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Governor congratulates Chief Minister on his victory



Gangtok, June 2: Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang also the Party President of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) called on Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya following the announcement of the results of the Sikkim State Legislative Assembly elections at Raj Bhawan, today.

With a resounding majority of SKM party and for his second term in office, the Chief Minister submitted his resignation letter from his current position to the Governor. In response, the Governor extended an invitation to continue serving as the Chief Minister until the formation of the new government.

During the meeting, the Governor conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to the Chief Minister and his party for their victory and extended best wishes for the upcoming term. He remarked that this victory symbolises the aspirations of the people and immense support, and trust they have garnered.

Indra Hang Subba wins Sikkim's lone Lok Sabha seat



Gangtok, June 4: Counting of votes for lone Parliamentary Constituency (Lok Sabha) of Sikkim completed, today.

Mr Indra Hang Subba of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) party won with a total of 1,64,396 votes in the State.

Following his triumph, he will continue for 2nd term as Member of Parliament in the 18th Lok Sabha. Out of the total, 1,56,836 votes were recorded at Polling Stations while, 7,560 were votes recorded on Postal Ballot Papers.

After the announcement of result, Mr Indra Hang Subba was presented with a Certificate of Election by DEO Gangtok Mr Tushar G Nikhare.

The counting process which commenced at 8:00 am today in the Counting Centres spread across six districts of Sikkim were overseen by General Observers, DEOs and Returning Officers

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Prem Singh Tamang led SKM registers landslide victory



Prem Singh Tamang
Soreng-Chakung, Rhenock



Tshering Thendup Bhutia
Yoksam-Tashiding



Bhim Hang Limboo
Yangthang



Sudesh Kumar Subba
Maneybung-Dentam



L N Sharma
Gyalshing-Barnyak



Erung Tenzing Lepcha
Rinchenpong



Mingma N Sherpa
Daramdin



Madan Cintury
Salghari- Zoom



Rikshal Dorjee Bhutia
Barfung



Bhoj Raj Rai
Poklok-Kamrang



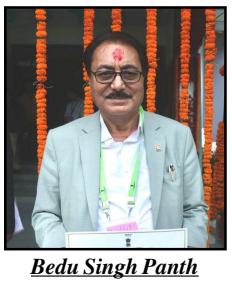
Krishna Kumari Rai
Namchi-Singhithang



Nar Bahadur Pradhan Melli



Sanjeet Kharel
Namthang-Rateypani



Bedu Singh Panth
Temi-Namphing



Raj Kumari Thapa
Rangang-Yangang



Samdup Tsh Bhutia
Tumen-Lingi



Nar Bahadur Dahal
Khamdong-Singtam



Lall Bahadur Das
West-Pendam



Puran Kumar Gurung
Chujachen



Pamin Lepcha
Gnathang-Machong



Raju Basnet
Namcheybung



Sonam Tsh Venchungpa
Martam-Rumtek



GT Dhungel
Upper Tadong



Arun Kumar Upreti
Arithang



Delay Namgyal Barfungpa
Gangtok



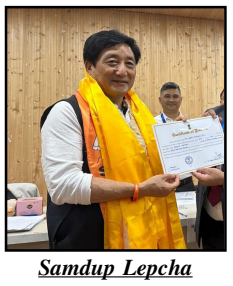
Kala Rai
Upper Burtuk



Thenlay Tsh Bhutia
Kabi-Lungchuk



Pintso Namgyal Lepcha Djongu



Samdup Lepcha
Lachen-Mangan



Sonam Lama
Sangha

Gangtok, June 2: The political arena of Sikkim witnessed sweeping victory for the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) party, led by its leader Mr Prem Singh Tamang today as the counting of votes for all 32 Assembly Constituencies wrapped up at all six districts in the State. The SKM party remained undefeated as it bagged 31/32 Assembly seats in the State for 2nd consecutive term, while only losing the Shyari Constituency to SDF candidate Mr Tenzing Norbu.

