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Sikkim Youth Convention 2023 concludes



Gangtok, October 17: The closing day of the Sikkim Youth Convention 2023, started with a yoga session at Paljor Stadium with the participation of more than 800 students from across Sikkim.

The programme at Manan Kendra began with lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief guest and the dignitaries.

Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang and Madam Mrs. Krishna Rai attended the closing day of the Sikkim Youth Convention 2023 as the chief guest and the guest of honour along with Speaker SLA Mr. Arun Upreti, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors GMC, ACS Education Department, Political Secretary to CM, Press Secretary to CM, APS to CM, State Government officials, dignitaries, eminent motivational speakers and educationists.

The second day of the Convention commenced with the screening of previous day's activities showcasing exchange of

ideas and conversations between the students and eminent speakers followed by a welcome song/dance performance by Remanti Rai and D.Flickers.

The Chief Minister in his address, thanked the Voice NGO for successfully organising the Sikkim Youth Convention 2023. In a special note read out in Hindi, he thanked the Keynote Speaker Khan Sir for accepting the invitation. He expressed that Khan Sir's much awaited arrival has been the cherry on top of an already successful event. He stated that his presence made a significant impact to the audiences and expressed hope to have the honour of welcoming him to the State in the near future.

Education sector being the key to unlocking a promising life and securing a prosperous future of the youth, the Chief Minister highlighted some of the initiatives

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CM extends gratitude to HH Dalai Lama

Gangtok, October 13: On behalf of the people of Sikkim and the State Government, Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang extended heartfelt gratitude to His Holiness the Dalai Lama for his gracious sentiments and generous support during this time of hardship.

'We are deeply moved by His Holiness's compassionate concerns and prayers. We sincerely wish for His lasting well-being and joy, as his wisdom and compassion continue to motivate and steer us along our path', said the Chief Minister.

The Dalai Lama Trust donated ₹10,00,000/- to Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) as a mark of solidarity with the people of Sikkim towards relief and rescue efforts to the flash flood affected.

The Chief Minister further expressed profound appreciation and gratitude to the Dalai Lama Trust for their invaluable assistance. 'The unwavering support from the Trust has been a source of immense strength and inspiration for our community', added the Chief Minister.

Chief Minister announces Punarwas Awas Yojana

Gangtok, October 16: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang announced the 'Punarwas Awas Yojana' or Rehabilitation Housing Scheme to assist the victims affected by the recent flash floods. Under this scheme, 2100 houses will be constructed to provide much-needed relief to those who have experienced hardship due to the natural disaster said the Chief Minister during a press conference held at Samman Bhawan, today.

The following key announcements were made by the Chief Minister:

1. Individuals who are victims of the flash floods and meet specific criteria, such as holding a Sikkim Subject Certificate/ Certificate of Identification, owning land in their name or their father/ grandfather's name, or possessing a Voter Card in Sikkim, and whose houses have been fully or partially damaged to the extent that they are no longer habitable due to the flash floods will be allotted a



house/flat under the 'Punarwas Awas Yojana' or Rehabilitation Housing Scheme.

In cases where victims do not currently own any land for house construction, the State Government will acquire suitable land in a secure area for the

construction of houses/flats under the newly announced scheme.

2. Owners of the affected houses as mentioned-above and tenants residing in those properties will be eligible for

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CM distributes distress relief tokens to construction workers

Gangtok, October 15: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang distributed distress relief tokens to construction workers to mitigate the hardships faced by them in the wake of the flood in Sikkim at Chintan Bhawan, today.

There are 8,733 workers registered under Sikkim Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (SBOCWBB). The workers received 10 thousand each as distress relief fund from the State Government. The transfer of fund is being done through banking system; 80% of the total is transferred via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) while remaining 20% is transferred through account payee cheques.

The function organised by the Labour Department saw two-minute silence observed in respect of those who have lost their lives in the recent flood.

Cash incentives to two children of the labourers, who have excelled academically were also handed over. Similarly, four registered workers received financial assistance under various schemes.

The State Government has been providing the following welfare measures to the construction workers registered



under the BOCW (RE& CS) Act,1996:

Permanent disability/death during the course of employment ₹5 lakhs; natural death of registered workers ₹2 lakhs; funeral

assistance ₹20 thousand; maternity benefit ₹30 thousand; marriage assistance ₹20 thousand; medical assistance ₹20 thousand;

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Pearls of Wisdom

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently."
- Maya Angelou

Disaster affected families receive ex-gratia

Mangan, October 12: 43 families received an ex-gratia amount of ₹1,35,000/- each for the loss of property due to the recent disaster, today.

Minister for Roads and Bridges Department Mr. Samdup Lepcha and DC Mangan Mr. Hem Kr. Chettri presented an ex-gratia amount of ₹1,35,000/- each to 43 families affected, today.

Also present were Zilla and Panchayat members of Chungthang, SP Mangan, SDM Chungthang, Officials from LR&DM.

Earlier, the Minister

interacted with the stranded tourists and migrant labourers and informed them about the arrangements made by the State Government to ensure their safe evacuation.

He also informed about the progress of the evacuation process and the relief materials being sent by the State Government. He also informed that the Chief Minister is deeply impacted by the devastation and has ensured all possible support to the affected.

DC Mangan assured that priority has been given by the

district administration for the safety of the public.

SP Mangan also took stock of the situation and encouraged the officials on duty for their services.

It may be mentioned that the teams of district administration, Police, Army, NDRF, SDRF, IRBn, ITBP, and volunteers from different organisations are working round the clock to ensure that the evacuation process is completed at the earliest.

Health Deptt. Namchi carries out various health activities at relief camp

Namchi, October 12: Tokal Bermiok HWC-PHC carried out various health activities at relief camp in Namphing Srikrishna Pranami Mandir, today.

District Nodal Officer, Namchi District Hospital Dr. Urgan Sherpa visited the relief camp and interacted with the medical staff and Pranami Committee members. He also

inspected the affected area and Mobile Village Clinic set up at Adarshgaon.

The Health Department is carrying out regular health checkup for the affected in relief camps. Regular rounds are being conducted by MO Dr. Bhumika Dulal alongside Dental Surgeon Dr. Sonam Jorden Bhutia and the medical team.

World Sight Day was also observed at the camp wherein, the team emphasised on the importance of maintaining good eye health and taught them various eye exercises.

It may be mentioned that the health team has also disinfected the Namphing relief camp and Adarshgaon Durga Mandir.

Block level bankers committee meeting held

Namchi, October 12: A block level bankers committee meeting was held at BAC Namchi under the Chairmanship of BDO Namchi, today.

The meeting was attended by Panchayat President from 07 GPUs, officials from Lead Bank, Branch Manager of all the banks of Namchi, Officials from Directorate of Fisheries and Agriculture Department, BPM from SRLM and members of SHG.

The meeting mainly

focused on the Kishan Credit Card (KCC) campaign, which was launched on October 11 and the scheme will be saturated by the end of December 23.

BDO Namchi emphasised on several schemes launched by the Prime Minister like PMJJBY, PMJDY, APY, PMSGP, PMPBY and requested all the branch manager to visit the GPUs to start the literacy mission campaign on digital literacy mission along with the KCC. He requested the public

to avail KCC and get their insurance done under PMJJBY and PMSBY.

Talking about the Har Ghar KCC campaign, Chief Manager Lead Bank Mr. Kallol Bhattacharya said that the farmer would get a loan up to ₹3.00 lakh for five years at an interest rate of 4%.

The Gram Panchayats put forth their grievances and requested for ease of banking procedure for the public.

Team led by Secretary Labour Deptt. inspect flood-affected areas

Pakyong, October 11: A team of officers headed by the Secretary for Labour Department, Assistant Labour Commissioners and Labour Inspectors of Pakyong District inspected the flood-affected areas of Teesta Stage-III, Balutar, Bagey Khola Nimdao Motors and Crusher plants, today.

After interacting with the victims, they assured that the department will provide all benefits as admissible under different norms of the

government. The details of the affected labourers and those gone missing were also handed over to the district administration for necessary action.

A mobile medical team headed by an insurance medical officer and nurses of the ESIC Employees State Insurance Scheme under the Labour Department in Pakyong District provided medical health checkups in relief camps at Majhitar and Mining relief camps.

