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## Awareness programme on youth against drugs observed



**Gangtok, June 27:** An awareness programme on youth against drugs was observed at Namin Village under Samlik Marchak GPU, in collaboration with the Hemant Yadav Foundation, at Namin Dhurba Primary School, Gangtok, today.

Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya attended the programme along with Area MLA Mr. Sonam Venchungpa. Also present were Chairperson Labour Department Mrs. Ganga Parsai, Panchayats, ADC Dev., BDO, Doctors, School authorities, members of various Self-Help

Groups (SHGs) and students.

Subsequently, a health camp was also organised in the school led by Dr. D.V. Prasad.

Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya emphasised to draw inspiration from personalities like Bhaichung Bhutia, Tarundeep Rai, and others who have excelled in various fields and brought laurel to the State.

He highlighted Sikkim's success in evolving as an organic state and various other areas, which were possible through the

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## National Doctor's Day observed

**Gangtok, July 01:** National Doctor's Day is observed annually on July 01 to recognise and appreciate the valuable contributions of doctors and medical professionals to society. The occasion also aims to promote understanding of the importance of doctors, their selfless commitment, and the profound influence they possess in improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

In recognition to the selfless dedication of doctors as healthcare providers, Sikkim Government Doctor's Welfare Association (SDGWA) organised a special programme in a local hotel at Gangtok, today.

The programme was graced by Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest.

Also present were Chief Secretary, Mr. V.B. Pathak, ACS, Education, Mr. R. Telang, Health Advisor, Mr. K.B. Gurung, Secretary, Health Department, Mr. Tshewang Gyachho, Secretary, DoP, Mr. Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, Secretary, Ecclesiastical

Department, Dr. Passang Dorjee Phempu and senior officers of Health Department and doctors from various districts.

The theme for this year's National Doctor's Day Honouring Resilience and Healing Hands, is a tribute to the unwavering dedication and perseverance of medical professionals, who tirelessly served during the challenging times of the pandemic, to express gratitude and recognise the tireless efforts and invaluable contributions of healthcare providers.

The Chief Minister, in his address, extended warm greetings to doctors across all districts on the occasion of National Doctor's Day. He emphasised the significance of celebrating this day, which coincides with the birth and death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.C. Roy, a highly skilled and talented doctor, who also served as the second Chief Minister of West Bengal.

Similarly, he expressed his gratitude to the entire medical

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## Foundation stone of Tarundeep Rai Archery Academy laid

**Namchi, June 30:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang laid the foundation stone of Tarundeep Rai Archery Academy at Kitchu Dumra, Lower Kamrang, today. Also present were Deputy Speaker (SLA), Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, MP Lok Sabha, Political Secretary to CM, Press Secretary to CM, Advisors, Chairpersons, Chief Secretary, DGP, HoDs, officers and staff from District Administrative Centres and representatives of various associations. The programme also saw sportspersons and world-class archers Mr. Tarundeep Rai, Ms. Deepika Kumari, Mr. Atanu Das, Mr. Rajat Chauhan, Mr. B. Dhiraj, Mr. Abhishek Verma and coach Mr. Sonam T. Bhutia.

The Chief Minister in his address extended his congratulations on the commencement of this project, which he said, will provide a platform for the budding sportsperson belonging to Sikkim as well as the country. He expressed his gratitude to the visiting archers for being a part of the programme, stating that their presence had added significance



to the event. This Academy was envisioned by the State Government to strengthen the sport of archery, which is a major competitive sport at state, national and international level. The Academy is scheduled to be completed within two years, he added. Additionally, he cited achievements brought forth by excellent archers such as Tarundeep Rai, Ms. Deepika Kumari, who won Gold Medal in the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

He urged one and all to draw inspiration from them and assured that this sports complex would benefit not a handful but the State at large.

Delving on the various Sports infrastructure developed by the State Government, the Chief Minister spoke about Bhaichung Stadium, BCCI Affiliated Mining Cricket Stadium, upgradation of Paljor Stadium and the

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## Chief Minister attends third Gwala Diwas 2023

**Namchi, July 01:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the third Gwala Diwas 2023 at Jorethang, today. The programme was organised by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department (AH&VS) in collaboration with Sikkim Co-operative Milk Producers' Limited and North Sikkim Co-operative Milk Union Limited.

He was accompanied by the Deputy Speaker (SLA), Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Advisors, Chairpersons, Political Secretary to CM, Press Secretary to CM, Panchayats, HoDs from various districts, Officials along with the members of Milk Producers' Co-operative Society (MPCS), Gwalas from the six districts, stakeholders and public at large.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister expressed his appreciation and extended his warm wishes to the Gwalas, for their contribution in making Sikkim an exemplary State as the leader of White Revolution. He emphasised that this Diwas, which has been conceptualised by the State

Government to upgrade the status of the dairy farmers is unique and places the welfare of the rural community as the priority. It symbolises the commitment of the State Government towards the Gwalas.

The Chief Minister presented a slew of announcements for Gwalas and Milk Producers Cooperatives. He declared that on August 15, the State Government will award the three best Milk Cooperative Society with ₹10 lakhs, ₹7 lakhs and ₹5 lakhs, from the Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant who stood in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively. He also proposed that the milk incentives for the Gwalas would be enhanced in the future. The State Government has devised a plan to distribute two

thousand holstein breed cows to those who are unable to procure on their own. He informed that a total of forty Milk Collection Centres will be set up across the State for increased network and for this, he directed the concerned department to submit the requirement at the earliest as these Cooperatives will push milk production and for the same, ₹5 lakhs will be allocated per Centre. Moreover, he urged the stakeholders to engage sincerely in this mission to create a robust ground for milk production and supply in the State.

Concerning the increase of lumpy skin disease, the Chief Minister updated that as per the report, a total of 37,500 cows have

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*Pearls of Wisdom*

*To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."*

*- Oscar Wilde*

### DC Gyalshing reviews landslide spots at Dentam

**Gyalshing, June 30:** DC Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda visited Dentam for monitoring and reviewing the landslide situation that occurred on June 18. She was accompanied by Zilla and Gram Panchayats, APS Gyalshing, SDM Dentam, SE Roads & Bridges, local residents, officials of Forests, RDD and others.

The inspection began from Ghayangar, New Dentam, where a major portion of the road next to the bridge had been washed away, rendering houses above

the area unsafe for habitation, while households have been evacuated.

The team visited and interacted with affected landslide victims who have been rehabilitated and provided relief. Spot visits were also carried out to various landslides that have occurred continuously at Dathong and Kenthong.

Thereafter, there was disbursement of ex-gratia, relief cheques and tarpaulin sheets at the SDM Office.

A visit was made to the

damaged PWD road at Begha wherein SE (Roads) informed that restoration is underway and targeted to be completed at the earliest, since work is being taken up on a war-footing.

The team visited the Power House Intake complex, followed by the SSB Camp in the same locality under 72<sup>nd</sup> SSB Bn. where the river has changed course causing continuous land erosion. DC interacted with officials and SSB personnel.

### Awareness-cum-infotainment programme on Mero Rukh Mero Santati

**Soreng, June 29:** Forest and Environment Department, Soreng district conducted an awareness-cum-infotainment programme on 'Mero Rukh, Mero Santati' (Plant a tree, leave a legacy) at Soreng bazar, today.

The initiative involves plantation of 108 saplings for every newborn child in Sikkim, aiming to emphasis environmental conservation.

The programme was attended by DC Soreng Mr. Bhim Thatal, SP Soreng Mr. J. Jayapandian, DFO (T) Mr. Kshitij Saxena along with the line department officers, officials from Forest Department and public.

DC Soreng Mr. Bhim Thatal informed about the

importance of tree plantation and the initiative aiming to strengthen the connect between parents, children and nature by planting trees to commemorate childbirth. Furthermore, he said that the Chief Minister's vision is to co-create an ecosystem where both the tree and the child will grow together towards a brighter tomorrow.

He encouraged focusing on unique ideas in garnering the required attention at National and International stages on safeguarding nature and environment. Adding to the importance of safeguarding the forest lands and its habitats, the DC urged to be considerate towards the animals in sharing

the land produces. He also spoke about illegal practices of wildlife trappings and instructed the concerned departments to be more vigilant and take stringent actions.

DFO (T) Mr. Kshitij Saxena, informed about the current status of the initiative in the district and urged for equal participation from the civic bodies in making the scheme a success. He added that in order to facilitate the new parents, the department will be providing all necessary services from registration to planting and aftercare. He further emphasised on the significance of community mobilisation for the MRMS initiative, especially with the ongoing plantation season.

### DC Namchi inspects Kamrang College to Khichu Dumbra areas

**Namchi, June 29:** A joint inspection to monitor and address the issue pertaining to the blockage of drainage system due to newly cutting of roads from Kamrang College to Khichu Dumbra areas was conducted by DC Namchi Mr. M. Bharani Kumar, today.

He was accompanied by Panchayats, Superintending Engineer and Divisional Engineer (Roads) District Project Officer (Disaster Management), public and other officials of line Department.

The DC directed the stakeholder and Superintending Engineer (Roads) for the maintenance of proper drainage system and construction of protective wall to avoid the landslides and road blockages.

The public raised issues of damages of property especially in cultivated land, which has been caused due to the non-available of drainage system as a result of road widening, wherein, the DC directed the Divisional Engineer (Roads) and stakeholder to solve the issue of drainage system as early as possible. He also assured that damages of cultivated land shall be compensated from the SDRF fund as per the norms.

The team also inspected the damages to properties caused by heavy rainfall of June 28 and 29, 2023 at Majhigaon, Jorethang. The rainfall caused swelling of the river Rambang and has led extensive damages to properties in around Majhigaon ward under Jorethang.

During the inspection, it was found that the rise in water level of river Rambang has led to sizeable damages of properties in around Majhigaon ward, wherein, 15 families have been shifted to safer location.

The DC directed DE Water Resources to take up immediate measures to protect the river bank and prevent further damages. The Superintending Engineer Power Department, Jorethang will take necessary measures to restore electricity connection and install adequate numbers of halogen lights in the affected areas.

