on their respective GPKs, most importantly in Gram Sabhas.

Director IPR Department mentioned about the objectives of Abhiyan and added that it was the vision of the Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang to provide concrete and latest information amongst the general public.

Deputy Director (e-news) IPR Department gave technical demonstration on the operation of the speaker and updation of audio information for the same.

The speakers were distributed to the representatives of four BACs; namely, Kabi, Mangan, Passingdong and Chungthang.

Later, representatives of 7 GPUs under the Mangan BAC also received the Bluetooth speakers.

Rai and Mr. Tshering Norgyal Theengh facilitated the sessions.

Led by State-level master trainer Mr. Jigme Wongchuk Bhutia, a hands-on training session for Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) operations was conducted at the DAC Election Hall. The training focused on practical aspects of EVMs and VVPATs handling, setup, and troubleshooting.

The training programme also had the presence of Mr. Hem Kumar Chettri DC, Mr. Palden Lachungpa DCSO Mangan and the staff of Election department.

Mangan and Pakyong DACs observes Martyrs' Day

Mangan, January 30: DAC Mangan observed Martyrs' Day in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives in the struggle for India's freedom.

Two minutes silence led by the Mr Hem Kumar Chettri DC Mangan had the presence of Mr Sonam Detchu Bhutia SP Mangan, Mr Sonam Topgay Tashi ADC Mangan, Mr Mani Kumar Tamang ASP Mangan, Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarpa SDM Mangan and officials of the district.

Similarly, the Sub-Divisional Administrations of the district also observed the Martyrs' Day 2020 in their

respective offices.

Similarly in Pakyong, Martyrs' Day was observed at DAC Pakyong under the direction of Mr Tashi Chopel, DC Pakyong.

A moment of silence for two minutes was observed.

Ms Anupa Tamling ADC Pakyong, Mr Mahendra Chettri SDM (Hq.) and Mr Rinzing Chopel Rai ASP Pakyong were also present, along with the officers and staff from various departments and Police Personnel.

Martyrs' Day was also observed in the Sub-Divisions of Rangpo and Rongli.

SIKKIM GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

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No. 14

Government of Sikkim

Land Revenue Disaster Management Department
Gangtok

No. 958/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS/26

Dated: 24/01/2024

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 11(1) OF RIGHT TO FAIR COMPENSATION
AND TRANSPARENCY IN LAND ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND
RESETTLEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 30 OF 2013).**

Whereas, it appears to the Governor that land is likely to be needed for public purpose, namely, for "the purpose of improvement and muck dumping along Mangan-Sangkalang road by BRO, 107 RCC GREP in the revenue blocks of Zimchung, Malling-Singhik and Kazor", North Sikkim. It is hereby notified that several pieces of land comprising cadastral plots mentioned under the "Schedule of properties" below and measuring more or less an area of **7.8163 hectare** (Private Land) and **0.5760 hectare** Sikkim Sarkar (Khasmal) measuring total area **8.3923 hectares** is likely to be needed for the aforesaid public purpose at the public expense within the aforesaid block of Zimchung, Malling-Singhik and Kazor, Mangan North Sikkim.,

"SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES"**Zimchung Block:**

Private Land bearing Plot Nos. 168(P), 169/A, 169/B, 169/C, 169/D, 170(P), 171 (P), 172(P), 173/A, 173/B, 190(P), 192(P), 193(P), 196, 196/A, 198(P), 199(P), 200(P), 200/A, 202(P), 203/A, 203/B, 205(P), 209/A, 209/B, 210/A, 210/B, 211/A, 211/B, 212/A, 212/B, 230, 348(P), 348/A, 189/540(P), 211/614/A, 211/614/B, 348/648(P), 348/657(P), 202/666(P), 171/681(P), 171/681/A, 171/682/A, 171/683/A, 171/683/B, 174(P)/A, 648/985(P), 174(P)/B, 174(P)/C, 174 (P)/D, 174(P)/E, 174(P)/F, 175/1045(P), 348/1084(P), 171/1127(P), 681/1173(P) and 681/1174(P) measuring more or less an area of **3.3053 hectares**.

Departmental Land bearing Plot Nos. 174/A, 174/B, 174/C, 194(P), 195(P), 207(P) measuring more or less an area of **0.2610 hectares**.

Govt. Land (Khasmal) bearing Plot No. 179 (P) and 353(P) hectares measuring more or less an area of **0.1280 hectare** are bounded as:

EAST : NH 10, Abandoned road, Private holding and Government land.

WEST : M-S road, Private holding and Government land.

NORTH : Jhora, Private holding, Malling-Singhik block and Government land.

SOUTH : Private holding, Abandoned road and Government land.

Malling-Singhik Block:

Private Land bearing Plot Nos 9(P), 11(P), 44(P), 46(P), 69(P), 72(P), 73(P), 145(P), 10/ 569(P), 138/622(P) and 150/623(P)) measuring more or less an area of **2.6700 hectares**.

Govt. Land (Khasmal) bearing Plot No. 74 (P) and 138(P) hectares measuring more or less an area of **0.4200 hectare** are bounded as:

EAST : M-S road, Private holding and Sikkim (Sarkar) Khasmal land.

WEST : M-S road and Private holding.

NORTH : Kazor Block, Jhora, Private holding and Sikkim (Sarkar) Khasmal land.

SOUTH : Jhora, Zimchung Block, Private holding and Sikkim (Sarkar) Khasmal land.

Kazor Block:

Private Land bearing Plot Nos. 361(P), 363/A, 363(P), 364, 365(P), 371(P), 372(P), 374(P), 374/A, 375(P), 364/530, 360/542(P) and 530/571 measuring more or less an area of **1.5800 hectares**.

Govt. Land (Khasmal) bearing Plot No. 373 (P) measuring more or less an area of **0.0280 hectare** are bounded as:

EAST : M-S road, Private holding and Sikkim (Sarkar) Khasmal land.

WEST : M-S road, Private holding and Sikkim (Sarkar) Khasmal land.

NORTH : M-S road, Private holding, approach road to Rengdang and Sikkim (Sarkar) Khasmal land.

SOUTH : Malling-Singhik block, abandoned road, Private holding and Government land.

No person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land specified in this Preliminary Notification or create any encumbrance on such land from the date of publication of this Notification without prior approval of the District Collector, Mangan District.

The plan of land may be inspected in the Office of the District Collector, Mangan, North Sikkim.

By Order.

Anil Raj Rai
Secretary,Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department,
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
File No.958/LR&DMD/ACQ/GOS
(316)Urban Development Department
Government of Sikkim
Circle Office Jorethang

Ref. No. 23/GOS/UDD/JRTH

Dated: 05/02/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

This is for information of all concerned that sealed tenders are invited from individuals having SSC/COI and Registered Organizations for the award of Bazaar Contract for Ravangla Bazaar for the Financial year 2024-25.

The tender documents can be obtained from the Office of the Additional/Joint/Deputy Secretary, UDD, Jorethang on all working days from 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M on payment of prescribed fee of ₹500/- per Tender Document in the following Revenue Head.

Bazaar Contract: 0045 OTD-800-02

1) Date of Issue of forms: 19/02/2024 (11 AM) to 23/02/2024 (2 PM)

2) Date of Submission of sealed tender forms: 26/02/2024 to 27/02/2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00P.M.

3) Date of opening of Sealed Tender: 28/02/2024 at 11:00 A.M.

4) The rate quoted below the offset price will be rejected out rightly and the TDR amount will be forfeited.

5) The detailed terms and conditions may be seen in the tender documents.

6) The Department reserves the right to accept or reject the tender documents without assessing any reason thereof.