Further, a team from Labour Department headed by Assistant Labour Commissioner Mr. Tashi Pintso Mapen, Statistical Officer Mr. Pema Choppel and Labour Inspectors are manning the Grievance Cell, as notified under the Disaster Management Act and coordinating with the issues related to the grievances and complaints of the dependents of the affected. The team is also coordinating with the Relief-in charges of the relief camps.

Ayurvedic immunity booster to the affected. Counselling on health, hygiene and mental health was also provided.

Ayush team from Namchi District Hospital visit relief camp

Namchi, October 10: Ayush team from Namchi District Hospital comprising of Dr. Neelima Thatal, Dr. Kavita Thapa and Pharmacist Mr. Sonam Paljor Bhutia visited relief camp at Shri Krishna

Pranami Mangaldham at Bermiok-Namphing under Namchi District, today.

The team carried out health check-up and distributed Homoeopathy medicines and

World Mental Health Day observed

Namchi, October 11: World Mental Health Day themed 'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right' was observed at Namchi District Hospital, HWC-CHC, HWC-PHCs and HWC-PHSCs across Namchi District, today.

World Mental Health Day

is recognised internationally on October 10 to raise awareness about the importance of mental health. The programme aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma and promote mental well-being for overall good health. The attendees were briefed about the importance of yoga, meditation,

exercise forms and its positive impact on their overall health.

They were given information on 24x7 Tele MANAS number 14416/1800-891-4416 and 24x7 crisis centre 03592-202111/18003453225.

WCDD Jorethang provides psycho-social counselling

Namchi, October 16: One Stop Centre, WCDD Jorethang provided psycho-social counselling to the women and children affected by flood in the

recent disaster.

Further, the team informed about the flagship schemes campaign available for women through various Central and

State Governments at relief camp in Shri Krishna Pranami Mangal Dham, Bermiok-Namphing under Namchi District.

DC Pakyong and team inspect work progress in Golitar

Pakyong, October 16: DC Pakyong, Mr. Tashi Chopel along with BDO Duga, Mr. I.B. Chettri inspected the progress of work undertaken by the Roads and Bridges Department in clearing the debris at Golitar, today.

During the inspection it was learned that 60% of the debris from the houses had been cleared both manually and by the

department machines. The delivery stores are emptied and handed over to the proprietors. The clogged and congested drains have been cleared. In addition, East Point School in Golitar has had half of its property cleared.

The DC with the progress urged the officials to clear the drains in the area at the earliest.

LR&DMA Namchi distributes ex-gratia

Namchi, October 13: Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Namchi distributed an ex-gratia of ₹1,06,45,388/- to one hundred sixty victims that were affected by the recent disaster at Adarshgaon and surrounding areas, today.

Present during the distribution programme were SDM Namchi Mr. N. K. Karki, DPO Namchi Mr. Saran Kalikotey, BDO Temi Mr. Prem Kumar Subba, Panchayats, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) along with the locals.

DDMA conducts meeting to take stock of recent disaster

Namchi, October 12: District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) conducted a meeting to take stock of the recent disaster at DAC Namchi, today. The meeting was chaired by DC Namchi Mr. M. Bharani Kumar.

Also present were ADC Namchi Mr. Anant Jain, Sr. SP Dr. Tshering Namgyal Gyatso, Assistant Collector Mr. Pulkit and HoDs of concerned departments.

The DC enquired about various relief and rescue operations being carried out in the affected areas. He examined the progress on the clearance of debris pertaining to the affected households and urged the officials to identify and assess the houses that have been adversely damaged by the disaster. He also enquired about the distribution of ex-gratia under Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) to the affected families.

He also enquired the concerned officials about the medical camps and advised to take proper review on the shortages of medicines including the screening of various

waterborne diseases at respective camps.

Furthermore, he advised the Joint Director, Education Department to collect the data of books, study materials and uniforms, which were damaged during the disaster and make provisions to distribute to the school and college students as early as possible. Further, he advised to set up a temporary camp for the affected who have lost their government documents, where people can approach with relevant proof of the documents and an application to get it processed.

With regard to the power supply, the concerned department, updated that the transformer is being re-installed at Adarshgaon for the convenience of the people. Regarding the damaged roads, it was informed that Mamring to Samardung has been cleared as on October 11 and that Adarshgaon to Samardung and Gammon Bridge will soon be restored.

During the meeting, various suggestions and queries were put forth by the HoDs.

Officials visit relief camps

Namchi, October 13: A team comprising of Food Safety Officer, Sanitation Inspector and Health Education Officer visited three relief camps namely, Pranami Mandir Namphing, Recep Government Primary School and NHPC Primary School, Linkutar, today.

Pertinent information on hygiene guidelines, food safety

standards, waste management and prevention of food borne disease and water-borne diseases was discussed. They inspected kitchen and storage of food products and found to be maintained properly. The Food Safety Officer (FSO) distributed apron and headgear in all three relief camps.

Sangkalang foot bridge completed

Mangan, October 14: A report on temporary bamboo suspension foot bridge at Sangkalang, Dzongu.

The construction of temporary bamboo suspension foot bridge at Sangkalang, Dzongu spanning 78 meters has been completed and is handed over to the district administration, Mangan District for public use subjected to following important conditions: - The bridge has been constructed for immediate transportation under the supervision of the district

administration, the suspension cables are anchored to the existing old towers on both the sides, temporarily. The stability for which has not been worked out, the maximum permissible capacity of the bridge is three (03) persons at the time, the bridge is only temporary, not designed for carrying heavy loads, routine inspections may be carried out to check the condition of the bridge.

To ensure for safety, proper monitoring at the entry points is being ensured by the district administration.

**Office of the Superintending Engineer
Roads and Bridges Department
Namchi District, Sikkim**

N.I.T No.- 06/R&B/SE/23-24

Dated: - 13/09/2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi District, invites sealed tenders in % percentage rate from the eligible contractors of Class II-B Grade, enlisted with the Sikkim Public Works Department through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of the particular constituency where the works is to be executed, as the work listed here under:

Sl No	Name of work	Value put to tender (Amount in ₹)	Completion time, (in months)	Cost of tender documents (₹)	Amount of Earnest Money @ 2.5% For issue of tender form (₹)	Grade of contractor	Name of Constituency	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Construction of link road from Sadhugaon to Lungkhia (Palum Shyamdas road) via Kuti Mandir under Namchi District in Sikkim,(KM-2.75).	2,31,44,879.00	24 months	30,000.00	5,78,622.00	Grade II-B	11-Namchi-Singhithang	

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

Time Schedule:-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of submission of Application with challan/Bank Receipt for issue of tender documents (Excluding tender form)	07.11.2023	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
2	Date of issue of Tender Forms or Submission of TDR (as Earnest Money)	09.11.2023	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
3	Date and time for submission of Tender form	10.11.2023	11:00 am to 1:00 pm
4	Date and time of opening of Tender	10.11.2023	2:30 pm Onwards
5	Place of submission of Documents and Opening of tender forms	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Namchi Circle, Roads & Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim.	

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

- Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.
- The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted initially for each work listed above with all required documents.
- The applicants should enclose attested copies of the Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. It is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification. Selected bidder should produce No objection certificate/ Tax clearance certificate from the commercial taxes Division, Finance Revenue and Expenditure Department prior to the submission of bills.
- The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (including the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in (As above from the office of Superintending Engineer, Cost of tender form shall be deposited to the revenue of Head 0059 of PWD Roads & Bridges Department.
- Earnest money deposit @ 2.5% in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedule Bank which includes deposits in the form of temporary deposit receipts (TDR) in favor of the Chief Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, and Namchi. Tender form shall be issued from the office of the Superintending Engineer, only on production of the deposited receipts to that contractors/firm who has obtained the tender documents, on production of toward deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.
- The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it, supporting documents listed at Sl. No. 3 above should be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box at office of the Superintending Engineer, on the date and within the time indicated above.
- Tenders will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderness on the date and time indicated above.
- The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the general Direction and Conditions of the Contract and other laid down norms. The Bid offer should be both in figures and words and should be **inclusive of GST, CESS** and all other Taxes in Vogue. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
- In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates-2020 will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
- The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
- Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to laborer at site.
- The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the issue of work order. The work not commenced within 90 days from issue of Work Order shall be understood to be cancelled thereof.
- All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- The recoveries of Royalties on Forest produces shall be as per rates notified by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in Analysis of Rates or Schedule of Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
- Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
- In case the man powers employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them registered with the labor department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labor Laws.
- The Department also reserves the right to increase, decrease, alter or modify the item of works as indicated in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
- Use of explosives shall be regulated as under:-
 - Transportation, Handling, storage and use of Explosives (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the India Explosive Act and General Guidelines, Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.
 - The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works Department or any other competent authority shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage; handling and use of explosives shall be maintained by the contractor.
- The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period. I.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.
- Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good the damages.
- Expenditure involved for material testing, cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed to do so.
- It is accepted to the tenderer to have inspected the site before submitting his bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.
- The contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Government and no claim shall be entertained in this regard whatsoever.
- The cost of stock materials supplied from the Department store will be deducted from the contractors' bills as per rules.
- The bidders shall produce a Certificate of Residence from the concerned Gram Panchayat Unit where the work is to be executed, which is a mandatory paper during Submission of tender.