The Station House Officer, Jorethang Police Station will deploy sufficient Police Personnel 24x7 in the affected areas to prevent the movement of public.

### Eat Right India Millet Mela organised

**Soreng, June 27:** The International Year of Millets 2023, Eat Right India Millet Mela organised by Soreng Primary Health Centre (PHC), was celebrated at Soreng Bazar, today.

The event aimed to highlight the potential of millets for food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture.

The event was attended by Zilla Adhyaksha Soreng Mrs. Tila Devi Gurung, Chairperson of Sikkim Tribal and Welfare Board Mr. P.K. Subba, DC Soreng Mr. Bhim Thatal, ADC (Dev.), Chief GDMO/Incharge of Soreng PHC, Deputy Director Agriculture Department, Assistant Director Food and Civil Supplies Department, BDOs (Block

Development Officers), officials from various line departments, Bazar Inspector, ASHAs, ICDS and AWWs.

Zilla Adhyaksha urged the farmers to cultivate millets and other food crops and emphasised the need to avoid single-use plastic due to its harmful impact on the environment and paddy fields.

Deputy Director Agriculture Department provided insights on millet production and stressed on the various types of millets, their importance, and nutritional components. He also highlighted the health benefits of millets and their potential to help in managing diseases like diabetes, heart disease, and

migraines.

During the event, food stalls and exhibition cum sale were set up by various healthcare centres, including Chakung and Chumbung HWC, Nayabazar and Zoom HWC, Pakkigaon and Tharpu HWC, Soreng PHC, Singling HWC, and Chota Samdong CS, Soreng PHC, CHOs (Community Health Officers), ASHAs, and ICDS and AWWs.

A skit titled 'Kodo' was also performed by the ASHA members of Soreng District, highlighting the significance of millets. The event concluded with the distribution of certificates and prizes to the winners and participants.

### DC Soreng chairs meeting on PMAAGY

**Soreng, June 30:** The 1<sup>st</sup> District Level Committee meeting to coordinate, monitor and oversee the Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY) and to approve the Village Development Plan of Soreng district was held in the office of DC, today.

The meeting was chaired by the DC-cum-Chairperson, Mr. Bhim Thatal and had the attendance of ADC (Dev.), CEO Soreng, JD, Agriculture, JD, Dental, Sr. Welfare Officer, along with the officers from line department.

Informing about the scheme, DC Soreng said that the Government of India frames its scheme and policies keeping in view of the citizens' necessities. Highlighting the two main types of schemes which are Individual and Community based schemes, he said that much needed focus is being given to the latter as a collective approach.

Additionally, he said that this scheme is for the holistic development of the tribal

community in villages. He spoke about the importance of identifying such villages, where majority of the population belongs to the Scheduled Tribe for implementing the scheme and added that the scheme ensures to provide basic facilities to these villages.

Speaking on Village Development Plan (VDP) for Soreng district, he said that convergence between line departments is of utmost importance to avoid the overlapping of schemes. He underlined one of the primary responsibilities of the committee to monitor the schemes, so that it reaches the rightful beneficiary.

He also instructed the members to review the proposed VDP to avoid any duplicacy especially under the Aspirational District Program.

At the outset, it was informed that 12 villages have been identified for the implementation of the scheme under the district.

### 13<sup>th</sup> State Poomsae and 23<sup>rd</sup> State Level Taekwondo Championship Tournament commenced

**Gyalshing, June 30:** A three-day long 13<sup>th</sup> State Poomsae and 23<sup>rd</sup> State Level Taekwondo Championship Tournament organised by Sikkim Amateur Taekwondo Association at the auditorium of Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Kyongsha commenced, today.

Approximately about 400 participants from all the districts of the state will be participating in the event during these three days.

The inaugural programme was attended by Minister for PHE, Mr. Bhim Hang Limboo as the chief guest along with Zilla Adhyaksha Gyalshing,

Chairmen, President GNP, DC Gyalshing, SP Gyalshing, JD sports Gyalshing, officers, coaches of the department, members of SATA and the participants.

Minister highlighted the importance of sporting activities and encouraged all the participants for their involvement in the programme and stated that the State government has been providing support and incentives whenever required in the field of sports for the welfare and growth of sportsperson and development of sports sector in the State.

### Mayel Incense launched

**Mangan, June 27:** DC Mangan Mr. H.K. Chettri launched 'Mayel Incense' at a function held at Singhik Sentam GPU, today.

The programme had the presence of Panchayat President Singhik Sentam GPU, officials from Cooperation Department and trainees.

The first batch of training for incense making commenced from June 16 with the participation of more than 45 SHG members from Mayel Van Dhan Vikas Kendra under the Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana.

The training provided

skills on required ingredients, mixing raw material, methods for applying fragrance, drying procedures, and packaging and develop practical skills for starting small home-based businesses, with the possibility of building local micro-enterprises.

The DC congratulated the trainees on the successful completion of the training and emphasised the need for adequate marketing to make the scheme successful in its entirety. He assured all possible help from the district authorities for marketing and sales of the product.

### Training programme on herbal soap making

**Namchi, June 27:** Sadam Van Dhan Vikas Kendra, Namchi district conducted a five-day herbal soap making. The training concluded on June 26 under the mentorship of Mrs. Tika Adhikari.

The training was conducted under the aegis of Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI.

The training was attended

by JRCS Namchi, ARCS, Inspectors of Cooperation Department along with the President and the Manager of Sadam MPCS with Team Leaders of Sadam VDK.

The participants were introduced to various aspects of herbal soap making, including sourcing raw materials, adding natural ingredients for fragrance and therapeutic properties, packaging and labelling.

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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**  
**(Department of Social Justice & Empowerment)**

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-01  
Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

**VACANCY CIRCULAR**

Subject: Recruitment to the post of Deputy Director (Media) in the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment-reg.

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment intends to fill the post of Deputy Director (Media) (General Central Service, Group 'A' Gazetted, Non-Ministrial) by deputation (including short-term contract) basis. The details of eligibility conditions are as under:

Post	Number of posts	Vacancy Location	Pay Scale	Eligibility Conditions
Deputy Director (Media)	01 (One)	Department Social Justice Empowerment (Delhi)	Level - 11 in the pay matrix as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (₹67,700-2,08,700/-)	Officers under the Central or State Governments or Union territories or universities or recognised research institutions or semi-Government or statutory or autonomous organisations:- (I) holding analogous post on regular basis or with <b>five years</b> service in the level-10 (56100-177500) and having Post Graduate Degree or Diploma in Journalism or Mass Communication and three years experience in editing or journalism in print or electronic media: Or, (II) holding analogous post on a regular basis or with <b>five years</b> of service in grade pay of level-10 (56100-177500) from the Indian Information Service. Note: Period of deputation (including short-term contract) including period of deputation (including short-term contract) in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organisation or department of the Central Government shall ordinary not to exceed four years. The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short-term contract) shall be not exceeding <b>fifty six years</b> as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

2. The selected officers will be on deputation for a period of **three years** initially which can be curtailed or extended further, depending upon the requirement, and with the consent of the officer and approval of the lending department. The usual deputation terms will apply.

All Ministries/Departments of Government of India, all State/Union Territories Governments, all Universities, all recognised research Institutions, all Semi-Government Organisations, all Statutory or Autonomous bodies are requested to circulate the above posts among the officers, working with them and forward the application in prescribed proforma **ANNEXURE I** of the eligible and interested officers, along with a certificate to the effect that they are clear from vigilance angle, their integrity certificate, details of major/minor penalty imposed on them during the last 10 years and attested photocopies of their ACRs/APARs for the last 5 years to the undersigned on the following address within **45 days** of its publication in the Employment News:

Director (Admn.)  
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment  
Room No.637, A-wing  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 01

4. Further, applications/CV not accompanied by supporting certificates/documents in support of qualification and experience claimed by the candidate would not be processed for determining the eligibility of the candidate for the selection.

Encl: Annexure-I

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F. No:NRC(O)/ADMN/27(A)2023-24/55 Date:16.06.2023

**WALK IN INTERVIEW NOTICE**

The Walk-In-Interview will be held at ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong-737106, Sikkim on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 11:00 AM, for the selection of (01) post of Senior Research Fellow (SRF) under DUS project of Central Sector Scheme for implementation of PVV & FR Legislation and (01) post of Young Professional-II (Molecular Biology) on contractual/temporary basis. For further details, the interested candidates may visit the website:<https://nrco.icar.gov.in>.

(Arvind Chauhaan)  
Assistant Administrative Officer  
(155)

**Government of Sikkim**  
**Legal Metrology Unit and Consumer**  
**Protection Cell**  
**Food and Civil Supplies Department**

Ref. No. /LMU/F&CSD

Dated:19/06/2023

**ADVISORY**

Rule 138 (3) of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 makes it mandatory for the driver, and the person seated in the front seat or the persons occupying front-facing rear seats should wear seat belts when the motor vehicle is in motion. This provision ensures safety to the valuable life of the passengers in case of hard braking and collision.

However, "seat belt alarm stopper clips" are being offered for sale to consumers on e-commerce platforms, thereby compromising the safety of passengers by stopping the alarm beep when the seat belt is not worn.

As sale of car seat belt alarm stopper clips encourages the consumers to not wear seat belt when the vehicle is in motion, it puts the life and safety of consumers, pedestrians, and other commuters at risk. Sale of such product is in violation to Rights of the consumers under section 2 (9) (i) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (the Act) which includes right to be protected against the marketing of goods, products, or services which are hazardous to life and property.

Further, Rule 4 (3) of Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020, provides that, no e-commerce entity shall adopt any unfair trade practice, whether in the course of business on its platform or otherwise. Also, selling "car seat belt alarm stopper clips" by falsely/wrongfully representing the usefulness of such products and camouflaging as cigarette lighters, bottle openers etc. constitutes as unfair trade practice under section 2 (47) of the act.

