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## Governor attends 210<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya



**Gangtok, July 13:** State Level celebrations of the 210<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya commenced at Bhanu Udhyan, Zero Point, today.

Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya and Mr Arun Kumar Upreti Minister for Rural Development and Cooperation Departments, attended the morning session as the chief guest and guest of honour.

The event organised by the Nepali Sahitya Parishad, Sikkim, was held under the theme 'Hamro

Ekta, Hamro Samridhi'.

The celebrations commenced with the chanting of 'Mangalacharan' (welcome prayer) performed by Panchakanya.

Governor conveyed greetings to scholars dedicated to language, literature, culture, tradition, art, and harmony at the ceremony. He commended the Organising Committee for preserving the traditions of the Nepali Sahitya Parishad, Sikkim and keeping the Bhanu Jayanti festival alive. He emphasised that language is an integral part of any

culture, expressing the customs, values, and beliefs of a society. He highlighted Bhanubhakta Acharya's role as an inspirational figure who enriched culture through his literary contributions.

The Governor noted that Acharya's translation of Valmiki's Ramayana into Nepali made it accessible to the masses, significantly advancing Nepali language and literature while promoting unity.

Paying tribute to visionary individuals who have made significant contributions to society, the Governor underscored their role in preserving language, culture, and tradition, which impart social moral values and educate future generations about their heritage. He noted that Sikkim exemplifies India's unity in diversity, with all communities in the State celebrating festivals harmoniously.

On the occasion, he urged everyone to connect with their roots, asserting that strong roots ensure strong branches. Governor called upon the younger generation to safeguard language

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## Mahaanushthan ceremony concludes



**Gangtok, July 15:** Three-day 'Mahaanushthan' ceremony marking the renovation of Shiv Mandir and the beautification of Raj Bhavan concluded in the presence of Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya, First Lady, Mrs Kumud Devi distinguished personalities and guests, with a commitment to cultural preservation and communal harmony, today.

Attending alongside the Governor were Mr Mingma Norbu Sherpa Speaker SLA, Mr Sonam Lama Minister for Ecclesiastical, Mr Raju Basnet Minister for

Education, Gangtok MLA Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa, Deputy Mayor Mrs Tshering Palden, Chief Secretary Mr VB Pathak and other distinguished invitees. The 'Yagna' was completed with 'Hawan' for peace, prosperity, and well-being of the State and the nation.

Following the completion of Mahaanushthan, a talk series titled 'Sanskrit Bhasha ka Vikas' by Prof Madhav Janardan Ratate, Prof Patanjali Mishra, Prof Bhagawati Saran Shukla, and Prof Nagendra

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## Chief Minister unfurls 35 ft long Guru Padmasambhava Thangka



**Gangtok, July 16:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang participated in the Guru Rimpoche Thrunkar celebrations at Do-Drul Chorten, Deorali, in presence of HE Thogme Tulku Rinpoche, today.

The celebration featured the unfurling of a magnificent 35ft long thangka depicting the images of Guru Padmasambhava and the lineage masters of Mind Essence Teachings of Buddhism, Kunkhyen Longchen Rabjam,

Rikzin Jikme Lingpa and 1st Dodrupchen Jikme Trinle Ozer, recently acquired by Do-Drul Chorten Gonpa. The moment added to the grandeur and spiritual significance of the occasion.

The event organised by Sikkim Buddhist Duechen Organisation and Sikkim Buddhist Association, provided a profound spiritual experience, uniting the community in harmony and upliftment.

The Chief Minister offered heartfelt prayers for peace, prosperity, and well-being for Sikkim and Sikkimese people. He also participated in the religious procession of Guru Padmasambhava.

The celebration was attended by Ministers Mr Sonam Lama and Mr Arun Kumar Upreti, MLAs Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa and Mr Tenzing Norbu Lamtha, dignitaries, guests and devotees.

## IPS probationers and Coordinator Deputy Commandant call on Governor

**Gangtok, July 15:** A group of 19 IPS probationers, along with Coordinator Deputy Commandant Rahul Pania from the DGP Office, DC Lines, 76<sup>th</sup> Regular Recruits Batch of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad, and three foreign trainees from the Maldives, paid a courtesy call to Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya at Raj Bhavan, today. The visit is a part of their Bharat Darshan programme.

Group leader Shruti Yaragatti provided a brief overview of the tour. Further, Deputy Commandant Rahul Pania presented a memento to the Governor on behalf of the Director of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy,

Hyderabad.

The Governor advised the probationers to be approachable to the public and to act as change-makers in the lives of others, especially the weaker sections. He added that a better society is possible through their dedicated service.

During the meeting, the probationers shared their understanding of India's diverse and multifaceted heritage, enhancing their appreciation of the nation they are poised to serve through their visits to Sikkim, Bihar, and Odisha.

The interaction with the Governor was a key highlight, emphasising the significance of collaborative learning.

### Pearls of Wisdom

*"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things."*

*-Albert Einstein*

### Namchi observes Rankey Mela Celebration

**Namchi, July 16:** Two-day long Rakhey Mela Celebration 2024, organised by Rankey Mela Celebration Committee (RMCC) in collaboration with District Administrative Centre Namchi commenced at Convention Hall of Kishan Market, today.

The opening ceremony was attended by Mr Bhoj Raj Rai Minister for Urban Development Department as the chief guest accompanied by Mr Rikshal Dorjee Bhutia MLA Barfung, Mr Madan Cintury MLA Zoom-Salghari, Mr Ganesh Rai Chairman NMC, Ms Sabitri Tamang Vice Chairman NMC, Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi, Mr Subash Ghimirey ADC Namchi, along with SDMs, HoOs, officers from various line departments, members of RMCC and public.

The Minister extended his warm wishes to the public of Namchi on the occasion of Rankey Mela and acknowledged the dedication of the Committee in making the festival successful.

Further, he said that the festival is celebrated during culmination of the agricultural season to chase away the disease and bad luck by burning the effigy of Rankey Bhoot. He

stressed on the importance of safeguarding and preserving one's culture and traditions and urged the people of Namchi to support the State Government in keeping the town clean and safe for the public.

Marking the significance of the occasion, Mr Tashi Dorjee Tamang Vice President RMCC gave an overview of the celebration and informed that the main highlight of Rankey Mela is the ceremonial burning of the effigy of Rankey Bhoot on the evening of July 16 which, symbolises the cleansing of the land for a fruitful future. He informed that the celebration also provides a platform to showcase the rich culinary and artisanal heritage of Namchi. He also encouraged the young generations to preserve the cultural heritage for the future generations.

During the programme, the chief guest was felicitated by the Organising Committee along with other special guests, followed by the release of brochure on the historical background of Rankey Mela Celebration in Namchi.

The celebration also witnessed series of activities

including rural games, state level women marathon and women senior citizens walkathon, cultural performances by various ethnic communities and displayed of on-going schemes of various departments.

As a part of the Rankey Mela Celebration, 2024 burning of the effigy 'Rankey Bhoot' was carried out in Namchi.

The ceremony was attended by Mr Ganesh Rai Chairman NMC, Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi, Sr SP Dr TN Gyatsho along with HoDs and Officers of the line departments, members of Rankey Mela Celebration Committee and public.

During the ceremony, traditional rituals were performed before the burning of the effigy led by the procession in the market area.

It may be mentioned that 'Rankey Bhoot' is known as the devil that destroys harvests as it is believed that the burning of effigy will purify the regions from many forms of bad luck. The ceremony was later followed by various cultural extravaganza at Kishan Market.

Tupten Shedup Dhargey Choeling Monastery, Namdroing Monastery and Samdruptse led the prayers and rituals.

### Prayers and rituals marks Guru Rimpoche's Thrunkar Tshechu in Namchi

**Namchi, July 15:** Namchi witnessed the celebration of Guru Rimpoche's Thrunkar Tshechu, today.

The event began with a car

procession from Serdup Choling Monastery via Namchi bazaar till Samdruptse.

Monks from Serdup Choling Monastery, Ngadak

### DC Soreng chairs DLMC meeting

**Soreng, July 12:** First meeting of District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) for Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North-Eastern Region (MOVCD-NER) was held under the Chairmanship of Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng at DAC, Soreng, today.

The meeting was attended by Mr Gaayas Pega ADC (Dev), Mr Pranaya Gurung Additional Director Agriculture, Mr Robin Gurung Additional Director Horticulture and other Core Members of the Committee.