Sd/-

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Sikkim
Urban Development Department, Jorethang, (315)Urban Development Department
Government of Sikkim

Memo: L(268) GOS/UDD/T.L/E/2022/98

Dated: 31/01/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

This is for information of all concerned that sealed tenders are invited from individuals having SSC/COI & Registered Organisations for the award of Bazaar Contract and Car Parking Contract for the Bazaars of Pakyong, Rhenock, and Rongli for the financial year 2024-2025.

The tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Additional Secretary, Urban Development Department, Gangtok on all working days from 11.00 A.M to 3.00 P.M on payment of prescribed fee of ₹500/- per Tender Document in the following Revenue Head:-

Bazaar Contract: 0045 OTD-800-02**Car Parking Contract: 0217-60-800-03**

1. Date of Issue of forms 19.02.2024 (Monday) to 23.02.2024 (Friday) 11. 00 am to 3.00 pm.

2. Date for submission of sealed tender forms 20.02.2024 (Tuesday) to 26.02.2024(Monday) from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

3. Date of opening of Sealed Tender-27.02.2024 (Tuesday) at 11:30 am.

4. The rate quoted below the offset price will be rejected outrightly and the TDR amount will be forfeited.

5. The detailed terms and condition may be read in the tender documents.

6. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject the tender documents without assigning any reason thereof.

Additional Secretary
Urban Development Department
(308)SIKKIM GOVERNMENT GAZETTE
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Government of Sikkim

Rural Development Department
Gangtok

No:08/RDD/P/2024

Dated: 30.01.2024

NOTIFICATION

With the approval of the State Government the monthly honorarium of Zilla Panchayat Members and Sabhapatis, Up-Sabhapatis, & other Panchayat Members of Gram Panchayat Units are hereby revised at the following rates with effect from 1st February 2004.

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| 1. Zilla Panchayat Members
(Excluding the Adhakshya & Up-Adhakshya) | ₹20,000/- per month |
| 2. Sabhapatis of Gram Panchayat | ₹20,000/- per month |
| 3. Up-Sabhapatis of Gram Panchayat | ₹19,000/- per month |
| 4. Mambers of Gram Panchayat | ₹18,000/- per month |

By order

Tshewang Gyachho, IAS
Secretary
Rural Developinent Department
(314)Office of the Assistant Engineer
Roads & Bridges Department
Government of Sikkim
Soreng Sub Division, West Sikkim

Memo No: 288/GOS/R&B/DRDN/694

Dated: 20/01/2024

NOTICE

Mr. Bhagi Man Subba Khalasi appointed under One Family One Job Scheme at Daramdin Sub Division, Road & Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim is not attending his regular duty since March 2023.

The whereabouts of this Government servant is not known till date.

As such, the said Mr. Bhagi Man Subba, Khalasi (OFOJ) is hereby directed to report to the duty within 15 days from the date of issue of this notice, failing which appropriate administrative action will be initiated against him.

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

Assistant Engineer
Roads & Bridges Department
Daramdin Sub Division
(310, ii)Read and Advertise
in
Sikkim Herald

**Government of Sikkim
Roads and Bridges Department
District Soreng**

NIT No: 03/CIR/R&B/SRG

Date: 07/02/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer (Soreng), Roads and Bridges Department invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of Class II- B Grade, enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of the Geyzing Bermiok constituency where the works are to be executed, for the execution of the work with the details as under :-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value	Bid value	Cost of tender/ bid form)	Completion period
1.	Up gradation of Road From Bermiok -Legship Road 6 km to Srijunga cave in Gyalshing District (2.5 KM)	₹5.66 Lakh	₹226.51 Lakh	₹0.30 Lakh	18 Months

Note: The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is exempted for all Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder being accepted as L1 bidder, the issue of the Work Order shall be governed by Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08/10/2020.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date & Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	20/02/2024 up to 1600 hrs
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form	21/02/2024 up to 1600 hrs.
3	Submission of bid documents	22/02/2024 up to 1200 hrs.
4	Opening of bid documents	22/02/2024 at 1300 hrs.
5	Place of opening of bids	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, Soreng.

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

1. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document shall not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER.
2. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the application
 - a) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. Further, it is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.
 - b) Latest Goods & Service Tax Clearance Certificate issued from the office of the Commercial Tax (To be submitted by the successful bidder only before issuance of Work Order as per Notification No: 07/GOS/CTD/2018-2019, dated: 27/06/2018.
 - c) PAN card.
 - d) Photo copy of latest voter ID card with both side printed for proof of their territorial constituency.
 - e) Bank Receipt in original.
3. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Accounts Officer, Roads and Bridges Department, on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State of Sikkim (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "0059-80-800.01-other receipts", during the time schedule mentioned above.
4. Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% of the cost put to tender shall be deposited in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt/Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee from State Bank of Sikkim or any nationalized bank in favor of the Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, Soreng. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the same. In case of the Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding, the cost of the Earnest Money Deposit shall be governed by Notification No: 104/R&B Dated 08/10/2020.
5. The soft copy of the BOQ shall be provided along with the tender documents on submission of Earnest Money Deposit as mentioned vide sl. no. 4. The intending bidder shall submit his/her bid in the printed format as per the soft copy of the BOQ provided. In case the bidder submits the bids in hand written format, the same shall be summarily rejected.
6. The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own and correct assessment before submitting the bid.
7. The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer in the BOQ provided should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the general direction and conditions of the contract and other laid down norms. Supporting documents listed vide SI No. 2 should be enclosed with the offer.
8. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Superintending Engineer (Soreng), Roads and Bridges Department, Soreng, on the date and within the time indicated above.
9. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes in vogue.
10. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
11. Tenders will be opened by the Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
12. In case of any discrepancy in the specifications printed in the BOQ issued with the tender documents, specifications as per approved Schedule of Rates-2020 will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final.
13. The Department reserves the rights to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
14. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his/her own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labours at site.
15. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
16. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor 5% of the value of work done.
17. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
18. The recoveries i/c deduction of taxes and duties as applicable shall be as per the rates notified by the Government from time to time and as applicable on the date of payment.
19. Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
20. In case of manpower employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
21. The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken up at least of three stages during the construction period, i.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.
22. Quarrying of non-stock materials shall be allowed only from designated/approved quarries.
23. The specifications in execution of the works are to be followed as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).
24. Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any act of negligence and shall bear the responsibility to repair/restore such damage.
25. Expenditure involved for material testing like cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals and other mandatory test etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed by the concerned authorities.
26. The cost of stock materials and bridges parts if any supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractors' bills as per the prevalent recovery rate.
27. Defect liability period for the pavement work shall be for a period of five (05) years which shall not cover the damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides etc.

**Superintending Engineer (Soreng).
Roads and Bridges Department
Soreng District
(313)**

**Government of Sikkim
Rural Development Department
Tashiling, Gangtok-737103, Sikkim.
E-Procurement Notice
Tender Reference No: - SKVVP**

Memo No:-62/RDD/PMGSY

Dated:-29/01/2024

TENDER

The Principal Chief Engineer, RDD on behalf of Governor of Sikkim invites percentage rates bids through e- procurement for "Construction of roads & Long Span Bridges(LSB) in North Sikkim under Vibrant Village Programme (VVP)". The bid should be submitted online in web site www.pmgsytendersskm.gov.in for respective work by contractors of appropriate class with the state government vide notification No 21/R&B/PWD/Secy / 2023-24 Dated 18/10/2023 as detailed in the above website.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender online for bidding		Last date of time for seeking tender clarification	Date & time of Opening of tender
		From	To		
Pr.Chief Engineer, RDD	SKVVP 2024_CESDA_131703	31/01/2024 from 5.00PM	19/02/2024 upto 10.00 AM	09/02/2024 upto 1.00 PM	Pr.Chief Engineer, RDD

The bank receipt in original form from State Bank of Sikkim as tender fee deposited to the head 0515-Other Rural Development Programme 800-Other receipts is to be submitted to the Finance Controller SRRDA Sikkim on 16/02/2024 from 12.00 to 3.00 PM. Those bids even if submitted online but whose hard copy is not received by Finance Controller during the time given, will not be considered for bidding.