Following is the full list of winning candidates:

1. Mr Tshering Thendup Bhutia of SKM from 01-Yoksam-Tashiding Assembly Constituency won with 8271 votes.

2. Mr Bhim Hang Limboo of SKM from 02-Yangthang Assembly Constituency won with 6621 votes.

3. Mr Sudesh Kumar Subba of SKM from 03-Maneybung-Dentam Assembly Constituency

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Strong Room sealed after ACs count in Mangan

Mangan, June 2: After the successful completion of the counting for the Sikkim Assembly Constituency General Election 2024 in Mangan district, the polled EVMs, Postal Ballot Papers, and Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) were securely sealed inside the Strong Room. The procedure was conducted under the supervision of DEO Mangan Mr Hem Kumar Chettri in the presence of Mr Arun Chettri, Returning Officer (RO) for Djongu, overseeing the Assembly Constituencies of 29-Kabi Lungchok, 30-Djongu, and 31-Lachen-Mangan. The sealing process was carefully monitored by RO Djongu, Incharge of the EVM Strong Room, along with other Election Officials and representatives from various political parties. It may be mentioned that the entire procedure was videographer as per ECI guidelines.

Polled EVMs, VVPATs and Postal Ballot Papers sealed in Soreng district

Soreng, June 2: Following the completion of the counting of polled EVMs and VVPAT slips, including Postal Ballots, the sealed EVMs were stored in the Strong Room located at Government B Ed College Soreng, in the presence of Ms Yishey D Yongda DC-cum-DEO Soreng, Mr Dhiraj Subedi Deputy DEO, ROs and AROs. Meanwhile, the counted VVPAT slips were sealed in envelopes and kept in the custody of the DEO (Soreng). Thereafter, the VVPAT machines, were transported as per protocol to the warehouse located at Yatri Niwas, Soreng.

Counting of votes concludes in Namchi District

Namchi, June 2: The counting for all 7 Assembly Constituencies wrapped up at Namchi Government College, Kamrang.

The counting process commenced at 6 am in accordance with Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines, began with the tallying of Postal Ballots and the scanning of Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) votes, followed by the counting of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) at 6:30 am.

The entire counting operation was overseen by Mrs Annapurna Alley DEO Namchi, alongside Returning Officers (ROs) for 7 Assembly Constituencies.

Also present were Ms Geetha A General Observer for 10- Poklok Kamrang and 13-Namthang Rateypani, Mr Vivek Padam Singh Counting Observer for 12- Melli and 09- Barfung, Ms Sangita Lal for 15- Rangang Yangang, and Ms Lakshamamma P for 11- Namchi Singithang and 14- Temi Namphing. Counting agents from various political factions were also present.

The DEO Namchi and the ROs of the respective constituencies handed over the Certificates of Election to the winners.

After the counting process was completed and the results declared, the Strong Rooms were sealed in the presence of DEO Namchi, ROs, Observers, AROs and counting agents from various political parties. The entire procedure was videographed.

Completion of counting of votes for ACs under Gyalshing District

Gyalshing, June 2: The counting of votes for 4 Assembly Constituencies under Gyalshing District was successfully conducted, today. The counting took place in the designated Counting Halls established at Girls Senior Secondary School, Kyongsha.

Strong Room which housed the EVMs and Postal Ballots were opened at 5:00 am, and Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Postal Ballots were taken out at 5:15 am from their respective Strong Rooms.

The counting process commenced Assembly Constituency-wise at the designated Counting Hall sharp at 6:00 am in the supervision of General Observer, Mr Pankaj Yadav, IAS, Counting Observer, Mrs Richa Singh, DC-cum-DEO Mr M Bharani Kumaar, RO/ADC Gyalshing Ms. Pari Bishnoi, ADC-cum-ARO, Hq Mr Khemraj Bhattarai, AROs, candidates and counting agents.

After the counting of votes, the results were declared.

The Certificate of Election was presented to all the winning candidates by the respective Returning Officers. The entire counting process under Gyalshing District was conducted peacefully with strict adherence to the protocols of ECI.

Gyalshing observes World No Tobacco Day

Gyalshing, May 31: In alignment with global efforts, Gyalshing District observed World No Tobacco Day at the District Administrative Centre (DAC), Gyalshing, today. The event aimed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco and promote a tobacco-free environment.

Mr Khemraj Bhattarai ADC(Hq)administered the pledge emphasising the state's commitment to combating tobacco use and its associated health risks. The event was also attended by Ms Tirsang Tamang SDM(Hq), and Mr Kessang D Bhutia SDPO Gyalshing, officials and staff of DAC.