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Superintending Engineer
Roads & Bridges Department, Namchi.
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3	Date and time for submission of Tender form	20.11.2023	11:00 am to 1:00 pm
4	Date and time of opening of Tender	20.11.2023	1:30 pm Onwards
5	Place of submission of Documents and Opening of tender forms	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Namchi Circle, Roads & Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim.	

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Roads & Bridges Department, Namchi.
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**Office of the Sr. Dy. Accountant General (A&E), Sikkim
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No.TM/Press Notification/23-24/116

Dated:10/10/2023

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified that during the month ending 30.09.2023, the following State Government have increased the Dearness Relief on pension to the Pensioners drawing pension in other state from the date noted against each Pensioners of the respective state drawing pension in the state of Sikkim may contact the Pension office. Finance Department, Government of Sikkim or Office of the Sr. Dy. Accountant General (A&E), Sikkim Lekha Pariksha Bhawan, Deorali. Tadong. Gangtok 737102 for further information.

Sl. No.	Name of State	Order No. and date	Name of the Relief/D.A. Granted and their percentage	Effective date	Letter No. and date of despatch to State Government
1.	Karnataka	Letter No. PM/GIII/2023-24/DA/SS-14558/173 dated: 06.06.2023	Grant of Dearness Allowance to pensioners of Karnataka State with effect from 01.01.2023.	01.01.2023.	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/60 Date: 13.07.2023
2.	Haryana, Chandigarh	No. No. Pen-1/Gen-26/DA/2022-23/238-304 dated: 06.06.2023	Payment of Dearness Relief @ 42 % to state government pensioner/family pensioners w.e.f. 01.01.2023.	01.01.2023.	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/60 Date: 13.07.2023
3.	Meghalaya, Shillong	Letter No: Pen/[M]/T-/DR/MEGHALAYA/2023-24/1178 dated 13.06.2023	Grant of Dearness Relief to State Government pensioners/ Family Pensioners of Government of Meghalaya, from the existing rate of 32% to 36% w.e.f 01.01.2023	01.01.2023.	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/60 Date: 13.07.2023
4.	Nagaland, Kohima	No.. Pen/NL-DR/2021-22/369 dated 15.06.2023	Enhanced Dearness Relief to Nagaland State Government Pensioner's and family pensioners' w.e.f. 01.01.2023.	01.01.2023.	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/60 Date: 13.07.2023
5.	Uttar Pradesh, Prayag Raj	No. Pen-Misc /11702 531A Dated:06.06.2023	Approval of dearness relief to civil/family/pensioners etc. of the state government	-	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/60 Date: 13.07.2023
6.	Tamil Nadu	No. PEN29/V/MAIL/2023-24 dated: 03.07.2023	Tamil Nadu - AG(A&E) regarding grant of dearness allowance to pensioners and family pensioners revised rate acceptable from 1 April 2023 - order forwarded	01.01.2023. -	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/60 Date: 13.07.2023
7.	Panaji, Goa	No. DA/PAQ-/Pens/23-24/TR-432/DR.700 dated:27.06.2023	Revised rates of Dearness Allowance to the employees of Central government and Central Autonomous Bodies continuing to draw their pay in the pre-revised Pay Scale/grade Pay as per 6 th Central pay Commission from 01.07.2022.	01.07.2022	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/72 Date: 25.07.2023
8.	Karnataka	No. PM/GIII/2023-24/DA NJPC Scales/SS-14562/277/ dated: 26.06.2023	Grant of Dearness Allowance in respect of Retired State Judicial Officers on 2006 Revised NJPC Scale and retired prior to 01.01.2016, wef 01.01.2023.	01.01.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/72 Date: 25.07.2023
9.	Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.	No. PAG(A&E)AP/OGP/2023-24/331826 dated: 16.06.2023	Pension on Dearness Relief to Pensioners/Family Pensioners for the period with effect from 01.01.2022. Sanctioned orders issued.	01.01.2022	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/72 Date: 25.07.2023
10.	Odisha, Bhubaneswar	No. Pen/NL-DR/2021-22/369 dated 15.06.2023	Sanction of Dearness Relief (TI) @ enhancing the existing rate from 38% to 42% w.e.f 01.01.2023 in favour of the State Government pensioners/family pensioners vide government of Odisha Finance Department O.M. No. FIN-CS3-PEN-001/2020/17287/F Dated 13.06.2023.	01.07.2022	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/72 Date: 25.07.2023
11.	Telangana, Hyderabad	No. PAG(A&E)AP/OGP/2023-24/331826 dated: 03.07.2023	Pension Dearness Relief to the State Government Pensioners from 01.01.2022.	01.01.2022	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/72 Date: 25.07.2023
12.	Tamil Nadu.	No. AG(A&E) PEN29/V/MAIL/2023-24 dated:11.07.2023	Tamil Nadu-Grant of Dearness allowance to State Government employees drawing pay in the pre revised scales of pay/Grade pay-pensioners-Revised rate admissible from 01.04.2023-Order-	01.04.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/72 Date: 25.07.2023
13.	Tamil Nadu	No. AG(A&E) PEN29/V/MAIL/2023-24 dated:11.07.2023	Grant of Dearness allowance to State Government employees drawing pay in the pre revised scales of pay/ Grade pay-pensioners-Revised rate admissible from 01.04.2023-Order	01.04.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/81 Date:07.08.2023
14.	Nagaland	No. Pen/NL-DR/2023-24/406 dated 05.07.2023	Enhancement of Dearness Relief to Government of Nagaland Pensioners and family Pensioners from the existing rate of 38% to 42% wef 01.01.2023	01.01.2023	TM/PO/Diff States/23-24/81 Date: 07.08.2023
15.	Tamil Nadu	No. AG(A&E) PEN29/1/MAIL/2023-24 dated: 19.07.2023	Revised rate of DA/DR to drawing pay in the pre revised scales of pay/grade Pay pensioners revised rate admissible from 368% to 381% and 196% to 203% w.e.f. 01 07 2022.	01.01.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/81 Date: 07.08.2023
16.	Uttarakhand	No.PA/Pen./D.R/Uttarakhand/ 2023-24/772 dated: 14.07.2023	Payment of allowance at increased rate for employees of State Government and Autonomous Bodies/Undertakings drawing salary in the 6 th Central Pay Scale from January	01.01.2023	TM/PO/Diff States/23-24/81 Date: 07.08.2023
17.	Tamil Nadu	No. AG(A&E) PEN29/V/MAIL/2023-24/12823 dated: 03.07.23	Grant of Dearness allowance to pensioners and family pensioners-Revised rate admissible from 01.04.2023-Order-	01.04.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/81 Date: 07.08.2023
18.	Goa, Panaji	No. DA/PA-1/Pens/23-24/TR-532/DR.812 dated:19.07.2023	Grant of Dearness Relief to Goa State Freedom Fighter Pensioners of Government of Goa-Revised rate effective from 01.01.2023 @42%.	01.01.2023.	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/81 Date: 07.08.2023
19.	Chandigarh	No.PEN-12/Imp. Order/23-24/2489-2489 A-1 date: 01.08.2023	1. Grant of dearness relief to the pensioners/family pensioners of Government of Punjab from 113% to 119% w.e.f. 01.07.2015 to 31.12.2015 2. regarding one time option to the Government pension who have retired between 01.01.2016 to 30.06.2021 to deposit the revised amount of commuted pension in the government treasury.	-	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/86 Date: 22.08.2023
20.	Tamil Nadu	No. AG(A&E) PEN29/V/MAIL/2023-24/15475 dated: 19.07.2023	Tamil Nadu-Grant of Dearness allowance to state Government employees drawing pay in the pre-revised scales of pay/Grade Pay pensioners-Revised rate admissible from 1 st July 2022-Orders-forwarded.	-	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/86 Date: 22.08.2023
21.	Maharashtra	No. PA/ Government/GR No. P/2361138636 dated: 24.07.2023	1. DR. Increase to 42% on Pension/Family Pension w.ef 01.01 2023. 2. DR increase to 221% for the pensioners/family pensioners being draw in the Pre-revised (Sixth) w.e.f. 01.01.2023 3. D.R. Increase to 412% for the pensioners/family pensioners being drawn in the Pre-revised scale (Fifth Pay) w.e.f. 01.01.2023.	01.01.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/86 Date: 22.08.2023
22.	Tripura	No. Pen-1/ Tripura Relief/2023-24/5813-20 dated 14.07.2023	Revised rates of Dearness Allowance to the employees of Central Government and Central Autonomous Bodies continuing to draw their pay in the pre-revised pay scale/grade pay as per 6 th central pay commission	01.01.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/86 Date: 22.08.2023

