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CM joins virtual interaction programme with Prime Minister

Gangtok, May 31: Sikkim joined the rest of the nation in the virtual interaction programme of the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi with beneficiaries of various Central Government Schemes and programmes across the nation, today. The Prime Minister was addressing the nation from the Garib Kalyan Sammelan organised at Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. The programme coincided with the completion of three years of the second consecutive term of the NDA Government led by the Prime Minister.



Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang chaired the programme organised at Samman Bhawan Gangtok, coordinated by the Rural Development Department. Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, MP Lok Sabha, Chief Secretary, Panchayats, officers, representatives from SLBC, Lead Bank and SBI and beneficiaries attended the programme.

Prior to the programme, beneficiaries of various schemes interacted with the Chief Minister and shared valuable insights on each scheme. He thanked the beneficiaries for their feedback and information on the implementation of the particular scheme. He stated that the State has set a unique distinction of effective implementation of all the schemes envisioned by the Central Government.

Earlier, Principal Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mr. C.S. Rao highlighted the schemes and programmes of the Central Government being implemented in the State. He invited feedback and suggestions from the beneficiaries with regard to the implementation of schemes in their respective areas.

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World Environment Day observed



Pakyong, June 05: Under the banner of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the World Environment Day with the theme 'Only One Earth' was observed under the aegis of the Forest and Environment Department at Saramsa Garden premises, today. The programme was chaired by the Chief Minister, Mr. Prem Singh Tamang.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial plantation by the Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers and other

dignitaries at Saramsa Garden premises.

At the outset, the Chief Minister planted the sapling of a White Palm tree. The plantation of a new variety of Orchid 'Coelogyne Cristata variety Alba' was one of the highlights of the day.

The Blue Duke Butterfly, which is also known as Bassarona Durga (Moore, 1859) was declared as the State Butterfly through the unveiling of a State symbol Poster by the

Chief Minister.

The programme was followed by a screening of a short video titled Khangchendzonga National Park and Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral Park. The Khangchendzonga National Park is also inscribed by UNESCO as India's World Heritage Site.

The Chief Minister, in his address expressed his gratitude to the winning schools and the students for coming forward to spread the message of environment conservation, which is now a global concern. Environmental conservation is one of the top priorities of the State Government, said the Chief Minister and also stressed for the protection, preservation and nurture of the plantation. He also asked all to preserve the natural habitat and rich biodiversity.

The Chief Minister suggested that each and every individual and organisation should cooperate with the Forest Department in conserving the environment and its natural

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Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat
Sonam Tshering Marg, Namnang, Gangtok,
737101

No. 436/L&PA

Dated :03/6/2022

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred under Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Shri L. B. Das, Hon'ble Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly has been pleased to reconvene a sitting of the House in the Assembly Hall, Gangtok on 23rd June, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

The Hon'ble Members of Sikkim Legislative Assembly are notified accordingly.

BY ORDER.

Dr. (Gopal Pd. Dahal) SLASS
Secretary

CM inaugurates Tower Block and Loop II Viaduct



Gangtok, June 03: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang inaugurated the Tower Block and Loop II Viaduct at Tashiling Secretariat, today. He also inspected the ERSS Control Room and visited the Revolving Cafeteria.

He was accompanied by the Ministers Mr. Sonam Lama, Mr. B.S. Panth, Mr. Sanjit Kharel, Dr. M.K. Sharma, Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta, DGP, Secretaries and officials.

Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) is specialised in single emergency response number which is 112 for addressing all types of citizen emergency. The person in distress can dial 112 from their phone, in case of panic alert for basic phones

they can press the numbers 5 or 8 for a while for smart phones the citizens can press power button 3 or 5 times in a swift motion. The citizens can also use an email to dial.112@sikkim.gov.in or use 112 India Mobile Application. For web request one can visit the website www.sk.erss.in. ERSS is citizen friendly and an efficient operation for catering to emergency calls.

ERSS is a 24X7, efficient and effective response system which works in a unified platform for processing emergency signals from various voice and data services such as call, SMS, e-mail.

Later, the CM also inspected the ongoing repair work at Chintan Bhawan and Bhanu Park and directed the authorities to expedite the progress.

**KEEP SIKKIM
CLEAN AND GREEN**

Pearls of Wisdom

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."

- Bill Keane

Series of inauguration programme held

Gyalshing, June 04: A series of inauguration programme was held in Pechrek Hee-Patal Gram Panchayat Unit under Gyalshing Bernyak constituency, today.

Minister-cum-Area MLA Mr. L.N. Sharma inaugurated the newly constructed Pechrek Prativa Samaj Ghar and congratulated members associated with the samaj.

He acknowledged the noble deed of Mrs. Drupada Bhandari, who had donated land in memory of her husband Late Ratna Bahadur Chettri.

Minister also assured to construct protective wall and looked into other demands placed for the development of samaj. He also advised the gathering to initiate cluster farming of floriculture in the locality.

The samaj also felicitated the Minister and the land donor for their contribution.

Thereafter, the Minister also inaugurated an upgraded ICDS Centres at Pechrek and Dorak Bijanbari.

He also interacted with the official and staff and enquired the

facilities and also extended financial support for strengthening the centre.

Later, he inaugurated three houses constructed under Sikkim Garib Awas Yojana and handed over key to the beneficiaries, namely Tshering Yungden Bhutia, Mani Raj Subba and Til Bikram Subba.

He was accompanied by the Advisor AH&VS Department, Panchayats, BDO Hee Martam, youths and others.

Minister L.N. Sharma visits Dentam Milk Cooperative Society

Gyalshing June 04: Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments Mr L.N. Sharma visited Dentam Milk Cooperative Society, today. During his visit, he interacted with the dairy farmers and encouraged them to increase milk production.

Minister also checked the functioning of the fat measuring device and briefed on the financial incentives of Rupees eight per liter of milk under the scheme envisioned by the Chief Minister.

Secretary of Dentam Milk

Cooperative Society, Ms. Seema Subba informed that the cooperative has daily collection of two hundred litres of milk and farmers are receiving ₹ 60 per liter depending on the fat level recorded in Milk Fat Testing Machine.

Goat Distribution Programme under NLM 2021-22 conducted

Gyalshing, June 03: A Goat Distribution Programme under National Livestock Mission (NLM) 2021-22 was conducted at Legship ground by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, wherein fifteen beneficiaries of Daramdin, Zoom Salghari, Yangthang and Gyalshing Bernyak constituencies were provided goats of good pedigree. The programme was presided over by Area Panchayat Mr. H.B. Pradhan

and was attended by Addl. Director Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Dr. N.M. Cintury and other officials.

Addl. Director explained about the NLM programme under which, each beneficiary was provided with goats at 1:4 ratio with insurance coverage of one year. He explained the procedure of insurance claim and hoped that the beneficiaries would take it as a medium for

economic upliftment

The beneficiaries were briefed on housing, disease prevention and control, vaccination, common diseases in goats and its prevention and deworming.

Area Panchayat apprised about the various initiatives provided by the State Government for the up-liftment of the people and urged the public to avail it.

Namchi Municipal Council conducts cleanliness drive

Namchi, June 05: As an initiative of Garbage Free City and Monsoon Preparedness, Namchi Municipal Council has started scheduled drainage

cleaning under their jurisdiction to tackle the problem of clogging drains and overflow of drain water to the public places like residential areas, streets,

commercial areas during the monsoon with the help of Safaimitras.

Coordination Meeting for International Yoga Day

Namchi, June 03: Ahead of the International Day of Yoga, a co-ordination meeting was held at District Administrative Centre to discuss various agenda for organising International Yoga day. The meeting was chaired by DC (Namchi) Mr. M. Bharani Kumar along with SSP (Namchi) and HoDs from different line

departments.

DC informed the officials of the line departments to prepare for their roles and responsibilities in an efficient manner for the ensuing Yoga Day to be organised at Bhaichung Stadium. Various details including transportation for the students and participants, arrangement of

Yoga sessions in 75 prominent schools of the state and other aspect was discussed. Additionally, many other pertinent works that the line departments need to undertake was also specified. Moreover, he also urged the officials to work in an integrated manner for the upcoming celebration.

Bicycle rally organised

Namchi, June 03: Namchi Nehru Yuva Kendra in co-ordination with Namchi District Administration organised a bicycle rally to commemorate the occasion of World Bicycle Day,

today.

The rally was flagged off by the Chairperson NMC Mr. Ganesh Rai in the presence of DC (Namchi), ADC (Namchi) and SP (Namchi).

The rally commenced from Central Park and culminated at Siddheshwara Dham was organised to promote healthy lifestyle. A total of 50 riders took part in the rally.