In view of the above, Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has already issued an advisory to all stakeholders to desist from manufacturing, selling, and listing "seat belt alarm stopper clips" that compromise the safety of consumers. CCPA has delisted 13.118 listings of car seat belt alarm stopper clips from e-commerce platforms.

Taking into consideration the risk of life and safety of consumers posed by the sale of seat belt alarm stopper clips, advisory is hereby issued to all stakeholders including Motor Vehicle Department, Consumer organizations, NGOs, Industry Associations, Motor Vehicle dealers Garages, and other companies/agencies that manufacture or sale of car seat belt alarm stopper clips is strictly prohibited to prevent loss of life or severe injury to consumers. It is hereby advised to all concerned that any person is found violating the above provisions, he may face actions in accordance with the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

If any consumer finds that a manufacturer or seller or e-commerce entity is manufacturing or selling any product such as car seat belt alarm stopper clips or other products which compromise the safety of consumers in violation to the above-mentioned advisory, a consumer may:-

(i) Lodge a complaint on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH), which works as an alternate dispute redressal mechanism at the pre-litigation level, by calling 1915 or through the NCH mobile app, or

(ii) Lodge a complaint on the Sikkim State Consumer Helpline (SCH), which works as an alternate dispute redressal mechanism at the pre-litigation level, by calling 03592-202675 or 1800-345-3209

(iii) File a complaint against violation of consumer rights and unfair trade practice with the Consumer Commission. The Complaint can also be filed electronically through the e-Daakhil portal [www.edaakhil.nic.in](http://www.edaakhil.nic.in) for its speedy and effective redressal.

(iv) The complaint may also be sent to the CCPA by e-mail at [comcepa@nic.in](mailto:comcepa@nic.in) for initiating class action.

**Additional Controller,**  
**Legal Metrology Unit & Consumer Protection Cell**

**Government of Sikkim**  
**Health and Family Welfare Department**  
**Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok**

No. 31/H&FWD/2023-24

Dated : 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

**NOTICE**

Mr. Diwash Basnett, Ward Attendent (OFOJ), posted at STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim is not attending his official duty since 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023.

The whereabouts of the Government servant is not known.

As such, the said Mr. Diwash Basnett, Ward Attendent (OFOJ), is hereby directed to report to the duty immediately failing which appropriate administrative actions will be initiated against this temporary employee.

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

**Under Secretary,**  
**Health & Family Welfare Department,**  
**Government of Sikkim.**  
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**Government of Sikkim  
Health and Family Welfare Department  
Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok**

No. 35/H&amp;FWD/2023-24;

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**WALK - IN - INTERVIEW**

I. Eligible local candidates having following qualifications and possessing the requisite documents may walk-in for interview for appointment of 02 (two) Data Processing Assistant in Birth and Death Cell of Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim under the Centrally Sponsored Funded Scheme for a period of 01 (one) year purely on contractual basis.

**II. The details of the post is as furnished under:**

Sl. No	Name of Post	No. of Post	Qualification and other eligibility conditions	Remuneration
01	02	03	04	05
01	Data Processing Assistant	02 (two)	a) A graduate degree from any recognized university b) Non computer degree candidate must have Diploma/Certificate in Computer/IT for minimum duration of one year from any recognized institute/organization c) Should be well conversant with typing on computer d) Should have good command over English, Hindi, Nepali	₹15,000/- per month
02	Age : 18 years to 40 years as on 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2023			

**III. Documents required :**

- Sikkim Subject Certificate/Certificate of Identification issued by competent authorities
- Community Certificate issued by competent authorities
- Valid Employment Card
- Class X & XII passed mark-sheet and certificate from a recognized board
- Valid Degree from a recognized university (not provisional)
- Valid Diploma/ Certificate in Computer from a recognized institute

IV. Schedule date of Walk-in-Interview : 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, Saturday

V. Venue: Conference Hall, Health Secretariat, Gangtok

VI. Timing: 1000 hours onwards

[Note : The candidates should come with original documents alongwith one Xerox set of documents at the time of interview]

Sd/-  
Under Secretary,  
Health & Family Welfare Department (154)

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united efforts of all. Similarly, he called for Sikkim to lead in eradicating the use of drugs and become a drug-free state.

Area MLA, Mr. Sonam Venchungpa mentioned that Namin village has been declared the cleanest village in Sikkim under the Swachh Bharat Mission, and

stressed on to make it the cleanest village in the country. He stressed the need to be conscious and remain alert.

ADC Dev. Mrs. Radha Pradhan administered a pledge to eliminate the growing use of drugs.

BDO Mr. Sonam Palden spoke about the importance of social cohesion for a healthier and prosperous community.

Likewise, Dr. D.V. Prasad, in his address, advised parents to remain vigilant to prevent

addiction and drug use and emphasized in maintaining friendly-relationship with their children and fostering strong parent-child connections to build a better society.

The event commemorated with the International Day Against Drugs and Illicit Trafficking in the presence of the dignitaries.

Prior to the event, the Governor also visited Kabir Math.

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fraternity for their relentless dedication to serving the society and acknowledged their contribution to the enhancement of healthcare facilities in the State and for their assistance in implementing government policies.

Furthermore, he highlighted the crucial role played by doctors during the pandemic, which has resulted in gaining recognition for its exceptional healthcare facilities. He also discussed several initiatives undertaken by the government to enhance healthcare, such as establishing oxygen plants and improving dialysis facilities across the districts.

Additionally, he addressed the provision of free MBBS seats by the government and encouraged students to reciprocate by assisting five families in need. He also informed the audience about the establishment of a dedicated team

by the State Government to facilitate kidney transplant for patients. Furthermore, he assured that all queries raised during the programme would be duly addressed.

Medical Superintendent, STNM, Dr. K.B. Gurung thanked the State Government for their support to the medical fraternity during COVID times, including the provision of providing latest equipment in all districts, construction of super-specialty wings and distribution of free medication. He also extended appreciation for the his continuous efforts to enhance the quality of healthcare services in the State.

Subsequently, the programme proceeded with a felicitation ceremony for the Chief Minister by members of various Organisations, including the Sikkim Government Doctor's Welfare Association (SDGWA), Sikkim Divyang Sahayata Samiti (established in 1999 to support physically disabled individuals), and the Nurses Association.

In recognition to the dedicated service, Chief Minister felicitated the retiring doctors as a gesture of appreciation. Additionally, Dr. Bikash Gurung, a Senior Consultant and Medical Coordinator presently at BLK Hospital in New Delhi, was also honoured for his unwavering commitment to serving the people of Sikkim.

Furthermore, the Chief Minister offered medical assistance to Ms. Leela Maya Pradhan from Divyang Sahayata Samiti, facilitating her prosthetic leg treatment. Additionally, financial support was provided to Ms. Swarna Prabha Gurung to aid in the completion of her higher studies in Australia.

Dr. Subash Tamang, provided an overview of the operations of different divisions within the department. He also highlighted the issues presented to the Chief Minister and expressed hope that these concerns would be addressed accordingly.

**Government of Sikkim  
Health and Family Welfare Department  
Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok**

No. 28/H&amp;FWD/2023-24

Dated : 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**ADMISSION NOTICE**

In continuation of Admission Notice bearing number 24/ H&FWD/ 2023-24; Dated : 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, the date of receiving of the Admission Form alongwith documents by Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim is extended till 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2023, Wednesday to undergo 18 (eighteen) Months Multi Purpose Health Worker (Male) Training Course at Paramedical Training Center, Kyongsha, Gyalshing, Gyalshing District under Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim.

The other terms and conditions of the Admission Notice shall remain the same.

Under Secretary,  
Health & Family Welfare Department  
Government of Sikkim.  
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**Government of Sikkim  
Health and Family Welfare Department  
Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok**

No. 30/H&amp;FWD/2023-24

Dated : 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**NOTICE**

Mr. Ajay Rawat, Safaikarmachari (MR), posted at STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim is not attending his official duty since 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

The whereabouts of the Government servant is not known.

As such, the said Mr. Ajay Rawat, Safaikarmachari (MR), is hereby directed to report to the duty immediately failing which appropriate administrative actions will be initiated against him.

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

Under Secretary,  
Health & Family Welfare Department,  
Government of Sikkim (144, i)

**Government of Sikkim  
Health and Family Welfare Department  
Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok**

No. 32/H&amp;FWD/2023-24

Dated : 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**NOTICE**

Ms. Tamanna Chettri, Computer Operator (MR), posted at STNM Hospital, Sochakgang, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim is not attending her official duty since 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

The whereabouts of the Government servant is not known.

As such, the said Ms. Tamanna Chettri, Computer Operator (MR), is hereby directed to report to the duty immediately failing which appropriate administrative actions will be initiated against the said temporary employee.

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

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Under Secretary  
Health & Family Welfare Department,  
Government of Sikkim.  
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**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.

**Government of Sikkim  
Roads and Bridges Department  
Division Office, Namchi.**

NIT No.:1/DIV/N/R&amp;B/23-24

Date:03.07.2023

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Divisional Engineer (Namchi), Roads and Bridges Department invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of Class III Grade, enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of the Mickkhola – Singithang Gram Panchayat Unit where the works are to be executed, for the execution of the work with the details as under: -

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Bid Value	Bid security 2.5% of the Bid value	Cost of tender /bid form	Completion period
1	Construction of link road from Lower Kopchey PMGSY to ICDS school sano Kopchey Simring Goan. ( 2.48 Kms )	₹1,79,27,177.00	₹4,48,179.00	₹30,000.00	12 months
2	Construction of new road from Namchi Manpur NH-710 to Lower Mickkhola.( 2.00 Kms )	₹1,44,05,800.00	₹3,60,145.00	₹ 30,000.00	12 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 Work Order shall be governed by the Notification No:104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date & Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	24.07.2023
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form	26.07.2023
3	Submission of bid documents	01.08.2023 (From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM)
4	Opening of bid documents	01.08.2023, at 3:00 PM
5	Place of opening of bids	Office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi

**CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-**

- 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.
- The Contractor should be an elector of Mickkhola – Singithang Gram Panchayat Unit of Namchi Singithang Constituency and the residential address in the Enlistment Certificate should be within the territorial jurisdiction of the same Gram Panchayat Unit/Urban Local body.
- The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the application
  - 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
  - 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
  - PAN card.
  - Photo copy of latest voter ID card with both sides printed for proof of their Gram Panchayat Unit and territorial constituency.
  - Bank Receipt in original.
- The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Accounts Officer, Roads and Bridges Department, Circle office, Namchi 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.
- 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, Namchi. 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.
- 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.
- The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own and correct assessment before submitting the bid.
- 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 Sl No. 2 should be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Namchi, on the date and within the time indicated above.
- The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes in vogue.
- Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
- 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.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Quarrying of non-stock materials shall be allowed only from designated/approved quarries.
- The specifications in execution of the works are to be followed as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).
- 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.
- Expenditure involved for material testing like cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals 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.
- The cost of stock materials and bridges parts if any supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractor's bills as per the prevalent recovery rate.
- 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.