DC-cum-Chairperson (DLMC) enquired about the implementation strategies for the scheme. The members of DLMC were directed to take up the activities in order to strengthen the scheme. Further, he called for effective coordination with other line departments.

During the meeting, a power point presentation was presented by Mr Bijay Kumar Rai Project Team Leader Indian Grameen Services (IGS), where, he informed about Indian Grameen Services and highlighted the points

concerning the promotion of new Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO). He also emphasised on mission related to the phase IV of MOVCD-NER and how it helped farmers in emerging supply markets. A step-wise explanation with regard to the agriculture and allied activities under MOVCD-NER was also presented.

Earlier, phase-wise achievement made by the MOVCD-NER was briefed by AD Agriculture, wherein, he informed that the scheme is its fourth phase.

dignitaries and officials offered garlands at Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya statue, as a mark of respect for his literary contributions.

Also present were Mr Sonam Lama Minister for Ecclesiastical Department, Mr GT Dhungel Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, MLAs, MP Lok Sabha, Mayor GMC, Deputy Mayor GMC, Councillors, former MLAs, former Press Advisor to Chief Minister, HoDs, officials, literary personalities, language experts, researchers, representatives from various associations and organisations, dignitaries, guests from Nepal, Kalimpong and Darjeeling, teachers, and students.

Advisor Gangtok constituency who is also the Chairman of the 210<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti Celebration Committee. In his address, he extended warm greetings to everyone present and underscored the importance of unity and Sikkim's rich cultural heritage.

He expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for his vision in safeguarding culture and literature. He acknowledged the Chief Minister's dedication and efforts in preserving these important aspects of society. He urged everyone to follow Aadikavi's teachings and inculcate his works for the upcoming generations.

Following the event, the

### Awareness Bike Rally under Nasha Mukh Bharat in Mangan District

**Mangan, July 13:** Under the banner of 'Nasha Mukh Bharat', the Northern Riders Motorcycle Club Sikkim in collaboration with the District Administrative Centre Mangan organised an awareness ride from Mangan to Kabi. The event was flagged off by District Collector Mr Anant Jain.

The ride saw enthusiastic participation with 16 motorcycles and a team of over 50 people. The

main objective of the bike rally was to spread the crucial message of a drug-free society. The event was organised to combat substance abuse, showcasing a united front for a healthier and safer Sikkim. The team made stops at Mangshila and Phodong meeting with the locals while, spreading the message of Nasha Mukh Sikkim and Nasha Mukh Bharat.

### DC Mangan administers pledge on LiFE

**Mangan, July 12:** Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan, administered the pledge on Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) at DAC Mangan, today.

The event saw the presence of SDM Mangan, ASP, CEO Education, DFO(T), ADM, and other Officers of the District Administration.

'Sikkim Paryavaran Parva'

with the theme 'Leave a Green Legacy', is being observed till July 14 emphasising the importance of protecting environment and fostering a collective sense of responsibility towards it.

It was also observed in the Sub-divisions, blocks and various offices across Mangan district.

### LiFE pledge administered in Pakyong and Soreng

**Pakyong, July 12:** As a part of the ongoing 'Sikkim Paryavaran Parva', Pakyong District Administration administered the Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) pledge at the DAC premises, today.

The pledge was administered by Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh, DC Pakyong, in the presence of Mr Mahendra Chettri SDM (Hq), and Mr Dak Man Subba SDM Pakyong.

The theme, 'Leave a Green Legacy', underscores the importance of sustainability and environmental stewardship. The LiFE pledge, which was administered to all officials, emphasises personal and collective responsibility towards adopting eco-friendly practices.

Similarly, the pledge was taken at all three Subdivisions under Pakyong District led by the respective Heads of Office of the departments.

In continuation with the celebration of 'Sikkim Paryavaran Prava', a plantation drive initiative under 'Mero Bato Mero

Bot', campaign was conducted by Roads and Bridges Department, Pakyong.

The initiative focuses on beautifying roads through extensive tree planting across Sikkim. The plantation drive took place along Setipool to Assamlingzey Road.

The plantation drive was led by Mr Basant Kumar Tamang Chief Engineer accompanied by Mr Divya Gurung Additional Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer, Divisional Engineer, Mr Bikash Pradhan, Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers. In Soreng, Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng administered the pledge in the presence of Mr Gaayas Pega ADC (Dev), Mr Tsheten Tashi Lepcha DFO (T), Mr Pranay Gurung Addl Director (Agriculture), Mr Pravin Gurung Addl Director (Horticulture), Officers and officials of DAC.

Similarly, the Sikkim Paryavaran Parva was also observed across various offices along with cleanliness drive within the Soreng district.

### Plantation drive under Mero Rukh Mero Santati in Rangpo

**Pakyong, July 12:** Rangpo Subdivision Office, in collaboration with the Forest and Environment Department organised a plantation drive under 'Mero Rukh Mero Santati', as a part of the ongoing Sikkim Paryavaran Parva themed "Leave a Green Legacy in Rangpo, today.

The plantation was conducted in the presence of Mr LB Das MLA West Pendam, Mr Thendup Lepcha SDM Rangpo, Head of Offices along with officials from various line departments.

The initiative commenced

with the plantation of saplings at Tori Bari, Khani Khola region under Rangpo Subdivision, where new parents along with officials from various departments participated in plantation drive to promote environmental consciousness and ensure the protection of our natural surroundings.

In addition to the plantation drive, Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) pledge was administered by SDM Rangpo in the presence of Head of Offices, highlighting the significance of a coordinated effort to protect the environment.

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### Governor attends...

and cultural traditions and appealed to the people of Sikkim to strengthen unity, harmony, prosperity, and progress, drawing inspiration from Bhanubhakta Acharya.

The Governor expressed joy that Sikkim is set to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> statehood during India's Amrit Kaal. He called for a commitment to a golden, prosperous, and developed Sikkim and India, fostering a united and prosperous society.

Earlier, the function was presided over by Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa, MLA-cum-

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**Advertisement No. 01/SPSC/EXAM/2024**

**Dated:03/07/2024**

Applications are invited from eligible local candidates for filling up **01(one)** post of **Laboratory Assistant** on **temporary-regular** basis in **Level-09** of the Pay Matrix under Excise Department, Government of Sikkim, through **Direct Recruitment**. All applications are to be made online at the Commission's website.

However, during the period of Probation/Apprenticeship/Training, pay shall be governed by Notification No. 489/GEN/DOP dated 31.10.2011.

**1. DISTRIBUTION OF VACANCIES:**

SL No.	Reservation Category	No. of post.
1.	Unreserved (UR)	01 (one)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>01 (one)</b>

**2. IMPORTANT DATES:**

Last date for Submission of Applications:	04/08/2024
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**3. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:**

**(A) Minimum Educational Qualification:**

Must have passed Class XII examination with Science subject from a recognized Board.
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**(B) Other Qualifications:**

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| (a) | Must be able to read, write and speak in one of the State languages. |
| (b) | Must be conversant with local customs and traditions of Sikkim.      |

**(C) Age Limit:**

Should have attained the age of <b>18 years</b> , but should not have exceeded <b>40 years</b> as on <b>30/06/2024</b> , in terms of Notification No: M(3)/(55)/GEN/DOP/Pt.III dated: 03/07/2017
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**(D) Required Documents:**

(a)	Candidate must be in possession of either Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification issued by the competent authority under relevant orders of the State Government.
(b)	Category Certificate issued by the competent authority of the Government of Sikkim.
(c)	Should have Valid Local Employment Card issued by the appropriate authority of the Government of Sikkim.
(d)	No Objection Certificate from the Head of Department in case of employed candidate.
(e)	Marital Status Certificate (for female candidate). In case of married women candidate, COI/SSC of Husband should be enclosed.

4. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION: Candidates are advised to refer to APPENDIX-I for Detailed Scheme and pattern for the Written Examinations. The syllabus can be downloaded from the Sikkim Public Service Commission website.

5. Candidates should go through the advertisement and **read the instructions provided on the website carefully before applying online. Applications received through any other mode shall not be accepted and shall be summarily rejected.**

6. The candidates are advised to apply online from our website <http://spsc.sikkim.gov.in/> on or before the stipulated date and time. Applications submitted thereafter will not be accepted and SPSC shall not be responsible for the same.