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23.	Ahmadabad	No. Pen/G.R. /SS. Guj/DA.DR/2023-24/552 dated: 04.08.2023	Grant of Temporary Increase (DR.) to Gujarat State government pensioners /family pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2022	01.07.2022	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/86 Date: 22.08.2023
24.	Mizoram, Aizawl	No. G.19020/108/01-CCA(P)/268 Dated: 01.08.2023	Increase of Dearness Relief from 28% to 32% to the Mizoram Government Pensioners/Family pensioners with effect from 01.04.2023.	01.04.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/112 Date: 27.09.2023
25.	Panaji, Goa	No. DA/PA-1/Pens/23-24/TR-73.5/DR-1300	Revised rates of Dearness Allowance to the employees of Central Government and Central Autonomous Bodies continuing to draw their pay in the pre-revised pay scale/ grade pay as per 5 th central pay commission from 01.01.2023.	01.01.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/112 Date: 27.09.2023
26.	Kerala	No.: PM/2/6-17(a023-24/601 dated: 18.08.2023	Revision of pension and other Pensionary benefits of Judicial Officers as per Second NJPC recommendations-reg.	As per order	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/112 Date: 27.09.2023
27.	Srinagar.	No. Pen-1/ Tripura Relief/2023-24/5813-20 dated 14.07.2023	Grant of Dearness Relief to Pensioners/family pensioners on revised rates w.e.f. 01.01.2023	01.01.2023	TM/PO/Diff. States/23-24/112 Date: 27.09.2023

Sr. Accountant Officer/TM
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Government of Sikkim
Social Welfare Department 5th Mile Tadong, Gangtok

NIT No: 73/GOS/SWD/EC/2022-23/08

Dated: 16/10/2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of Governor of Sikkim, the Divisional Engineer (N/S/Gyalshing) Social Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, Gangtok District, Sikkim invites sealed tenders from the eligible contractors of appropriate class Vide Notification No. 584/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 08.10.2018 Vide Notification No. 515/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 12.06.2018 Notification No. 104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020, vide notification number 66/R&B/PWD/Secy. Dated 08.01.2021 for the work (s) listed under:-

SL No	Name of work	Value put to Tender (in ₹)	Completion Time, (in months)	Amount of Earnest Money @ 2.5% For issue of tender form (₹)	Amount of Bank receipt for cost of tender documents (₹)	Constituency/ GPU/Ward
1.	Construction of Limboo Cultural Hall at 39 Tinik Chisopani GPU, Ambotey Ward, Poklok-Kamrang Constituency, Namchi District	1,37,82,568/-	24 months	3,44,564/-	30,000/-	39 Tinik Chisopani GPU, 8-Ambotey Ward, Poklok Kamrang Constituency

Time Schedule is as follows:-

i)	Date for submission of application with Bank receipt, for issue of tender documents	17/10/2023 to 10/11/2023 (From 10:00 hrs to 16:30 hrs.)
ii)	Last Date for issue of tender form on production of TDR	18/11/2023 (From 10:00 hrs to 16:30 hrs.)
iii)	Date and Time of submission of Tender	20/11/2023 (From 10.00 hrs to 13:00 hrs.)
iv)	Date and Time of opening of tender	20/11/2023 (From 13:00 hrs. onwards)

Place of Tender: 39 Tinik Chisopani GPU, 8-Ambotey Ward, Poklok-Kamrang Constituency.

- The details of tender documents including tender form can be obtained from the office of the Divisional Engineer-(N/S/Gyalshing) SWD on production of receipt of deposit made to the respective GPU.
- Other terms and conditions shall be availed from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-
Divisional Engineer, (N/S/Gyalshing),
Social Welfare Department.
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Forest and Environment Department
Government of Sikkim

No:367/F&ED

Dated:17 Oct, 2023

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited for the post of Graduate Forester under the Forest and Environment Department, Government of Sikkim from local eligible candidates on purely ad-hoc basis on consolidated pay as detailed below:

1. Details of Post

Sl. No.	Name of post	Consolidated pay per month	Minimum educational qualification
1	Graduate Forester	₹15,000/- (consolidated)	B.Sc in Forestry

2. Tenure will be initially for a period of 2 years.**3. Age limit** will be 18 to 40 years as on 31/01/2023**4. The duties will involve forest field duties.**

5. The selection of the candidates will be through a walk in interview tentatively scheduled in the first week of November 2023 in which the candidates will be assessed based on forestry knowledge, general awareness and aptitude.

6. The advertisement and application form can be downloaded from <http://sikkimforest.gov.in> or <https://sikenvis.nic.in>

7. The above application complete in all respect with requisite documents should be submitted at the Registration Desk, Control Room, Forest Secretariat, Deorali, Gangtok on or before 31/10/2023. The applications will be received on all days till 4pm on 31/10/2023.

Deputy Secretary (Adm)
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Government of Sikkim

Office of the Dy. Inspector General of Police
State Reserve Lines, Gangtok (737101)

Memo No.469/DIGP/Lines

Dated:16/10/2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
FOR SUPPLY OF POLICE UNIFORM

Sealed Tender/Quotations are invited from registered firms/dealers for the supply of raw materials and readymade articles of uniforms to the Police Department, Govt. of Sikkim for the financial year 2023-2024 Tender form can be obtained from office of the Superintendent of Police State Reserve Lines, Composite Building, Below Palzor Stadium, Gangtok from **30/10/2023** to **03/11/2023** by producing SBS Challan for ₹10,000/- (cost of form) to be credited to 0055-Police. 103-Fees Fines and Forfeiture and deposited in favour of DIGP/State Reserve Lines.

The sealed tenders should reach the office of the Superintendent of Police, State Reserve Lines Composite Building, Below Palzor Stadium, Gangtok latest by **09/11/2023** till **1300** hrs: The Uniform Procurement Committee shall open the tender at **1400 hrs** at State Reserve Lines the same day in presence of the bidders or their representatives.

The approved samples can be inspected at Central Police Stores, State Reserve Lines during working hours.

The rates quoted should include transportation charges up to Central Police Stores Composite Building, Below Palzor Stadium, Gangtok, Sikkim and inclusive of all taxes applicable. The Uniform Procurement Committee shall have the right to reject or accept any tender or part thereof without assigning any reason thereof.

The indulgence in corrupt practices by offering bribe in cash or any kind in respect of this order to anyone working in government or any private agency or any individual in India or anywhere in the world is strictly prohibited and illegal. If any agency or any individual approaches for any favour or demands a bribe from the manufacturer/ supplier/authorized representatives in connection with this order, it shall be denied forthwith and the Director General of Police, Sikkim shall be informed immediately.

A pre-bid conference on quality control will be held on **06/11/2023** at **1400** hours at State Reserve Lines.

Any legal matter is subject to the jurisdiction of Gangtok only.

Dy. Inspector General of Police
State Reserve Lines
Gangtok
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Government of Sikkim

Buildings & Housing Department

MemoNo. 424 (SGT) 2006-2023 (P-II) 93/ Proj/Bldgs

Date:12-10-23

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Buildings and Housing Department invites E-Tender from Class IAA Enlisted Contractor (SPWD) for participating in the tender "Construction of Sikkim Suswasthya Bhawan & Sikkim Nationalized Transport Car Plaza at Siliguri, West Bengal, India". For further details, kindly visit the website www.sikkimtenders.gov.in

sd/-
Chief Engineer
Buildings & Housing Deptt.
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Lost

Milan Gurung S/O Udai Man Gurung R/O Chakung, Mendogaon, Soreng District, Sikkim Presently posted at New STNM Hospital, Gangtok as Sanitary Attendent-cum-Jr.Safai Karmachari have lost this Official Personal file from ADM section, New STNM hospital, Gangtok. If found may kindly contact No: 9775101373 or report to the nearest Outpost.