**Divisional Engineer,  
Roads and Bridges Department,  
Government of Sikkim, Namchi.**

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held

**Gangtok, June 29:** Sikkim Cooperative Bank Ltd. SISCO Bank convened its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

Chairman, SISCO Bank Mr. Dup Pintso Kaleon chaired the meeting along with Vice Chairman Mr. Kishor Kumar Sharma, General Manager & OIC, NABARD Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Board of Directors, SISCO Bank and officials from Cooperation Department. Also present were Managers, General Managers and representatives and members of various Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies (MPCSs).

Chairman, SISCO Bank Mr. Dup Pintso Kaleon, presented Audited statements of the Bank as on 31.03.2023 with the profits and loss account for the financial year 2022-23. Highlighting the broad performance of the bank in various major sectors, he informed that the share capital of the Bank as on March 31, 2023 was ₹1843.29 lakhs of which, ₹925.60 lakh was contributed by State Government, ₹210.27 lakh by Cooperative Societies and ₹682.91 lakh by individuals. The bank mobilized ₹60.52 lakh as additional share capital during the year through the linking of shareholding to the borrowing thereby achieving a growth rate of 3.44% over the previous year, he added.

In the area of deposits and borrowings, the Chairman said that the total deposits of SISCO Bank have increased to ₹116605.46 lakhs during the year under review from ₹102172.19 lakhs during the previous year while the total outstanding borrowings of the Bank from NABARD as on 31.03.2023 stood at ₹1394.59 lakhs as against ₹881.37 lakhs on 31.03.2022. The entire borrowing outstanding was from NABARD, he added.

He further informed about the decrease in the non-performing assets of the Bank, with the Gross NPA percentage standing at 4.12% and net NPA at 1.58% as on 31.03.2023 and urged co-operators to contribute in inculcating prompt repayment culture in primary societies in order to ensure the development of the State and its people.

He further stated that the SISCO Bank has earned a net

profit of ₹503.99 lakhs during the year under review and added that the net profit has been derived after meeting the income tax liability of the Bank during the year under review.

Additionally, an amount of ₹54,56,346.00 has been earmarked for the payment of dividend to the shareholders for the year 2022-23 i.e., @3% of share-holdings as on 31.03.2023.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board of Directors of SISCO Bank, extended gratitude to the State and Central governments, Reserve Bank of India, NABARD and National Federation of State Cooperative Banks Ltd. (NAFSCOB) for their valuable support, patronage and guidance.

He also thanked former and present Managing Directors and General Managers, staff and affiliated societies for rendering their consistent services and support along the journey of the Bank in touching newer and higher milestones.

General Manager & OIC, NABARD Mr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, spoke about the crucial role of NABARD in implementing and supporting rural development programmes and initiatives in Sikkim in collaboration with the Central and State governments, as well as other agencies, to design and implement schemes aimed at rural development.

He applauded the dedication of the officers and staff of SISCO Bank in reaching out to the rural population to ensure effectiveness and sustainability of the welfare-centric programmes and schemes and encouraged all stakeholders to share suggestions and ideas to aid the Banks in improving services to meet the evolving needs and expectations of the societies.

Managing Director, SISCO Bank & Ex-Officio Director, Mrs. Pema Chenzom, briefed about the agendas of the meeting and emphasised on the banking operations and various schemes of SISCO Bank. She informed that a special financial inclusion drive will be carried out soon for Soreng and Mangan districts in collaboration with NABARD. She spoke about the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme of the SISCO Bank which will be beneficial not only for PACS but also SHGs, other

societies and individuals and urged all to avail the facilities offered through the scheme.

She further informed that SISCO Bank will also be rolling out the PACS Computerization scheme for MPCSs of the State to ensure efficiency, accountability, transparency at PACS and improve profitability with NABARD as its implementing agency. She mentioned that the Bank will be opening its new branches at various regions of the State shortly, in addition to its current 14 branches, in order to facilitate easier access to banking services throughout the rural landscape of the State.

She urged all stakeholders to work in tandem in strengthening the rural economy of the State and the nation as a whole. It was informed that SISCO Bank will be floating various welfare-centric schemes throughout 2023 as a part of its year-long celebration of completing 25 glorious years of service in the banking sector.

The programme was also addressed by Joint RCS, Cooperation Department, Mr. Tshering Tobgay Bhutia, wherein he briefly spoke about the crucial role of the Cooperation Department in promoting the cooperative sector as a means of empowering individuals, fostering inclusive economic growth, and addressing socio-economic development of the State.

He assured support of the department in providing policy, training, and networking opportunities to build a robust and sustainable cooperative ecosystem in Sikkim.

On the occasion, various agendas put forth with regard to the operations of SISCO Bank were also passed.

Subsequently, three best performing MPCSs namely, Polok Borong MPCS (1<sup>st</sup> position), Tadong Rinchenpong MPCS (2<sup>nd</sup> position) and Penlong MPCS (3<sup>rd</sup> position) were awarded with cash prize of ₹50,000/-, ₹40,000/- and ₹30,000/-, respectively.

Likewise, the felicitation for the most outstanding MPCS was accorded to Luing Perbing MPCS in recognition of its invaluable and consistent contribution in rural development and upliftment of the members.

## Awareness programme on National Food Security Act 2013

**Pakyong, June 29:** An awareness programme on the National Food Security Act, 2013 and related issues in commemorating the International Year of Millet, organised by the Sikkim State Food Commission in coordination with Food and Civil Supplies Department, was held at the Community Hall, Rongli, today.

The National Food Security Act provides food and nutritional security by ensuring access to an adequate quantity of quality food.

Different schemes like the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Public Distribution System (PDS),

and the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) were included under the Act.

Zilla Upadhyaksha Mrs. Prabha Pradhan, underlined the value of nutritious food practises and counselled mothers to avoid processed food and begin introducing nutritious grains like millet to their children's diets in order to maximise health advantages.

Chairman, Sikkim State Food Commission (SSFC) Dr. S.K. Rai, emphasised on the value of traditional food and urged for increasing the production and

consumption of millet to celebrate the international theme of the year.

Earlier, brief sessions on the NFSA Act, ICDS activities and involvement, and the mid-day meal were conducted by Resource Persons from concerned departments.

The programme was attended by Zilla Panchayats, APS to CM, Additional Secretary Food and Civil Supplies Department, SDM Rongli, BDOs Regu and Rhenock, DCSO and dignitaries from various departments.

## Sikkim Paryavaran Parva celebrated

**Mangan, July 01:** Forest and Environment Department, North celebrating Sikkim Paryavaran Parva from July 1 to 14 under the theme 'Leave a Green Legacy'.

The programme was attended by Area MLA Dzongu-cum-Advisor Power Deptt. Mr. Pintso Namgyal Lepcha as the chief guest in the inaugural programme accompanied by APS

to CM North Mr. Tshering Wangyal Bhutia, DC Mangan Mr. Hem Kumar Chettri, DFOs and other officials of the department.

Various saplings were planted around the DAC Office Mangan premises by the chief guest and other dignitaries. During the programme, a cleanliness drive was also conducted.

## GMC organises meeting

**Gangtok, June 29:** Gangtok Municipal Corporation organised a meeting with all outsource agencies at conference hall of GMC office. All the 24 outsource agencies those who are entrusted to collect garbage at the door step within Municipal jurisdiction attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mayor Mr. Nell Bdr. Chettri and attended by Dy. Mayor Mrs. Tshering Palden Bhutia, Councillors, Municipal Commissioner and officers of GMC.

The meeting discussed about the collection of segregated waste at the door step and dispose it directly to GMC vehicles instead of dumping in roadside.

Municipal Commissioner apprised that as per MSW Rule 2016 and as per the directive of NGT, a systematic approach, coordination and support from outsourced agencies is required. GMC has conducted various awareness programme and publicised through various social media and issued several public notices to make everyone aware about the proper segregation of waste at household level but still GMC is receiving unsegregated

waste from some of the wards.

Dy. Mayor requested to explore new ways to improve the service and appealed all to abide by the rules and directives.

Mayor said that GMC will support outsource agencies and give ample time to improve service without keeping garbage along the road side and deposit the waste directly to the designated vehicles. GMC is seeking support through various CSR initiatives to add more vehicle and man power and is planning to improve the treatment facilities at Landfill Site in Martam.

He further informed that GMC is committed to improve waste management service and various measures were already initiated in coordination with the State Government.

The meeting decided that henceforth all outsourcing agencies shall collect only segregated wastes from households.

The meeting concluded with distribution of self-declaration form as per MSW Rule 2016 as notified by the state nodal department.

## AH&VS Deptt. takes over Goushala from RDD

**Pakyong, June 27:** Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department has formally taken over the Goushala established at Mamring under Pakyong District, today, as per a press release received from AH&VS Department.

A committee of officials consisting of officers from Rural Development Department and Animal Husbandry Department has formally completed the handing over and taking over process.