**Pr.Chief Engineer
Rural Development Department, Gangtok**

SL. No.	Jurisdiction	Package Number	Road Name	Value of individual work in Lakhs	Tender value in Lakhs	Contractor eligibility Class	EMD in Lakhs (2.5%)	Tender Form cost in ₹
1	Sikkim State	SK01/VV P/1	Road		2521.86	I-AA	63.046	200000
			T01-Yumesamdong Highway Sarchok Bridge to Lachung Forest BlockVV	1118.80				
			LSB					
			50m Span Steel Bridge Over Shakothang Chu	634.49				
			60m Span Steel Bridge Over Kewsey Chu	768.57				
		Total	2521.86					
2	Sikkim State	SK01/VV P/2	Road		3232.61	I-AA	80.815	200000
			T01-Lavan To Sakyong VVP	1945.90				
			LSB					
			70m Span Steel Bridge Over Noth Kyong	819.35				
			20m Span Steel Bridge Over Rongyong	233.39				
		20m Span Steel Bridge Over Koduk Kyong	233.96					
		Total	3232.61					
3	Sikkim State	SK01/VV P/3	Road		2234.01	I-AA	55.850	200000
			T02-Bay to Pentong VVP	719.80				
			LSB					
			70m Span Steel Bridge Over Bay Kyong	819.35				
			30m Span Steel Bridge Over Nodlyong Kyong	346.70				
		30m Span Steel Bridge Over Komko Kyong	348.15					
		Total	2234.01					

**Pr. Chief Engineer
Rural Development Department
Gangtok
(305, i)**

**Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom
Government of Sikkim**

No.1954/GOS/D.H.H.

Date: 20/01/2024

ADMISSION NOTICE

Applications are invited in the prescribed forms from the local boys and girls for admission to the following courses being conducted by the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Government of Sikkim for the year **2024-2025**.

Candidates should be above 14 years of age as on **31.03.2024** and should have at least educational qualification of class V from the recognized school or institution.

The courses are as follows:-

- Two years course in HANDLOOM WEAVING.
- Two years course in CARPET WEAVING.
- Two years course in MULTICRAFTS.
- Three years course in WOOD CARVING.
- Two years course in CANE & BAMBOO.
- Two years course in MASK MAKING.
- Four years course in THANKA PAINTING.
- One year course in SOFT TOYS MAKING.
- Two years course in BLANKET WEAVING.

Interested candidates may contact the office of Joint Director/Deputy Directors of following Districts:-

- (1) Gangtok - Deputy Director (Training).
- (2) Soreng - Deputy Director (Soreng).
- (3) Geyzing - Deputy Director (Chakung).
- (4) Namchi - Joint Director (Namchi).
- (5) Mangan- Deputy Director (Mangan).

Prescribed forms can be obtained from the office of the aforesaid officers w.e.f **19th February 2024 to 26th March 2024** during office hour on production of Bank Receipt of ₹100/- deposited under the Head **"0851-102-01-GICI"**.

All the applications should be accompanied by attested copies of certificate of Identification/Domicile/ Residential Certificate, Birth certificate/School Leaving Certificate along with two(2) latest passport size photographs and be submitted to this office by **28th March 2024** positively.

List of the selected candidates will be displayed on the Notice Board of Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Gangtok and respective District offices on **30.03.2024**.

Selected candidates will be given a stipend of **₹3000/- p.m for the first year and ₹4000/- p.m from the second year onwards**. The training session starts from **01.04.2024**.

**Director
Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom
Government of Sikkim
(302, ii)**

**Government of Sikkim
Office of the Dy. Inspector General of Prison
State Central Prison, Rongyek
Gangtok- 737103**

Memo No. 495/GoS/Prison/2024

Dated:11/0/2024

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited from registered firms of Sikkim for Supply of ration, grocery, hardware and electrical items to the State Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Namchi for the period with effect from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025. The rates quoted by the firms shall be inclusive of all transportation/ carriage charges upto point of delivery i.e. the Central Prison, Rongyek and District Prison, Namchi as and when the items are requisitioned shall be final for all purpose.

The quotations addressed to the Dy. Inspector General of Police/Prison, Rongyek should reach the office of the undersigned on or before 10 A.M. on 27th February 2024. The Tender Selection Committee shall open the tenders in the office of the undersigned at 11 A.M. on the same day in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized agents.

The quotation shall be accompanied by a state Bank of Sikkim, T.D.R. for ₹30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand) only for made in favour of the Dy. Inspector General of Police/Prison for alongwith certified copies of the concerned firms registration, valid Trade License, GST registration etc. The failure to submit incomplete documents shall be rejected.

The Tender Selection Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

The Tender documents can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned between 10.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. on all working days with effect from the publication of Tender Notices.

**Dy. Inspector General of Police
State Central Prison, Rongyek
(293, i)**

**Government of Sikkim
Rural Development Department
Tashiling, Gangtok-737103, Sikkim.
E-Procurement Notice
Tender Reference No: - SKPMGSYIII**

Memo No:-63/RDD/PMGSY

Dated:-29/01/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

The Principal Chief Engineer, RDD on behalf of Governor of Sikkim invites percentage rates bids through e- procurement for "Up-gradation of various roads in the State of Sikkim under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana- III (PMGSY-III)". The bid should be submitted online in web site www.pmgsytendersskm.gov.in for respective work by contractors of appropriate class with the state government vide notification No 21/R&B/PWD/Secy / 2023-24 Dated 18/10/2023 as detailed in the above website.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender online for bidding		Last date of time for seeking tender clarification	Date & time of Opening of tender
		From	To		
Pr. Chief Engineer, RDD	SKPMGSYIII 2024_CESDA_131702	31/01/2024 from 5.00PM	19/02/2024 upto 10.00 AM	09/02/2024 upto 1.00 PM	19/02/2024 from 10.30AM onwards

The bank receipt in original form from State Bank of Sikkim as tender fee deposited to the head 0515- Other Rural Development Programme 800-Other receipts is to be submitted to the Finance Controller SRRDA Sikkim on 16/02/2024 from 12.00 to 3.00 PM. Those bids even if submitted online but whose hard copy is not received by Finance Controller during the time given, will not be considered for bidding.