ADC Mr Khemraj Bhattarai reiterated the importance of continuous efforts and collaboration in creating a tobacco-free society. The event concluded with a collective pledge to sustain and amplify efforts towards a tobacco-free environment, reinforcing the district's dedication to public health and well-being.

SSDMA organises comprehensive training programme

Pakyong, May 21: Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Pakyong conducted a comprehensive training programme focusing on enhancing the resilience of vulnerable communities located within the Teesta Basin.

The training session took place at Goli Tar, Singtam, bringing together key stakeholders and officials to discuss and implement strategies for disaster preparedness and response in the region.

Chaired by representatives from various organisations, including Panchayat Golitar, AE Water Resources Department, AE, BAC Duga, Principal, East Point School, and DPO Pakyong, the event witnessed active participation from a diverse range of sectors, including school students.

The collaborative effort aimed to equip individuals and communities with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively respond to and mitigate the impact of disasters.

Mr Dinesh Dhakal, Assistant Urban Planner, SSDMA led a team of SSDMA officials through a training session. The training emphasised on the importance of proactive planning, early warning systems, and community involvement in building resilience against natural calamities such as floods, landslides, and other hazards prevalent in the region.

The training also highlighted the significance of cross-sectoral collaboration, coordination, and communication in effectively responding to emergencies and ensuring the safety and well-being of the community.

Counting process concludes

Pakyong, June 2:With the declaration of the result of the Assembly Constituencies under Pakyong District, the counting of votes concludes for the district.

Upon completion of the counting process, the EVMs and VVPATs, along with Postal Ballots were securely stored and sealed in the Strong Room located at Dikling Senior Secondary School, in the presence of Mr Tashi Chophel, District Election Officer cum Returning Officer, Ms Anupa Tamling ADC Pakyong, representatives from various political parties and AROs.

In addition, the VVPAT slips that were counted were sealed in envelopes and stored in the Strong Room, while the VVPAT machines were transported to the Strong Room located at the office of the Building and Housing Department, Pakyong.

The EVM-strong room is under constant CCTV surveillance, double-sealed, and under three layers of protection.

World Menstrual Hygiene Day observed

Namchi, May 28: World Menstrual Hygiene Day 2024, themed 'making menstrual a normal fact of life by 2030' was observed at PM Shri Girls Senior Secondary School Namchi, today.

Mr G P Sharma Joint Director Education Department attended the programme as the chief guest accompanied by Mr Rupak Roy Choudhury Chief Coordinator Sulabh Sanitation Club(SSC), Ms Samiksha Das Mohapatra Coordinator SISC, Ms Bandana Rai Principal PM Shri GSSS, Ms Deepti Pradhan District Information Officer DIO Namchi along with teachers, students of PM Shri GSSS and Volunteers of SSC.

Mr G P Sharma reflected on the significance of programme and shared the essential role of women in the society. He also encouraged students to help one another and live a life of dignity.

Ms Bandana Rai informed about the menstrual hygiene and urged everyone to raise awareness about it. She acknowledged Mr Rupak Roy Chaudhary Chief Coordinator for endorsing such programmes in the school. She added that maintaining hygiene is one of the important factors in one's life and addressed the challenges faced by many women and girls during the menstruation.

Mr Rupak Roy Chaudhary informed about the Club's achievements as it focuses on bringing change in the attitude and behaviour of students along with the infrastructure support and bringing improvement in sanitation facilities. He also informed that the programme is set to redefine hygiene norms in 11 government schools of Sikkim. He also informed that on 14 November 2024, 10 girl students will be selected to represent Sikkim for 'World Toilet Day' at New Delhi. Similarly, he also apprised the students to enthusiastically participate in making the event successful.

Earlier, a rally on awareness of World Menstrual Day was conducted around the vincity by the students. In addition, a pledge taking ceremony and fashion show on the theme 'Mentrual Hygiene Day' was presented by the students of PM Shri GSSS Namchi.

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(ROs).

The counting process began with the counting of votes recorded in Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), followed by Postal Ballots and the Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS). Subsequently, the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) slips were counted, randomly selected as per the procedure.

Earlier, the Strong Rooms were opened at around 6:30 am in the presence of respective DEOs, Counting Observers, Deputy DEOs, ROs, AROs along with counting agents from Political Parties and Independent candidates.