Inaugural programme of Khelo India District Training Centre for Football and Archery held

Namchi, June 03: The inaugural programme of Khelo India District Training Centre for Football and Archery was held at Bhaichung Stadium, today. The programme was attended by Chairperson Namchi Municipal Council Mr. Ganesh Rai along with Advisor Skill Development Department, Adhyaksha (Namchi), DC (Namchi), SP (Namchi), Joint Director cum Nodal Officer Khelo India, Joint Director (Namchi), AD(Sports), officials, coaches and other

sports personalities.

Joint Director (Namchi) Ms. Tshering Ongmu Bhutia briefed about Khelo India, which is under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India in collaboration with Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Sikkim. Under the scheme, Government will provide training to the athletes and an opportunity to hone their skills and build an ecosystem which is inclusive of the sports economy,

competition structure, talent identification, coaching and state-of-art infrastructure.

It may be mentioned that Under 17 and Under 14 girls and boys training for Football and Archery will commence at the Stadium.

As a part of the inaugural programme, an exhibition football match Under 17 girls was also played between Namchi Orange and Namchi Green of which Namchi Orange emerged victorious with a score line of 1-0.

DC Soreng inspects Dodak helipad

Soreng, June 01: A team of officials led by the DC Soreng inspected the Dodak helipad, today. He was accompanied by SDM, CEO (STDC), Panchayat, officials from Roads and Bridges, AH&VS, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Forest and Environment, Power and Police Departments.

The main agenda for the inspection was to make the helipad functional, especially during emergencies and to improvise landing provisions.

DC advised the local governing body to maintain hygiene of the area and safeguard Government assets. He

suggested that the place can also be used for multifunction purposes for public convenient and entertainment. It was also advised by the DC to depute security personnel and to construct fencing in the periphery and barricade the entry of outsiders during odd hours. He also directed the officials to coordinate with other concerned department so that its operation can start at the earliest after getting clearance.

CEO (STDC) Mr. Rajendra Chettri spoke on improving the safety measures at the helipad complying with the regulations.

Gyalshing police uprooted and destroyed cannabis plants

Gyalshing, June 02: With regard to the meeting convened on May 30 regarding the Narco Coordination Committee for Gyalshing District under the chairmanship of the DC, a Police team while on their routine village patrolling uprooted and destroyed numerous marijuana (cannabis) plants located at Dentam areas on June 01.

In addition, a joint exercise for uprooting and destroying cannabis plants was also carried out by the Agriculture and Police Departments at Yangtey, Arithang-Chongrang, Darap-Nambu, Singyang-Chumbong,

Gerethang-Tinziring and Tashiding.

The District administration in close coordination with the office of SSP Gyalshing will continue to monitor the areas infested with marijuana (cannabis) in order to completely eliminate its growth. Likewise, the District Administration also aims to carry out sensitisation/awareness to local populace and student groups to tackle the menace being caused in the society and the Police personnel will also ensure constant vigilance and surveillance.

Mangan Nagar Panchayat conducts week-long mass jhora cleanliness drive

Mangan, June 02: In accordance to advisory Notice issued by Secretary, Urban Development Department for pre-preparedness of monsoon disaster mitigation, Mangan Nagar Panchayat started a week-long mass jhora cleanliness drive in all wards of the Nagar Panchayat.

The cleanliness drive led by Ward Councillor Mr. Hangu Lachenpa was carried out by MNP with community participation under Ringzing Namgyal Marg ward, today. Business community members and Bayul SHG also participated in the cleanliness drive.

Rainbow Pride Walk conducted

Mangan, June 01: Village Level Children's Parliament of Ringhim Nampatam GPU observed the 1st day of the Pride Month. A rally 'Rainbow Pride Walk' was conducted from the North Sikkim Academy Mangan Bazar to DAC, Pentok, today.

India.

The Minister for Gender Equality, Master Sonam Lachungpa, stated that irrespective of gender, everyone should be given equal status and treatment in the society.

Prime Minister, District Level Children's Parliament, Ms. Tenzing Lachenpa informed about the objective of the Pride Walk. She said that all prejudices and discrimination should be erased from the minds so that they may grow into a society where everyone is equal and enjoys their right to life under article 21 of the Constitution of

It may be noted here that The Village Level Children's Parliament is a forum, facilitated by the District Child Protection Unit, Mangan District, to ensure the Children's Right to participation, which is one of the 4 pillars of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which India is a signatory.

Mangan DAC organises Inter School Scholastic Festival

Mangan, May 30: Mangan District Administration organised an Inter School Scholastic Festival at Lingchom Community Hall, Kabi in pursuit of making North Sikkim Drug Free.

The daylong festival organised by Wandering Souls of Sikkim under the direction of DC, Mangan Dr. A.B. Karki saw the participation of about 50 students from 7 schools of Kabi and Phodong. Various

competitions like Quiz, Debate, Elocution, Community Reading and an interactive career guidance session for the students by SP, Mangan Dr. Tshering N Gyatso was held.

The festival was organised to provide a platform to the students to showcase their talents and creativity. The programme was attended by SP Mangan, Education Department Officials, SDM, BDO and others.

SIKKIM STATE TEACHERS' RECRUITMENT BOARD

(Constituted Vide Notification No. 933/HRDD, 2015)

Upper Syari, Gangtok, East Sikkim

Memo No: 451/SSTRB/ADM

Dated: 02.06.2022

Addendum to Notice Memo No.442/SSTRB/ADM dated 02.05.2022

In continuation to the Notices vide Memo Nos. 442/SSTRB/ADM dated 02.05.2022, 445/SSTRB/ADM dated 27.05.2022 and Addendum vide Memo No. 448/SSTRB/ADM dated 30.05.2022, inviting applications from in-service eligible candidates serving in the Government Schools of Sikkim for filling up the posts of Headmaster/Headmistress, Junior High Schools and Primary Schools and reference to Notification No. 154/SPO/SSA/HRDD dated 09/09/2017 and Office Memorandum No. 455 (A)/ADM/EDN dated 01/06/2022, the following notes are added under Paragraphs I & II of the initial Notice:

i) Under Paragraph I, Note iii): All the Teachers concerned appointed before September 3rd, 2001 are eligible to apply for the post of Headmaster/Headmistress, Primary School.

ii) Under Paragraph II, Note i): Primary Teachers who have rendered 12 years of cumulative uninterrupted regular service as Pre-primary /Primary Teacher as on 31.03.2022 are eligible to apply for the post of Headmaster/Headmistress, Primary School.

Consequent upon, the last date of submission of forms is extended till 10.06.2022.

Sd/

Secretary

Sikkim State Teachers' Recruitment Board
Upper Syari, Gangtok
(1118)

**Rural Development Department
Government of Sikkim
Gangtok**

No.374 /RDD

Dated 03/06/2022.

Expression of Interest

Rural Development Department (RDD) invites Expression of Interest from retired Government Employees retired as Senior Accountant and above for Internal Audit three weeks certificate course at SIRD, Karfector, Jorethang

- Qualification:**
1. He/She should have retired as Sr. Accountant or above
 2. He/She must be 65 years and below
 3. Graduate in any discipline/Diplome in Engineering
 4. Must have 5 years experience in Accounting/Finance/Treasury Function/Internal Audit/Civil Engineering/Social Sector/Rural Development Programmes.
 5. Basic Knowledge of MS-Word and MS Excel
 6. Should be well conversant to Hindi/English and local language of the State.
 7. Must be willing to travel to the nearby districts/states to conduct risk based internal audit.

Last day of Submission:-The curriculum Vitae (CV) containing basic information and work experience is to be submitted to Director (F&A), Head Office. The CV may be sent through Registered AD in the following address: Director (F&A), Rural Development Department, Head Office. Pin-737103.

The CV should reach the office latest by 13.06.2022 or through email at rakeshsmi330@gmail.com

Selection: The selection would be through the Committee constituted. The decision of the Committee in the selection would be final. *The cost of boarding and lodging during the training period will be borne by the candidate themselves.*

Special Secretary
Rural Development Department
(1119)

**Urban Development Department
Government of Sikkim**

No: T(1689)/397

Dated: 26/05/2020

NOTICE

This is for the information of general public that construction involving earth excavation works shall not be allowed with effect from 1st of June, 2020 till 30th of September, 2020 due to the onset of monsoons. Further, Construction Orders will not be issued in the above period.

Anyone found carrying out construction in contravention of the above shall be penalized as per the relevant clause of the Sikkim Allotment of House Sites and Construction of Building (Regulation and Control) act, 1985 as amended in 2000. Such person shall also be solely responsible for any loss of life and property, as a result of such unauthorized excavation/construction. Moreover, any building materials found lying on the road reserve or over drains henceforth, shall be seized and auctioned without any notice whatsoever, and action shall be taken as per the bye-laws against the defaulters.