SL. No.	Jurisdiction	Package Number	Road Name	Value of individual work in Lakhs	Tender value in Lakhs	Contractor eligibility Class	EMD in Lakhs (2.5%)	Tender Form cost in ₹
1	Gangtok District	SK02/01	T26-Burtuk(Ani Gumpa) to Lingdum Monestary via BAC Ranka	328.030	613.075	II-A	15.327	50000.00
2			MRL02-SPWD Road to Upper Martam	285.045				
3	Sikkim State	SK02/02	T12-Tintek Zero to Chandey	1185.205	1185.205	I-A	29.630	100000.00
4	Sikkim State	SK02/03	T05-lower sumin to upper sumin	332.614	746.832	I-B	18.671	50000.00
5			T06-Rai Gaon (JNV school) to Priklakha (32mile)	414.218				
6	Rhenock Constituency	SK02/04	T20-Pacheykhani khalnal turning to losing	359.751	359.751	II-B	8.994	50000.00
7	Chujachen constituency	SK02/05	MRL03-Lower Dalapchand to Chandaney	132.290				
8			MRL17-Lower Lamaten(Lokdara) to Lungchok view point	261.675	393.965	II-B	9.849	50000.00
9	Lachen Mangan constituency	SK01/01	MRL13-NSH to Khedum	285.919	285.919	II-B	7.148	30000.00
10			MRL11-NSH TO NAMOK	391.036				
11	Sikkim State	SK01/02	T10-JHUSING 5TH MILE TO NH10	391.689	1376.879	I-A	34.422	100000.00
12			T06-DSM to Ghor Sr Sec School	594.154				
13	Kabi Lungchok constituency	SK01/03	MRL18-NSH to Lingchom	386.721	386.721	II-B	9.668	50000.00
14	Kabi Lungchok constituency	SK01/04	MRL06-BAKCHA TO LABI	306.567	306.567	II-B	7.664	50000.00
15	Sikkim State	SK01/05	MRL19-6th Mile Junction to Bay	797.321	1369.680	I-A	34.24	100000.00
16			MRL14-6th Mile Junction to Timvong School	572.360				
17	Namchi District	SK03/01	MRL15-PMGSY road to Upper Pabong	425.984	636.721	II-A	15.918	50000.00
18			MRL20-thangsing to batasey via bermoik	210.737				
19	Sikkim State	SK03/02	T21-Sumbuk Lungchok Sadam via Mungram Gupti	948.474	1373.353	I-A	34.33	100000.00
20			T05-paiyong to mellidara	424.879				
21	Sikkim State	SK03/03	T24-Kabrey Kaijuley to Pradhan goan via Kabrey	1457.057	1457.057	I-A	36.426	100000.00
22	Poklok Kamrang constituency	SK03/04	T38-3rd Mile Turning to Powergrid samatar harrabotey	328.161	328.161	II-B	8.204	50000.00
23	Yangang Rangang constituency	SK03/05	T20-Namphok Sirisey to niya brum	389.770	389.770	II-B	9.744	50000.00
24			T03-kewzing to dalep	236.141				
25	Sikkim State	SK03/06	T06-link road from ralong gumpa to namlung	415.395	1656.786	I-A	41.420	100000.00
26			T18-rayong Tinkitam to makthang	521.884				
27			T04-tinkitam road to lower tinkitam	483.366				
28	Sikkim State	SK04/01	T29-Tikjuk Mechanical Workshop to Migyur Dechen Laytrolling	434.486	915.478	I-B	7.148	50000.00
29			T27-Gyaba Golai To Tikjek	211.271				
30			MRL04-Geyzing (Sakyong) Road to Kabirhang	269.721				
31	Sikkim State	SK04/02	T08-Radhu khandu road from Sankhu fatak to hee pul	453.101	1077.894	I-A	26.947	100000.00
32			MRL01-Intake to Jhakridhunga	624.794				
33	Gyalshing District	SK04/03	T11-Bermiok Bazaar to Berthang via Middle Martam	642.762	642.762	II-A	16.069	50000.00
34			MRL06-Kaluk Rincenpong SPWD road to Lower Karthok	459.728				
35	Sikkim State	SK04/04	T09-Sribadam to Mangalbaria	592.998	1763.033	I-A	44.076	100000.00
36			MRL07-12th mile Hathidhunga to Hitteyong	375.947				
37			T11-Soreng Kaluk Road to Lower Samdong	334.360				
38			T05-Chakung to Gelling School Road	344.944				
39	Sikkim State	SK04/05	MRL10-Soreng To Soreng Beech Gaon Jambudara	433.949	986.121	I-B	24.653	50000.00
40			T10-Soreng Sombaria SPWD Road to Lower Timberbong	207.228				
41	Sikkim State	SK04/06	T02-Chakung to Khaniserbong	712.662	712.662	I-B	17.817	50000.00
42	Soreng District	SK04/07	T04-Rock Garden to Dhargaon	516.785	516.785	II-A	12.920	50000.00
43	Daramdin constituency	SK04/08	MRL11-Extension of Siktam to Lower Tikpur	341.726	341.726	II-B	8.543	50000.00
44	Sikkim State	SK04/09	T01-Lingkhim Phatak to Puireytar	833.944	833.944	I-B	20.849	50000.00

**Pr. Chief Engineer
Rural Development Department
Gangtok
(306,i)**

**Government of Sikkim
Roads & Bridges Department
Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok**

NIT No: 79/GOS/R&B(SGT)/2023-24/49

Dated 31/01/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Chief Engineer, Roads and Bndges Department, Government of Sikkim invites sealed tenders on ITEM RATE BASIS under TWO COVER SYSTEM from Class I- A contractors enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department for execution of the work with details as under:-

Pac- kage No	Name of Work	Bid Security 2.5% of the Bid Value (In Lakhs)	Bid value (In Lakhs)	Cost of Tender/ Bid Form (In Lakhs)	Completion Period
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Strengthening, improvement and Carpeting of road from Sangkhola to Upper Sumin (Km 6 th to km 19 th), Pakyong District, Sikkim.	₹29.53	₹1181.07	₹1.00	24 months

The schedule for submission of completed bid document is as under

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	12/02/2024	10.00 am to 4:30 pm
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form	14/02/2024	10:00 am to 4:30 pm
3	Last Date and Time of submission of Pre-bid queries	22/02/2024	4:30 pm
4	Pre-bid meeting Date	23/02/2024	1:30 pm
5	Submission of bid documents	02/03/2024	10:00 am to 4:30 pm
6	Opening of Technical bids	04/03/2024	11:00 am
7	Opening of Financial bids	The date and time shall be intimated to the qualified Bidders	

Note: The intending bidders shall have to fulfill the criteria laid down in Para 11.7 of Sikkim Public Works Manual - 2009 and amendment from time to time.

**Chief Engineer
Roads & Bridges Department,
Government of Sikkim
(312)**

**Government of Sikkim
Women & Child Development Department
Mission Vatsalya Scheme
Gangtok**

No: 47 W&CDD/MVS/2024

Dt: 31/01/2024

NOTICE

Applications are invited from interested local persons for appointment of Members in the Sikkim Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

Eligibility criteria - The applicant should be a graduate degree holder having experience in the field of:

- Education;
- Child health, care, welfare or child development;
- Juvenile justice or care of neglected or marginalized children or children with disabilities;
- Elimination of child labour or children in distress;
- Child psychology or sociology; and
- Laws relating to children.
- Age shall not exceed 60 years.
- Any person having past record of any violation of child rights shall not be eligible to apply for the post.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. All applicants fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria may submit their application along with the following requisite documents:

- Attested copy of Sikkim Subject/COI
- Attested copies of academic qualification degrees/certificates.
- Attested Birth Certificate/age proof certificate
- Documents issued by the concerned organizations/authorities indicating experience in the relevant field.

2. Application addressed to the Additional Secretary-cum-Director, MVS, W&CDD, must be submitted in the office of Joint Secretary-cum Programme Manager, MVS, Women and Child Development Department, 5th Mile Lumsey, Tadong on or before **26/02/2024 by 4.30 pm**.

3. Honorarium of the member will be as prescribed by the rules.

4. The Women & Child Development Department reserves the right to reject any application which do not fulfill the eligibility criteria.

This notice is also available in the departmental website www.sikkim.gov.in/departments/women-child-development.

Sd/-
Normit Lepcha, (SGS)
Principal Director-cum-Secretary
Women & Child Development Department
(311, ii)

Log on to www.ipr.sikkim.gov.in

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in enhancing physical, mental, and emotional well-being a true symbol of commitment to health', said the Governor.

He emphasised the culture's guidance in leading a virtuous life.

Emphasizing the pivotal role of educational institutions in character building, he highlighted that these institutions serve as the initial introduction to social and cultural values. They play a crucial

role in shaping national consciousness, cultural landscape, and life values.

The Governor extended congratulations to Prajapati Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya for their unwavering commitment in promoting holistic well-being and spiritual enlightenment. He called for collective efforts in building conscious, healthy, empowered, and prosperous communities that uphold the values of peace, love, and unity.

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BPL households will soon have access to health insurance through the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme, enabling to claim upto ₹30 lakhs for medical expenses. He also appealed everyone to avail health insurance policies for their benefit.