Following the conclusion of the counting process, the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) were securely sealed in the evening in the presence of DEOs, Counting Observers, election agents from various Political Parties, and Assistant Returning Officers (AROs). The sealed EVMs were stored in the designated strong rooms in respective districts. As per the ECI guidelines, the EVMs will remain sealed for a period of 45 days.

Later, Mr Indra Hang Subba called on Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang at the latter's official residence in Mintokgang, Gangtok.

Chief Minister stated that 'his achievement as the lone MP representing Sikkim is commendable and reflects the trust and confidence the people of Sikkim have placed in him and the SKM party. I thank the people of Sikkim for casting their valuable votes in favor of Mr Indra Hang Subba. I am certain he will continue to represent our beloved state and work for the welfare of the people'.

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) party retained power in the State with a landslide victory, winning 31 of the 32 Assembly seats and one Lok Sabha seat in recently concluded General Election 2024.

CS chairs meeting on rationalisation of vehicle permits

Gangtok, May 24: A high-level meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary Mr VB Pathak in Tashiling Secretariat to discuss the issue on rationalisation of vehicle permits to visit Nathula by tourists, today.

After a detailed deliberation and keeping in view the peak tourist season to avert hardships of the stakeholders, and tourists, the following decisions were taken subject to review till further order:

1. Vehicle permits to Nathula will be restricted to 800 nos. by Tourism Department to be made effective from May 25 to June 30, 2024.

2. Luxury Vehicle charge for transportation to Nathula shall be restricted to ₹7000/- per vehicle inclusive of all admissible charges including Nathula permit charges and ₹6500/- per vehicle for "J" series by the travel agency.

3. Tourism Department to strictly monitor the vehicle charges and number of authorized vehicles to Nathula in close coordination with the Police, Check-post and Army.

4. Army not to allow vehicles more than 800 on permit issued by Tourism Department.

DC Namchi inspects Melli

Namchi, May 29: Under the direction of Ms Annapurna Alley DC Namchi, a close inspection was carried out at Melli, today.

Also present were Dr T N Gyatsho Sr SP Namchi, Ms Monika Rai SDM Jorethang, Mr Nilkanth Bhandari BDO Sumbuk, Ms Peggyla Venchugpa DFO (T) Namchi, PI Melli, RO Melli, JE Water Resource Department Jorethang and Officials from various line Departments.

DC Namchi inquired the locals about the situation of the rising water level of Teesta. The Officers inspected the rising water level which started from Melli ground, near Yes Bank Limited (YBL) to West Bengal Melli and Bhalu khola, for a proper overview of the upcoming danger and rising water level.

The locals residing in the low-lying areas expressed concern about the current crisis and asked for measures to ensure their safety.

The DC paid close attention to the concerns and grievances of the residents and suggested for the sandbags and Hydra step for urgent assistance.

DC Pakyong chairs review meeting on water scarcity

Pakyong, May 28: Mr Tashi Chophel, DC Pakyong chaired a review meeting to address the water scarcity issue in Pakyong, today.

Also present were officials from Public Health Engineering Department, Rural Development Department, Forest Department and NHIDCL.

The meeting included discussions on various measures and challenges related to water resources.

AE, Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department highlighted that a joint inspection was carried out at the impacted site of Richu, Pakyong's main water source, on May 22.

Representatives from the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), PHE Department and Forest Department were engaged in the inspection. They recorded that surface runoff has muddied the Richu water source as a result of recent NHIDCL road construction and inappropriate disposal of debris. While NHIDCL acted quickly to address the issue however, the AE observed that the procedure was insufficient.

DC Pakyong directed the concerned officials to conduct another joint inspection by May 29. He emphasised the need to revisit the site and implement corrective measures by NHIDCL at the earliest to ensure the effectiveness of the measures, thoroughly monitor the situation, particularly the debris from the new road cutting, and dispose of it in designated areas.

To address the ongoing water shortage as an interim solution, the water supply for Pakyong Bazar, Pachey Samsing, Noapgoan, and Pachey has been scheduled for morning and evening distribution.

In addition, JE Block Administrative Centre provided an update on the water scarcity issue in Dikling Pacheykhani, East Dikling, and Zoomthang. Restoration work above the Pakyong Airport has begun after the water source in that area has been identified.