BY ORDER

Secretary
Urban Development Department
(1117)

**Government of Sikkim
Finance Department
Tashiling Secretariat
Block-B**

No. 144/Fin/Adm

Date: 06.06.2022

NOTICE

All pensioners/family pensioners are reminded to submit their Life Certificate mandatorily by November-December of the respective years to prove that they are viable and are eligible for continuance of their pension/family pension. It has been observed that a huge number of pensioners have not submitted their Life Certificate till date which is being viewed by the Government very seriously. Non-submission of Life Certificate has led the offices to view the pensioners/family pensioners in a dubious category as they cannot ascertain whether they are still alive or not.

The pension/family pension of those pensioners who fail to submit their Life Certificate latest by 20.06.2022 will be suspended and the payment of such pension/family pension shall be "on hold" w.e.f. 01.07.2022.

By Order

Secretary-cum-Controller of Accounts
Finance Department
(1120)

Production Incentive Scheme under MMKAY

Gyalshing, June 06: Over 500 farmers of Gyalshing Beryyak constituency have been benefitted in an awareness-cum-token distribution and disbursement of Production Incentive Scheme under Mukhya Mantri Krishi Aatmanirbhar Yojana organised by Agriculture, Horticulture and AH&VS departments at PR Lama Government Senior Secondary School, Yangsum, today.

A total of 387 farmers were given production incentive of ₹53,94,254/- and remaining beneficiaries were given farming equipment including spray machine, work order for PMKSY pipeline, token for trout fish farming and goat farming, mulching plastics, green house plastics, polypipe. Besides, Milk Producers Cooperative Societies of the constituency also received the financial incentives of milk.

The Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma graced the occasion as the chief guest in the presence of the Chairman, State Bank of Sikkim Mr. D.B. Gurung, Advisor AH&VS Mr. D.P. Pradhan, Additional Political Secretary (W) Mr. Madhu Sudan Sharma.

Minister Mr. Sharma, in his address, called for strong cooperation and support in delivering the commitment of the government and embrace a common goal of transforming Sikkim into a self reliant state.

He motivated employees to be determined enough and accountable in rendering best level of service for the public convenience. He also appealed youth and students to overcome dependency culture and be self reliant through the opportunities availed by the State Government under the leadership of the Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang.

He articulated the vision of the Chief Minister behind

launching path breaking initiative of Mukhya Mantri Krishi Aatmanirbhar Yojana and elaborated that large numbers of farmers have been receiving financial benefits at present. He stated that each and every household of his constituency needs to be self-dependent by adopting the farming profession.

He stated that the Yangsum Senior Secondary School has seen a tremendous progress during the last three years and assured school to propose demand for introduction of science stream. He also touched upon benefits of various schemes like Aama, Bainsi, Vatsalya yojana etc.

He shared the concept of developing a market at Chandabong and to organise a month long celebration in the beginning of the next year.

Chairman, State Bank of Sikkim, Mr. D.B. Gurung elaborated the vision of the Chief Minister for all round development of the State, marked the opening of

He encouraged students to develop learning habits. He also threw light on the procedure of acquiring loan under SBS.

Director, Agriculture Department Mr. Sonam Rinzing Bhutia highlighted various beneficial schemes implemented under Agriculture department. He highlighted activities being undertaken to benefit the farmers under National Food Security Mission, Submission in Agriculture Mechanisation, Mission on Value Chain Development for North- Eastern region. He also underlined kiwi production potential of Yangsum belt and advised the farmers to get membership in Farmers Producer Organization.

Earlier, Principal Mrs. Mon Kri. Subba placed an annual report of the school.



Reduce your risk of **coronavirus** infection:



Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub



Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow



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New STNM

AMS : 9434711402

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**

Cabinet approves and sanctions various proposals

Gangtok, June 02: A Cabinet meeting was held at Tashiling Secretariat, today. During the discussions, the following decisions have been approved by the Cabinet.

Ecclesiastical Department

Approval and sanction of ₹50 Lakhs as financial assistance for the construction of Dolma Lhakhang, at Tadong, Gangtok. Post facto approval and sanction of ₹30 lakhs as financial assistance to Tashiding Monastery, West Sikkim.

Post facto approval and sanction of ₹127 lakhs as financial assistance to Thakurbari Mandir, Gangtok.

Home Department

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹173.76 lakhs for purchase and fabrication of three Truck Chasis, two Bolero Vehicles and various Equipments for Sikkim Fire Services.

Power Department

Administrative approval for extension of engagement of Water and Power Consultancy (WAPCOS) Ltd. as Project Management Agency (PMA) under DDUGJY at an additional cost of ₹20.91 Lakhs, for the extended period upto 31.03.2021. En bloc financial sanction of ₹ 2376 lakhs for the implementation of project "System Augmentation, Renovation, Modernization and Strengthening of Power Transmission and Distribution Network of Sikkim". Financial sanction of ₹100 lakhs for the system improvement works of power distribution network within Temi Division, Namchi District. Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹7,424.91 Lakhs comprising ₹4192.37 Lakhs for additional components of the revised work under "Survey, Design, Supply, Engineering, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Documentation of Gas Insulated Switchgear Substations in Gangtok under Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS)" and ₹3232.54 Lakhs for "Improvement, Upgradation and Revamping of Transmission & Distribution Power Network System of Gangtok"; and the approval to execute the additional component of the revised work in continuity through the same Turnkey Contractor. Post facto approval and sanction of ₹26,66,196/- accorded by the Government towards compensation for cutting trees and standing properties including payment to Forest Department for extension of lines to Perbing, Ranka Sub-Station. Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹3613 Lakhs for the purchase of 7.676 acres of land at Chuba Block for shifting of offices and other infrastructure from Topakhani Power Complex.

Roads and Bridges Department

Administrative approval of ₹134.65 lakhs for "Construction of Mamley Nangdang Road (km- 4th & 5th) in Namchi District" and

financial sanction of ₹102.21 lakhs.

Skill Development Department

Administrative approval of ₹150 lakhs and financial sanction of ₹ 60 lakhs for implementation of the project "Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE- RA-I)".

Post facto administrative approval and en bloc sanction for drawl of ₹1,78,91,000/- as State Share against the Programme Cost for implementation of the Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY) in Sikkim.

Water Resources Department

Ex- post facto approval and sanction of ₹8.74 crores for the implementation of various Mini Jhora Training Works.

Women and Child Development Department

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹32 crores for the implementation of Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojna.

Buildings and Housing Department

Administrative approval of ₹565.61 lakhs for the project "Construction of Nyagyar Njyingma Zanchup Choling Gumpa at Buria- Khop, Soreng along post facto sanction of ₹200 lakhs for the year 2021- 22 and financial sanction of ₹100 lakhs for the current financial year.

Post facto financial sanction of ₹100 lakhs already released in the year 2021-22 for the work "Construction of Pema Wazerling Gumpa at Kateng in Namchi" and financial sanction of ₹200 lakhs in the current financial year.

Financial sanction of ₹100 lakhs in the current financial year for the work "Construction of Norbu Tsholing Gumpa at Nagi Namthang in Namchi".

Administrative approval of the work "Construction of Thaashya Building of Kartok Dorjeedem Monastery at Pakyong" amounting to ₹159.99 lakhs and post facto sanction of ₹80 lakhs for the year 2021-22 and financial sanction of ₹79.99 lakhs for the current financial year.

Commerce and Industries Department

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹800 lakhs for the implementation of Skilled Youth Startup Scheme.

Culture Department

Financial sanction of ₹100 lakhs in the current financial year for the Construction of Sherpa Bhawan at Perbing.

Financial sanction of ₹50 lakhs in the current financial year for the Construction of Rodhi Ghar at Sichey, Gangtok.

Financial sanction of ₹50 lakhs in the current financial year for the Construction of New RodhiGhar at Chuba, Namthang-Rateypani.

Financial sanction of ₹50 lakhs in the current financial year for the Construction of New Gurung Gumpa at Upper Yangyang.

Approval in the change of scope of work from "Construction of Chimi - Lhakhang at Kabi" to "Kabi- Lungchok Open Museum Project" within the same cost of ₹35 lakhs.

Financial sanction of ₹67.98 lakhs in the current financial year for the extension/ upgradation of Semechung at Chumbong.

Ecclesiastical Department

Post facto approval for release of ₹223 lakhs as grant to Lower Namphing Sidhi Devi Mandir, Adarsh Gaon.

Approval and sanction of ₹30 Lakhs as grant for the 49th Kutse Shegu rites of HH the 4th Kyabje Dodrupchen Rinpoche at Lukshyama.