Report on extent of damage due to cloudburst induced flooding in the Teesta basin as on 16.00 hrs. 18th October 2023

Name of the Districts affected	No. of Villages/ Wards/ Nagar Pancha -yat/ Councils affected	No. of Population affected	No. of Human Lives Lost	No. of People missing	No. of Persons who suffered grievous injury requiring hospitalization	No. of damaged houses	Fully and Severely damaged Pucca and Kutcha houses	Partially Damaged Pucca house	Partially Damaged Kutcha house	No. of People Rescued	No. of People Evacuated	No. of Relief Camps Opened	No. of Inmates in Relief Camps	Animal and Poultry Lost	No. of Bridges washed away
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mangan	50	30300	04	23	-	566	247	91	228	850	2883 People evacuated by Chopper/foot Tourist Locals 1876 1007	03	218	Animal-997 Poultry-6653 others-507	26
Gangtok	19	20000	08	23	05	319	241	30	48	1025	1025	06	551	Animal-215 Poultry-11624	03
Pakyong	07	30000	15+11 (Indian Army)	28	21	635	635	-	-	58	58	05	437	Animal-303 Poultry-8987	-
Namchi	24	8100	02	05	-	482	300	45	137	630	630	02	145	Animal-316 Poultry-2125	04
Total	100	88400	40	79	26	2002	1423	166	413	2563	4596	16	1347		33

No. of Persons Living in the Rented Houses affected:

Mangan- 550, Gangtok-2500, Pakyong-1119, Namchi-850

Total-5019**No. of Shops affected:**

Mangan- 58, Gangtok-600, Pakyong-220, Namchi-44

Total-922**DETAIL LIST OF RELIEF CAMPS AND INMATES PRESENTLY STAYING**

Districts	No. of Relief Camp Operational	Loss and Damage to Infrastructure
Mangan	03 Nos. i. Naga-153 ii. Chungthang Gurudwara-42 iii. Chungthang Shiv Mandir-23	i. Chungthang Sikkim Urja Dam washed away ii. Toong Naga GPU affected. iii. Road damaged between Toong and Naga iv. Police Office Quarter, Pass-Permit Entry Check Post & Fire Office Damaged at Phidang v. Office of the Range Officer Territory Damaged at Dzongu vi. Moon Light Private School Building/ Forest store. vii. Chungthang 4 nos. RCC foot bridge washed away. viii. Lachung Dzumsa 2 no. RCC Foot Bridge washed away. ix. Passingdong 1 no. RCC Foot Bridge washed away. x. Nampridang Playground Gallery & 3 units RCC toilet damage. xi. 80% of Chungthang town severely affected. xii. GREF crusher plant and Toong Police Check-post xiii. Forest Guest House, Nampridang Firing Bridge at Chungthang xiv. Lepcha Traditional House washed away. xv. Naga Power Office and Quarter damaged. xvi. Lachen Dzumsa 5 nos. RCC Foot Bridge washed away. xvii. Toong Naga 3 no. RCC Foot Bridge washed away xviii. Shipgyer 2 no. RCC Foot Bridge washed away. xix. Firing Bridge at Chungthang, xx. Hatchery Unit at Chungthang totally washed away. xxi. Fisheries Directorate Office building washed away.
Gangtok	06 Nos. i. Singtam Govt. Sr. Sec School-83 ii. Bihari Bhawan-339 iii. Food Preservation Factory-15 iv. Pranami Mandir Singtam-25 v. Medhavi Skills University-31 vi. Marwari Dharamshala-58	i. Indreni Bridge in Singtam washed out. ii. NH-10 highway has sustained extensive damage. iii. Sewerage Treatment plant and pipelines washed in Singtam. iv. Sneha Kinetic Powerhouse and NHPC dam site have been submerged. v. Balutar bridge washed away and extensive damages of State Highway along Balutar/Sirwani/Goshkhan Area.
Pakyong	05 Nos. i. Majhigaon Housing Complex-140 ii. Golitar Nepali Dharamshala- 204 iii. Eco Paradise-40 iv. SDL Hall Chanatar-09 v. EPCH Church - 44	i. Sewerage Treatment Plant and pipelines washed away in Rangpo. ii. NH-10 has sustained extensive damages. iii. IBM totally submerged in floods, Rangpo, Baghey Khola, Majhitar, Bardang are severely affected. iv. Baghey Khola River side habitations have been submerged. v. Course of Teesta River changed and caused extensive damage to the properties at various locations. vi. Power Supply lines have been damaged extensively vii. PHE/Storage along with pipelines are extensively damaged at IBM and Golitar viii. Under construction Bridge at Golitar Singtam has been damaged
Namchi	02 Nos. i. Pranami Mandir, Namphing-127 ii. NHPC Primary School Linkutar-14	i. LD Kazi Bridge washed away. ii. Sewerage Treatment Plant and pipelines washed away in Melli. iii. Steel Foot bridge over Teesta River connecting 20th <ile to Chalamthang in Namchi District. iv. Steel Bridge connecting Kabrey, Namchi District to Majhitar in Gangtok District v. Steel Foot Bridge og Lanco Pvt. Ltd over Teesta River connecting Pamphok (Thalthaley to Tar Khola, WB)
Total	Relief Camps-16 Nos. Inmates in releif camps- 1347	

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

Memo No:342/DIV/N/R&B/23-24

Date:17/10/2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Bid Value	Bid security 2.5% of the Bid value	Cost of tender / bid form	Completion period
1	Construction of road from Namchi Manpur Road (PMGSY Road) to Upper Sorok, Namchi District in Sikkim (1.51 Kms)	₹1,11,11,408.00	₹2,77,785.00	₹30,000.00	12 months

Note: The Earnest Money Deposit indicated in the above table is exempted for all Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding process. In case of such bidder being accepted as L1 bidder, the issue of Work Order shall be governed by the Notification No:104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Date of submission of application along with Bank receipt	08.11.2023	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
2	Date of issue of Tender Documents and Tender Form	10.11.2023	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
3	Submission of bid documents	21.11.2023	11:00 am to 2:00 pm
4	Opening of bid documents	21.11.2023	2:30 pm
5	Place of opening of bids	Office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim, Namchi.	

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

1. The intending tenderers/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document shall not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDERER.
 2. The Contractor should be an elector of Sorok- Shyampani Gram Panchayat Unit of Poklok Kamrang Constituency and the residential address in the Enlistment Certificate should be within the territorial jurisdiction of the same Gram Panchayat Unit/Urban Local body.
 3. The applicants should enclose attested copies of the following along with the application
 - a) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate. Further, it is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification
 - b) Latest Goods & Service Tax Clearance Certificate issued from the office of the Commercial Tax (To be submitted by the successful bidder only before issuance of Work Order as per Notification No: 07/GOS/CTDI2018-2019, dated: 27.06.2018
 - c) PAN card.
 - d) Photo copy of latest voter ID card with both sides printed for proof of their Gram Panchayat Unit and territorial constituency.
 - e) Bank Receipt in original.
 4. The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Accounts Officer, Roads and Bridges Department, Circle office, Namchi on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State of Sikkim (non-refundable) under the receipt Head "0059- 80-800.01-other receipts", during the time schedule mentioned above.
 5. Earnest Money Deposit @ 2.5% of the cost put to tender shall be deposited in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt Fixed Deposit Receipt/Bank Guarantee from State Bank of Sikkim or any nationalized bank in favor of the Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, Namchi. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the same. In case of the Enlisted Women Contractors participating in the bidding, the cost of the Earnest Money Deposit shall be governed by Notification No:104/R&B Dated 08.10.2020.
 6. The soft copy of the BOQ shall be provided along with the tender documents on submission of Earnest Money Deposit as mentioned vide sl. no. 4. The intending bidder shall submit his/her bid in the printed format as per the soft copy of the BOQ provided. In case the bidder submits the bids in hand written format, the same shall be summarily rejected.
 7. The tenderer shall inspect the site and have their own and correct assessment before submitting the bid.
 8. The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer in the BOQ provided should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work Superscripted on it. The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as acceptance of the general direction and conditions of the contract and other laid down norms.Supporting documents listed vide SI No. 2 should be enclosed with the offer.
 9. Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Namchi, on the date and within the time indicated above.
 10. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes in vogue.
 11. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
 12. Tenders will be opened by the Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
 13. In case of any discrepancy in the specifications printed in the BOQ issued with the tender documents, specifications as per approved Schedule of Rates-2020 will be taken as correct.
- For items outside the SOR, the decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final.
14. The Department reserves the rights to withhold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
 15. Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his/her own risk and cost.The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labours at site.
 16. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90days. The work should commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
 17. All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to be a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.
 18. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
 19. The recoveries i/c deduction of taxes and duties as applicable shall be as per the rates notified by the Government from time to time and as applicable on the date of payment.
 20. Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be canceled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
 21. In case of manpower employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighboring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to get them registered with the Labour Department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
 22. The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken up at least of three stages during the construction period. i.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.
 23. Quarrying of non-stock materials shall be allowed only from designated/approved quarries.
 24. The specifications in execution of the works are to be followed as per the guidelines laid by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).
 25. Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any act of negligence and shall bear the responsibility to repair/restore such damage.
 26. Expenditure involved for material testing like cube strength of concrete, crushing strength of road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrangements accordingly as and when instructed by the concerned authorities.
 27. The cost of stock materials and bridges parts if any supplied from the Departmental store will be deducted from the contractor's bills as per the prevalent recovery rate.
 28. Defect liability period for the pavement work shall be for a period of five (05) years which shall not cover the damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides etc.