7. Application fee amounting to **₹200/-** only may be paid online through Net Banking or credit and debit card, (Visa/MasterCard). The amount once deposited shall not be refunded or adjusted against any other purpose.

8. E-Admit Cards can be downloaded and printed by the eligible candidates after a Notice for the same is published by the Commission in the official website of the Commission.

9. Candidates are directed to bring a Photo Identity proof like (Aadhaar Card, Voters Card, Driving License) along with valid e-Admit cards in the examination centre for proof of identity.

10. Those candidates who qualify in the written examination will be called for the scrutiny of documents in the ratio fixed by the Commission. Short listed candidates are required to submit attested Photocopies of all relevant documents on the dates specified by the Commission.

11. No TA/DA is admissible for attending the examination.

12. Admission to all the stages of examination for which candidates are admitted by the Commission viz. Written Examination shall be purely provisional and subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If, on verification at any stage of the examination process, it is found that candidates do not fulfil any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the post shall be cancelled by the Commission without notice.

13. The Commission shall entertain application on review or RTI/Correspondence only after the entire process of recruitment is complete.

14. **Any further instructions/Corrigendum/Addendum shall be uploaded only on Sikkim Public Service Commission website.**

Sd/-

**Secretary**

**Sikkim Public Service Commission**

**Memo No. 1-3/SPSC/2(03)NG(D)2017, Dated: 03/07/2024**

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**Before the Oath Commissioner Sikkim at  
Gangtok**

Sl. No.B323132

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, **Krishna Limboo**, daughter of Late Birkhaman Limboo, aged about 45 years, by faith Hindu, Resident of Upper Mangshilla, Sikkim, P.O. Tingchim & P.S. Mangan, Sikkim do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:-

1. That my actual and correct name is "**Krishna Limboo**" which has been recorded in all my relevant documents including my Indian Passport bearing Passport No. L9352037 issued by the Regional Passport Officer, Kolkata.

2. That my name has been recorded as "**Krishna Subba**" in all my academic testimonials including my Statement of Marks & Degree of Bachelor of Arts (B.A) bearing Certificate No. F0007807 issued by the Indira Gandhi National Open University.

3. That "**Limboo**" and "**Subba**" denotes to one and same caste.

4. That I am swearing this Affidavit to state and declare on oath that the person by names "**Krishna Limboo**" and "**Krishna Subba**" are the names of one and the same person i.e. myself.

5. That henceforth, my name shall be recorded as "**Krishna Limboo**" for all purpose and purport.

6. That this Affidavit is made bonafide.

**Deponent**

**Krishna Limboo**

**VERIFICATION**

That the statements made herein above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed and I have signed and verified this Affidavit on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024 at Gangtok, Sikkim.

**Identified by:-**

**Smt. Anita Rai**

**R/O Syari, Sikkim**

**Deponent**

**Krishna Limboo**

**In the Court of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate,  
Soreng Sub-Divisional Magistrate**

**NAME AFFIDAVIT**

WHEREAS, I, **Samuel Lepcha (Tesho)**, age about 39 years son of **Lt. Jalat Namgyal Lepcha (Tasho)**, by faith Christian, by occupation Govt. Employee under HCHS & PW Deptt., Govt of sikkim, resident of U/Thambong Block, P.O. & P/S Sombaria in the West District of Sikkim do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under :-

1. That, my name has been recorded as '**Samuel Lepcha**' and my father's name has been recorded as '**Jalat Namgay Lepcha**' in my C.O.I. issued vide Sl. No.1102/DC(W), Dated 26/03/2009.

2. That, my name has been recorded as '**SAMUEL TASHO**' and my father's name has been recorded as '**JALAT NAMGYAL TASHO**' in my Academic Records.

3. That, '**Samual Lepcha**' and '**SAMUEL TASHO**' are the names of the same and single person, i.e myself. Similarly, '**Jalat Namgay Lepcha**' and '**JALAT NAMGYAL TASHO**' are the names of the same and single name, i.e, my father.

4. That, the words '**LEPCHA**' in our caste and the word: '**TASHO**' is our sub-caste. Hence, my real, correct and full name is '**SAMUAL LEPCHA (TASHO)**' and my father's real, correct and full name is '**JALAT NAMGYAL LEPCHA (TASHO)**'.

5. That, the statements given above are true and correct to the best of my Knowledge and belief, nothing has been concealed or suppressed therein.

I signed this Affidavit in the open court of the Divisional Magistrate Soreng, West Sikkim on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009 in presence of the following witness.

**WITNESS/IDENTIFIER**

**Deponent**

**Samuel Lepcha**

**ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids,  
Pakyong-737106, Sikkim, India**

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F. No: NRC(O)/ADMN/27(A)/2024-25/259 Date: 11.07.2024

**WALK IN INTERVIEW NOTICE**

The Walk-In-Interview will be held at ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong-737106, Sikkim on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 11:00 AM, for the selection on the post of **(01) Senior Research Fellow (SRF) under "National Agriculture Innovation Fund (NAIF) Intellectual Property & Technology Management"** on contractual/temporary basis. For further details, the interested candidates may visit the website: [www.nrco.icar.gov.in](http://www.nrco.icar.gov.in).

**(Arvind Chauhaan)**

**Assistant Administrative Officer**

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**Advertisement No. 02/SPSC/EXAM/2024**

**Dated:03/07/2024**

Applications are invited from eligible local candidates for filling up **30(thirty)** post of **Assistant Engineer (Electrical)** on **temporary-regular basis** in **Level-15** of the Pay Matrix under Sikkim State Electrical Engineering service by Direct Recruitment. All applications are to be made online at the Commission's website.

**However, during the period of Probation/Apprenticeship/Training, pay shall be governed by Notification No. 489/GEN/DOP dated 31.10.2011.**

**1. DISTRIBUTION OF VACANCIES:**

SL NO.	RESERVATION CATEGORY	NO. OF POSTS
1.	Unreserved (UR)	03 (three)
2.	Bhutia - Lepcha (BL)	04 (four)
3.	Bhutia - Lepcha (BL) <b>(Women)</b>	02 (two)
4.	Other Backward Classes - Central List (OBC-CL)	04 (four)
5.	Other Backward Classes - Central List (OBC-CL) - <b>(Women)</b>	02 (two)
6.	Other Backward Classes State List (OBC-SL)	04 (four)
7.	Other Backward Classes - State List (OBC-SL) - <b>(Women)</b>	02 (two)
8.	Schedule Tribe (ST) - (Limboo & Tamang)	03 (three)
9.	Schedule Tribe (ST) - (Limboo & Tamang) - <b>(Women)</b>	01 (one)
10.	Schedule Caste (SC)	01 (one)
11.	Schedule Caste (SC) - <b>(Women)</b>	01 (one)
12.	Primitive Tribe (PT)	01 (one)
13.	MBC - State List	01 (one)
14.	WSS	01 (one)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30 (thirty)</b>

**2. IMPORTANT DATES:**

Last date for Submission of Applications: **04<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**3. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:**

**(A) Minimum Educational Qualification:**

**Degree in Electrical Engineering from a recognized University.**

**(B) Age Limit:**

Should have attained the age of **21 years**, but should not have exceeded **40 years** as on **30.06.2024**, in terms of Notification No: M(3)/(55)/GEN/DOP/Pt.III dated: 03/07/2017.

**(C) Required Documents:**

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(d)	Should have Valid Local Employment Card issued by the appropriate authority of the Government of Sikkim.

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## PCA-cum-Secretary S&YA Deptt chairs coordination meeting

**Gangtok, July 12:** Ms Yogeeta Rai, PCA-cum-Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs Department chaired a coordination meeting with the coaches belonging to various sports discipline at a local hotel near Paljor Stadium, Gangtok today.

The coordination meeting was conducted under the aegis of 'Sunaulo Sikkim, Samriddha Sikkim.'

The event will be organised by Sports and Youth Affairs (S&YA) Department which will span from 2024 to 2025 to celebrate 50th year of Statehood of Sikkim. Its objective is to commemorate the celebration through participation in sports discipline. Present in the meeting were Mr RB Bishwakarma, Additional Director-S&YA, Mr Jigme Y Lepcha, Joint Director-S&YA, Ms Sandhya Gurung Dronacharya Awardee (2021), Mr Sonam Lepcha, Deputy Director S&YA and other officers from the department. Coaches from various sports discipline under S&YA Department.