A team of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department officials led by Secretary, AHVS Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, consisting of Principal Director, Dr. BM Chettri, Director VS, AH, Director Training/Extension, CEO, Sikkim Livestock Development Board, Addl. Directors, Joint Directors, Dy Directors and Veterinary Officers and other officials of the Department visited Goushala along with Officials from Rural Development Department consisting of Addl. Chief Engineer Mr. Karma Yangten Bhutia, DEs, AEs, JEs, contractor and other Officers. The team took stock of the infrastructure facilities at Goushala for further utilisation to benefit farmers and animal welfare in the State. The team resolved to

initiate fodder development activities in the premises with the available funds under the department by designating specific location for various fodder hybrid species and tree fodder species. It was also resolved to use the infrastructure to organise training and capacity building programmes for all stakeholders including Animal Husbandry officials, para-vets, farmers and the public on the animal husbandry, veterinary services and animal welfare subjects.

The Secretary emphasised to explore possible funding under National Livestock Mission for fodder development, Rashtriya Gokul Mission for utilizing facility for practicing advanced reproductive technologies such as embryo transfer technology, In-vitro fertilization, etc from this facility.

Further, the possibility to establish biogas plant and slurry processing plant to meet the needs of nearby dairy farmers with the support of NDDB was also deliberated upon. The team decided to constitute a departmental committee to further suggest the ways and means to utilise the facilities available at Goushala in order to benefit farmers, department and people of Sikkim.

## Orientation on rural development schemes organised

**Pakyong, June 29:** State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) and Panchayati Raj, Rural Development Department, organised an orientation on rural development schemes at the Conference Hall, office of ADC (Dev.) Pakyong, today.

The programme aimed to familiarise Panchayats with various rural development schemes and equip them to effectively implement these initiatives.

ADC (Dev.), Mr. Robin Sewa urged the Panchayats to strive towards establishing a Model Gram Panchayat Unit (GPU), encouraging them to work diligently and extend their full commitment. He directed the Panchayats to prioritise assisting the underprivileged members of the community and collectively work towards the betterment of Pakyong district.

During the programme, ADC Pakyong, Ms. Anupa Tamling highlighted on sensitisation regarding the Sikkim Subject

Certificate and Certificate of Identification. Since, the recommendation of the Gram Panchayats is one of the important documents on the basis of which, CoIs are issued, she requested that the Gram Panchayats give their recommendations after proper verification.

Further, she also informed that a sensitisation programme will be conducted by the District Administration in the near future for the Gram Panchayats of Pakyong district.

Director of SIRD Mr. Bishal Mukhia briefed the importance of an orientation programme for the Panchayats and highlighted that efforts have been made to enhance their capabilities. He emphasised the need for teamwork and urged the Panchayats to actively engage with the government and departments.

The Agriculture and Horticulture Department's Deputy Director provided an incisive talk on various schemes and initiatives. She provided a detailed

information on different schemes and programmes implemented in the department.

The presentations aimed to provide in-depth knowledge about the objectives, implementation strategies, and benefits of each scheme. Participants had the opportunity to understand the eligibility criteria, application procedures, financial assistance, and monitoring mechanisms associated with these initiatives.

Furthermore, Assistant Programme Officer (APO) Mr. Sonam Tenzing Bhutia in his presentation provided valuable insights on the implementation and monitoring of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) at the Panchayat level. He emphasised the pivotal role played by Panchayats in ensuring the effective implementation of the MGNREGA scheme.

The programme was attended by Panchayats, Joint Director SIRD and concerned VAA.

## ADC (Dev.) Pakyong visits Mamzey village

**Pakyong, June 28:** ADC (Dev.) Pakyong, Mr. Robin Pd. Sewa visited the village of Mamzey, East Pandem, today. The purpose of his visit was to assess the progress of crops on the cultivated land and interact with the local farmers.

During his visit, ADC (Dev.) expressed his satisfaction with the development in the village and commended the efforts of the Panchayats, farmers, as well as the Horticulture and Agriculture Departments. He lauded their hard work and dedication towards the agricultural sector, which has resulted in a flourishing farming community.

Inspired by his vision of promoting Maize Cultivation in Pakyong district, he was pleased to observe that this initiative has become a success story in Mamzey. The positive outcomes in the village serve as evidence of the collective efforts of the community and the effective implementation of the mission.

Additionally, Mr. Bikash Bhandari, Panchayat Mamzey, provided a valuable guidance and support to the villagers. He encouraged and guided the villagers, emphasising the importance of each and every family having cultivated land and making it a productive. He added that the aim is to ensure that the income generated from farming activities benefits the villagers and farmers, leading to a self-reliant village.

Furthermore, the Horticulture and Agriculture Departments played a vital role in monitoring the progress of agriculture in the village. They provided necessary inputs and seeds to support the farmers and ensure the success of their agricultural activities.

In addition, Lupin Ltd. Company played a significant role by providing seedlings for the agricultural activities in the village. This support has enabled the farmers to diversify their crop

production and explore new opportunities for sustainable agricultural practises.

Also, during the visits, in a bid to motivate the public and support their agricultural endeavours, seedlings of avocado and lemon were distributed to the public which were planted in the roadside.

Moreover, the village has embraced the use of plastic mulch for their crops. This practise helps in retaining moisture, controlling weed growth, and enhancing soil fertility. The adoption of mulching plastic reflects the village's commitment to implementing modern agricultural techniques and ensuring better crop yields.

The day also saw the presence of Joint Director, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, Lupin Ltd., concerned officials and farmers.

## Coordination meeting on Municipal Solid Waste Management held

**Gangtok, June 28:** A coordination meeting was held at GMC Conference Hall Deorali regarding Municipal Solid Waste Management and segregation of waste at source with the representatives from Hotel and Restaurant Association of Sikkim, along with managers and owners of hotels of the NH 10 area.

The meeting was chaired by Mayor GMC Mr. Nell Bdr. Chettri in the presence of Councillor Mrs. Pema Lhamu Lamtha, Municipal Commissioner Mr. R.B. Bhandari, DMC, BO, AE (Project) and other officials.

During the meeting, the following decisions were taken for strict compliance.

- 1) Hotels to ensure source segregation.
- 2) Dumping of Garbage at night has to be stopped and

henceforth waste generators have to handover waste to garbage vehicle directly.

3) Star rating hotels to immediately start installation of bio gas plants or waste composter, the Corporations will stop collecting wet waste from hotels in the days to come.

4) Bio Mining of Landfill Site at Martam will start soon, hence, appeal has been made and an undertaking has been taken from the members to reduce, reuse, recycle and proper segregation of waste at source.

The Mayor requested the star rated hotels to come up with CSR initiatives to help Corporations to improve the SWM system.

Councillor Mrs. Pema Lhamu Lamtha, requested all concerned to support GMC to

further strengthen the tourism industry, since good waste management is in itself a promotion in tourism and requested all to install the mandatory bins at hotel premises.

Municipal Commissioner apprised them regarding Municipal Solid Waste Rule 2016, NGT order and various other penal provisions and mandatory rules. He further informed that GMC is putting dedicated efforts on waste management by organising various IEC and awareness programme and to overcome this challenge of proper waste management, support from everyone is required.

Meeting concluded with feedback from various stakeholders.

## DC Pakyong holds meeting

**Pakyong, June 28:** DC Pakyong, Mr. Tashi Chopel presided over the second coordination meeting at the Conference Hall of the District Administrative Centre to discuss various steps for skill development and entrepreneurial development in the district.

The meeting deliberated upon different district development plans and actions by the District Skills Committee (DSC).

DSC undertakes various programmes to develop the skills to generate employment and promote entrepreneurship. With the objective of increasing employment prospects in the area through skill training programmes, the Committee discussed the significance of rural tourism, agriculture, horticulture and health and wellness sector.

The meeting concentrated on different topics, including discussion of the District Skill Committee's activities, District Skill

Development Plan, DSC's funding allocation methodology, and input from representatives of the concerned departments on various skill-related initiatives and the creation of the district's skill ecosystem and entrepreneurial development.

Officials from several departments participated in an open discussion during which, they addressed the difficulties and their plans for creating a skilled ecosystem and fostering entrepreneurship in the district.

The officials attended were CEO Education, Additional Registrar, Cooperative Department, Joint Director, Skill Development Department, General Manager, DIC Industries, GM-HR, Principal, ITI Rangpo, Social Welfare Department, and AD Women and Child Development Department, along with government officials from various departments and representatives from banks and local organisations.

## Awareness programme on PM Formalisation of MFPE Scheme

**Gangtok, June 30:** District level awareness programme on Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme was organised by Commerce and Industries Department at the Conference Hall of Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, today.

The programme was held to directly reach out to local entrepreneurs, SHGs, Cooperative Societies and FPOs to motivate them to take up business in the food processing sector and avail benefits under the PMFME Scheme of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India. Around 80 local entrepreneurs, SHG members from SRLM and NULM, FPOs and members of Cooperative Societies attended the awareness programme.

Deputy Secretary, MSME briefed about the importance of agriculture and food processing through value addition and also encouraged locals to take advantage of various government schemes.

State Lead Project Manager, PMFME Scheme gave a detailed presentation on the Scheme and its benefits. Under the PMFME Scheme, 35% subsidy linked loan

is provided to individual food processing entrepreneurs, SHGs, FPOs and Cooperative societies. The scheme provides 50% grant for branding and marketing and 100% funding for training. ₹ 40,000/- is provided as seed capital to SHG members taking food processing business.

State Lead Project Manager also highlighted about various registrations for food business like UDYAM registration, FSSAI licensing and so on.

Success stories videos of PMFME beneficiaries were also shared with the participants for motivating them to take up Food Processing business and avail benefits under the scheme.

MD, GPPF Singtam encouraged women entrepreneurs to come forward and make use of the opportunities under the PMFME Scheme.

Director MSME gave a detailed presentation on potential food processing businesses in Sikkim and urged the participants to explore new products, attractive packaging, branding and marketing through offline and online mode. Marketing and branding support is provided to local entrepreneurs by the Department, he added.