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

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DC Pakyong chairs daily assessment meeting

Pakyong, October 11: DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chopel presided over a daily assessment meeting at the Control Room of the Rangpo Facilitation Centre to examine the ongoing rehabilitation efforts in the impacted locations, today.

The meeting was attended by ADC Pakyong, SDM Rangpo, representatives from Rangpo Nagar Panchayat and officials from various line departments.

During the meeting, it was mentioned that the Public Health Engineering Department (PHE) has been supplying water to the relief camps round the clock and has installed six water hydrants in the IBM area in order to maintain safe water and sanitation.

Currently, 60% of the 369 households in the IBM area have access to their homes. Two lanes have been cleared out of the four that connects the Upper IBM area to the river bank area. It is anticipated that the last two lanes will be cleared in due time. In Golitar, people can access their

homes, and the lanes have been cleared. Also, frequent pump inspections are being carried out.

The Health Department also offered yoga sessions to support and enhance the psychological well-being of those affected. Following the disinfection of the fishing sites near Goli Ground, fogging was carried out at the Public Health Centre. Similarly, the Election Department conducted a voter registration camp in the remaining relief camps set up at Mining Sec. School, Majhitar Government School and Golitar.

Meanwhile, the Urban Development Department (UDD) has been excavating below the Atal Setu Bridge and Shanti Mandir line to connect the drains towards the existing drain line and further connect it to the main streamline for the disposal of the debris.

Likewise, the State UID Nodal Department DESM&E, in collaboration with the Rangpo

SDM Office and the Rangpo Nagar Panchayat Office has set up services under 'Find Aadhaar' and 'Aadhaar Retrieval' to retrieve the Aadhar of the affected victims.

The Army also carried out an ammunition scan at the riverbanks of Rangpo, where ammunition was also diffused in a systematic way.

DC Pakyong also inspected the recently built restrooms at Golitar and expressed gratitude to the NGOs for their support. A routine inspection was carried out at various locations by Zilla Adhyaksha, ADC Pakyong, ADC Development and SDM Rangpo.

Concerned officials from various departments have been constantly monitoring the food stores and relief camps, and also the needs of the people and their grievances. Along with the Councillors of the Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, various NGOs have been actively participating and providing structural measures in restoration works.

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undertaken by the State Government in the field of education. The Government has laid utmost emphasis on transforming and building a strong education system in the State to empower future generations with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in an ever-evolving world, he added.

He also shared some key announcements made during a Press Conference at Samman Bhawan on October 16; Punarwas Awas Yojana to assist the victims of the recent flash floods, three months rent support of ₹5000/- to the victims stationed at relief camps, and ₹10,000/- each to the affected students.

Keynote Speaker, Founder of Khan GS Coaching Institute, Khan Sir who has a Youtube following of 21.8M Subscribers and is known for his unique teaching style garnering widespread popularity, spoke about time management, which is another important aspect of Khan Sir's teaching strategy. He urged the students to focus on their strengths and weaknesses by managing their study hours efficiently through which they can maximize their productivity.

Speaking about failure as a stepping stone towards success, Khan sir inspired the students to learn from their failures and use them as opportunities for growth. Resilience is the face of failure, he asserted. He advised the students to maintain a regular study schedule and avoid procrastination.

Despite receiving an offer of ₹107 crore to halt his Free Education Mission, he continues to charge a nominal fee of just ₹200, ensuring that quality education remains within everyone's reach. His mission revolves around offering comprehensive education to everyone, regardless of their financial background.

The Speaker also interacted with the students from various colleges across the State, covering array of topics which includes; unparalleled teaching methods and commitment to affordable education, motivation being a driving force behind great accomplishments, personal growth, challenges and keys to success.

As an act of generosity, the Speaker also donated ₹10 lakhs, which he had received as an honorarium from the organisers of the event, to aid the flash-flood affected victims.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Mr. Ravindra Telang while addressing the Convention, spoke about the bodies that are actually made up of four level of existence; physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. They should be balanced not forgetting that the spiritual body is as important as the other three.

The ACS also stressed on value-based education that places an emphasis on helping students develop their personalities so that they can shape their future and deal with challenges with ease.

He said that close to understanding how education empowers humanity to push beyond the comfort zones, one should use resources at their disposal with the sole objective of liberating themselves from prison and set their minds free from ignorance.

Speaking about the theory of karma being related to the law of universal causation, he stressed that when the sense of worth is attached to the effort one makes and putting forth our very best, then the process itself becomes exciting and rewarding, regardless of the outcome.

Answering to one of the questions put forth by the students during the interactive session on the education system of Sikkim, the ACS said that the NEP, 2020 focuses on strengthening the higher education sector. The policy seeks to promote research and innovation,

encouraging institutions to prioritize quality research and foster a culture of intellectual curiosity. The policy also emphasises a multi-disciplinary approach in higher education, encouraging students to pursue courses from various disciplines.

Superintendent of Police, Gangtok, IPS Officer from Sikkim, Mr. Tenzing Loden Lepcha, in his presentation, unveiled his journey from classroom to service. Speaking of motivation being non-linear, he highlighted some key factors influencing motivation like incentive, development, challenge, goal, power, support, opportunity and determination.

He also stressed on positive reinforcement, an approach that seeks to guide and shape behaviour by focusing on the positive while also reframing missteps as opportunities for learning.

International Awardee at MUN who represented Sikkim at the Parliament of India, Mr. Sanjay Rai in his presentation covered subjects like restoring coral reefs from the effects of climate change, global deforestation rates and statistics, water contamination and pollution, importance of waste segregation, climate change causing GLOF and its risk perceptions, illegal wildlife trade, sustainable alternatives to plastic and the like.

He also underlined some of the environmental protection programmes like plantation and cleanliness drive initiated by the NGO since 2019 and various awareness activities carried out by the NGO.

The Chief Minister presented mementos to Keynote Speaker Khan Sir and other Speakers.

The programme also witnessed the launch of youth-oriented website (pstamangforyouth) by the chief guest. The website will function as an effective virtual interface through which the concerns of the youth will reach to the Chief Minister's Office directly.

Government of Sikkim Tourism and Civil Aviation Department

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NO:181/TD

DATED: 12/10/2023

For

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, the Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim invites Pre-Qualification bids from the Contractors as per the Eligibility Criteria given hereunder for execution of the project "**Rejuvenation & Rehabilitation of Uttarey Lake and its Allied Facilities at Uttarey in Gyalshing District, West Sikkim**". The interested Contractors shall submit their prequalification information to the **Chief Engineer**, Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Metro Point, Gangtok District on or before **17/11/2023** along with the requisite documents to fulfill the pre-qualification as per the Eligibility Criteria indicated below (in Annexure J of the Sikkim Public Works Manual 2009). The details in respect of project, bid process, guidelines and other conditions will be uploaded in the e-procurement portal www.sikkimtender.gov.in and www.sikkimtourism.gov.in at a later date for participation in the online bid process by the contractors those considered eligible in the prequalification bids.