While the distribution line has been set up, the water pipeline needs to be laid through the airport drain. However, debris formation had blocked these drains. After consulting with the airport authorities, the debris was cleared, but it was discovered that the drain was damaged. Consequently, a decision was made to retrofit the drains according to their design. Upon completion of the retrofitting, the JJM pipeline will be laid through the drain.

World Menstrual Hygiene Day- interactive awareness programme held

Soreng, May 28: On the occasion of the World Menstrual Hygiene Day, an interactive awareness programme was held at Government B Ed College Soreng, today.

The programme was led by Ms Yishey D Yongda DC Soreng, accompanied by BDOs of Soreng, Chumbong, Kaluk and Daramdin, Dr Sadhna Tamang - CHC Soreng, Principal, Teaching Faculties and students of the Government B Ed College, Centre Incharge, One Stop Centre (Soreng) and staff of Piramal Foundation.

Ms Gouri Tamang CDPO Soreng and staff of Women and Child Development Department actively participated in the programme under the recently launched 'Hub for Empowerment of Women under Women and Child Development Department'.

DC expressed the need for creating platforms wherein positive discussions on Menstrual Hygiene could be held regularly. Applauding the active participation of male students in steering the programme, she said that it signals societal progression. Sharing her past experiences on promoting menstrual health and hygiene, by creating awareness in schools/colleges and supporting SHGs to set up sanitary napkin production centres, she said that women have experienced social stigmas not just at home but at workplace and other gatherings and thus urged all to embrace the topic and raise awareness since it can impact not just women but society as a whole.

Similarly, she also emphasised the importance on the up-keep of one's mental well-being and highlighted some of the repercussions of ignoring mental health. She encouraged everyone to destigmatise the taboo around mental health and seek professional assistance, when needed. Furthermore, she informed about the initiative of 'Soreng District Reads' which engages the young minds towards the habit of reading and healthy interactions within the community.

To mark the occasion, students were handed out copies of the book written by the DC herself, titled 'The Handbook on Menstrual Hygiene Management' in the form of a reference manual, which has been provided to schools in Gyalshing district.

Ms Anusha Thapa, Advocate and Legal Advisor, One Stop Centre (OSC) and Services was Resource Person for the day who made an elaborate address on POCSO Act. She elaborated on the district OSC and the services it provides. She informed about the Child Helpline number: 1098 and Universal Women Helpline number: 181 which is envisaged to provide assistance for 24X7.

Similarly, Dr Sadhna Tamang, Soreng CHC and member of ISHA Foundation spoke about mental-health and its visible or discreet symptoms. She also informed some of the communicable and non-communicable diseases along with the lifestyle diseases.

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won with 8553 votes.