Mr Tashi Chopel DC Pakyong, expressed his gratitude

to the Chief Minister for his exemplary leadership and approachability during the challenging time and also provided a comprehensive summary of the Teesta flash floods.

Also present were Madam Krishna Rai, Ministers Mr KN Lepcha, Mr LB Das, Mr BK Sharma, Zilla Adhyaksha Pakyong, Zilla Upahyaksha, Chairperson NHPC, APS Pakyong to CM, DC Pakyong, ADC Development, SDM Rangpo, Vice Chancellor SMIT, along with officers from various departments.

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were affected by the fire.

The programme had the presence of Madam Krishna Rai, Mr KN Lepcha Minister for Education Department, Mr Sonam Lama Minister RDD, Mr BS Panth Minister for Tourism Department, Mr Bishnu Kumar Khatiwara Minister for Culture Department,

Mr LN Sharma Minister for Agriculture Department, Ms Raj Kumari Thapa MLA Yangang, Mr Rohit Raj Gurung Advisor to CM, Mr Suresh Tamang President Singtam Nagar Panchayat, Councillors, Dr SD Dhakal Secretary CMO, Mr Tushar Nikhare DC Gangtok, ADCs, SDM Gangtok, MEO Singtam, DPO, CMO officials and officers of line departments.

Health Tips

* **Eat a healthy diet:** Eat a combination of different foods, including fruit, vegetables, legumes, nuts and whole grains. Adults should eat at least five portions (400g) of fruit and vegetables per day. By eating healthy, you will reduce your risk of malnutrition and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer.

* **Cosume less salt and sugar:** Reduce your salt intake to 5g per day, equivalent to about one teaspoon. On the other hand, consuming excessive amounts of sugars increases the risk of tooth decay and unhealthy weight gain.

* **Reduce intake of harmful fats:** Fats consumed should be less than 30% of your total energy intake. This will help prevent unhealthy weight gain and NCDs. There are different types of fats, but unsaturated fats are preferable over saturated fats and trans-fats.

* **Avoid harmful use of alcohol:** There is no safe level for drinking alcohol. Consuming alcohol can lead to health problems such as mental and behavioural disorders.

* **Don't smoke:** Smoking tobacco causes NCDs such as lung disease, heart disease and stroke.

* **Be active:** Physical activity is defined as any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that requires energy expenditure. This includes exercise and activities undertaken while working, playing, carrying out household chores, travelling, and engaging in recreational pursuits.

* **Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing:** Diseases such as influenza, pneumonia and tuberculosis are transmitted through the air. When an infected person coughs or sneezes, infectious agents may be passed on to others through airborne droplets. When you feel a cough or sneeze coming on, make sure you have covered your mouth with a face mask or use a tissue then dispose it carefully.

* **Drink only safe water:** Drinking unsafe water can lead to water-borne diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea, hepatitis A, typhoid and polio. Globally, at least 2 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated with faeces.

Press Release from Health and Family Deptt.

Pakyong, January 29: In a recent joint inspection spearheaded by the Designated Officer for Pakyong District Food Safety, Norden Lepcha, various establishments including sweet shops and fast-food outlets at Rangpo Bazar were scrutinized for adherence to hygiene standards.

The comprehensive inspection team comprised officials from diverse backgrounds, including the Food Safety Officer, Technical Officer, SFTL, Chemists, Inspectors from Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, Police Personnel, and Officials from the Food Safety Cell, H&FW Department.

Alarming findings emerged during the inspection, revealing numerous Food Business Operators (FBOs) in violation of

the mandated Food Safety guidelines outlined in the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006. These establishments have been promptly issued improvement notices, urging swift rectification of the identified defects.

Furthermore, the inspection team diligently collected perishable surveillance food samples during the process. These samples are slated for further testing and assessment, ensuring compliance with the stringent regulations set forth by the Food Safety & Standards Act, of 2006.

This proactive effort underscores the commitment to safeguarding public health and reinforces the importance of strict adherence to food safety standards within the community.

Press release from Education Department

Gangtok, February 1: Education Department sent off National awardee Dr. Purna Bahadur Chhetri, Principal of Government SSS Sorong on a 10 day international educational tour to Singapore and Malaysia.

The send-off event took place at the office of the Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department with the briefings by ACS Mr R Telang and Secretary Education Mrs. Sumita Pradhan.

The event had the presence of Director Higher Education Mr Bhim Thatal, Additional Director (Planning) Mr K Inbaraj, Joint Director (Secondary Education) Mrs. Anugraha Rai and Assistant

Director (Planning) Mr Kiran Dahal.

Dr. Chhetri will be visiting schools in Singapore and Malaysia to understand the Singapore model of school education and best practices along with his spouse. This is part of Sikkim's effort to learn from others globally and make our education system even better.

The scheme of International exposure tour for National awardee teachers was announced by the Chief Minister on the occasion of Teachers' Day on September 5, 2022. This is the second edition of the international educational exposure trip.

Panchayats organise thanksgiving programme

Pakyong, January 31: Pakyong District's Zilla and Gram Panchayats organised a thanksgiving programme at Rurban Complex to express gratitude to the Chief Minister for assembling the Panchayat Sammelan.

The three-day State-Level Panchayat Sammelan 2024 which took place at Manan Kendra in Gangtok, from January 23-25 provided a platform for the people to voice their issues and strengthen the state's panchayats and urban local bodies (ULBs).

Mrs Prabha Pradhan, Zilla Upadhyaksha thanked Chief Minister, Mr Prem Singh Tamang, Mr Sonam Lama Minister for Rural Development Department (RDD), Mr LB Das Minister for Urban Development Department, for conducting the Sammelan and providing an opportunity to voice their grievances and exchange opinions at the state level.

She also extended her gratitude to the State Government for conducting a

party-less panchayat election, including the enhancement of annual discretionary grants and an increase in the honorarium of panchayat members to uplift the local bodies. In order to establish Pakyong as a model district, she emphasised on the significance of producing maize agriculturally on uncultivated land and urged panchayat members to work jointly.

Mr Robin Sewa, ADC (Dev.) appealed to everyone to utilise the government schemes, focus on cultivating crops, and making use of agricultural technology to enhance productivity. He highlighted the pivotal role of panchayats in developing communities and motivated them to enhance their service by contributing towards effective changes at the grassroots level.

Also present were Mr Tashi Chopel DC Pakyong, Mr Mahendra Chettri SDM (Hq.), Mr BP Sharma JD Education, BDO Pakyong, BDO Parakha, BDO Regu, Zilla Panchayats, Panchayats and members of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

DAC Namchi holds cycle rally, appeals people come out to vote

Namchi, February 4: District Administration Centre, Namchi organised a 'Pedal for Polls' cycle rally today, starting from Central Park Namchi to helipad and concluding at the Central Park.

A total of 27 cyclists participated in the rally.

The officials seized the occasion to emphasise the importance of voting, providing insights on EVM and VVPAT to the participants. The event also spotlighted awareness on the voting process.

Additionally, certificates

were distributed to acknowledge the participants' involvement.

Present during the rally were DC Namchi, ADC Namchi, Asst Collector Namchi, SDMs Namchi and Namchi (Hq) and others.

Martyrs' Day observed

Gangtok, January 30: Martyrs' Day was observed at Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok, today.

Mr VB Pathak, Chief Secretary, administered the two-minute silence to the officers and staff of the departments situated within the Secretariat complex.

Present on the occasion were Mr R Telang ACS Home and Education Departments, Ms Tashi Cho Cho Secretary Home Department, Mr Praveen Pradhan Secretary Building and Housing Department, Ms Cheden P Ladingpa Secretary Protocol, Mr Tshewang Gyachho Secretary

Rural Development Department, Ms Sumita Pradhan Secretary Education Department, Ms Sarika Pradhan Secretary Social Justice and Welfare Department, and senior officers of various departments.

Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas is observed throughout the country on January 30 to pay homage to the brave souls who gave their lives in the struggle for India's freedom. The day marks the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation.

Every year, all work and movement, including the traffic, is

stopped from 11:00 am to 11:02 am and two minutes' silence is observed to pay obeisance to the brave martyrs.

Similarly, Martyrs' Day was observed at Soochana Bhawan, Tadong. Ms Karma D Youtso, Secretary IPR Department, led the two-minute silence to mark the solemn occasion.

The Secretary also threw light on the importance of the day and reflected upon the invaluable sacrifices made by the brave souls for the freedom of the nation.

State Govt doubles honorarium of Zilla and Gram Panchayats

Gangtok, January 31: An increase in monthly honorarium and annual discretionary grants for members of the Zilla Panchayats, Sabhapatis, Upa-Sabhapatis and Gram Panchayat has been officially declared for implementation by the State

Government, today.

The announcement was made by Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang during the valedictory day of the Panchayat Sammelan held in the capital from January 23-25, 2024.

The Chief Minister

congratulated them for their commendable service, and sincere efforts towards the welfare of the community. He further extended his best wishes for continued success in their endeavours.

Minister RDD visits fire-hit Singtam area

Gangtok, January 30: Mr Sonam Lama Minister of Rural Development Department, visited Singtam and took stock of the damages caused by the fire that broke out on January 29.

The Minister assured all the necessary support from the State Government. Earlier, officials of the

District Disaster Management Authority made a complete assessment of the damages caused to property for disbursement of ex-gratia and other relief packages as per SDRF norms.

Also present were Mr Suresh Tamang President Singtam Nagar Panchayat, Dr Tempo

Gyaltzen CMO Singtam and Pakyong, Mr Ujjwal Pandey MEO Singtam, Mr Suresh Rai SDM Rabdang, Mr Sonam Wongyal Lepcha Deputy Director, DDMA and other officers of DDMA and Gangtok District Administration.

Ex-gratia relief provided to fire victims

Gangtok, January 30: Mr Kunga Nima Lepcha, Minister for Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department handed over ex-gratia cheques as per SDRF norms to the individuals whose houses and other

establishments were completely gutted by the fire that occurred on January 29, 2024, in Singtam.

The Minister was joined by Mr Prabhakar Rai Director Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, and other officers of

SSDMA and District Disaster Management Authority, President and Members of Singtam Nagar Panchayat, MEO Singtam, and other officials.

PM Vishwakarma Scheme seminar-cum-awareness programme in Pakyong

Pakyong, January 31: A seminar-cum-awareness programme on the PM Vishwakarma Scheme was organised by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises-Development & Facilitation Office (MSME-DFO), at ADC (Dev.) office, today.

The programme aimed to sensitise participants about the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, fostering skill development and entrepreneurship among the skilled workforce. PM Vishwakarma scheme launched on September 17 by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, provides comprehensive support to traditional artisans in the unorganised sector.

Implemented through Village Councils/Panchayati Raj and ULBs, the scheme covers 18 trades related to Vishwakarmas, offering benefits such as recognition, skill upgradation,

toolkit incentives, collateral-free credit, digital transaction incentives, and marketing support. It targets the grassroots level, seeking to improve the quality, scale, and reach of artisan products, integrating them into MSME value chains.

Mr Nirmal Chaudhry, Assistant Director (MSME-DFO), highlighted the Central Government's intent to uplift Vishwakarmas and improve their livelihoods through the scheme. Artisans stand to gain a toolkit worth up to ₹15,000, a collateral-free loan of up to ₹3 lakh at 5% interest, free skill training with a daily allowance, marketing assistance, and certificates. He also explained the registration process and onboarded Gram Panchayats, urging artisans to register and avail of the scheme's benefits.

Furthermore, Mr Tashi

Chophel, DC Pakyong, urged all beneficiaries in Pakyong District to register and leverage the advantages provided by schemes like PM Vishwakarma and E-SHRAM. He briefed about E-SHRAM and its benefits, shedding light on the portal designed for various types of unorganised workers, including construction workers, migrant workers, street vendors, ASHA workers, SHG members (NRLM/NULM), Anganwadi workers, and MGNREGA workers. The programme also had a live demonstration of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme registration process.

Present during the programme were Zilla Upadhyaksha, SDM (Hq.), ADC (Dev.), JD Education, BDO Pakyong, BDOs Parkha and Regu, Zilla Panchayats, Panchayats, members of Self-Help Groups (SHG) and artisans.

Situation to normalise for flood-affected Chungthang- Minister Samdup Lepcha

Mangan, February 5: Relief materials along with other compensation and aids for the victims of flash floods, which occurred on October 4, 2023 were distributed by Mr Samdup Lepcha Minister-cum-Area MLA Lachen Mangan, in ADC (Dev.) Office, Chungthang, today.

The beneficiaries were distributed house allotment, land compensation, financial aid of 50 thousand for rental to both locals and non-local victims and relief materials.

The Minister thanked the State Government, Central Government, NGOs and volunteers for the relief materials

provided to Chungthang in the hour of need.

Speaking about rehabilitation, he said the State Government has already taken steps and gradually the situation will normalise for the residents of Chungthang. He cleared many doubts on documentation, rehabilitation, land, house and tenet compensation, he added knowing the scale of disaster the state government and local administration is working tirelessly for the people of the area.

Also present were, Mr Hem Kumar Chettri DC Mangan, Mr Sonam Detchu Bhutia SP Mangan, Principal Private Secretary to CM,

Additional Secretary Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department (LRDMD), Joint Secretary LRDMD, ADC (Dev) Chungthang, SDM Chungthang, SDPO Chungthang, BDO Chungthang, Revenue Officer Chungthang, Zilla Panchayats, Panchayats and officials from SSDMA, Home Department and District Administrative Centre Mangan.

Earlier, SDM Chungthang gave a brief report on the relief, rehabilitation and redevelopment of Chungthang. He also cleared all the issues on pending affairs associated with the beneficiaries.

Election activities- training in full swing across Gangtok

Gangtok, February 2: The first round of training for the final batch of Presiding and Polling I Officers under Gangtok District for the upcoming General Elections 2024 was held at District Administrative Centre and Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, today.

A total of 76 officers were trained, including 43 Presiding Officers and 33 Polling I Officers.

The theoretical aspect of the General Elections was convened by Mr Prem Kamal Rai, State Level Master Trainer. Likewise, hands-on practical training on the use of

EVMs and VVPAT was facilitated by Mr Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia, State Level Master Trainer.

The training session also had the presence of Mr Sonam Wongyal Lepcha, Nodal Officer for Training Management.

Press Release from Office of CEO Sikkim

Gangtok, February 2: District Election Officers (DEOs), Returning Officers (ROs), and Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) from Gangtok, Mangan and Pakyong districts attended a one-day training session on the latest IT applications to be used in the upcoming General Elections-2024 at the conference hall of the office of Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Sikkim, today.

Mr. Zangpo Gyaltzen,

National Level Master Trainer cum Deputy CEO, provided extensive training to the trainees regarding the Service Voters & ETPBMS and NGSP Portal.

Mr. Debasis Shilal, Deputy Director (IT)/SLMT, provided a detailed presentation on the ENCORE application. Additionally, he gave insights into the c-VIGIL app during the briefing.

Mr. Hemant Ghimirey, Assistant Director (IT), imparted

training on the Election Seizure Management System (ESMS) and Time Voucher application.

During his PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Bishan Gurung, Assistant Programmer, highlighted the features and functions of the EVM Management System (EMS 2.0).

A total of 34 officers from the three districts participated in the one-day-long IT application training.