Eligibility Criteria:-

The Eligibility Criteria to be fulfilled by the intending bidders for pre-qualification are as under:-

i. The intending bidder shall have valid enlistment with the Sikkim Public Works Department (SPWD), Government of Sikkim as Class 1-AA contractor. The attested copy of the valid enlistment of the intending bidder shall be attached with the bid.

ii. The intending bidder shall have adequate experience in construction of civil works fulfilling at least one of the following criteria-

a. At least three projects successfully completed or under execution having cost not less than ₹15.75 Crore each.

OR

b. At least two projects successfully completed or under execution having cost not less than ₹19.69 Crore each.

OR

c. At least one project successfully completed or under execution having cost not less than ₹47.66 Crore.

(The above credentials shall be supported by the certificates issued by the concerned authority of Government not below the rank of Superintending Engineer along with his/her name, contact number and e-mail address for verification).

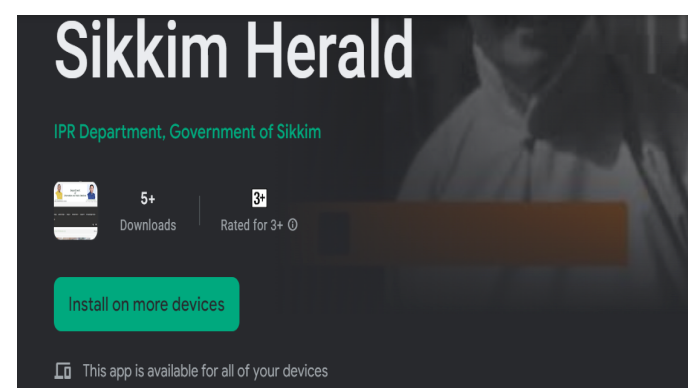
iii. Average Annual Financial Turnover of the intending bidder shall be at least Rs 11.81 Crore during the last three years ending 31st March of the previous financial year duly vetted by a registered Chartered Accountant.

iv. Profit/Loss account statement should be as on 31st March of the previous financial year duly vetted by a registered Chartered Accountant.

v. Solvency Certificate shall be produced for an amount equal to ₹23.83 Crore from State Bank of Sikkim or of any other Nationalized Banks operating in Sikkim.

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Speaker SLA inspects submerged areas of IBM Rangpo

Pakyong, October 11: Speaker SLA Mr. Arun Upreti inspected the submerged areas of IBM belt to assess the devastation inflicted by flash flood in Rangpo.

The Speaker was accompanied by Minister for Urban Development Department Mr. L.B. Das and DC Pakyong.

The Speaker reviewed the

ongoing restoration work being carried out at the blocks of IBM region. He assured the affected that necessary support and assistance are underway to bring normalcy to their lives. He also made an appeal to volunteer and support the administration in the interest of the general public. He appreciated all the Organisations

and NGOs for their assistance in the restoration operations.

It may be mentioned that 250 volunteers from the Arithang area and 3500 volunteers from different parts of the State are working together to excavate the rubble in the IBM sites. Similarly, volunteers are contributing in the Golitar region for the same.

DC Gangtok chairs meeting

Gangtok, October 12: A meeting was chaired by DC Gangtok Mr. Tushar G. Nihare at the Control Room of Singtam, today.

The meeting focused on tackling various issues faced in the restoration and reconstruction of the infrastructure of the affected areas of Singtam and its

surroundings. The issue of rehabilitating the affected based at various relief camps and plan of action for the restoration of buildings suitable for accommodation were also discussed.

The meeting was attended by SP Gangtok Mr. Tenzing Loden

Lepcha, ADC Gangtok, SDM Gangtok, DPO DDMA Gangtok, MEO Singtam, officials from DAC Gangtok and officers and staff of various line departments.

The DC also took feedback from the line department officials working in tandem to restore normalcy.

IPR Deptt. launches website for information on recent disaster caused by flash flood

Gangtok, October 13: Department of Information and Public Relations has been playing a vital role in disseminating accurate news and reliable information related to the flood in Sikkim.

At this time of crisis when timely information exchange is the need of the hour, IPR Department has developed a

website www.sikkimflood23.in, which can be accessed by everyone.

This website contains all the information, reports, media files related to the flood in Sikkim. From the latest news and updates, State Government Notifications, SSDMA reports, evacuation report to important contacts, numbers of relevant persons, nodal officers,

relief camps. The website will act as a one-stop Resource Centre for everything and anything related to the flood. This initiative of IPR Department will also curb the spread of inaccurate and unreliable information. The website will be updated on a daily basis. A team in IPR Department has been designated for this.

Various action plans implemented for victims of flood

Pakyong, October 14: Under the directives of DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chophel, in coordination with APS to CM, Mr. Bishal Sharma and ADC Pakyong Ms. Anupa Tamling various plans of action for the welfare of the flood affected are being implemented in collaboration with various Organisations and NGO's.

It may be mentioned that volunteers from All Sikkim SARATHI 1.0 Project Team, All

Sikkim AWW, AWH, and Additional Workers Welfare Association, All Sikkim ASHA Welfare Association, All Sikkim Government Driver Association, Directorate of Fisheries, Women and Child Welfare department, Rhenock Government College, Sikkim Scouts and Guides, Pachey Local Taxi Driver Association, Zitlang Ward, Deorali Ward, and Samkey Samaj under Samkey Samaj, Mandir Samaj Amba, have

been volunteering at various relief camps in Rangpo and Golitar falling under Pakyong District.

The volunteers have been serving in various capacities, including data collection, surveys, kitchen management, clearance of mud and debris, report preparation, and record keeping, since the occurrence of the flash flood.

Minister L.N. Sharma chairs meeting for disbursement of financial assistance to labourers

Gangtok, October 12: Minister for Labour Department Mr. L.N. Sharma chaired a meeting with the officials of the department to discuss about the disbursement of financial assistance to the labourers registered under Sikkim Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (BOCWWB) at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

In view of the recent calamity, the Labour Department has decided to organise an awareness-cum-distress relief camp at Chintan Bhawan wherein the cheques will be handed over to the registered labourers.

The meeting had the presence of the Secretary for

Labour Department Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, Special Labour Commissioner Mr. D.S. Kunwar, Additional Labour Commissioner Mrs. Tashi Ongmu Sherpa, Joint Labour Commissioner Mr. Shiromani Neopaney and Deputy Labour Commissioner Mr. Bhim Prashad Bhattarai.

It was informed that a total of 3900 stranded labourers and migrant workers have been evacuated so far and the Labour Department has provided safe passage to their native places with free transport up to Siliguri.

The meeting thoroughly discussed about the arrangements made for the disbursement of cheques to the labourers who are working in the

flood affected areas and other districts in Sikkim.

The Minister said that list of all registered labourers should be prepared, so that each of them would be included for financial assistance initiated by the Labour Department under the guidance of the Chief Minister.

The programme for the disbursement of cheques to the labourers working under Gangtok and Mangan District is scheduled to be held on October 15, 2023, at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok in the presence of the Chief Minister, followed by programmes for other districts on October 17, 18 and 19, 2023, respectively.

Team led by K.N. Lepcha visit Relief Material Collection Centre

Mangan: Minister for Land Revenue and Disaster Management Deptt, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha along with his team visited the Relief Material Collection Centre at the Community Hall, Library complex in Mangan, set up in the aftermath of the devastating floods at Mangan

District.

He was accompanied by SDM Mangan, Mr. P.W. Bhutia and Centre In Charge - Addl Director HCCD and volunteers.

The Minister took stock of the relief materials being received and being allocated to all affected places.

As a personal contribution in the relief efforts, he handed over consignment of new clothes, ration, water and other essential household commodities for Chungthang and disaster affected areas.

Press briefing

Gangtok, October 11: Secretary Planning and Development Department and DOP, Mr. Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, also the official spokesperson of the State Government pertaining to the recent disaster, along with Secretary IPR Department, Ms. Karma D. Youtso convened the first press briefing, today.

The salient points of the press briefing were:

Temporary bamboo bridge constructed at Chungthang, connecting to Pegong, which was damaged earlier due to rise in the water levels, has been restored.

As per the report from Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority as of 3 pm, October 11: No. of people evacuated-3438, Mangan: 1725, Gangtok: 1025, Pakyong: 58, Namchi: 630.

No. of casualties- 37 (includes one casualty reported today) Mangan: 04, Gangtok: 07, Pakyong: 24 (Indian Army) and Namchi: 02.

No. of people missing- 78, Mangan: 17, Gangtok: 25, Pakyong: 30 and Namchi: 06.