Education Department

Post facto sanction of ₹43 lakhs as State Share for implementation of PM Poshan in Sikkim during 2021-22.

Post facto sanction of ₹14 crores for distribution of Smart Android TVs under E- Vidya Scheme and financial sanction of ₹15 crores in the current financial year.

Health and Family Welfare Department

Post facto approval and financial sanction of ₹103.45 lakhs for procurement of essential consumables for managing the third wave of COVID-19 Pandemic, for the financial year 2021-22.

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹500 lakhs towards payment of monthly honorarium to the ASHAs for the financial year 2022- 23.

Post facto administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹79,56,180/- for the outsourcing the cleaning and maintenance of public toilets at STNM Hospital, Sochaygang.

Information and Public Relations Department

Post facto approval of ₹300 Lakhs for the production of 10 (ten) numbers of documentary films titled "Shining Sikkim".

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department

Approval to schedule the next sitting of the State Legislative Assembly on 23rd June, 2022 to transact urgent Government business.

Planning and Development Department

Administrative approval of ₹3.45 crores for implementation of Unnayan Survekshan Phase II and financial sanction of ₹2 crores.

Public Health Engineering Department

Administrative approval of ₹183.60 lakhs and financial sanction of ₹133.60 lakhs for "Setting up of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring Systems (OCEMS) in the Sewerage Treatment Plants in the State".

Social Welfare Department

Administrative approval of ₹5232 lakhs for the work "Construction of Model Residential School at Chota Samdong in Soreng District" and financial sanction of ₹2354.40 lakhs.

Administrative approval of

₹774.72 lakhs for the various projects sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) and financial sanction of ₹348.64 lakhs.

Sanction of second installment of ₹419.64 lakhs for the implementation of Smart Class Equipments (Teaching Aid Smart Class) under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).

Water Resources Department

Post facto approval and sanction of ₹18.98 crores for implementation of Jhora Training Work, Storm Water Drainage, Anti Erosion Work, CWD, Protective Work and Minor Irrigation Channels at various places in Sikkim.

Agriculture Department

Approval and sanction of ₹4666.67 lakhs for implementing "Per Drop More Crop" Scheme under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.

Ecclesiastical Department

Post facto administrative approval for revision of cost from ₹3169 lakhs to ₹4373.62 lakhs and financial sanction of ₹683 lakhs for Paru Hang Sapten (Ranka Mangkhim) in the current financial year.

Approval for the release of ₹29.94 Lakhs as grant for construction of protective wall at main monastery at Pemayangtse.

Education Department

Post facto administrative approval and sanction of ₹7,32,04,072/- for the procurement of Textbooks and Exercise Books to school students for the academic session- 2022 and financial sanction of ₹575 lakhs in the current financial year.

Public Health Engineering Department

Approval and sanction of ₹40.53 lakhs for the "Augmentation of Water Supply Distribution Line for IBM Colony, Rangpo, East Sikkim" and ₹38.32 lakhs for "Augmentation of Mazitar Water Supply System, Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, East Sikkim".

Financial sanction of ₹50 lakhs for "Augmentation/ Upgradation/ of Water Supply System including Construction of RCC Tank Near ITBP Camp, Metro Point, Tadong, Gangtok.

Financial sanction of ₹61 lakhs for the "Construction of Water Reservoirs at Spring Points of ICAR and JorDhara, Tadong, Gangtok.

Financial sanction of ₹22.32 lakhs for "Shifting of Water Pipelines from Namnang, Opposite Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Gangtok".

Financial sanction of ₹43.27 lakhs for "Construction of RCC Reservoir Tank at Pani House near Shiv Mandir, Gangtok".

Financial sanction of ₹ 86 lakhs for "Augmentation/ Upgradation of Water Supply System of Pani House and Deorali Area, Gangtok".

Financial sanction of ₹50 lakhs for procurement of cleaning and safety equipments related to

Sewer Line Operation & Maintenance.

Financial sanction of ₹50 lakhs for the construction of approach road to Rateychu via Aakashvani (AIR), Gangtok.

Financial sanction of ₹78.50 lakhs for the augmentation of raw water mains of Namchi W/S by tapping Jhalay and three other water sources.

Roads and Bridges Department

Approval of the following: (i) post - facto approval of ₹ 9007 lakhs for the works under Central Road Fund for the year 2018-19, (ii) revision of cost from ₹438 lakhs to ₹1082 lakhs for the "Construction of double lane bridge over Samphu Khola at SailiGolai to Lower Rumbuk"; and (iii) sanction of ₹6.44 crores.

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹846.75 lakhs for reconstruction of 200 meters of damaged portion of Nayabazar to Legship Road in Soreng District.

Rural Development Department

Approval and sanction of ₹5449.29 lakhs as Grants-in-Aid to PRIs for the financial year 2022-23.

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹29,31,800/- for the construction of crematorium and monks shed at Raksey under Lingdok Nampong GPU in East Sikkim.

Administrative approval for transfer of ₹33 crores to the Rural Local Bodies as 15th Finance Commission recommended grant for the financial year 2022-23 and financial sanction restricted to the extent of funds actually received from Government of India.

Administrative approval and sanction of ₹422.77 lakhs for release to Rural Local Bodies as 5th State Finance Commission recommended grants for the financial year 2022-23.

Approval and sanction of ₹77.63 lakhs for release to Sikkim Rural Livelihood Mission for implementation of Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP).

Financial sanction of ₹1,13,00,000/- for the construction of steel bridge over Takcham River along the rural road from Nandok to LLHP to Nandok Saureni.

Transport Department

Approval and sanction of ₹49,99,724/- towards extension of Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for the project Integrated Depot Management System (IDMS) for the financial year 2022-23.

Approval for the constitution of the "All Sikkim Chalak Welfare Board" and approval and financial sanction of ₹1 crore for various activities of the Board.

Approval and sanction of ₹4,93,63,700/- for acquisition of 10 numbers of 9 KL and 4 numbers of 12 KL fully built oil tankers.

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CM joins...

The schemes and programmes of the Central Government being implemented in the State are Poshan Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Jal Jeevan Mission, Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana, One Nation One Ration Card, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

Apart from the above schemes implemented in the rural areas three schemes are designed for the urban areas, taking the tally to sixteen.

Thereafter, Prime Minister virtually interacted with the beneficiaries of various States and Union Territories. Prime Minister transferred the 11th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana amounting to ₹ Twenty One Thousand Crore in the bank accounts of over ten crore farmers across the country.

Addressing the nation, Prime Minister reiterated his resolve to ensure economic prosperity, social upliftment, safety and security of every Indian. He touched upon the paradigm shift in development experienced by the country in the last eight years through utmost priority on service delivery, good governance and inclusive development through the model 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'.

Similarly, Namchi District virtually joined the Prime Minister's interaction conducted with the beneficiaries of various public welfare schemes held at

Conference Hall of Namchi District Administrative Centre. The programme was attended by Zilla Adhakahya (South) Ms. Tshering Dem Bhutia, Zilla Upadhakshya (South), DC (Namchi), ADC Development (Namchi), officials from RDD, Health, Agriculture and the beneficiaries of various national schemes from the district.

During the programme, the beneficiaries of various central schemes of the district shared their experiences and detailed on how this act of getting the scheme helped them to improve their livelihood. In addition, various suggestions and problems faced by them were put forth for discussion. Subsequently, the beneficiaries attended the live webcast of the Prime Minister's address to the country.

In Mangan district, Garib Kalyan Sammelan, a virtual interaction of the Prime Minister with the beneficiaries of various central government schemes was held at the Election Hall of the District Administrative Centre.

MLA Dzongu, Mr. Pintso Namgyal Lepcha along with DC Mangan, ADCs (Dev) Mangan and Chungthang, SDMs, BDOs, Pipons, Panchayats, beneficiaries and farmers, officers and staff from line departments attended the programme.

In Gyalshing district, Prime Minister's virtual interaction with the beneficiaries of sixteen schemes/programmes held at the National Informatics Centre (NIC) was presided over by DC Gyalshing and was attended by Additional Political Secretary to CM (W), Zilla members, Panchayat Presidents, ADC (Development), SDM (Gyalshing), BDO (Gyalshing), CDPO (Gyalshing), DIO (NIC), representatives of various departments and the beneficiaries of various schemes.

for his contribution in promoting environmental conservation and sustainable practices. Likewise, Mr. Sonam Wangchuk Lepcha was also felicitated for the New Discovery of Butterfly species in 2021.

Similarly, the Chief Minister also felicitated the Champions of Epic Himalayan Carbon Neutral Campaign 2022, which included-Green Rider (Cyclist), Mr Tshering Gyatso Bhutia, and Green Runner, Miss Phurba Tamang.