4. Mr Lok Nath Sharma of SKM from 04-Gyalshing-Barnyak Assembly Constituency won with 5612 votes.

5. Mr Erung Tenzing Lepcha of SKM from 05-Rinchenpong Assembly Constituency won with 9624 votes.

6. Mr Mingma Norbu Sherpa of SKM from 06-Daramdin Assembly Constituency won with 9404 votes.

7. Mr Prem Singh Tamang of SKM from 07-Soreng-Chakung Assembly Constituency won with 10480 votes.

8. Mr Madan Cintury of SKM from 08-Salghari-Zoom Assembly Constituency won with 5678 votes

9. Mr Rikshal Dorjee Bhutia of SKM from 09-Barfung Assembly Constituency won with 8358 votes.

10. Mr Bhoj Raj Rai of SKM from 10-Poklok-Kamrang Assembly Constituency won with 8037 votes.

11. Mrs Krishna Kumari Rai of SKM from 11-Namchi-Singhithang Assembly Constituency won with 7907 votes.

12. Mr Nar Bahadur Pradhan of SKM from 12-Melli Assembly Constituency won with 7904 votes.

13. Mr Sanjeet Kharel of SKM from 13-Namthang-Rateypani Assembly Constituency won with 8949 votes.

14. Mr Bedu Singh Panth of SKM from 14-Temi-Namphing Assembly Constituency won with 6759 votes.

15. Ms Raj Kumari Thapa of SKM from 15-Rangang-Yangang Assembly Constituency won with 6514 votes.

16. Mr Samdup Tshering Bhutia of SKM from 16-Tumen Lingi Assembly Constituency won with 8265 votes.

17. Mr Nar Bahadur Dahal of SKM from 17-Khamdong-Singtam Assembly Constituency won with 5882 votes.

18. Mr Lall Bahadur Das of SKM from 18-West Pendam Assembly Constituency won with 6237 votes

19. Mr Prem Singh Tamang of SKM from 19-Rhenock Assembly Constituency won with 10094 votes.

20. Mr Puran Kumar Gurung of SKM from 20-Chujachen Assembly Constituency won with 8199 votes.

21. Mrs Pamin Lepcha of SKM from 21-Gnathang-Machong Assembly Constituency won with 6676 votes.

22. Mr Raju Basnet of SKM from 22-Namcheybung Assembly Constituency won with 7195 votes.

23. Mr Tenzing Norbu, Sikkim Democratic Front of SDF from 23-Shyari Assembly Constituency won with 6633 votes.

24. Mr Sonam Tsh. Venchungpa of SKM from 24-Martam-Rumtek Assembly Constituency won with 8070 votes.

25. Mr GT Dhungel of SKM from 25- Upper Tadong Assembly Constituency won with 6209 votes.

26. Mr Arun Kumar Upreti of SKM from 26-Arithang Assembly Constituency won with 5356 votes.

27. Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa of SKM from 27-Gangtok Assembly Constituency won with 4440 votes.

28. Ms Kala Rai of SKM from 28-Upper Burtuk Assembly Constituency won with 6323 votes.

29. Mr Thenlay Tshering Bhutia of SKM from 29-Kabi-Lungchuk Assembly Constituency won with 5882 votes.

30. Mr Pintso Namgyal Lepcha of SKM from 30 Djongu Assembly Constituency won with 6402 votes.

31. Mr Samdup Lepcha of SKM from 31-Lachen-Mangan Assembly Constituency won with 3929 votes.

32. Mr Sonam Lama of SKM from Sangha Assembly Constituency won with 1919 votes.

Counting of votes started in the early hours of the morning in the Centres spread across different venues in all six districts of the State amid tight security arrangements at the Counting Centres. Officials including Observers, Returning Officers (RO)/ARO, Micro-observers, Counting Supervisors, Counting Assistants and polling agents representing various political parties were involved in the counting process.

The votes were counted from polled EVMs, randomly selected VVPAT slips, Postal Ballot Papers (including Home Voting), and Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS).

The Counting Centres were located at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Kyongsa in Gyalshing district, Government B Ed College in Soreng district, Government College, Kamrang in Namchi, DIET College Burtuk, DIET College Auditorium, SCERT Old Building and SCERT New Building in Gangtok district, Dikling Senior Secondary School in Pakyong district and District Administrative Centre, Pentok and District Election Office, Pentok in Mangan district.

Upon declaration of results, the Certificates of Election was presented to all the winning candidates by the respective Returning Officers. The entire counting process in the State was conducted peacefully with strict adherence to the protocols of Election Commission of India.

It may be noted that, Sikkim recorded 79.90% voter turn-out in the General Elections 2024, excluding Postal Ballots, as it went to polls on April 19, in Phase 1 of Assembly Elections as well Lok Sabha Elections.

Out of the total registered electors, 3,70,857 individuals exercised their voting right including 1,85,813 males, 1,85,042 females and 02 third gender voters.

Secretary ECI and team hand over Due Constitution Notification to Governor



Gangtok, June 2: The counting of votes of General Elections, 2024 to the 32 Assembly Consituencies of Sikkim Legislative Assembly was carried out in a smooth manner on June 2, 2024 in all the six Districts of Sikkim. The results were declared by the Returning Officers and the Certificates of Election were also handed over to the Elected Candidates.

Thereafter, the Due Constitution Notification with the details of the Elected Candidates for 32 Assembly Constituencies of Sikkim Legislative Assembly was handed over to the Governor by Mr D Anandan Chief Electoral Officer Sikkim and Mr Santosh Kumar Dubey, Secretary Election Commision of India.

NIT celebrates Founder's Day

Gangtok, May 22: Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (NIT) celebrated Founder's Day marking the 101st birth anniversary of its founder President, Late Miwang Chogyal Palden Thondup Namgyal, today.