Final batch of Presiding and Polling Officers I undergo training

Pakyong, February 2: The final batch of Presiding and Polling Officers I of Pakyong District attended the first round of training sessions for the upcoming General Elections 2024 at Rurban Complex in Pakyong, today.

The training, imparted by Mr Tshering Norgyal Theengh, SDM Yangang cum State Level Master Trainer (SLMT), underlined the roles and responsibilities assigned to presiding and polling officers.

Through a comprehensive power point presentation, key topics for the 2024 general election were covered, including role of Presiding and Polling Officers, preventive measures for polling

stations, provision for Women, Senior Citizens, and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), mock poll procedures, detailed discourse on Form 12, 13A, 13B, 13C, Form 14, Form 17A, Form 17B, Form 17C, Rule 49 MA, Section 49N, and Section 49 P, Action on Poll Day, bottlenecks during Poll Day, replacement protocol of EVM, replacement of units during the actual poll, reports of the Presiding Officer, sealing of the EVM, preparation of account of votes, close of Poll and surrender of election papers at collection centre.

Furthermore, Ms Merina Rai, Joint Secretary, Election Cell cum State Level Master Trainer

(SLMT), conducted a hands-on training session focusing on the operational aspects of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPAT). She also provided insights on the history of EVMs for the benefit of the trainees.

The training was attended by Ms Anupa Tamling ADC Pakyong, Ms Tenzing Pema Joint Secretary Planning and Development Department cum District Level Master Trainer (DLMT), Mr Dak Man Subba SDM Pakyong, Mr Raju Chettri Assembly Level Master Trainer (ALMT) along with trainees and staff of the Election Department.

Press Release from Forest and Environment Department

Gangtok, February 2: In a collaborative effort, the Forest Department jointly with the community members organised an awareness programme on Monkey Management at Central Pendum GPU, today.

The initiative aims to address the growing negative interactions between humans and monkeys in this village, by exploring strategies that foster a harmonious coexistence. In this event, valuable insights on monkey behaviour, training on capturing monkeys, collecting baseline information and awareness generation was carried out.

The Forest team, comprising of DFOs and frontline staff

provided technical inputs in the programme. The audience comprised of the public from the seven wards of Central Pendum GPU, Panchayat members, representatives, local gentry, and delegates from various local organisations.

Ms Sonam Norden Bhutia, DFO Wildlife East, delivered a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on the 9-Step approach, strategies, and challenges related to Monkey Management.

Mrs Shewani Pradhan, DFO Himalayan Zoological Park, gave an insightful presentation on monkey sterilization techniques. A robust and fruitful discussion ensued exploring effective

strategies and solutions for sustainable monkey management.

The wildlife field team then conducted a live demonstration on cage installation and capture techniques, providing practical insights.

Posters on the ban on feeding monkeys were distributed to raise awareness about responsible interactions with wildlife. Baseline assessment forms for collecting crucial data on monkey population, distribution, and related metrics were handed over to the concerned Panchayat team for wider circulation.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks extended by Mr GC Khanal.

Hamro Sankalp Sikkim festivities to unveil from February 16

Gangtok, February 5: In a press conference held at Raj Bhawan, Mr Jigme Dorji Bhutia, Secretary to the Governor, shed light on the upcoming events under the banner 'Hamro Sankalp Sikkim: Viksit Bharat Puspit Sikkim,' scheduled from February 16-18.

The Secretary said that the objective of the 'Hamro Sankalp Sikkim: Viksit Bharat Puspit Sikkim' event is aligned with the nationwide vision for a 'developed India' by 2047. The event serves as a catalyst for fostering a sense of shared responsibility and collective action to actively promote community participation in order to realise the broader vision for a prosperous India by 2047, he added.

The pre-event activities of 'Hamro Sankalp Sikkim: Viksit Bharat Puspit Sikkim' will kick off on February 13 with a cleanliness drive under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at the Raj Bhawan premises, led by Raj Bhawan Secretariat officials and staff.

Following this, on February 14-15, the Health and Family Welfare Department will organise a comprehensive free health camp, featuring a team of super specialists. The camp, scheduled from 10 am to 4 pm, will provide services in various medical fields, including medicine, paediatrics, dermatology, ENT, ophthalmology, dental, orthopaedics, Ayush, gastroenterology, cardiology, and more.

The Secretary earnestly appealed to the public to take full advantage of the health camp, aiming to provide accessible healthcare services to individuals in need.

The grand inauguration on February 16 will include the unveiling of the remodelled Shiv Mandir and the foundation stone laying ceremony for Lord Buddha statue at the Raj Bhawan premises.

Additionally, the Raj Bhawan with the support of the Department of Culture will host a cultural programme showcasing the diversity of the state's 19 ethnic communities. The cultural event will extend through 18 February.

Simultaneously, the Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Assam Lingzey, along with the active participation of the Sikkim Viklang Sahayata Samiti, under the auspices of Social Welfare Department, will conduct a distribution programme for aid and supplies dedicated to persons with disabilities. Beneficiaries are urged to participate in the event and avail themselves of this crucial step initiated to create an accessible

and supportive environment for everyone in the community.

Adding to the significance of the inaugural day, it is noteworthy that the event coincidentally aligns with the completion of Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya's one-year tenure in the State. This dual celebration underlines a momentous occasion for the community to come together in commemoration and festivity.

On February 17, Raj Bhawan will host a mega blood donation camp as part of the 'Viksit Bharat Puspit Sikkim' initiative. The event aims to encourage volunteers from all walks of life to contribute to this noble cause.

Notably, more than 25 organisations, including the Red Cross Society, the Rotary Club and various government departments and universities, have already registered their participation, showcasing widespread community support for the initiative.

The Raj Bhawan Secretariat has appealed for a large turnout of volunteers as the initiative serves as an opportunity for individuals to come together and make a collective meaningful contribution to the well-being of the community by supporting the vital cause of blood donation while addressing crucial healthcare needs.

Individuals eager to contribute to the mega blood donation camp on February 17 are urged to connect with Dr Bhawana Rai, Medical Officer, Raj Bhawan at 089724-55952.

The closing day on February 18 will feature a morning bike rally conducted by the Adventure Tourism Cell of the Tourism Department. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Adventure Tourism Cell, Tourism Department or approach Raj Bhawan Secretariat for details. Biker clubs have also been invited to join the rally.

The main attraction of the 'Hamro Sankalp Sikkim: Viksit Bharat Puspit Sikkim' event is the mesmerising flower show which will remain open to the public until March 31. Visitors are encouraged to explore the enchanting world of blooms and appreciate the beauty of nature.

The Secretary conveyed that the entry for the events is kept free to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to participate and indulge in the enriching experiences provided by this noteworthy gathering.

The press conference was also attended by Dr Shyam Narayan, OSD to the Governor, Ms Mamta Awasthy, Senior PRO to the Governor, and Dr Bhawana Rai, Medical Officer, Raj Bhawan.

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Chief Minister receives blessings from HH Guru Hajur on his birthday

Gangtok, February 5: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang received blessings from His Holiness Bal Tapaswi Sadguru Omnanda Master Godangel (Guru Hajur) at Mintokgang, today.

Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to Guru Hajur for his visit. He further appreciated his concern, compassion, and guidance for the wellbeing of everyone.

CM encourages budding dancers with his presence at Hip Hop Himalaya event

Gangtok, February 3: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang attended the Hip Hop Himalaya, a zero-waste and plastic-free event organised by Legion of Love Dance Studio under the patronage of the Chief Minister at Manan Kendra, today.

Minister Mr Bishnu Khatiwara and Madam Krishna Rai were also in attendance.

The organisers expressed gratitude, citing the Chief Minister's immense support as a motivation for amateur dancers to pursue their dreams as a future career option.

Furthermore, the organisers felicitated the Chief Minister, guest faculties and the dignitaries for their support.