Earlier, the Chief Minister presented the Chief Minister's Green School Rolling Trophy to the Government Junior High School, Lingthem, Upper Dzongu under Mangan District with a cash prize of ₹5 Lakh. Schools presented with State Green School Awards 2022 were Government Junior High School Adampool, Gangtok District; Damber Singh Limboo Memorial Government Senior Secondary School Darap, Gyalshing District; Government Sec. School Lingi Paiyong, Namchi District; Kalzang Gyatso Govt.

The programme gives an opportunity to assess the citizens' aspiration for India as it will complete 100 years of independence in the year 2047. The nationwide interaction spanning all districts covers wide-ranging schemes/programmes under the Government of India.

The attendees also witnessed live telecast of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang interacting with beneficiaries conducted at Samman Bhawan, Gangtok.

Likewise, to celebrate the momentous occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', a nationwide interaction of beneficiaries with the elected representatives including Panchayati Raj Institutions, Civil society organisations, families of freedom fighters was organised via video conferencing at Rurban Community Complex, Pakyong District, today.

The video conferencing was attended by MLA Mr. Bishnu Kr. Khatiwara along with DC Pakyong, ADC Pakyong, ADC (Development), various line department officials, beneficiaries of various schemes and representatives from SBI Pakyong.

In the same manner, a nationwide virtual interaction with the beneficiaries was also held at the district level at the Soreng Community Hall. The programme was attended by MLA Rinchenpong Mr. K.S Lepcha, Upadhakshya/WDZP, Panchayats, DC, ADC, ADC/Dev, SDM, SDM/HQ, BDOs, Principals, Officials and the beneficiaries of the scheme from the district.

A short interactive session was held with the beneficiaries and the stakeholders wherein they shared their experiences of being a part of the scheme and how it has helped them. Issues related to various schemes were also thoroughly discussed.

Senior Secondary School Kabi, Mangan District; Government Senior Secondary School, Bikmat, Namchi District and Carol Academy, Yangsum, Gyalshing District under Private School Category.

In the Primary School Category, Government Primary School, Chawang under Mangan District was also awarded.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by ACS-cum-PCCF, Forest Department, Mr M.L. Srivastava.

The event was also attended by the Deputy Speaker SLA, Cabinet Ministers, MP Lok Sabha, MLAs, Political Secretary to CM, Advisors, Chairpersons, Adhyaksha, Up-Adhyaksha, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Zilla Panchayat, DGP, ACS-cum-PCCF, Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, officials, School Heads, teachers, Students, Volunteers, JFMCs, ECDs, SHGs, and other dignitaries.

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Cabinet approves...

Approval and sanction of ₹25 Lakhs towards repair and renovation of SNT Guest House located at Siliguri and approval to execute the work departmentally.

Tourism and Civil Aviation Department

Approval and sanction of ₹5,12,00,000/- as Grants-in-Aid to Institute of Hotel Management, Sajong, Rumtek for the financial year, 2021-22.

Woman and Child Development Department

Approval and sanction of ₹60 lakhs for the repair and maintenance of Working Women's Hostel located at Deorali, Gangtok.

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹688.34 lakhs towards grant-in-aid for the implementation of Child Protection Scheme (CPS).

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹483.33 lakhs for replacement and procurement of new Extruder Machine.

Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department

Approval to place the Sikkim (Re-Organization of Districts) (Amendment) Bill, 2022 in the upcoming Assembly Session.

Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department

Sanction of ₹27.96 lakhs for the installation of power sub-station of 100 KVA transformer at Abattoir at Melli Dara, Namchi District.

Bulidings and Housing Department

Administrative approval of ₹782.85 lakhs for the construction of Multi Purpose Community Centre at Tadong, Sikkim, post facto sanction of ₹80 lakhs released as Mobilization Advance in the financial year 2021-22 and financial sanction of ₹100 Lakhs in the current financial year.

Commerce and Industries Department

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹49,19,000/- for the construction of Common Facility Centre at Upper Goom, Poklok-Kamrang, Namchi District and to transfer the fund to Sikkim Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. for the execution of work.

Food and Civil Supplies Department

Approval and financial sanction of ₹48,77,695/- for settlement of dues for the service support and maintenance of the e- POS Devices installed in the Fair Price Shops and en-bloc sanction of ₹97,55,390/- for the current financial year, 2023.

Approval and sanction of ₹4,06,00,000/- for the drawal of State Share Component under National Food Security Act, 2013 for transportation, handling, movement of food grains and fair price shop dealer's margin for 2022-23.

Health and Family Welfare Department

En-bloc administrative approval of ₹500 Lakhs for payment of claims under Mukhya Mantri Jeewan Raksha Kosh and financial sanction of ₹479.57 Lakhs in the current financial year.

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹189 Lakhs for additional land acquisition for the Government Pharmacy College at Sajong, Rumtek.

Home Department

Approval to the Sikkim Official Languages (Amendment) Bill, 2022 for recognition of Bhujel Language as one of the State Official Languages.

Approval to the Sikkim Police (Amendment) Bill, 2022 to amend sections 135 and 136.

Approval to the Sikkim Public Service Delivery (Right to Service) Bill, 2022.

Social Welfare Department

Administrative approval of ₹5232 lakhs for construction of Model Residential School at Hee-Gyathang in Mangan District under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram and financial sanction of ₹2354.40 lakhs.

Administrative approval of ₹5232 lakhs for construction of Model Residential School at Namthang in Namchi District and financial sanction of ₹2354.40 lakhs.

Administrative approval of ₹140 lakhs for the construction of Sadbhav Mandap at Aritar, near Shivalaya Mandir, Pakyong District and financial sanction of ₹63 lakhs.

Sports and Youth Affairs Department

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹149.41 lakhs for the restoration and construction of protective work at the Stadium at Soreng and approval to engage the same contractor for the execution of work.

Administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹151.21 lakhs for the restoration and construction of protective work at Indoor Gymnasium hall at Soreng.

Urban Development Department

Approval and sanction of ₹255.41 lakhs as Grants-in-Aid to Sikkim Housing & Development Board for the financial year 2022-23.

Post facto approval and sanction of ₹85,07,780/- for the beautification work of various town in Sikkim in 2021-22.

Administrative approval for revision of the cost of the work "Infrastructure Development at Labdang, West Sikkim" from ₹9,66,66,998/- to ₹15,52,18,497/- and financial sanction of ₹1 crore.

Financial sanction of ₹42 lakhs towards balance payment of compensation for the land acquired for construction of Multilevel Car Parking cum Commercial Development at Old West Point School.

Woman and Child Development Department

Approval and sanction of ₹199.49 lakhs for uniform for the children attending Anganwadi centres under ICDS.

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World Environment...

habitat. He also encouraged all to work towards safe guarding nature in order to build social and ecological resilience and asked every individual to conduct plantation drives in an uncultivated and vacant land so that it will enrich the ecosystem.

He also directed the Forest department to manage and oversee the constituency-wise plantation drive till the forth coming Independence Day.

Minister for Forest Department Mr. Karma Loday Bhutia mentioned the alertness of the department in regards to the human-animal conflict and efforts towards mitigation and also stressed on the plantation of suitable trees in the forests. He summarised the accomplishments of the department towards giving justice to the environment and the people.

On the occasion, Mr. Nosang M. Limboo was felicitated by the Chief Minister

Awareness-cum-token distribution programme held

Gangtok, May 31: An awareness-cum-token distribution programme of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services departments for Khamdong constituency was held at Simik Lingzey Village Administrative Centre, today.

The programme was attended by the Minister cum Area MLA Dr. M.K. Sharma and Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department Mr. L.N. Sharma. A total of 561 households were benefited with the farming mechanisation tools, equipment and also financial incentives under Mukhyamantri Krishi Atma Nirbhar Yojana. Farming equipment including power tiller, chaff cutter, functional pack house, low cost greenhouse plastic, silage bags and production financial incentives with a monetary value of ₹one crore, twenty lakh and ninety-nine thousands were handed over to the beneficiaries.

Cheques of financial incentives per kilogram of production of notified crops, vegetables, spices and fruits were handed over to four hundred twenty beneficiaries under 'Mukhyamantri Krishi Atma Nirbhar Yojana', for the first time which earlier was availed through Direct Bank Transfer (DBT).

Minister Dr. M.K. Sharma

stated that the farming scenario is in a transforming stage and everyone should have knowledge about technology and training skills. He encouraged farmers to acquire knowledge in order to generate significant output in the changing dimensions of conventional farming from experience based learning. He also placed demands for the implementation of the PMKSY cluster in two GPUs and creation of water resources for farmers.