PCA-cum-Secretary extended congratulations to the Coaches who bought laurels to the State through the performance of their students in various discipline and Secretary called them 'powerhouse' of the Sports Department.

In her special mention, she

lauded the achievements of Sandhya Gurung who won the Dronacharya Award for Sikkim.

Citing the recent success of State in sporting events, the Secretary hoped that the efforts of Coaches would continue to show progress. She assured that no stone would be left unturned by the Government in extending support to them in the future.

During the course of the meeting, progress report of Coaches for the year 2022-2024 was apprised to everyone. Names of the Coaches, whose students achieved medals at State and National level was also informed.

An interactive session between the Secretary and the Coaches also took place, wherein the Coaches shared their grievances to the Secretary and put forward their suggestions. The discussion revolved around extension of sporting infrastructure, initiation of a dedicated sporting academy for the state, hygienic condition around sporting infrastructure, addition of staff in sports academy and minimum required qualification of Coaches.

The Secretary after listening to the grievances assured them that their points will be placed before the concerned authority.

The meeting also included felicitation of recently promoted Coaches.

## Health Tips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## MP Lok Sabha reviews glacial studies taken up by DST

**Gangtok, July 12:** MP Lok Sabha, Dr Indra Hang Subba, visited the Science and Technology Department at Vigyan Bhawan, Deorali to review the ongoing initiatives related to glaciers and glacial hazards, particularly in light of the October 2023 flood incident.

During the visit, the Department presented its latest studies and findings on glaciers,

followed by a productive round table discussion. Given the significant number of glaciers and glacial lakes in the Eastern Himalaya region, it was proposed to establish a Regional Centre of Glaciology in Sikkim. This proposed Centre aims not only to study glacier dynamics and assess associated hazards but also implement mitigation measures

aimed at minimizing the risks of glacial floods.

MP Lok Sabha emphasized the importance of preparing structured treatment plans for high-risk glacial lakes in a phased manner. He assured the Department for his full support for future endeavours in this critical area of research and public safety.

## Press Release from DDMA Gangtok

**Gangtok:** A joint inspection of landslide which occurred during the morning hours of July 15 at the Syari Road was conducted by a team led by Mr Tushar G Nikhare, District Collector Gangtok in the presence of Mr Tenzing Lamtha, Area MLA Shyari.

Also present were DFO (T), Gangtok, Forest Department team, Additional Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer, Lagyap, Power Department team, Additional Chief Engineer, Superintending Engineer, Divisional Engineer, PMGSY, RDD and team, Divisional Engineer, Water Resources Department, SHO Ranipool PS, Deputy Director/Disaster Management, DDMA Gangtok, Sr Geologist, Mines and Geology Department and Training Officer/Disaster Management, DDMA Gangtok.

The landslide has severely impacted the road connecting Ranipool to Syari, destroying a section at Dhakal Gaon, Jalipool, rendering the road inaccessible. The debris from the landslide has flowed into the river, raising concerns about potential blockage.

Additionally, the landslide poses threat to 16 households (labour colony) residing at the

Power Quarter in Jalipool and the surrounding areas.

The following decisions and directions were given during the joint inspection:

Sixteen families living along the riverbank at the Government Quarters and surrounding areas are to be evacuated. The Power Department and the SHO of Ranipool will be responsible for executing this action.

One of the electric poles stands directly above the landslide area, with an approximate distance of 20 feet between the pole and the crown of the landslide. This proximity poses a high risk of damage to the pole. The Power Department is directed to reinforce the base of the pole and make alternative arrangements to ensure continuity of service in the event the pole is completely damaged.

Deployment of force, patrolling of the area and installation of danger signs towards both sides of the disconnected road- action to be taken by PMGSY, RMDD and SHO Ranipool.

The Forest Department was instructed to remove any trees posing a threat in the landslide area.

Coordination among Forest, Water Resource Department and PMGSY, RDD for removal of logs and debris of the landslide from the river to prevent diversion of the river towards the habitation- action to be taken by Forest, Water Resource and PMGSY, RDD.

Mines and Geology Department to conduct a detailed inspection of the area and suggest long-term and short-term mitigation measures for the landslide.

During the inspection, Area MLA informed that several electric lines owned by the Power Department run directly above the houses of residents in Dhakal Gaon, Lagyap, posing a severe threat to local population.

In response, DC directed the Power Department to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the area and submit a report for further necessary action.

Since the existing PMGSY road connecting Jalipool to Shyari is causing inconvenience to the public, the DC has instructed PMGSY officials to identify an alternative route.

This measures will be taken by PMGSY and RDD accordingly.

## W&CDD organises 100 days special awareness campaign in Mangan

**Mangan, July 12:** Office of the Women and Child Development Department (W&CDD), Mangan organised a significant event as part of the '100-Days Special Awareness Campaign', under the Ministry of Women and Child Development's initiative, SANKALP: HEW on Women-Centric Themes.

The event also focused on 'Bhartiya Naya Sanhita' (BNS), an initiative aimed at promoting legal awareness of the Indian Penal Code to empower women with foundational knowledge of the legal system. The campaign was conducted by the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) at the Government Girls' Senior Secondary School, Mangan.

Also present were Mr Prashant Rai, SHO (Mangan) Principal of Girls Sr Sec School Ms Choden Kazi, SWO Ms Choden Bhutia, teachers, Police personnel, SHG members, students, members of DHEW and staff of W&CDD, WHL and SWD.

The programme began with an introductory session.

Principal provided an overview of the W&CDD, highlighting various schemes under HEW and emphasising the importance of keeping personal documents updated to avoid discrepancies while availing Government benefits.

SHO delivered an insightful presentation on the Bhartiya Naya Sanhita, which has been implemented as a new law effective from July 1, 2024. He elaborated on significant sections of the BNS, 2023, particularly those related to offences against women and children, consolidated in Chapter V.

The topics included Uniform Terminology: The term 'child' replaces 'minor' and 'child under eighteen years', consistently.

Marital Rape: defined as rape if the wife is under eighteen, Section 69: penalises intercourse obtained through false promises of marriage, employment, or identity, Sections 76 and 77: make assault with intent to disrobe and voyeurism gender-neutral, Section 95: imposes 7-

10 years imprisonment for exploiting children in crimes, Section 111: covers organised crime, with a death penalty if it results in death, Section 141 protects minors from being used for forced or seduced illicit intercourse and Section 143, which includes 'beggary' as a form of exploitation for trafficking, making it punishable.

He also informed attendees about the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) app available on Play Store, enabling online complaint registration with certain conditions. He highlighted that Sections 63 to 99 focus on laws concerning women and children, including new provisions for third-gender individuals.

The event concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Mr Tikendra Deep Dahal, Gender Specialist, DHEW, expressing gratitude to all participants and emphasising the importance of continuous legal and social awareness to empower women and children in the community.

## Coordination meeting by Minister Puran Kumar Gurung

**Pakyong, July 12:** Mr Puran Kumar Gurung, Minister for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Fisheries, and Horticulture Departments convened a coordination meeting with all Zilla Panchayats, Gram Panchayats, and officials from Chujachen Constituency.

During the meeting, the Minister applauded the Block for its commendable work and achievements so far. He advised all officials and local representatives to continue working in close coordination to elevate the constituency, aiming to

make it a model for others to follow.

Additionally, a plantation drive was conducted under the initiatives 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' and 'Mero Bot Mero Bato'. The drive aims to increase green cover and promote environmental sustainability in the region.

The meeting was attended by Mr Robin Pd Sewa ADC (Dev) Pakyong, Mr Kumar Pradhan JD Education, Mr ST Lepcha SDM Rongli, Mr Nim Pintso Bhutia BDO Rhenock, RO Forest Department along with officials and staff from the Regu BAC.

## 10<sup>th</sup> World Youth Skills Day celebrated

**Gangtok July 15:** Skill Development Department celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> World Youth Skills Day in Training Centre of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AH&VS) Department, Sokaythang, Lingding, today.

The theme for World Youth Skills Day 2024 is 'Youth Skills for Peace and Development'.

The programme was attended by Mr Madan Cintury, Advisor, Skill Development Department as the chief guest, along with Mr Samdup Bhutia, Additional Secretary Skill Development Department, Senior Officers of the department, Principals and Superintendents of Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), representatives from different Programme Implementing Agencies, awardees, alumni, students and officials.