## SDLVC holds meeting

**Pakyong, June 29:** Sub-Divisional Level Vigilance Committee (SDLVC) on 'Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenging and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013' held a meeting at the office of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Rongli today.

The members of the committee present in the meeting were; SDM Rongli Mr. D.S. Subba, SDPO Rongli Mr. M.L. Pradhan, BDO Regu Mr. Dorjee Sherpa, BDO Rhenock Mr. R. K. Gurung, HEO Health Rongli Mr. I.K. Chettri, MOIC Rhenock Dr. Raju Singh, members of Rongli Bazar Committee and Welfare Inspector,

SWD Mr. Adarsh Shrestha. Also present were Welfare Officer and Inspectors.

The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenging and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, goals and actions for the committee to take forward was briefly discussed at the meeting.

SDM, BDOs, and other officials presented several significant issues, plans of action, and constraints applicable to manual scavenging with reference to its prevention. It was decided that subsequent review meetings will take place on a quarterly basis.

## Training workshop on execution of BMWM Rules 2016

**Gangtok, July 30:** The Sanitation Cell of the Health and Family Welfare Department held a training workshop on the effective execution of the Bio-medical Waste Management Rules 2016 (BMWM) under the direction of the National Green Tribunal at Chintan Bhawan, today.

The meeting was chaired by Principal Director-cum-Member Secretary, Advisory Committee of BMWM, Health and Family Welfare Department Dr.T.K. Rai, in the presence of Joint Director, BMWM Mr. T. Targain, District Collectors, SPs, ADCs, Assistant Collectors, SDMs, SDPOs, concerned officials and Public Prosecutors.

Dr. T.K. Rai thanked all of the participants and urged the officials to ensure the regulations governing the treatment of biomedical waste, to protect and preserve the environment are properly implemented.

The session's trainer and Executive Engineer for the State Pollution Control Board, Mr.

Ranjan Rai, gave a presentation on the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules of 2016 and their amendments of 2018 and 2019. He addressed the process for managing bio-medical waste for outreach initiatives in addition to the methods used for collecting, treating and disposing of the waste generated.

He emphasised that it is the ultimate responsibility of the person in charge of healthcare facilities to take all required precautions to guarantee that bio-medical waste is managed without any adverse impacts on human health or the environment and in accordance with the BMWM Regulation 2016. He said waste must be appropriately separated, managed, stored, packed, transported, and disposed off. He further stated that biomedical waste produced by healthcare facilities is classified according to colours as yellow, red, white, and blue.

He mentioned that the Central Pollution Control Board,

under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Government of India, has formulated the Guidelines and Rules for the Bar Code System for Effective Management of Bio-Medical Waste. These regulations apply to all medical facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, pathology labs, medical research facilities and educational institutions, he added.

He informed that the barcoding system will help track waste from the source it is generated to the destination where it is treated. Further, he informed the trainees that every operator of a Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF) is required to set up a bar code system for the management of biomedical waste.

In addition, Junior Scientific Assistant, SPCB Ms. Kalpana Sharma provided an overview of the yearly report on the management of biomedical waste.

## Residential training programme for CWCs organised

**Pakyong, June 30:** The week-long residential training programme for Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) in Sikkim, organised by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) in collaboration with the Sikkim State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SSCPCR) and facilitated by Jana Kalyan Trust (JKT), concluded at the Conference Hall of the Sikkim State Cooperative Union (SICUN) in Assam Linzey, today.

The training sessions provided the comprehensive knowledge on the Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act), and various other legislation related to child rights. The programme encompassed 34 sessions conducted by a team sharing expertise and insights with the participants.

The participants engaged in interactive sessions, quiz and other participatory activities, fostering a learning environment. The sessions aimed to enhance the understanding of CWC members regarding their roles, responsibilities and the legal frameworks governing child welfare.

In an orientation session, STE, Head of North East Cell NCPCR Mr. Paresh Shah, emphasised the Commission's unwavering commitment to working in the best interest of children.

The motto "Bhavishyo Rakshit Rakshitah," coined by the Union Minister, Mrs. Smriti Irani, encapsulates the idea that safeguarding those who will safeguard the future of the nation is the ultimate objective. The Commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Priyank Kanoongo, also has a dedicated Special Cell exclusively focused on addressing the needs of the North-East Region, he added.

Director, Women & Child Development Department Ms. Tashi Choden

emphasised the importance of focusing on non-institutional care as a means of ensuring a better future for the children. She highlighted the significance of moving towards de-institutionalisation and emphasised the fundamental principle underlying the Juvenile Justice Act, which states that institutionalisation should be the last resort. She emphasised the need to prioritise foster care and sponsorships as alternatives to institutionalisation. Furthermore, she stressed the importance of conducting awareness workshops for District Child Protection Officers (DCPOs) to enhance their understanding and capacity.

She also emphasised the necessity of departmental convergence, highlighting the need for collaboration and cooperation among different departments involved in child

welfare. Such convergence would enable a holistic approach to child protection and ensure comprehensive care and support for children in need, she added.

Thereafter, an informative session was led by Legal Consultant Adv. Mr. Anubhav Dubey. The session focused on child labour, discussing its definition and various situations related to it.

The Deputy Labour Commissioner, Mr. Bhim Bhattarai, underscored the significance of preventing child labour and creating a safe and nurturing environment for children in Sikkim. He highlighted the efforts undertaken by the government and various stakeholders to combat child labour and enforce the relevant laws effectively.

Furthermore, DCPO, Ms. Pema Wangmu Bhutia, concluded the training with a session on the Social Investigation Report North East (SIR) and Individual Care Plan (ICP), stressing their importance in ensuring the well-being and development of vulnerable children.

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## Programme on Asar Pandra organised

**Gangtok, June 30:** A special event to commemorate the Asar Pandra, Agriculture Department organised a programme at Nazitam Agriculture Farm, Martam block, today. The function was held in the presence of Secretary Agriculture Mr. Jigme Dorjee Bhutia, Principal Director Mr. Tilak Gajmer, Directors

PMKSY, Agriculture, Consultant MOVCD, Joint Directors, Deputy Directors, ADO, AI and field functionaries of Gangtok District.

The event was organised to pay respect to the farmers and also to celebrate the age-old traditional practices of farming in the state.

During the programme, five

## Plantation-cum-community awareness programme for MRMS

**Soreng, July 02:** Department of Forest and Environment, Soreng District, organised a plantation-cum-community awareness programme for 'Mero Rukh Mero Santati' (MRMS) initiative at Chakung, Soreng district. This initiative involves plantation of 108 saplings for every newborn child in Sikkim, aiming to promote community led afforestation. It is to be noted that the period between July 01 to July 14, 2023 is being celebrated as 'Sikkim Paryavaran Parva' and Soreng Forest Department is intensifying the outreach initiatives during this period.

Area MLA Mr. Aditya Goyal graced the event as the chief guest. The programme was attended by Zilla Panchayat and Panchayats, CF(WL), DFO(T) Soreng, and other officials.

CF (WL) Mr. Udai Lama in his welcome address presented an overview of the MRMS initiative and highlighted the environmental and cultural importance of planting '108' trees in the name of every new born child in Sikkim. He urged parents to ensure that the

child remains connected to the saplings by celebrating birthdays near these saplings in future.

DFO (T) Soreng Mr. Kshitij Saxena briefed about the status of MRMS registrations in Sikkim and the 'Santati Dastavez'-which is a journal of all 108 saplings planted under MRMS. He highlighted the need for mass community participation to make this initiative a long-term success.

The street play presented by Forest Department staff highlighted key aspects of MRMS and emphasised the importance of environmental preservation.

Area MLA Mr. Aditya Goyal in his address appreciated the efforts of all the artistes involved in the play. He highlighted the initiative of the Government noble MRMS initiative in furthering the cause for environmental conservation - a global challenge. He also called on various Panchayat representatives and public of Chakung to come forward and realise the spirit of MRMS initiative in the form of a mass movement.

## 101<sup>st</sup> International Day of Cooperatives celebrated

**Gangtok, July 01:** The 101<sup>st</sup> International Day of Cooperatives with the theme Co-operatives for Sustainable Development was celebrated by Nandok Saramsa Farmer Producers Organic Cooperative Society Ltd. in collaboration with the Department of Cooperation, Gangtok District, today.

The International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated on the first Saturday of July every year. The aim of the International Day is to increase awareness on cooperatives and promote the movement's successes and ideals of international solidarity, economic efficiency, equality, and world peace.

The International Day also aims to strengthen and extend partnerships between the international cooperative movement and other actors, including governments, at local, national and international levels.

The function witnessed the presence of the Zilla Adhyaksha

Mrs. Dhan Kumari Rai as the chief guest, Panchayat members of the Nandok Saramsa Gram Panchayat Units, Centre incharge of KVK Dr. Janak Singh and his colleague Dr. Manoj Kumar, AGM-SISCO Ms. Phursongmit Lepcha and Additional RCS, DRCS, ARCS and Inspector.

The Departmental officers highlighted on the importance of the International Day of Cooperatives and the different schemes that are being implemented by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India through 'Shakar Se Samridhi'. AGM-SISCO Bank informed about the different loans and insurance schemes under the Bank that can be availed by the Cooperatives and SHGs.

The programme was also attended by the members of the Farmer producers Cooperative Society Ltd. Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. and Self-Help Groups.

## DLC meeting on implementation of programmes under PMAAGY

**Mangan, June 30:** A District Level committee meeting was chaired by DC Mangan, Mr. H.K Chettri at DAC, Mangan, today. The meeting was organised by the office of the Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department Mangan district.

The meeting was held to discuss and approve the village Development Plan to be implemented in 21 villages in Mangan district, under Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

The meeting also had the presence of ADC (Dev), WO (Welfare department), ACF, Forest and Environment Department, Joint Director Agriculture

Department, Joint Director Education Department, Project Coordinator/Senior Scientist (KVK), Committee Members of (PMAAGY) and staff of Welfare Department.

DC Mangan discussed on various developmental plan under the scheme and issues such as duplication, parameters.