Minister Mr. L.N. Sharma emphasised on the importance of agriculture as a profession and motivated the farmers to adopt lucrative and sustainable farming. He also appealed the educated youth to initiate cluster farming and promote entrepreneurship for self-reliance. He announced the implementation of PMKSY cluster in Simik Lingzey GPU and Dung-Dung Thasa under which each GPU will be given benefits of around ₹two crores, creation of a water resource at the cost of ₹7 lakhs in the dry region of Khamdong-Singtam constituency and establishment of Custom Hiring Center at Simik Lingzey GPK at the cost of ₹ nine lakh and fifty thousand only.

Articulating on the benefits of agro-based tourism, he advised the farmers to take advantage of various means of communication for advertisement. He also

informed about the marketing alternatives channelised for the farming community.

The State Government under the leadership of the Chief Minister has focused on the development of rural population and has ensured flow of funds in the form of financial incentives under various schemes, he said.

Secretary Horticulture Department, informed that the department has distributed financial incentives in the form of cheques to the beneficiaries under Mukhya Mantri Krishi Atma Nirbhar Yojana. The amount of the Production Incentive Scheme above three thousand will be handed over in cheque and below three thousand will be transferred directly to their bank account. He also encouraged farmers towards Paramparagat Krishi and Integrated Farming.

Principal Director AH&VS elaborated various steps of dairy farming strategies to be taken care of to acquire optimum quantity of milk from cow rearing. He also advised the farmers to take benefit of PM Mudra Yojana.

Director Agriculture Department highlighted on various schemes like National Food Security Mission, Integrated Nutritional Management and MOVCD-NER.

Tribunal and Central Pollution Control Board.

Executive Environmental Engineer Mr. Ranjan Rai mentioned the importance of the training to all government departments that produce waste water and air pollution.

The training programme saw the participation of Environmental officials of Industries, Hydroelectric Projects, Government Departments, PHE department, Animal Husbandry, Sikkim Milk Union and Health Departments which are required to install Continuous Online Pollution measuring systems in their waste water outlets.

includes protocol for frequency of calibration, validation of sensors and probes, cleaning of analyser and other aspects. He also explained how water balance of Effluent Treatment Plants is important for audit by Pollution Control Boards. Online monitoring systems for air pollution monitoring of stacks in industries was also discussed.

Chairman SPCB-Sikkim, Dr. Thomas Chandy dwelt on the importance of timely calibration of monitoring systems to generate accurate and reliable data.

Member Secretary, SPCB-Sikkim Dr. Gopal Pradhan mentioned the importance of the training to comply with the stipulations of National Green

Training session on Online Effluent Monitoring System for industry held

Gangtok, June 01: The State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim organised a training session on Online Effluent Monitoring System for industry at Sidkeong Tulku Conference Hall of Forest Secretariat, today.

Resource Person and Chief Technical Director, Knowledge Lens Innovative Lab, Chennai, Dr. S. Suresh Kumar explained the technical aspects of running of Effluent Treatment Plants so that the treatment achieved is optimal. This included basics of flow meter installation, calibration, placement of monitoring cameras, checking of the efficacy of analysers. He explained the standards and guidelines notified by the Central Pollution Control Board which

Legal Awareness Programme under Micro Legal Literacy Scheme organised

Gangtok, May 29: The District Legal Services Authority, Gangtok under the directions of Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim & Executive Chairperson, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority organised a Legal Awareness Programme under Micro Legal Literacy Scheme jointly with Taluk Legal Services Committee at Samdong, Middle Khesay, today.

The programme was attended by Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, Gangtok & Ld. Chairman, DLSA, Gangtok Mr. Prajwal Khatiwada, Ld. Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Gangtok Ms. Zamyang Choden Bhutia and Secretary, DLSA,

Gangtok, Mr. Gulshan Lama, Legal Retainer, High Court Legal Services Committee/Panel Advocate, Ward Panchayat, Middle Khesay, PLV, DLSA staff and public.

Resource Person Mr. Gulshan Lama sensitised the gathering on the topic 'Land Acquisition' and the relevant provisions of the 'Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Re-Settlement Act, 2013'.

The Ld. Secretary, DLSA, Gangtok apprised the gathering on various important topics such as Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012, Free

Legal Aid Services, Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, Alternative Dispute Redressal and appealed the participants to remain vigilant and not to fall prey to cybercrime.

Ld. Chairman, DLSA, Gangtok highlighted on the importance and motives of conducting such programmes and apprised the gathering to take the benefits of Legal Aid Services. An interactive session was held wherein various queries/grievances was addressed by the Ld. Chairman and Resource Person Mr. Gulshan Lama.

Minister L.N. Sharma visits Krishi Bhawan

Gangtok, June 03: Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Mr. L.N. Sharma visited Krishi Bhawan, today. He also visited every section and checked attendance register and instructed the staff to strictly comply with the norms.

Later, he also held a brief meeting with the officials of

Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry at the Conference Hall and had discussion on ongoing schemes, projects and programmes where he asked the officials to support the public with utmost sincerity. He also advised to strengthen the Help Desk for the convenience of the public.

Inaugural programme for new school building of GSSS Mamring

Pakyong, June 01: An inaugural programme for the new school building of Government Senior Secondary School Mamring, Pakyong District was organised by School authorities along with SMC, today.

The programme was attended by Area MLA Mr. B.K. Khatiwara, DC Pakyong and Site Head of Cipla, officials from different departments, school

head and public.

Chief guest stated that the constituency has been progressing under the vision of the Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang. He appreciated the efforts made by the Principal and the staff and presented ₹1 lakh for the school.

He also thanked the Site Head of Cipla Rorathang for the funding of school building.

Co-ordination meeting on Monsoon Preparedness under DDMA conducted

Pakyong, May 31: Second coordination meeting on Monsoon Preparedness under District Disaster Management Authority was conducted at Rurban Community Complex, Pakyong under the chairmanship of DC Pakyong, today.

The programme was also attended by SP Pakyong, ADC Pakyong, ADC Development, DFO Territorial East, Colonel Dushyant Sisodia-Pedong Brigade, Colonel Shukla-Rhenock Army Unit, SDM's, BDO's, Officials from line departments, MD NHIDCL, GREF personnel and AGM A.A.I.

The purpose of the meeting

was to follow up the previous meeting and to ensure routine activities to run smoothly.

DFO Pakyong highlighted about the present scenario of roads and vulnerable areas which might create havoc during monsoon.

SDM Pakyong District elucidated the condition under the jurisdiction and also highlighted various requirements for monsoon preparedness.

DFO Territorial East requested for the coordination of NDRF team amidst emergency and the DC suggested NDRF to train Forest team for extremity, if any.

Chief Secretary chairs first State level NCORD Committee meeting

Gangtok, June 02: Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta chaired the first State level Narco Coordination (NCORD) Committee meeting for Sikkim at the Conference Hall of Tashiling Secretariat, today.

The meeting had the presence of Principal Secretary Home and Education Department Mr. R. Telang, Commissioner cum Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Mr. D. Anandan, Secretary, Excise Department, Mr. Tshering Namgyal Bhutia and officials from various departments.

Chief Secretary interacted with the representatives of the concerned line departments and discussed various aspects to be

rendered by the constituted Committee and called upon the members to give their optimum for containing the problem of narcotics in the State.

Zonal Director NCB Kolkata, Mr. Sudhansu Kumar Singh gave a brief report on the need for NCORD in Sikkim, Constitution of State level NCORD Committee, substance abuse report, prevalence of drug abuse in Sikkim and in North Eastern States. The meeting also discussed the 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan' campaign launched on August 15, 2020. The departmental representatives also put forward their inputs and suggestions on the subject.



SSLSA and Gangtok DAC organises plantation drive

Gangtok, June 05: On the occasion of 'World Environment Day', Sikkim State Legal Services Authority organised a plantation drive at the office premises in Development Area, Gangtok, with the theme 'Only One Earth', today. Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Executive Chairperson, SLSA, Former Managing Director, SIDICO, Member Secretary, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Additional Registrar -cum-Principal Private Secretary, District & Session Judge (Spl. Div-I) Gangtok & In-Charge of the Court of District & Session Judge (Special Division II) & Fast Track

Court (East & North) at Gangtok, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (East) at Gangtok, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (North) at Mangan (Additional Charge), Registrar, High Court of Sikkim, Civil Judge cum Judicial Magistrate (East) participated in the plantation drive. Also present were Consultant, SLSA, officers, and staff of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority.

Similarly, a plantation drive was also conducted at the premises of EVM Warehouse, Gangtok District Administrative Centre to commemorate the World Environment Day.