At the outset, the chief guest inaugurated the Mobilisation/Counselling-cum-Awareness Kiosk.

He highlighted that Sikkim remains peaceful and the State Government is working towards providing every youth with growth opportunities. He suggested collecting data from Panchayats through which, all the school dropouts could be brought under the Skill Development Department and the students could be imparted with skill training.

Earlier, Additional Secretary, SDD highlighted various training programmes provided by the Department for

the youth and also shared information regarding the importance of World Youth Skills Day.

A brief presentation on the department's skilling schemes/training was provided by Mr Bishal Rai, Chief Administrator, State Institute of Capacity Building (SICB) Karfectar under SDD.

Following which, the Government ITI toppers were presented Certificate of Appreciation recognising their achievements. The alumni of different programme-implementing agencies under the Department were also presented with a citation.

A virtual interactive session with the trainees of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) Centre, Syari and Guwahati, was held wherein, the chief guest sought feedback regarding the course and enquired about their well-being.

The programme also felicitated Ms Rinzing Choden Bhutia, founder of Agapi, a women-led startup to receive Foreign Direct Investment in Sikkim and Mr Jaganath Sharma, founder of Positron Computer Education Institute, which provides capacity building to numerous youths in Sikkim. The youth icons were presented with a citation.

It may be noted that World Youth Skills Day was adopted by a resolution of the UN General Assembly passed on December 18, 2014. Since then, the day has been observed by various Member Nations.

## Press release

**Gangtok, July 14:** A book release event for Sandhya Subba Singzango's latest work, 'Yakthung Mundhumlore', was held at Yakthung Chumlung Restaurant, Yakthung Heem, DPH, Gangtok.

'Yakthung Mundhumlore' features twenty stories carefully extracted, compiled, and edited from the rich legacy of Yakthung Mundhum. These stories cover various themes and moral values, offering deep insights into the Yakthung/Limbu world.

The author's consciousness

and dedication to Yakthung culture, customs, rituals, and history inspired this book as a contribution towards the conservation of the Limbu community.

The event was graced by former Minister, Mr Birbal Tamling, President, Sukhim Pungwa Yuma Samyo Society, Mr Bijay Pratap Hang Subba, Tribal Research Officer, Mr Ganesh Kumar Subba, Limbu teachers, Anthropologists, Professors, writers and wellwishers.

## Namchi District celebrates Bhanu Jayanti

**Namchi, July 13:** Dakshin Sikkim Sahitya Sammelan (DSSS) in collaboration with District Administrative Centre Namchi celebrated the 210<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti at Officers' Club, Namchi, today.

The programme had the presence of Mr Bhoj Raj Rai Minister for Urban Development Department as the chief guest. He was accompanied by Mr Tek Bahadur Gurung as the special guest, Mr Ganesh Rai Chairman NMC, Ms Anupa Tamling DC Namchi, Mr Subash Ghimirey ADC (Hq), Dr CPRai ADC (Dev) Namchi, Mr Gopal Kumar Chettri SDM (Hq), Mr Saran Kalikotay SDM Namchi, Officers, HoOs along with teachers and students of various schools and colleges under Namchi district and members of DSSS.

The programme commenced by offering homage to Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya followed by Shova Yatra from Bhanu Salig to Officer's Club.

Minister in his address applauded the Organising

Committee for their commitment in making the occasion remarkable and briefed on the importance of Bhanubhakta Acharya in the recognition of Nepali language and his contribution in translating the Ramayan into Nepali literary.

He also encouraged the students to preserve and safeguard the culture and traditions and to be well versed with one's heritage.

Further, he informed about the historical background of various languages and envisioned for larger celebration of Bhanu Jayanti in Namchi in the future.

During the occasion, DC Namchi extended her gratitude towards the dedication of the Committee members and emphasised on the contribution of Aadikavi Bhanubhakta in Nepali language.

Highlighting about the dedication of the early poets, she motivated to make a benchmark for the young poets and authors.

Furthermore, Mr Ganesh

Chettri Vice President DSSS reflected on significance of the celebration of Bhanu Jayanti in the State and reiterated about the Nepali translation of Ramayan making it the first ever Nepali epic.

As a tribute to Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya on his birth anniversary, various competitions among the students of schools and colleges was conducted. With the motive of developing interest in Nepali language among the students Ramayan paath, poem recitation, extempore and painting competition was held during the programme. An open poem recitation was also held in Bhutia, Lepcha, Rai, Tamang, Limboo and Mangar languages.

During the programme, mementos were presented to the chief guest, special guest and other dignitaries by the Committee members.

The programme concluded with the prize distribution to the winners of the competition as well as to all the participants.

## Gyalshing District reminisces Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya on birth anniversary

**Gyalshing, July 13:** 210<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Bhanubhakta Acharya was celebrated at the Community Hall in Gyalshing Bazar, today. Mr Bhim Hang Limboo Minister for Buildings and Housing department graced the celebration as the chief guest.

The day commenced with the offering of homage to statue of Bhanubhakta Acharya at Bhanu Salig, Kyongsa by the Minister followed by Ms Yishey D Yongda DC Gyalshing-cum-Chairperson Organising Committee, Mr Sonam Wangdi Bhutia ASP Gyalshing, SDM Hq Gyalshing, SDPO Gyalshing, Padmashree Mr Kedar Gurung, Deputy Director Education and members of Paschim Sikkim Sahitya Prakashan Gyalshing.

Thereafter, the celebration was held in the Community Hall at Gyalshing Bazar.

In his address, the Minister highlighted the achievements of Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya, particularly his translation of the Ramayana into Nepali. He also congratulated awardees and encouraged collective efforts to elevate literature in the State, mentioning about the State Government's initiatives to promote literature.

DC Gyalshing in her welcome address emphasised on the significance of the day.

The prestigious SRATA Awards 2024 were conferred upon Mr Gyalpo Lama from Kurseong, West Bengal for poetry, Mr Bal Ram Dahal from Namthang for

essay and Mr Avinash Sanyashi from Arigaon for story. Additionally, the 87<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Smriti Vishyasankh' was released in memory of Lt Upaman Basnet.

Meritorious students, namely, Ms Sony Subba of Bermiok Martam Senior Secondary School for Nepali, Mr Chusong Lepcha of Dentam Senior Secondary School for Lepcha, Ms Srijana Limboo of Dentam Senior Secondary School for Limboo and Ms Dawa Yanki Lepcha of Gyalshing Senior Secondary School for Bhutia excelled in linguistic languages were honored by the chief guest.

The celebration also had colourful performances by the students from various schools.

## Pakyong observes 210<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti

**Pakyong, July 13:** Sikkim Pratibha Pratisthan, in collaboration with the District Administrative Centre (DAC) Pakyong District celebrated the District Level 210<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti at St Xavier's School, today.

The commemoration served as a tribute to the birth anniversary of Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya, the literary luminary renowned for his poignant translation of the Ramayana from the ancient Sanskrit language to the melodious Nepali tongue.

Mr Raju Basnet, Minister for Education Department-cum-Area MLA Namcheybong graced the occasion as the chief guest, along with Mrs Pamin Lepcha, MLA Gnathang Machong as the special guest and Mr SR Subba (Khajum) as the guest of honor.

Also present were Mrs Prabha Pradhan Zilla Upadhyaksha Pakyong, Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh DC Pakyong, Mr Robin Pd Sewa ADC (Dev), Mr Rinzing Chopel Rai ASP Pakyong, Mr Dakman Subba SDM Pakyong, Mr Purna Yonzon, Dr Kamal Gurung and Mr Kamal Kafley.

The event commenced with the garlanding of the statue of Bhanubhakta at Bhanu Shalig by the chief guest and other distinguished dignitaries, followed by Sobha Yatra from the Community Hall to St Xavier's School.

During the programme, the Minister stated on Sikkim's tradition in commemorating the occasion of Bhanu Jayanti and underscoring the pivotal role played by the poet in simplifying the immortal epic of the Ramayana.

Similarly, MLA Gnathang Machong reiterated the contributions of Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya, applauding his monumental achievement in rendering the Ramayana in Nepali. She urged all to draw inspiration from his literary legacy and promote the use of Nepali language in daily lives.