The event featured performances by International

freestyle hip-hop dancer Mr Jamel Brown aka Loose Joint, choreographer Mr Ruben Lama, freestyle dancer Ms Sri Lakshmi, and local performers showcasing various dance forms.

The ten-day dance workshop attracted over 500 participants from Sikkim and diverse locations such as France, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Bhutan, Nepal, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and New Delhi. The workshop was free for participants from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in Sikkim.

Likewise, a dance battle in three categories-Hip hop, Rep your style and Breaking awarded winners from each category ₹20,000 each.

Vatsalya Scheme beneficiary couple extend gratitude to Chief Minister

Siliguri, February 1: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang interacted with patients undergoing medical treatment in various nursing homes in Siliguri, today.

A noteworthy instance from the Vatsalya Scheme (IVF) had a couple Mrs Kanchan Chettri and Mr Nar Bahadur Chettri of Daramdin ready to welcome their twins after a nine-year struggle to become parents.

The couple expressed

gratitude to the Chief Minister for making their parenthood journey possible.

The Chief Minister congratulated the couple and conveyed his best wishes for a happy family life.

Under the Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Scheme, about 350 beneficiaries have been allotted cheques for IVF through the Vatsalya Scheme in a span of one year.

IRB Jawan airlifted for advanced medical treatment in New Delhi

Siliguri, February 1: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang swiftly acted upon learning about the health condition of Mr Bijay Rai, 1st Battalion IRBn, who was undergoing treatment in STNM hospital, Gangtok.

With the intervention of the Chief Minister, Mr Bijay Rai, posted in Pipalee, West Sikkim, was immediately airlifted by air ambulance to BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi from Bagdogra airport.

Mr Rai, a resident of Rinchenpong, Gyalshing, sustained liver injury due to

severe internal bleeding following an unfortunate accident in Gangtok recently.

Earlier, the Chief Minister met the family members of Mr Rai and assured them all possible support for his medical treatment.

Further, he extended his best wishes for a speedy recovery and good health.

Mr Nanda Kumar Rai, father of Mr Bijay Rai expressed his immense gratitude to the Chief Minister for the financial and other miscellaneous assistance extended to his son.

Chief Minister inaugurates Sikkim Premier League 2024

Gangtok, February 3: The Sikkim Premier League 2024 commenced at Paljor Stadium under the aegis of Football Development Pvt.Ltd and Sports and Youth Affairs Department, today.

Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang officially inaugurated SPL Season 2.

The month-long league will feature eight teams from the six districts of Sikkim.

The Chief Minister in his address congratulated the organisers for hosting the second edition of SPL and thanked the sponsors for supporting the league. While extending best wishes to the participating teams,

he urged the people to attend every match in the league to support the local youth initiative in Sikkim.

The Chief Minister also informed about his telephonic conversation with Mr Sunil Chhetri, Indian Football team captain, inviting him for the final match on March 4, to which he said he would try his best to make it.

During the event, the organisers posthumously felicitated late football coach Mr Thupden Rappgyal Bhutia. His son, Mr Tenzing Tsephel, received the honor.

The opening ceremony featured performances by Sa Re Ga

Ma Pa 2023 winner Mr Albert Kabo, along with local artists Ms Monika Rai, Mr Pritam Rai, Mr Shisir Thatal, Ms Divya Thapa, rapper B-hottie 88 The Sikkim Boy, and a dance carnival by DFDA. The Brass Band of West Point Senior Secondary School also showcased their talent during the ceremony.

Also present were Cabinet Ministers Mr Sonam Lama and Mr Samdup Lepcha, along with Madam Krishna Rai, football enthusiasts and fans.

The inaugural match was played between the reigning champion Aakraman SC and Singling SC.

Union Minister Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar visits Gyalshing district

Gyalshing, February 3: Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare and Tribal Affairs, Government of India, who reached Gyalshing on February 2 visited Gyalshing district and its surrounding areas, today.

During her official tour to Sikkim, MoS attended the Ayushman Mela at Zilla Bhawan, Kyongsa, Gyalshing and chaired a meeting with all district Officers and Officials.

The programme had the presence of Mr AB Karki Secretary Health and Family Welfare Department, Mr Khemraj Bhattarai, Additional District Magistrate, Mr. J Jayapandian SP Gyalshing, Mission Director NHM Health and Family Welfare Department, Mr Surat Gurung ADC (Dev.), Dr Bikash Pradhan CMO Gyalshing District Hospital, HOD's from various departments, Medical officers, Asha Workers, Officials from different departments, students and public at large.

Mr Khemraj Bhattarai ADM, Gyalshing highlighted the historical, cultural and natural heritage of the district besides touching upon the expectation

and aspirations of the district in its journey towards Vikshit Bharat.

Union Minister took stock of the developmental works in the district under Centrally Sponsored Schemes through various departments such as Health, Tribal Affairs, Education, Agriculture and Horticulture and RDD among others. She added that various projects are being implemented in Gyalshing district under different government scheme for bringing social and economic development in the area. She also encouraged the students to participate in the sports activities.

She underlined the vision of Central government for holistic development of North East and Sikkim in particular and added that the Government has been achieving new milestones in multidimensional sectors under the leadership of the Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi. She also distributed ABHA and PMAY cards to the beneficiaries.

The programme also had power point presentation by Dr Bikash Pradhan CMO Gyalshing,

Mr. Bhushan Subba Sr. Welfare Officer and Mr Thuzang Bhutia from Social Welfare Deptt., Mr Bhisn Pradhan Deputy PD from Agriculture/Horticulture deptt., Mr. Subbiah G CEO from Education Deptt. and Ms Angel Lepcha on JJM, PMAY, Amrit Sarovar, PMGSY from RD Deptt. respectively.

Earlier, the Union Minister was given guard of honour at the Elgin Mount Pandim hotel by Sikkim Police. Thereafter, she visited Pemayantse Monastery and performed prayers, made a brief tour of Sidkeong Tulku Bird Park Rabdentse. She further carried out the inspection of Health and Wellness Centre at Pelling, Under Construction Ropeway at Sanga Choling besides visiting Chenrezig Sinkham Riwo Potala and Glass Sky Walk at Pelling.

Union Minister had high praise of the developmental activities being undertaken in tourism and other sectors and made several observations and suggestions for fast tracking the project implementation in the district.

DC Gangtok convenes public hearing related to construction and widening of Singtam-Dikchu Road

Gangtok, January 31: A public hearing under Section 15 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (RFCTLARR ACT, 2013) was convened by Mr Tushar G Nihare, DC Gangtok at DAC Gangtok, today.

The hearing addressed concerns related to the construction and widening of the Singtam-Dikchu road by the General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF).

The expansive undertaking involves land from nine blocks under Gangtok district, namely Singbel, Khamdong, Tumin, Patuk, Raleykheysey, Tintek, Rakdong, Samdong, and Kambal.

Panchayats and stakeholders from these areas were in attendance to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the road project.

Discussions and deliberations over the project revealed ambiguity among the participants regarding the provided information.

The DC after careful consideration, has resolved to undergo a resurvey of the area to ensure accurate and transparent data. The resurvey aims to address these concerns and establish a solid foundation for the road construction project, the DC added. He assured that the resurvey process would be thorough and inclusive, involving all relevant parties to gather precise data

about the land involved. He urged all concerned parties to actively engage in the process.

He announced that the resurvey of the concerned road stretch is scheduled to take place from February 10-12, 2024, commencing from Rakdong-Tintek, while emphasising the need for positive collaboration to ensure the success and accuracy of the upcoming resurvey.

The public hearing was attended by Mr Suresh Rai SDM Rabdang, Ms Pari Bishnoi SDM Hq., Mr Girdhari Lal Meena SDM and Mr Ajay Kumar Major, Officer Commanding, 877 RCC (GREF), along with Revenue officials and surveyors from Gangtok DAC.