The drive was organised by

the Office of the CEO, Election Department with the theme 'Only one Earth'. The day was marked by the plantation of saplings by Chief Electoral Officer, Mr. D. Anandan along with DC Gangtok Mr. Ragul K.

The drive was also participated by ADC East, Mr. Tushar Nihare, SDM, Mr. Robin Sewa, Joint CEO, Mrs. Pema Laden Lama and staff of the Election Cell.

On the occasion, a short video on Environment and Elections together was also released by the State Election Commission.

World Environment Day celebrated in all districts

Namchi, June 05: World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5th every year and this day is commemorated to raise awareness about environmental issues, the increasingly deteriorating conditions, climate change etc.

The theme for this year's celebration was 'Only One Earth.'

EMRS, Suntaley, Melli under Social Justice and Welfare Division, Namchi carried out plantation drive to mark the day at its newly constructed school campus. Various activities like plantation, cleanliness and painting competition was conducted.

Principal In-charge teaching and non-teaching staff and students participated in the activities. The programme was also attended by Panchayat Member, Lower Suntaley and member of Disaster Management Group.

Also, the offices of the ADC (Dev) Namchi and District Zilla Panchayat, Namchi jointly celebrated World Environment Day. The main objective of this programme was to create awareness on health and sanitation by keeping surrounding clean to protect Mother Earth.

The programme had the presence of Zilla Adhyaksha Mrs. Tshering Dem Bhutia, Upa Adhyaksha Mr. Bhim Lakhey, Zilla Panchayat Members, ADC (Dev) Namchi Dr. C.P. Rai, DPO, Zilla Office Mr. Saran Kalikotey and staff members of ADC (Dev) office and Zilla Panchayat (Namchi).

As a part of the programme, the office premises were cleaned and various fruits saplings were planted.

Similarly, on the occasion of World Environment Day 2022, under the theme "Only One Earth", a cleanliness drive was organised at the Gurudongmar Lake by the Department of Forest and Environment in collaboration with District Administration Mangan. A cleanliness initiative was also taken at the Tso Lhamu Lake by the District Administration Mangan under the theme "Climate Change and Nature Worship".

The cleanliness drive was led by DC Mangan, Dr. A.B Karki, and attended by ACF (T)

Chunghang, Indian Army, ITBP, Northern Riders Motorcycle Club, NGOs and staff from line departments.

DC Mangan and ACF(T) Chunghang also interacted with the tourists visiting the Gurudongmar Lake and apprised about the cleanliness of the area to maintain it.

Plantation of rhododendron saplings was also done at the Rabom Angora Farm, Chunghang on the occasion.

Likewise, the District Level World Environment Day for Gyalshing District was held at the premises of District Administration Centre, today.

The Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, Mr. L. N. Sharma graced the event as the chief guest and Minister PHE and Water Resources-cum- Area MLA, Mr. Bhim Hang Subba was present as the guest of honour.

The highlight of the programme was the launch of the E-waste collection Centre taken up under the initiative of District Administration and DC, Gyalshing at the DAC Rabdentse premises by the chief guest and guest of honour.

Minister Mr L.N. Sharma appreciated the practices adopted by TIEEDI and also offered for a collaboration with the Agriculture department for the farms. He urged schools and the public to be involved in the same manner.

DC Gyalshing informed on the hazards of electronic and electrical waste and explained that e-waste collection unit has been placed at the entrance to the DC's office as to create awareness and sensitise the public. All office complexes, GPKs, BACs, Zilla Bhawan and schools level have been asked to begin with e-waste collection in a segregated manner, for which, a circular would be issued in this regard.

A brief power point presentation on permaculture and household waste management with composting techniques was presented by the founder of TIEEDI, Mr Utsow Pradhan. He explained the ways for segregation of waste and composts it at home using an earthen pot called

'Khamba'.

On the occasion, a plantation drive was carried out in DAC premises by the chief guest, guest of honour and the other dignitaries.

The programme also witnessed hands on training on Eco Bricks, which was attended by 50 students and green teachers from five schools of the vicinity. The concept of Eco Bricks is an eco-friendly initiative of used bottles with plastic wrappers and is used for construction. The Building Dreams Foundation from Dehradun conducted the demo.

The Foundation will be conducting such trainings in all five blocks of the district at all selected venues, where students of all government and private schools will take part. The main objective of the training is to create awareness throughout the district with students.

In Soreng, the World Environment Day was organised with a cleanliness drive at the Chakung Senior Secondary School and Government Science College Chakung in association with GO Chakung.

The Go Chakung Tourism Development Association with NSS divisions of Science College Chakung, Chakung Senior Sec. School, CRWA Samaj, JKS Samaj and Ultimate Fitness Gym Chakung also took out a plastic waste sensitisation programme and community based cleanliness drive throughout Chakung.

The sensitisation programme was held at Chakung School auditorium and the cleanliness drive was taken out from Chakung School covering Chakung Bazar, view point belt from Aganey Dhunga through the Durpiney tower and concluded at Hinguar Park in Chakung.

Around 30 students from Chakung Senior Secondary School, 25 students from the Government Science College, Go Chakung members and members from both the Samaj's participated in the cleanliness drive. A total of around 65 sacks of plastic and other waste have been collected for proper disposal from the aforementioned areas.

Minister L.N. Sharma visits fire incident spot of Rinchenpong Bazar

Soreng, June 05: Minister for Agriculture Department Mr. L.N. Sharma visited the fire incident spot of Rinchenpong Bazar, wherein a wooden house of Mr Nim Namgyal Bhutia was gutted in fire, today. He also inspected both the adjacent buildings of Mr Ashok Kumar Gautam and Mr Bishnu Prasad Khatiwara, which were also damaged in the blaze. He was accompanied by ADC Development, Soreng, SDM Soreng, SDM (Hq.) and other officials.

The Minister met the

victim's family members and assured to provide all possible support from the State Government. He informed that the Chief Minister has already given necessary directives to the concerned authority for immediate relief.

The officials were also informed that a liquor shop of Mr. Ongden Bhutia and a utensil shop with a warehouse of Mr. Sohan Lal were completely destroyed.

The Minister also extended financial assistance of ₹50 thousand for immediate relief.

DC Gangtok chairs monsoon preparedness meeting and District Coordination Meeting

Gangtok, June 03: DC Gangtok Mr. Ragul K. chaired the monsoon preparedness meeting and the District Coordination Meeting at the Conference Hall of DAC, Gangtok, today.

The monsoon preparedness meeting took stock of the status of completion of works assigned to various line departments in the previous meeting. DC also noted that a major portion of the work is nearing its completion. He urged the departments to complete the remaining work at the earliest as

the monsoons have already set in.

Apart from ADCs, SDMs, BDOs and District heads of various line departments, the meeting was attended by officials of Central Government Agencies including the Army, GREF and NHIDCL. The preparedness meeting was followed by the District coordination meeting for Gangtok district wherein the DC took stock of the progress of various State Government schemes and ongoing projects. Various challenges were also discussed during the meeting.

Stakeholders meeting on Vector Borne Diseases

Pakyong, June 04: A stakeholders meeting on awareness of vector borne disease control with regard to kala azhar, dengue, malaria, and water borne diseases was held at Rangpo Tourist Lodge on June 3. The Councillors of Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, SDM Rangpo, MEO Rangpo, SHO Rangpo PS were present along with Sr.RD ROHFW, Kolkatta, Dr Satyajit Sen, WHO-NTD Coordinator, Dr T. Sourabh, Sr Technician ROHFW, Lab. Asst, ROHFW, State Surveillance Officer, JD IDSP, DSO DHS, MO Rangpo and Entomology Team IDSP from Gangtok.

Dr. Satyajit Sen (ROHFW) and his team along with WHO

Consultant for vector borne gave a brief introduction on prevention of vector borne diseases like kalaazar, dengue and malaria.

The discussion regarding the strengthening of inter-state reporting between Sikkim- West Bengal undertook through video conferencing, as both sides gets patients of their counterpart for the treatment. Proper reporting of region will help the entomology team to track and trace the sources of infection.

The discussion on source reduction for dengue and pre-monsoon preparation to reduce the spread of dengue was also held.

Mass cleanliness drive conducted at Pakyong District

Pakyong, June 06: A mass cleanliness drive was conducted at Pakyong District, today. The cleanliness drive is a part of monsoon preparedness exercise, which involves cleanliness of drains and jhoras as directed by DC Pakyong, Mr. Tashi Chophel.

The drive had the involvement of Government

officials from various departments and AAI, ICAR, NHIDCL students and Sai Samiti Pakyong.

Simultaneously, all the 27 G.PUs falling under Pakyong District conducted a cleanliness drive.

During the drive, the clogged drains were also cleaned.