Mr SR Subba emphasised the intrinsic value of conversing in one's mother tongue, asserting that the purity of language is indispensable and can serve as a powerful heritage.

Additionally, Mr Kamal

Kafley, a litterateur, outlined the life and contributions of Bhanubhakta Acharya during the event, emphasising the importance of preserving cultural heritage.

The event unfolded with an array of cultural performances, including songs by Mr Manish Subba, the shining star of 'Sikkim Idol 2022' and Ms Monica Rai, one of the top 5 contestants of 'Voice of Nepal' alongside a poetic recital by a contestant of 'Poet Idol'.

The programme also saw book release of authors Mr DR Gurung with 'Baibhav', Mr T Peter Singh with 'Jiwan Yatra ka Ghumi haru' and Mr Tek Bahadur Shankher with 'Aantardanda'.

Dr JM Chettri, Mr Gopal Gajmer, Dr Umesh Dhakal, Dr Sarita Sharma, Mr Manish Subba, and Ms Jetshen Dohna Lama were felicitated for their achievements and contributions in their respective domains.

The winners and the participants of various categories were distributed certificates by the Organising Committee.

## Soreng District commemorates Bhanu Jayanti

**Soreng, July 13:** 210<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti was celebrated with much fervour at the Swarna Jayanti Rangshala at Soreng Senior Secondary School, today.

The celebrations began with Sobha Yatra procession from Bhanu Salig till Senior Secondary School Soreng.

The programme commenced with lighting of the lamp and a welcome song performed by the cultural sub-committee.

The event was graced by the chief guest Mr MN Sherpa Speaker (SLA) who was accompanied by Mr Thiru Prasad Nepal guest resource person (renowned literary figure), Mrs Tila Devi Gurung Zilla Adhayaksha (Soreng District), Zilla Panchayats, Mr Dhiraj Subedi DC Soreng, Mr Nahkul Pradhan SP Soreng, Mr Gaayas Pega ADC (Dev), former MLAs, HoDs, District Officers, dignitaries, teachers, students and public.

With a warm greetings to all the attendees, the Speaker in his address, reminisced about his school days and the impact of Bhanubhakta Acharya's poetry on his life. He also provided insights into the life and works of Bhanubhakta Acharya emphasising his role in establishing a Nepali identity through literature. He further advocated for traditional attire in workplaces once a week to preserve cultural heritage. Additionally, he highlighted various Government initiatives aimed at agricultural, environmental sustainability and touched upon various Government schemes.

Resource person Mr Thiru

Prasad Nepal delved into the life and literary journey of Bhanubhakta Acharya.

He stated that Bhanubhakta Acharya's contributions paved the way for Nepali literature and language that gave an identity to the community while marking our space in the world literature. Quoting some of the eminent writers such as Dharnidhar Koirala, Surya Bikram Gyawali and Parasmani Pradhan, he said that Acharya's works still continues to inspire poets, writers, authors till date.

At the outset, DC Soreng spoke about the enduring influence of Bhanubhakta Acharya. He highlighted the significant contributions of the iconic Nepali literary legend to Nepali literature and how his works still continues to inspire the community.

The celebration also had a series of cultural performances. These included Ramayan Paath, poetry recitations, extempore speech, debate and traditional dance showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of the region.

The winners for poetry, dance, extempore speech and debate competitions were given certificates.

As a token of appreciation, mementos were presented to the chief guest and guest resource person Mr Thiru Prasad Nepal by the organising committee. Mountaineer Ms Manita Pradhan was also felicitated by Soreng, BAC.

During the programme, a book named 'A Tribute to Adhikavi' by Kishan Dahal was also launched in the presence of the chief guest and dignitaries.

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### Mahaanushthan...

Pandey highlighted the cultural significance and key aspects of the Sanskrit language.

The talk session was attended by Professors, Lecturers, Heads of various Universities, Sanskrit scholars, and students of Samdong Sanskrit College. Government Sanskrit teachers from various schools across the State also participated in the programme.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor extended his heartfelt greetings to everyone present and emphasised the timeless essence of ancestral wisdom embedded in the culture.

He highlighted that 'Sanskrit' is a way of life that embodies Indian ethics and values. He also underscored that, although Sanskrit is still in its nascent stage in the State, the Sikkimese way of life reflects the Sanskriti everyone are all proud of.

Expressing his privilege for being an integral part of Sikkim, where culture thrives and women

and children live in a safe environment under the nurturing umbrella of their Sanskriti, the Governor lauded the Government of Sikkim's initiatives to preserve and promote Sanskrit. He urged the gathering for greater awareness and appreciation of Sanskrit as a unifying force that transcends boundaries.

Furthermore, the Governor reaffirmed the State Government's effort in strengthening emotional and cultural ties by promoting the Sanskrit language and heritage in Sikkim. Furthermore, he emphasised that with the strengthening of Sanskrit, India will become a 'Vishwa Guru' (Universal Teacher).

Earlier, Mangalacharan and thematic dance on the significance of the Sanskrit language was performed by students of Government Sanskrit College, Samdong.

On the occasion, the Governor also felicitated distinguished guests from Kashi and Sikkim who performed on the three-day 'Mahaanushthan' at Raj Bhavan.

## Minister Arun Kumar Upreti emphasises unity and progress at 210<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti Celebrations

**Gangtok, July 13:** Second segment of the celebration marking the 210<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya included the presentation of awards, felicitations, and literary deliberations was held at Manan Kendra, today.

The event was graced by Mr Arun Kumar Upreti Minister for Rural Development Department as the chief guest, accompanied by Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa, MLA Gangtok constituency-cum-Chairman Bhanubhakta Celebration Committee, as the guest of honour and Ms Kala Rai, MLA Burtuk Constituency as the special guest.

During the programme, Mr Dup Tshering Lepcha from Namchebung, Pakyong district, was conferred with the Bhanu Purashkar, 2024.

The chief guest in his address extended greetings to the gathering on the occasion of the 210<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti.

He said, "We have gathered to celebrate the 210<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the great poet, Bhanubhakta Acharya. This year's Bhanu Jayanti theme, 'Hamro Ekta Hamro Samridhi,' is meaningful as we reflect on Bhanubhakta's great contributions to Nepali society."

He noted that Bhanubhakta Acharya is honoured as 'Aadikavi' as he not only demonstrated poetic beauty but also helped improve people and society through his writings.

He mentioned that Aadikavi played an important role in uniting societies by making the Nepali language simple, accessible, and inclusive.

Bhanubhakta's translation of the Sanskrit epic 'Ramayana' into the Nepali language brought the story and teachings of the Ramayana to ordinary people, creating a shared cultural heritage and greatly contributing to the development of Nepali literature, he added.

The Minister further remarked that beyond the Ramayana, Bhanubhakta's works deeply explored social issues, exposing societal prejudices and superstitions, as shown in his work 'Bhaktina ko Byatha'. The chief guest said that his writings encouraged Nepali society to think deeply and seek reform, highlighting the path towards improvement and progress.

He stated, "as we celebrate Bhanu Jayanti, it is important not only to remember Bhanubhakta's contributions but also to draw inspiration from his thoughts and teachings. By embracing his ideas, we can continue to enrich Nepali language, literature, and culture, and work towards a more prosperous and inclusive society."

The chief guest said, "to honour Bhanubhakta's legacy, everyone must commit to preserve and promote cultural heritage. Sharing Bhanubhakta's

contributions and teachings with future generations will help secure a brighter future for the literary tradition," he added.

He stated, "Bhanubhakta Acharya taught us that unity is the foundation of prosperity. By following his path, we can overcome societal divisions and ensure equal opportunities for all." Concluding his address, he urged everyone to strive to follow Aadikavi's path and contribute to the betterment and progress of society.

In his keynote address, Mr CP Sharma, former Press Advisor to the Chief Minister, spoke about the life and contributions of Aadikavi Bhanubhakta Acharya to literature.

He highlighted Bhanubhakta's significant achievements, including his poems and the translation of Valmiki's Ramayana into Nepali. He emphasised on Bhanubhakta's literary legacy and urged younger generations to promote and preserve their language and heritage.

He mentioned that Bhanubhakta Acharya, revered as Nepal's first poet (Aadikavi), was born in 1814 in the Tanahun district. Acharya is best known for translating the epic Ramayana from Sanskrit to Nepali, making it accessible to the general public, he said. He added that this translation not only enriched Nepali literature but also played a crucial role in the upliftment of culture and language.