The event was attended by Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya, who is also the President of the Executive Board and General Council of NIT, as the chief guest, along with other dignitaries.

Dr Passang D Phempu, Director, NIT, stated that the Institute was the brainchild of Chogyal Palden Thondup Namgyal and is named after him. He emphasised on the legacy and invaluable contributions of the Chogyal to Sikkim, NIT in particular. He also highlighted the significance of Saga Dawa, the sacred Buddhist month of merits, underscoring the importance of compassion, generosity, and Dharma practice.

He extended gratitude to the Governor for his role as a guiding force for the institute and honoured his presence at the event, despite his busy schedule. He also thanked the guests of honour for their steadfast support and active involvement with NIT.

General Observer for Gangtok district inspects SCERT hall

Gangtok, June 1: General Observer for Gangtok district, Mr Jitendra Kumar visited the SCERT hall to inspect the third randomisation process and review the preparations for counting day, today.

The General Observer examined the randomization process and inspected the counting areas in the presence of Mr Tushar G Nikhare District Election Officer (DEO) Gangtok, Mr Milan Rai ADC (Hq) Gangtok, Mr Rohan Agawane ADC Gangtok, Mr GL Meena SDM (Hq) Gangtok, Mr Roshan Subba SDM Gangtok, Mr Suresh Rai SDM Rabdang, Mr Sandeep Kumar Assistant Collector Gangtok.

He inspected the third randomisation of counting officials in Gangtok district, along with the counting area, to ensure smooth conduct of the General Election counting and fairness in the results. Additionally, he reviewed security protocols and interacted with officials to address any potential concerns, ensuring readiness for the counting day.

IPR Deptt takes pledge on World No Tobacco Day

Gangtok, May 31: On the occasion of 'World No Tobacco Day', a pledge taking ceremony was held in the premises of Information and Public Relations Department headquarter at Soochana Bhawan, Tadong. Mr Umesh Sunam, Director, IPR Department administered the pledge in the presence of Ms Karma Doma Youtso, Secretary, IPR Department and participation of other officers and staff of the department.

World No Tobacco Day is a global campaign led by the World Health Organization (WHO) to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and advocate for effective policies to reduce consumption. The theme this year is 'Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference', which emphasises protecting children from the tobacco industry's manipulative practices, ensuring a healthier future for the next generation.

Counting of votes for ACs under Gangtok district concludes

Gangtok, June 2: The counting of votes for 9 Assembly Constituencies under Gangtok district concludes successfully, today.

The day saw culmination of counting of results of votes through Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), Postal Ballots and Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballots (ETPB) in the Assembly Constituencies of Gangtok district.

It maybe noted that Gangtok district is comprised of 16-Tumen Lingi, 17-Khamdong-Singtam, 23-Shyari, 24-Martam Rumtek, 25-Upper Tadong, 26-Arithang, 27-Gangtok, 28-Upper Burtuk and 32-Sangha Assembly Constituencies.

After the counting of votes, the EVMs were stored and sealed in the Strong Room at 6.15 pm in the presence of Mr Milan Rai ADC (Hq) Gangtok, Mr Rohan Agawane ADC Gangrok, Mr GL Meena SDM (Hq) Gangtok, Mr Roshan Subba SDM Gangtok, Mr Suresh Rai SDM Rabdang, Mr Sonam W Lepcha District Planning Officer Gangtok and Mr Karma Bhutia Deputy Director Election Department (Gangtok). The sealing procedure was done as per the norms of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

17th International Everest Day celebrated

Gangtok, May 29:17th International Everest Day and the 110th Birth Anniversary of Late Tenzing Norgay Sherpa, with the focus on 'Mountain Solutions for a Sustainable Future' was celebrated in Gangtok, today.

The event was organised by Denzong Sherpa Association, Sikkim in collaboration with Tourism and Civil Aviation Department at Chintan Bhawan.

The programme had the presence of Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang as the chief guest along with President, Denzong Sherpa Association, Mr Dorjee Sherpa.