Help Desk set up at Gangtok DAC

Gangtok, June 06: In a major initiative to make government services accessible, inclusive, and simple under the direction of Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang, the District Administrative Centre established a Help Desk in the office premises of DAC Gangtok, today.

The Help Desk was inaugurated by the DC Gangtok, Mr. Ragul K., ADC, Mr. Hemant Rai, SPGangtok Mr. Tenzing Loden

Lepcha and office staff were also present in the programme. The Help Desk shall continue functioning in the morning and afternoon shift for public conveniences.

Prior to the inauguration, the people were also informed to avail free legal aid and queries and also apprised about the toll-free helpline no. 03592-284222, which can be used for information and support services.

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Chief Secretary chairs meeting to discuss celebration of International Day of Yoga 2022

Gangtok, June 06: On the direction of the Chief Minister, a meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary Mr. S.C. Gupta to discuss the celebration of International Day of Yoga 2022 and culmination programme of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, today.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Home Department, Mr. R. Telang along with Heads of various line departments.

The Chief Secretary sensitised the officials about the role of various departments for the

International Yoga Day Celebration 2022, which will be held in Bhaichung Stadium, Namchi. The District officials have been intimated for the same and ground work has already begun, he informed.

The Chief Secretary further informed that the rehearsals for the International Day of Yoga will be carried out in the premises of Bhaichung Stadium, a day prior to the celebration. Also, a month long programme under the banner 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' will commence from July 15 and will culminate on August 15, for which

the Department heads have been asked to list out activities from their departments intimating the Nodal Department, he informed.

The meeting discussed in detail the two major programmes lined up. All the departments have been directed to conduct various programmes for which Culture Department, also the Nodal Department for the celebrations, will shortlist calendar events for each department. The officials also placed their respective suggestions during the meeting.

First Co-ordination meeting of Monitoring Committee of SSAA held

Soreng, June 06: MLA (Chakung-Soreng) Mr. Aditya Golay chaired the first co-ordination meeting of the Monitoring Committee of State Sports Academy for Girls (SSAG) at the School Hall of Soreng Senior Secondary School, today. The meeting had the presence of Advisor SYA, Mr. M.N. Subba, DC Mr. Bhim Thatal, ADC/Dev Mr. Gaayas Pega, SDM, J.D Hq. SYA, officials from line departments, Panchayat members, Footballer Mr. Sanju Pradhan along with the public.

The meeting was held to discuss the formation of new members of the committee and other aspects related to SSAG.

MLA emphasised in realising the Chief Minister's vision of taking forward the State's name and goodwill

through field of sports. He added that infrastructure is being developed at a steady pace and the urgent requirements of manpower have been discussed with the department and the officials. He also focused on the infrastructural development, proper allocation of funds, nutritious foods and supplement for the athletes training under the academy. He also suggested the civil society to come forth in providing ideas in implementing various schemes and policies in achieving further success in the sports.

Advisor SYA acknowledged the department's efforts in promoting sports and urged all the governing bodies to work in tandem in order to provide opportunities to the

budding talents.

DC Mr. Bhim Thatal spoke on the importance of 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' which also includes an exchange programme of sports with other States. He added that such exchange programme can be helpful in promoting sports culture and traditional values of the State. He said that all the required support will be provided to organise sports festivities and workshops, if required. He also urged the officials to be more proactive and work towards promoting sports and sportsmanship.

During the programme, valuable feedback and suggestions were also provided by the attendees.

Sikkim Shramik Bishram Griha inaugurated

Gangtok, June 03: Minister for Labour and Power Departments Mr. M.N. Sherpa inaugurated Sikkim Shramik Bishram Griha (Transit Accommodation cum Night Shelter) at 7th Mile, J.N. Road, today.

The function had the presence of Minister for Forest and Environment Department, Mr Karma Loday Bhutia along with Chairperson, Labour Department Ms Ganga Parsai, Advisor Labour Department Mr Manoj Pradhan, Secretary Labour Department, Ms Namrata Thapa, Additional Labour Commissioner I, Additional Labour Commissioner II, Doctors and Medical Staff of Employees State Insurance Corporation, dignitaries, officers and staff from the Labour department.

The Sikkim Shramik Bishram Griha project funded by Sikkim Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board is a three storied building comprises of kitchen, dining, and separate dormitory for men and women and has a stitching training room space.

After the inauguration, the chief guest and dignitaries inspected various accommodation facilities.

The Minister Mr M.N. Sherpa congratulated the department for timely completion of the Sikkim Shramik Bishram Griha. He asserted that the government is doing the best for local and non local labourers by providing various facilities and building the required infrastructure. He said that the Sikkim Shramik Bishram Griha provides the basic accommodation facility to the registered labourers considering the hardship and erratic nature of their employment. He stated that the Health Card will also be issued to the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare (BOCW). He further instructed all the labourers of Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare to keep their Health Card membership updated.

Minister for Forest and Environment Department Mr Karma Loday in his address applauded the effort of the officials for completion of the project within the stipulated time. He added that the Sikkim Shramik Bishram Griha will serve as the accommodation for the registered labourers as a government facility. He urged the present Building and Other Construction Workers to avail

the benefits of the scheme.

Earlier, Secretary, Labour Department briefed about the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and the Building and Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act 1996, which is implemented in the State w.e.f. 6th September, 2010 applying to every establishment, which employs or had employed on any day of the proceedings during twelve months, ten or more building workers in any building or construction work. She further informed the various welfare benefits for the registered labourers.

Financial assistance to the forty registered BOC workers were presented by the chief guest and guest of honour and the contractor of the project was also felicitated.

Likewise, the programme also saw the launching of Health Card along with a Health camp.

The event began with a welcome address delivered by the Additional Labour Commissioner II Mr. K.R. Limboo followed by a technical project report presented by SE (Civil) Power Department.

State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim conducts co-ordination meeting

Gangtok, June 06: The State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim conducted a co-ordination meeting with Urban Development Department and Urban Local Bodies at the Conference Hall of Forest Secretariat, Deorali, today. The meeting was conducted on prohibition of the Single Use Plastics (SUP) from 1st July, 2022.

The meeting presided over by the Chairman SPCB-Sikkim Dr. Thomas Chandy saw the participation of Secretary, Urban Development Department, Mr. M.T. Sherpa, Commissioner, Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Mr. H.K. Chettri, Municipal Executive Officers of other Urban Local Bodies and SPCB officials.

The Member Secretary, SPCB-Sikkim, Dr. Gopal Pradhan while reminding all that certain items of SUPs are being prohibited for manufacture, stocking and use with effect from 1st July, 2022 under the Central Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021 stated that awareness campaigns have been going on for the past few months through the SPCB, ULBs, UDD and RDD's Swachh Bharat Mission. It was decided that for the next two weeks more awareness would be

generated through meetings, public announcements, posters and banners to ensure that the business community and the public at large become aware of the campaign. Surprise checks would also be undertaken to enforce the ban thereafter, he added.

The meeting also discussed actions to be taken in respect of extended producer responsibility enforcement so that the relevant rules can be implemented effectively. Producers, importers and brand owners are required to set up a collection mechanism of wastes arising from their packaging in co-ordination with the ULBs.

It was informed that as per the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2021, ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration; plastic plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, plastic stirrers are all prohibited items and cannot be distributed, sold, stocked or used.

Milching cows distributed to 20 beneficiaries of Soreng District

Soreng, June 06: MLA, Mr Aditya Golay distributed milching cows to 20 beneficiaries of Karthok Bojeck under Soreng district, today. The programme also had the presence of DC Mr. Bhim Thatal, SP Mr. J. Jayapandiyam, ADC/Dev., SDM, SDPO, JD/AH&VS, BDO, beneficiaries and the public.

The MLA congratulated the beneficiaries and extended his gratitude to the Chief Minister for implementing the practice of utilization of CSR support for the genuine and underprivileged members of the society. He informed that the distribution programme was done through State CSR fund to provide a better source of livelihood. Reflecting on the various schemes and policies that are being provided by the Government, the MLA informed that other schemes will also be provided in the coming days. He also announced that in order to provide motivation, the farmer who churns out the highest number of milk products will be rewarded with

milching cow from the District Administration.

DC Bhim Thatal briefly spoke on the importance of CSR benefits and will be done regularly. He urged the beneficiaries in taking care of the cattle provided to them. He suggested them to form smaller societies that can be merged with other State run society such as Sikkim Milk Union in order to avail other benefits of the union. He said that more focus needs to be given to Backward Community Development programmes and through this, many schemes and policies will be available for the local community in the near future.

It may be mentioned here that the distribution programme was a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of Teesta Urja Limited under the Tribal Development Plan organised through the DAC and supported by Department of AH&VS.

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