Earlier, Welfare Officer Mr. Ganesh Thapa gave a brief introduction on Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY) scheme and also highlighted the need to give priority to health and educational sectors with regard to infrastructure development under this scheme.

## CM attends Annual Fest-Vibes 2023

**Gangtok, June 27:** Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the Annual Fest-Vibes 2023, with the theme 'Unity and Prosperity' organised by Sikkim Government College Burtuk, today.

He was accompanied by his spouse Mrs. Krishna Rai, Minister for Education Department Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha. Also present were MLA Soreng Chakung Constituency, MP Lok Sabha, Political Secretary to CM, Advisor Education Department, Mayor and Dy. Mayor GMC, ACS Education Department, Secretary Education Department, Director Higher Education, teaching and non-teaching faculty, Alumni members of the College and students.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang emphasised the significance of Annual Fest in uniting students from different disciplines, fostering a sense of unity and collaboration among them. It also serves as a stage for students to unleash their creative potential, he added. He conveyed his best wishes to the final-year students for their future endeavours.

He elaborated on the crucial role played by students in shaping the future of the state and the country and emphasised the State government's unwavering dedication in strengthening the education system in the State. He also urged all to respect every profession despite their work variations. Furthermore, he urged the authorities to raise awareness about the importance of education and said that the State government would never compromise in delivering quality education.

ACS Education Department Mr. R. Telang emphasised on the significance of higher education in bringing out one's potential through hard work and dedication. He expressed hope that the teaching faculty would assist the students in becoming the best

versions of themselves and emphasised the importance of setting aspirations, encouraging individuals to recognise their goals and strive to bring out their best qualities.

Principal SGC Burtuk, Dr. Iyatta M. Upreti, highlighted the history of the college and remarkable growth in student enrolment. She briefed on the college's achievements and expressed gratitude to the government for facilitating exposure trips, providing an ambulance to the college, and supporting its holistic development.

She further noted that the college has achieved NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) accreditation and has been honoured with the title of the best college by the Chief Minister. Additionally, she discussed the initiatives undertaken to raise awareness about mental health. She also presented a list of requirements for the college to the Chief Minister.

During the programme, Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang also unveiled the second edition of the News Letter College Chronicle, published by the college.

President SRC Mr. Tenzing W. Lachungpa provided an overview of the college's accomplishments and acknowledged the State government for providing coaching facilities.

The event also witnessed cultural extravaganza by the students followed by felicitation of teaching and administrative staff and distribution of trophies and certificates.

At the outset, the Chief Minister along with the dignitaries inspected campus and visited various stalls set up by different departments of the college.

must actively participate in the process towards progress.

On his role as the MLA of Poklok-Kamrang constituency, he said that he would devote his time to the people of the constituency to listen to their grievances and provide solutions, ensuring to strengthen various sectors and fields to reap the maximum benefit in the region, next month. One of the many objectives is to transform Kitchu Dumra, using its strategic location as an advantage to draw athletes with its upcoming sports complex and also serve as a tourist destination for those travelling within Namchi, Soreng and Gyalshing districts, he said.

Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha informed that this is a historic moment for the State to have an Archery Academy, which will assist in elevating the status of this sport. He further congratulated the public in acquiring this sports complex and urged all to take collective responsibility for expansion and growth of the Academy. Moreover, he reminded the gathering that the first National Ranking Archery Tournament, 2023 organised by Archery Association of India in

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### Chief Minister...

already been vaccinated. He also applauded the efforts of the officials and staff of AH&VS who were able to contain the spread and curb the fatalities of the cattle through advanced and regular vaccination. Further, he informed that the State Government will continue with the compensation, once verified by the concerned Department.

Speaking on the various welfare measures created by the State Government, the Chief Minister said that Siliguri will soon have an office-cum-facility for medical assistance for those seeking medical attention in the city. The Chief Minister spoke on various house upgradations extended by the State Government, wherein coverage has risen to ₹50,000/-.

Minister AH&VS Mr. L.N. Sharma expressed his gratitude to the Gwalas on the historical Diwas celebration. He said that security of the dairy farmers is being assured by the State Government through incentives and prompted the youngsters to adopt occupation in agriculture and livestock rearing in the coming future. He highlighted the multiple schemes and aids initiated by the department and briefed about dairy incentives, piggery incentives, Mukhya Mantri Macha Utpadan Yojna, Mobile Veterinary Vans, Kisan Credit Card and many more. He also informed that milk supply from Sikkim is also dispersed to other states such as West Bengal and Assam.

Secretary AH&VS Dr. P. Senthil gave an in-depth report of the department and informed that in the last four years, milk production in Sikkim has increased to 18% with the technical advantage of cooling facilities available in all the districts. On this note, he credited the collective efforts of the State Government and active participation of the Dairy Farming Communities. He said that a Regional Training Centre would soon be set up for efficient and effective expansion

association with Sikkim Archery Association took place at Paljor Stadium, proving that the State is capable of hosting national level events.

Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Mr. Raju Basnet said that this Academy has been instituted to honour the achievements of Olympian Tarundeep Rai as well as to inspire young Sikkimese athletes. He informed that the Academy will feature an exceptional facility in an area of 2.461 acres (107,201 sqft). With a budget of ₹30.4 crore, this five storied Academy will comprise of three blocks, featuring amenities including a gymnasium, classrooms, conference rooms, hostel accommodation for girls and

of the department.

During the programme, Namchi District was declared as the Best Performing District with 59,36,145 kg of total quantity of milk supplied during the year 2022-23. The average milk supplied per day was 16,263.41. kg.

Meena Rai, from Suntaley, Pakyong district was named as the Milk Person of the Year 2023 with the total of 1,24,969kg supplied during the year 2022-23. She was awarded with an incentive amount of ₹9,99,752/- for the average quantity of milk supplied per day, which was 342.38kg. This is the second award in a row, which she received a standing ovation from the gathering.

The Chief Minister along with the dignitaries distributed tokens and cheques to the progressive dairy milk suppliers, distributors and societies of the State.

The Best Performing MPCs for the year 2022-2023 in each district were, Melli MPCs (Namchi District), Naitam MPCs (Gangtok District), Budang MPCs (Pakyong District), Lidung MPCs (Gyalshing District) and Sribadam MPCs (Soreng District).

On the occasion, the Chief Minister was felicitated by Sikkim Veterinary Association and Sikkim Veterinary Council and Gwalas through Sikkim Milk Union and by Melli MPCs. Similarly, the Minister was felicitated by Sikkim Milk Union.

Two students Ms. Anisha Chettri and Master Yangchuk Bhutia, whose parents belongs to the dairy farming community were presented with Certificate of Excellence for their commendable achievements in education sector and for being examples for others to follow.

Mr. Palching Bhutia and Mr. Sunil Rai were awarded the Best Performing Employees from Gangtok and Jorethang Unit, respectively.

The Chief Minister also handed over prizes to the MPCs of six districts, which stood first, second and third positions, respectively.

In Gangtok, Naitam MPCs, Luing-Perbing MPCs and Pabyuik

boys, library, physio/medical facilities, guest rooms, and more. The Academy aims to provide an unparalleled nurturing and learning experience, he added.

Olympian Mr. Tarundeep Rai thanked the State Government for bestowing him with this honour and said that the Academy would hone young talents from every nook and corner of the State. He further urged everyone to realise the seriousness of sports and work towards the healthy growth of society.

The function included a presentation and a walk-through of the Tarundeep Rai Archery Academy project, showcasing its facilities and design. This allowed guests and attendees to visualise

MPCS. In Namchi-Melli MPCs, Ben MPCs, Begani MPCs. In Pakong-Budang MPCs, Suntaley MPCs, Kadamtham Women MPCs. In Soreng, Sribadam MPCs, Deythang West MPCs, Bara Samdong MPCs. In Gyalshing Lidung MPCs, Upper Shanku MPCs, Upper Khandu MPCs. In Mangan-Upper Tingzay MPCs, Tibuk MPCs and Chadey MPCs.

Additionally, Wildlife Development Relief Funds were also given to Amba Project (Lower Mamring and Taza MPCs), In Soreng Project (Majwa MPCs, Gumpa Dara MPCs), in Hattidunga Project (Khaniserbong MPCs). Revolving Fund of ₹ 53.25 lakhs to the registered dairy farmers of MPCs was also released by the Forest Department for the convergence programmes under the Watershed Development Projects.

Stainless Steel Milk cans of 5 and 10 litres were distributed to Upper Parakha MPCs, Rezzay B MPCs, Hittibong MPCs, Basnett Gaon MPCs and Upper Martam MPCs.

Further, the Allotment Letters of Bulk Milk Coolers were presented to Sumin Namcheybong MPCs, Ledong MPCs, Lower Tikpur MPCs, Paiyong Gairigaon MPCs and Som MPCs. While, Middle Pachak MPCs, Samdong Kambal MPCs, Phunsaybong MPCs, Dew MPCs and Simeybong MPCs received Chest Coolers.

During the programme, official website of AH&VS Department, along with book release on the achievements and vision of AH&VS, annual report of Sikkim Milk Union 2022-2023 and Grow Max Organic manure were launched. A short film titled 'Laghu Chalchitra', focusing on the dairy sector by Sikkim Milk Union and a documentary film on the achievements of AH&VS were screened.

Earlier, the Chief Minister inaugurated Sikkim Paryavaran Parva under Forest Department themed 'Leave a Green Legacy'.

He also flagged off six two-wheelers for facilitating AI workers under Sikkim Livestock Development Board.

the facilities and get a comprehensive understanding of the Academy's layout and amenities.

During the programme, the Chief Minister was felicitated by Tarundeep Rai and his family for the State Government's efforts in creating this world class sports complex. On behalf of the State Government, the Chief Minister presented mementos as well as traditional gifts from Sikkim to Tarundeep Rai, visiting archers and the coach.

Earlier, a two-minute silence was observed to pay respect to Mr. Padam Gurung, President of Student Representative Council from Namchi Government College.