He pointed out Bhanubhakta's poetic works, known for simplicity and deep devotion to the Nepali language and culture.

B h a n u b h a k t a ' s contributions have left a lasting mark on Nepalese literature, inspiring countless poets and writers to follow in his footsteps, he concluded.

Earlier, the programme began with the lighting of a ceremonial lamp and a welcome address delivered by Mr Hari Dhungel, President, Nepali Sahitya Parishad, Sikkim.

On the occasion, renowned personalities were conferred with the following awards: Mr Bhasker Poudyal (Bhasa Sewa Sri Samman)- Namphing, Namchi district, Mr Udav Gopal Shrestha (Sahitya Sewa Sri Samman) Rongli, Pakyong district, Mr Dhan Kumar Gurung (Sangeet Sewa Sri Samman) Barfok, Gyalshing District, Dr Bharat Basista (Natya Sewa Sri Samman) Tarpin Rhenock, Pakyong district, Mr Nandu Dutraj (Patrakarita Sewa Sri Samman) Singtam, Gangtok district, Mr Dhiraj Pradhan (Chitrakarita Sewa Sri Samman) Rhenock, Pakyong district, Ms Gayatri Rai (Nriya Sewa Sri Samman) Culture Department, Ms Kala Bhutia (Nriya Sewa Sri Samman) Culture Department and Ms Mamta Singh Cintury (Nriya Sewa Sri Samman)

Culture Department.

Likewise, Bhasa Gaurav Samman was conferred to the following personalities in recognition of their contributions to the Lepcha and Bhutia languages, respectively: Mr Dawa Tshering Lepcha, Rinchenpong, Soreng district and Mr Karma Lobzang Bhutia, Tathangchen, Gangtok district.

The Committee organised inter-school and open Ramayana Paath, Kavita Paath, along with Tableau and traditional procession competitions this year.

The following were declared as winners today:

Inter-school Ramayana Paath competition winners: Modern Senior Secondary School, Tadong Senior Secondary School and Sichey Senior Secondary School.

For Ramayana Paath competition the winners are Ms Pranita Sharma-Samdong (Gangtok District), Rumtek Chinjey Group-Rumtek (Gangtok District) and Ms Rita Sharma-Singtam (Gangtok District).

For inter-school poem competition the winners are Mr Passang Tshering Tamang - Sir Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, Gangtok District, Ms Nainakala Chettri - Sichey Senior Secondary School, Gangtok and Ms Sutnama Limboo-Bojoghari Senior Secondary School, Gangtok.

In open poem competition the winners were Ms Babita Khaling-Parenggaon, Soreng district, Ms Puja Chhetri Bering, Pakyong district and Mr Sabin Rai Mangalbaria, Soreng district.

Similarly the inter-school Shova Yatra competition the winners were Sir Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, Gangtok, Ranka Senior Secondary School, Gangtok and Little Pixies International School, Gangtok.

The annual publication of the Nepali Sahitya Parishad 'Bhanu Smarika', and a few other publications were also released on the occasion by the dignitaries.

Likewise, Nepali Sahitya Parishad Sikkim felicitated the chief guest, guest of honour, special guest and dignitaries from Nepal and Kalimpong.

Also present during the programme were Zilla Adhyaksha Mangan, Mayor, Deputy Mayor (GMC), Councillors, former MLAs, HoDs, officials, representatives from Nepali Sathiya Parishad-Sikkim, awardees, literary personalities, language experts, researchers, representatives from various associations and organisations, dignitaries, guests from Nepal, and Kalimpong, teachers, and students.

The programme concluded with cultural performances, presentation of Appreciation Letters to various organisations, and distribution of prizes.

## 210<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti celebrated in Mangan

**Mangan, July 13:** 210<sup>th</sup> Bhanu Jayanti was celebrated at DAC Hall Pentok, today. The event saw a mixture of cultural pride and literary homage.

The celebration saw the attendance of Ms Sonam Keepa Bhutia Upadhyaksha Mangan, Councillors, Panchayats, Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan, SP Mangan, ADC Mangan, SDM Mangan, SDM Dzongu, BDO Mangan, HoOs, staff, students and teachers from various schools.

The programme commenced with the lighting of ceremonial lamp and garlanding of the portrait of 'Aadhikavi' Bhanubhakta Acharya.

Emphasising the historical significance of Bhanu Jayanti, DC highlighted the invaluable contributions of Bhanubhakta Acharya to Nepali literature. The event also included honouring of three judges; Mr Ganesh Thapa

(WO), Mr Pema Wangchen Namkarpa (SDM Hq) and Mr Arun Chettri (SDM Dzongu).

Ms Sonam Keepa Bhutia shared her insights on the importance of the event and stressed on the need to preserve one's cultural heritage and urged everyone to uphold their traditions as it helps in maintaining their identity in the future. She added that the celebration not only honours the legacy of Bhanubhakta Acharya but also serves as a reminder of preserving and celebrating cultural heritage.

The celebration featured competitive events for students, such as Kavita Paath and Ramayan Paath. The winners were awarded certificates and prizes.

The programme also featured ethnic dance performances by students from various schools, adding a vibrant cultural touch to the celebration.

## SBI conducts 79<sup>th</sup> State Level Bankers' Committee meeting

**Gangtok, July 12:** 79<sup>th</sup> State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) meeting for Sikkim, for the quarter ended March 2024 was held at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

The meeting was graced by Mr MCP Pradhan, Secretary, Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department (FR&ED) as the chief guest alongwith Mr Thotngam Jamang, Chief General Manager-cum-Officer-in charge, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) who is also Regional Director, RBI, Mr Nand Kishore Singh, Convenor, General Manager (GM)-SBI Kolkata Circle, Mr Ravi Shankar, GM-RBI, Mr Ajay Kumar Sinha, GM-NABARD, Mr Gadadhar Ray, Chief Manager-SLBC, Mr Kallol Bhattacharya, Chief Manager, Lead Bank, HODs from various line departments and stakeholders.

In his address, the Secretary spoke about Education Loan, SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), expanding and deepening of digital payments ecosystem and financial literacy camps to be conducted by the banks.

The major highlight of the meeting was the presentation of progress on Sikkim's performance. The State showed Year-over-Year (YoY) growth in deposit by ₹885.65 crore as on March 31, having an increase of 5.92% in comparison to last Financial Year 2022 to 2023.

Likewise, Sikkim showed YoY growth in advance by ₹ 885.30 crore as on March 31 with an increase of 12.83% in comparison to last FY 2022-23.

And the Credit-Deposit (CD) ratio of the State primarily showed a substantial increase of 10.20% on YoY basis, with 54.59% as on March 31, 2023 to 64.79% as on March 31, 2024.

In his address, Mr Thotngam Jamang suggested SRLM to organise a

sensitisation programme of SHGs wherein, all the stake holders would be present. He also suggested NABARD and SRLM to identify SHGs who were dormant or inactive both in financial as well as activity wise and come up with a strategy to develop these SHGs.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Mr Nand Kishore Singh, expressed his gratitude to bank officials for their active participation and spoke on reviewing the progress under Annual Credit Plan (ACP) and performance of the bank in the year 2023-24.

He stressed on the need for banks to focus more on priority sector, which includes agriculture and allied activities sector, MSME sector and others.

The meeting also had an interactive session with the officials of banks who witnessed in-depth deliberations through a presentation by Mr Gadadhar Ray, GM-SLBC on various parameters like CD Ratio for Sikkim and performance under Annual Credit Plan.

Additionally, he threw light on the special programmes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), PM-SVANidhi Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojna- PMMY (MUDRA) and Stand-Up India.

Similarly, the status of opening of brick and mortar branches in Sikkim at Tokal Bermiok Namchi District, Tashiding Gyalshing District and at JN Road Chandmari, Gangtok District was also discussed.

Likewise, various implementation of schemes and facilities were listed, including Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna.

## CM pays final respects to former Minister Late RC Poudyal

**Gangtok, July 17:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang visited the residence of former Minister Late Mr RC Poudyal at Chota Singtam to pay his final respects to the departed soul, today.

During his visit, the Chief Minister extended his heartfelt condolences to the grieving family and friends. He also offered

prayers for the departed soul to rest in eternal peace.