Also present were Mr Ang Tshering Sherpa Honorary Counsel of Belgium and President, Nepal Mountaineering Association, Mr Thendup Sherpa, President Global Sherpa Association, Ms Gelmu Sherpa, Vice President Global Sherpa Association New York America, Mr Dawa Sherpa, President All India Sherpa Buddhist Association, Mr Nawang Sherpa, President, West Bengal Sherpa Buddhist Association, Everesters, Mr Kunzang Gyatso Bhutia, Mr Kazi Sherpa, Mr Anand Gurung, Ms Manita Pradhan, Mr Kelsang Dorjee Bhutia, members from the feature film Tara: The Lost Star, Ms Shyama Shree Sherpa, Mr Samten Bhutia, Ms Sabitri Chettri, Officers from the State Government, Members from Denzong Sherpa Association and other dignitaries.

The Chief Minister highlighted the journey and contributions of Late Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and congratulated the team of the feature film 'Tara; the Lost Star' for their achievement. He delved upon the State's tourism potential, detailing various initiatives to enrich tourist attractions. He underscored the State's dedication in cultivating new destinations and upgrading infrastructure to stimulate tourism, thereby fostering the State's development and preserving its cultural heritage.

Mr Prakash Chhetri, Secretary Tourism and Civil Aviation Department briefed on the importance of International Everest Day celebrated every year in the state to commemorate the successful climbing of Mount Everest by Late Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and Late Edmund Hillary.

He also underscored the need to enhance the state's adventure tourism on the global stage, highlighting its potential to boost economic growth, foster cultural exchange, and increase international recognition of the State's unique natural landscapes and thrilling experiences.

Mr Ang Tshering Sherpa, Honorary Counsel of Belgium and President, Nepal Mountaineering Association, highlighted the contributions of Late Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and discussed the importance of environmental conservation, the impacts of global warming and climate change, and the necessity of sustainable development. He emphasised the urgency of preserving the depleting natural resources and the need to protect the Himalayas.

Mr Thendup Sherpa, President, Global Sherpa Association, elaborated on the contributions of Late Tenzing Norgay Sherpa, highlighting his pivotal role in shaping the global identity of the Sherpa community. He emphasised on the importance of preserving the rich culture and history of the Himalayas, noting that these efforts are crucial for maintaining the region's heritage.

Mr Kazi Sherpa, Joint Director, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department detailed on the potential and prospects of adventure tourism in Sikkim. He also elaborated on the region's eco-tourism potential. Additionally, he emphasised on the development of new adventure tourism destinations in Sikkim, encouraging the promotion of winter tourism, and discussed new initiatives in adventure tourism.

Ms Manita Pradhan, Everester, shared her experience of summiting Mount Everest. She emphasised on the importance of perseverance, resilience, and believing in one's potential to overcome challenges and achieve their dreams.

Earlier, the event began with a walkathon, flagged off in the presence of Chief Minister and other dignitaries.

Workshop on mental health and hygiene awareness

Gangtok, May 27: A workshop on mental health and hygiene awareness was jointly organised by Sulabh Sanitation Club, India and the Alkem Foundation with support from Education Department at PM Shri Girls Senior Secondary Deorali School, today.

The workshop had the presence of Ms Karma Doma Bhutia, Vice Principal, PM Shri Govt Sr Sec School, Deorali, Ms Chungsang Lepcha, Mr Samir Kumar, Senior Manager Alken Labs, Mr DR Dulal, General Secretary, Press Club of Sikkim, Mr CK Sharma, Assistant Director, Education Department, Mr Rupak Roy Choudhury, National Coordinator, Sulabh WASH in schools programme, teachers and students of PM Shri Govt Girls Sr Sec School, Deorali.

Ms Chunsang Lepcha expressed that the aim of the workshop is to develop a menstrual hygiene awareness programme to empower girls and young women by dispelling misconceptions and encouraging more sanitary menstrual hygiene practices.

She focused on the health impact caused by lack of menstrual hygiene. The idea was to improve health with better sanitation practices, to raise self-esteem and empower girls and women of Sikkim by initiating dialogue on the taboo topic of menstruation.

Mr CK Sharma emphasised on the development of hygiene in women and about breaking taboo around menstruation. He also informed about the Bahini Scheme, providing 100% access to free sanitary pads to Secondary and Senior Secondary School.

Mr DR Dulal urged on eradicating harmful cultural norms such as taboos that depict menstruation as dirty, shameful and as something, which should be hidden.

The programme also had cultural programme, skit and poem performances followed by pledge on Menstrual Hygiene by the students.

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