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### Foundation stone...

establishment of state-of-the-art Boxing Academy named after Sikkim's Boxing Icon and Arjuna Awardee and Olympian, Mr. Jas Lal Pradhan. The State Government has given impetus to a diverse set of sports activities, which has resulted in organising successful sporting events, such as, Sikkim Premier League, 6<sup>th</sup> Youth Men's National Boxing Championship and hosting the prestigious Ranji Trophy, he added.

Speaking on the initiatives of the State Government, he said that multiple schemes have been launched for the holistic benefit of the masses. Schemes catering for the welfare and development of women, namely, AAMA, Vatsalya Yojna, Bahini scheme have been successfully implemented. Apart from these schemes, the State Government is also providing housing benefits in the form of Chief Minister Garib Awas Yojana, including distribution of inverters and many other projects aimed for the progress of the Sikkimese citizens. He insisted that the public

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## Governor chairs review meeting on recent natural calamities in Sikkim

**Gangtok, June 23:**The review meeting on recent natural calamities in Sikkim was chaired by Governor Mr. Lakshman Prasad Acharya at Old Raj Bhawan, today.

The meeting aimed to analyse recent damages caused by heavy rainfall between June 15 - June 19.

During the meeting, Secretary Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department-cum-Relief Commissioner Mr. Anil Raj Rai along with other officials presented a comprehensive report on the damages incurred due to the heavy rainfall. The report highlighted the extent of the

destruction and provided a crucial data for evaluating the affected areas. It was stressed that the information will facilitate informed decision-making and targeted efforts in the forthcoming relief and rehabilitation initiatives.

Furthermore, it was emphasised that being vigilant and prepared in advance is essential, particularly in landslide-prone areas like Sikkim. This reinforces the importance of proactive measures, such as disaster preparedness plans, community engagement, and ensuring adequate insurance coverage, to mitigate the risks associated with natural disasters.

## Governor hands over cheque to women's cricket team

**Gangtok, June 23:**Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya handed over a cheque of ₹1 lakh 10 thousand to the Women's Cricket Team who represented the Second SICA Women's Tournament 2023 final held at Mining ground, Rangpo.

The Governor encouraged the young girls to pursue their passions, showcase their talents and sportsman ships and embark on their path towards achieving excellence.

Earlier, during the Second

SICA Women's Tournament 2023 final held at the mining ground in Rangpo, the Governor announced special awards for the outstanding performances of the players. Presenting the cheque as a token of recognition, Miss Tshering Ongmu Lepcha was awarded with the Governor Vishesh Pratibha Samman, which carries a cash prize of ₹51,000/-. Likewise, six players were awarded with the Governor Pratibha Samman, which consists of a cash prize of ₹10,000/-each.

## CM visits rainfall affected areas in Majhigaon Jorethang

**Namchi, July 01:**Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang visited the rainfall affected areas in Majhigaon Jorethang, today. The incessant rainfall in the past few weeks had caused swelling of the river

Ramman which led to extensive damages caused by mud/landslides to the properties in and around the ward. Present during the inspection were Minister for Land, Revenue and Disaster Management Mr. Kunga Nima

Lepcha along with HoDs from PHE, Power Department and UDD, DC (Namchi) accompanied by other officials and staff.

The Chief Minister directed them to formulate comprehensive measures keeping the safety and security of the affected public. Further, the Chief Minister assured those affected that the State Government would provide relief and assistance for all.

## 13<sup>th</sup> State Poomsae and 23<sup>rd</sup> SKT Championship organised

**Gyalshing, July 02:** The 13<sup>th</sup> State Poomsae and 23<sup>rd</sup> State Kyorugi Taekwondo Championship organised by Sikkim Amateur Taekwondo Association (SATA) in collaboration with Gyalshing Taekwondo Academy (GTA) was concluded at the Auditorium of Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Kyongsha, today.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang graced the occasion as the chief guest accompanied by his spouse Mrs. Krishna Rai. The function had the presence of Minister for PHE Mr. Bhim Hang Limboo as the Chief Patron, Minister for Agriculture Mr. L. N. Sharma and Chairman SIDICO Mr. Janak Gurung as Patron-I. The programme was attended by Chairman (PHE), APS to CM, DC Gyalshing, SP Gyalshing, JD and DD Sports Gyalshing, District Officials, Coaches of the department, President and Members of SATA, participants and public.

Chief Minister in his address,

emphasised on the numerous benefits of practicing sports and encouraged the people of Sikkim to approach it in an aesthetic manner. He reflected on his tenure as the Sports Minister and shared how it had a positive impact on him personally. He also commended SATA and GTA for organising an exemplary tournament.

Furthermore, CM informed about the State Government's effort for all-round development of sports in Sikkim. He assured the sporting enthusiasts of the State that the Government would assist them in honouring their skills to the fullest extent. He emphasised that all the necessary arrangements for the upliftment of sports in the State would be given the highest priority.

The Chief Minister also highlighted various infrastructure-related developments in the State, starting from the constituency level, specifically related to sports. He emphasized that the State Government is fully dedicated to its approach of uplifting the

aspirations of every individual in the State through a holistic approach.

General Secretary of SATA, Mr. Trilok Subba, gave a brief introduction of the Championship and highlighted the achievements of the association.

During the event, a distribution programme of e-Slate, an initiative of DAC Gyalshing was conducted. The Chief Minister handed over E-Slates to ten students from Class one and two. This initiative aims to provide digital learning tools to the young students.

The Senior members of SATA and M.S. Taekwondo Academy, Gangtok, demonstrated refined techniques and sequences through Poomsae in Taekwondo. Poomsae refers to the practice of specific movements and forms in Taekwondo.

A total of twenty Clubs from across the State participated in the Tournament, in medal tally wherein UTD Gangtok emerged overall Champion of the Tournament.

## Srastha 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Magazine of PSSP released

**Gyalshing, July 02:** The Srastha 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Magazine of Paschim Sikkim Sahitya Prakashan (PSSP) was released by the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang at the Conference Hall of Gyalshing District Zilla Bhawan, today. He was accompanied by Deputy Speaker SLA, Mr. Sangay Lepcha, Cabinet Ministers, Chairmen, DC Gyalshing, SP Gyalshing, Padma Shri Kedar Gurung, Padma Shri Sanu Lama, officials, representatives of literary organisations of all the six districts of Sikkim and various other organisations and eminent writers, musicians and artists from West Bengal, Assam, Uttarakhand, Mumbai and other states.

The Organising Committee felicitated the Chief Minister with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The Chief Minister released the 84<sup>th</sup> edition of the Srastha Magazine along with Books of Padma Mr. Kedar Gurung, Mrs. Rinki Lamu Lepcha and Padma Shri Dr. Gokul Singh Lepcha. He felicitated the writers of Srastha 84<sup>th</sup> edition.

The Chief Minister termed the programme a historic congregation and expressed his delight to be a part of the programme. He thanked PSSP for the opportunity and extended best

wishes for the future venture.

CM stated that books are the exceptional work of art that helps to boost creativity and imagination and are the primary sources of a learned.

He exemplified Leo Tolstoy, Laxmi Prasad Deokota and many more in their respective fields who had been profoundly praised, adored and remembered immensely for their arts and literature. He motivated all to come together for the noble cause of preservation of literary treasure for future generations and assured to render his all possible assistance.

Whilst speaking on the Bhanu Jayanti 2023, he encouraged people to celebrate it in every nook and corners of the State and offer their part of respect to the eminent personality and reminiscence contributions.

He highlighted the State Governments' initiative like APATAN Fellowship Scheme for the Ph.D aspirants and more other.

Delegation from Assam Mr. Pura Kumar Sharma lauded CM for his valuable contributions toward the people of the State and commended his tireless support and interventions.

The day also witnessed a felicitation ceremony for national-level achievements, where 58

individuals were honoured for their contributions.

During the event, DC Gyalshing Mrs. Yishey D. Yongda launched a reference manual book on adolescence hygiene education specifically targeted at school girls. She emphasised the importance of focusing on the needs of young school girls, especially when it comes to fulfilling their menstrual hygiene requirements by providing sanitary napkins in schools. She expressed that it is crucial to have a handbook that contains information on adolescence, puberty, and other teenage issues, particularly related to menstruation.

Additionally, as a part of the NEC initiative, the event saw the distribution of Mobile ECG Machines to 03 PHCs of Yuksom, Dentam and Tashiding, 09 PHSCs, namely, Karji, Kongri, Gangyap, Lingchom, Pelling, Bermiok, Thingling, Hee Yangthang and Uttarey and 03 to District Hospital Gyalshing. The Chief Minister handed over the machines during the programme, further demonstrating the State Government's commitment to improving healthcare services in the State.

## Restaurants and hotels inspected

**Gangtok, July 03:**A comprehensive food inspection was conducted in various restaurants and hotels located in Gangtok to ensure the adherence to food quality standards, licenses, and the implementation of labour codes, today.

The team enquired about the checklists provided by respective departments to assess compliance and issued notices to establishments found to be in violation of the FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) standards.

The team examined the establishments to verify the prescribed standards set by FSSAI. Parameters such as food storage conditions, cleanliness of the kitchen and dining areas, hygiene practices, and the quality of ingredients were scrutinized.

They verified the authenticity of the licenses, ensuring that they were up to date and in accordance with the regulations.

Furthermore, the team also scrutinised labour codes, including minimum wage

requirements and the provision of social security to the employees in the establishments.

Additionally, directions were given to improve the situation, and the establishments were given a specific timeframe to submit an action taken report.

The inspection team was led by SDM (Hq.) Gangtok Ms. Pari Bishnoi, along with Assistant Collectors Mr. G.L. Meena and Mr. Abhijeet Patil, Food Inspector from Gangtok and Officers from Health, Labour, Tourism, Excise, and Police departments.

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On behalf of the President of India, DC Pakyong, Mr. Tashi Chophel handed over the Padma Shri Award to Mr. Tula Ram Upreti at his residence at Assam Linzey, Pakyong District on July 03.

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