Late Mr Poudyal was a distinguished senior political leader who had served the Sikkim Government in various capacities, including as a Cabinet Minister, and was the leader of the Jhulke Gham Party.

## Chief Minister meets Chief Minister of Mizoram

**Gangtok, July 13:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang met with the Chief Minister of Mizoram, Mr Pu Laldhuma in Mumbai, today.

The meeting discussed on various issues and potential

avenues for cooperation.

The interaction further highlighted the importance of inter-state cooperation and the shared vision of both leaders for regional progress.

## Chief Minister pays tribute to martyred Captain Brijesh Thapa

**Gangtok, July 17:** On behalf of the people of Sikkim, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang extended his deepest respects to Captain Brijesh Thapa and his comrades who attained Veergati while defending the motherland in Kashmir.

“Captain Brijesh Thapa has

joined the legion of immortal Indians who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends in this hour of grief. May the departed soul rest in eternal peace”, shared the Chief Minister.

## CM interacts with members of AIGDC

**Gangtok, July 15:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang met and interacted with the representatives and members of the All-India Government Drivers Confederation (AIGDC) at Samman Bhawan, Gangtok, today.

The meeting highlighted the State Government’s dedication to the welfare of drivers across various states.

The Chief Minister expressed gratitude to the AIGDC representatives for the token of appreciation presented by various State representatives including the executives of All Sikkim Government Drivers Association (ASGDA).

He emphasised the State Government’s proactive efforts towards the welfare of the Sarathis and affirmed their ongoing commitment towards them.

Furthermore, he extended best wishes to both AIGDC and

ASGDA for their future endeavours, emphasising the ongoing support for their cause.

Mr Somnath Adhikari, Vice President, ASGDA expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for honouring the drivers and their profession and also noted how the State Government’s unique initiative ‘Chalak Samman Diwas’ has brought honour to their profession nationwide. He further highlighted some issues related to recent AI rules and norms, urging the Government to consider these concerns. He also assured full support to the Government from ASGDA.

Earlier, the Chief Minister was felicitated by the delegates from AIGDC.

The programme was also attended by MLAs-cum-Advisors, Mr Sanjeet Kharel and Mr Madan Cintury and senior officials from CMO.

## Secretary IPR administers pledge on LIFE

**Gangtok, July 12:** As a part of ‘Sikkim Paryavaran Parva,’ a pledge on Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) was administered to all officers and staff by Ms Karma D Youtso, Secretary, Information and Public Relations Department at Soochana Bhawan, Tadong, today.

Thereafter, a cleanliness drive was also conducted in and around the office establishment.

It may be mentioned that

Sikkim Paryavaran Parva 2024 themed ‘Leave a Green Legacy’, is being observed from July 1 to 14, by the Forest and Environment Department in which, several initiatives are being carried out namely, large-scale plantation drive, paryavaran walks along with host of other activities to generate awareness on environment conservation and sustainable practices.

## Chief Minister confers with Gorkha Gaurav Samman

**Siliguri, July 14:** In a heartfelt tribute, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang dedicated the prestigious Gorkha Gaurav Samman to the people of Sikkim, acknowledging their dedication and hard work.

Chief Minister was honoured with the Gorkha Gaurav Samman, on the occasion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Nepali Newspaper Himalaya Darpan at Siliguri, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the State and its people.

“I dedicate this award to the esteemed people, whose constant dedication and hard work have resulted in me being the only Gorkha Chief Minister in the nation”, he shared.

During the function, the Chief Minister also unveiled the Sikkim Edition of Himalaya Darpan, a Nepali daily newspaper published by Darpan Publication in presence of Shri Shri 108 Mohan Priyacharya, Pranami Dharma Guru, Mr Raju Bista MP Darjeeling (Lok Sabha), Mr Niraj Zimba MLA



Darjeeling, Mr Sandeep Choudhary Publisher and Proprietor Himalaya Darpan and other dignitaries.

In addition to his tribute, the Chief Minister extended his congratulations to the Himalaya Darpan family for their 23 years of service and also paid homage to late Mr Nar Bahadur Bhandari, former Chief Minister of Sikkim, for his dedication to the Nepali language, leading to its recognition in the Indian Constitution.

He also noted significant progress, stating, “in 2003, the Indian Government granted ST status to the Limboo and Tamang communities in Sikkim and West Bengal. We must continue our efforts to secure similar recognition for the other left out communities”, he added.

Furthermore, he highlighted various State Government schemes, initiatives and achievements related to health and education.

## North East NSS festival kicks off

**Gangtok, July 16:** North East National Service Scheme (NSS) Festival was inaugurated by Mr Raju Basnet Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Department at Manan Kendra, Gangtok, today.

He was accompanied by Mr Janjilong, Regional Director NSS, Ms Yogeeta Rai Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs (S&YA) Department, Mr RB Bishwakarma Additional Director-S&YA, Mr Jigme Y Lepcha Joint Director-S&YA, Ms Laleeta Chettri Deputy Director-S&YA-cum-State Nodal Officer NSS (Sikkim) and Officers from S&YA Department. The inaugural event also saw participation of 300 individuals from North-Eastern States.

The five-day long North East NSS Festival 2024 spanning from July 16-19, 2024, aims to celebrate the diversity and richness of North-Eastern culture.

The event was organised by Sikkim State NSS Cell Department of Sports and Youth Affairs Department in collaboration with Ministry of Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

The Minister applauded the contributions of youth during the COVID-19 pandemic and expressed hope that the same degree of effort could be applied to fight the menace of drug abuse in Sikkim. He also hoped that the North-Eastern States take the fight against drug abuse seriously in all their endeavours.

Further, the Minister urged the participants to explore myriads of opportunities, which will make an incredible mark in the history of the State and the Country. Thereafter, the Minister declared the North NSS Festival 2024 open.

Secretary Sports and Youth

Affairs Department, in her brief address hoped that the youth will exchange culture and traditions and added that the festival in Sikkim will give the participants an opportunity to learn crucial skills and acquire knowledge about other cultures.

Regional Director-NSS, expressed that the five-day festival will be fully utilised by the participants to learn about the culture of North-Eastern states. He hoped that they will develop confidence to face the challenges in the world. Furthermore, he motivated the participants to break the language and culture barrier to reach out to friends from other North Eastern states.

Mr Anjan Chowdhary, Founder- Skill Infinity, spoke about various topics pertaining to Life Skill Training and Career Counselling to the participants.

## KNP celebrates 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNESCO recognition

**Gyalshing July 17:** Khangchendzonga National Park (KNP) celebrated its 8th anniversary of being inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a day-long programme at the KNP Interpretation Centre in Yuksom, today.

This significant milestone commemorates the Park’s recognition on July 17, 2016 for making it India’s first ‘Mixed Heritage Site’. KNP, also Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve, is the first and only National Park in Sikkim stretching from Gyalshing to Mangan districts. The park is named after the mountain Khangchendzonga which is the third-highest peak in the world.

The event organised by the KNP division under the Forest and Environment Department, featured a series of programmes aimed at promoting environmental conservation and raising

awareness about the Park’s significance. Highlights of the celebration included a Green Walk, Green Ride, and birding activities, which saw the participation from students, local stakeholders and cyclists.

The Green Walk initiative took participants inside the Khangchendzonga National Park, where they received an introduction to bird watching from guide Mr Lakpa Tenzing. Over 50 participants including students, tourism stakeholders and local dignitaries took part in the Green Walk initiative. Simultaneously, the Green Ride saw around 30 cyclists from across the Gyalshing district that took part, promoting eco-friendly travel and environmental awareness.

Mr DS Limboo, Zilla Adhyaksha, Gyalshing, graced the occasion as the chief guest, accompanied by Panchayats, SDM Yuksom and BDO Yuksom, DFO

KNP, ACF KNP, Former Advisor and various local officials, tourism stakeholders, teachers and students.

Zilla Adyaksha Gyalshing, highlighted the pride of having India’s first mixed-criteria UNESCO World Heritage site and called for collective efforts in conserving the environment and natural resources. He underscored the Park’s potential in birding and its diverse flora and fauna. “We must all take ownership and actively contribute to the conservation of the environment and natural resources,” he stated.

Ms Bhumika Rai DFO KNP, briefed on the significance of UNESCO designation and the Park’s cultural and natural heritage. She urged collective efforts for its conservation and emphasised the importance of community involvement in preserving the Park’s heritage.

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