No. of damaged houses- 1823, No. of relief camps- 21, Mangan: 05, Gangtok: 05, Pakyong: 08, Namchi: 03.

No. of inmates in relief camps- 3773, Mangan: 884, Gangtok: 1565, Pakyong: 919, Namchi: 405.

An information was received from Army TCP Chungthang, that water levels have risen in

Minister Samdup Lepcha inspects affected areas

Pakyong, October 13: Minister for Roads and Bridges, Mr. Samdup Lepcha inspected the affected areas under Rangpo Sub-division today.

He was accompanied by Panchayats, DC Pakyong, Mr. Tashi Chophel, Sr. SP Pakyong, Mr. Karma Gyamtso, ADC (Dev.), Mr. Robin Sewa, Superintendent Engineers and other officers.

Minister was later joined by the Minister for Urban Development Department, Mr. L.B. Das, and the Minister for Power Department, Mr. M. N. Sherpa, on their way to routine inspection.

The Minister and his entourage visited the affected sites

Muguthang area and is proceeding downstream. An advisory was immediately issued for people residing in the low-lying areas to stay alert.

Subsequently, information was received that the rise in water level in Muguthang area was due to rainfall in the higher reaches. A message was sent out to the people not to panic.

In continuation with the ongoing efforts to evacuate and provide safe passage to the labourers and migrant workers to their native places in view of the present situation, several labourers evacuated from the disaster-hit regions of Mangan District are being transported to Siliguri in Sikkim National Transport (SNT) buses.

The designated Relief Collection Centre for North Sikkim is Community Centre, Mangan. All relief materials for North Sikkim should be deposited in the Centre after duly informing the district administration.

The State Government has appointed Secretary, Skill Development Department Mr. Karma Namgyal Bhutia, as the Nodal Officer and single point of contact to address the grievances of the people of Dzongu, Lachen, Lachung and Chungthang, who are based in Gangtok. He will be stationed at Room No. 6, First Floor, Tashiling Secretariat.

at Golitar and IBM to assess the extent of the damages. He interacted with the affected families, assuring them that all necessary support will be provided for their rehabilitation.

The officials of the Road and Bridges Department provided an update, stating that over 400 residences (70% of the population) in the IBM area are having access to their homes, and that the underground drainage system is being revived at a war-footing in order to clear the stagnant water.

It is important to note that the department has engaged a fleet of machinery in place to clear the waste.

Information

It is to inform that some fraudulent online accounts are being created in the name of providing aid to the people affected by the calamity in Sikkim.

Anyone desiring to contribute may deposit solely in the following bank accounts:

1. Chief Minister's Relief Fund Account Number: 100134029100037, IFSC Code: IBKL0108SIC (SISCO Bank)

Online payments can be made through the following link:

(<https://cmdrf.sikkim.gov.in/account/login>)

2. The corporate houses, companies, or firms desiring to donate under their CSR may send their donation to Account No. 42345151831, IFSC Code: SBIN0007097 (SBI Zero Point, Gangtok). QR Code will be shared.

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H&FW Deptt. undertake various activities in relief camps

Gangtok, October 14: Under the supervision of District Collector-cum-Chairman DDMA Gangtok Mr. Tushar Nihare, various activities are being carried out in the relief camps at Singtam.

Health and Family Welfare Department under Secretary Dr. A.B. Karki has rolled out daily engagement events at relief centres in and around Singtam Nagar Panchayat.

Chief Medical Officer, Singtam Dr. Tempo, Nodal officer of the State Disaster Dr. Prabhat Moktan along with their teams are conducting the following activities in the relief camps.

1. Yoga and wellness sessions at all relief camps by IEC teams and MLPHS.

2. Information Education Communications (IEC) on basic

hygiene sanitation and communicable, food-borne, water-borne and vector-borne diseases.

3. Medical teams stationed at relief camps with medicines and supplies to cater to emergency cases and chronic non-communicable diseases.

4. First aid team at work in progress areas for minor cuts and bruises.

5. Record keeping of all cases by data reporting team.

6. Sanitation of all hospital premises by sanitation team.

7. Post-mortem and deceased information under District Medical Superintendent Dr Bishal Pradhan and Health Administrator.

8. Surveillance of dengue, typhoid cases and other communicable diseases by District

Surveillance Officer Dr Tshering Ongmu Bhutia and team.

9. 10-20 beds allocated at the hospital for dengue cases.

10. Local purchase of medicines by the district medical stores under Mrs. Sujata Rai.

11. Ambulances and pool vehicles - DMS office.

12. Fogging and vector control by State Entomological team and State Nodal Officer Vector Borne Disease Control Programme and Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, SNO NVBDCP.

13. Admission and referrals of cases to higher centres.

The concerted efforts of the medical team at the relief camps contribute to a safer and healthier environment within the camps.

Rehabilitation process monitored

Pakyong, October 14: Minister for Urban Development Department Mr. L.B. Das, along with DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chopel, SE Roads and Bridges Department Mr. Naween Gurung, and DE Urban Development Department Mr. Punam Pradhan monitored the

ongoing rehabilitation process at the IBM Rangpo, today.

Likewise, the Minister directed that heavy machinery be operated in order to expedite the restoration process. Additionally, he commended the locals for their cooperation and assistance for the

clearance of sludge and debris from the area. Meanwhile, he anticipated the same cooperation in the coming days in order to complete the work at the earliest.

The Engineers and Officials from the R&B and UD Departments also joined the monitoring team.

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temporary rent assistance. The State Government will consider providing three months' rent support at ₹5000 per month to help victims in relief camps to expedite their return to normalcy.

3. For flash-flood victims residing in rented accommodation and meeting the specified eligibility criteria, the State Government will establish a 'Janta Housing Colony' similar to residential quarters/flats, where the victims will be allocated housing units without any initial cost for a period of three years. Subsequently after this period, they will be required to pay rent.

4. The State Government would provide basic household items like kitchen utensils, gas stoves, gas cylinders, mattresses, blankets and other daily household essentials to help the victims settle down in the rented accommodation.

5. The State Government will provide ₹10,000/- each to students who have been affected by the flash flood for the expenses of their uniforms and notebooks. Likewise, the Education Department will supply the required textbooks.

6. The State Government is committed to assisting victims whose businesses suffered losses due to the flash floods. A loan of up to ₹10 lakhs, covering the interest for 24 months will be provided as a support to facilitate the establishment of new businesses.

7. The State Government will conduct assessments to determine the needs of vehicle owners affected by the disaster. Similarly, it will provide relief and extend the moratorium period to manage EMI payments for those impacted by the flash floods.

8. District Collectors will set

up camps in the affected areas to facilitate the issuance of essential documents, including Voter Cards, Aadhar Cards, Land Parcha, Ration Cards, Birth Certificates, Certificates of Identification, Community Certificates, Trade License, etc., for victims who have lost these documents in the floods.

9. Once the debris and muck are cleared from the affected areas, the Buildings and Housing Department will carry out a stability assessment to determine whether the damaged houses are safe for habitation.

10. The Roads and Bridges Department in collaboration with Rural Development Department and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the stability of bridges affected by the flash floods. This evaluation will inform about the necessary repair and maintenance work.

Given the anticipated high demand for rental accommodation in the affected regions, the State Government has earnestly appealed all homeowners in these areas to refrain from raising rental rates beyond the standard market rate. It is essential to maintain fairness during this challenging time. Cooperation in providing affordable accommodation is vital in this hour of crisis, the Chief Minister stated in his remarks.

Addressing the media, the Chief Minister gave a comprehensive briefing, covering several critical aspects of the ongoing flash flood crisis in the State, including the number of evacuees, extent of damages, relief efforts and rehabilitation works among others.

He informed that a State Level Banker Committee meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Sikkim, is scheduled to take place October 17 to deliberate on the provision of financial relief and relaxation measures for the victims of the

flash floods. This may include providing relief in the form of loan moratoriums, loan restructuring, or special credit facilities to help victims recover and rebuild their lives and businesses.

While highlighting the critical role of the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) as a primary resource for providing immediate financial assistance to the flood victims, the Chief Minister underscored the State Government's commitment to transparently allocate and utilise resources for flood relief efforts.

He informed that the CMRF has been receiving generous contributions from various sources that have been instrumental in supporting the relief efforts. He extended gratitude to the citizens of Sikkim, relief workers, and volunteers for their tireless efforts during this crisis. He stated that the State Government stands united with the people of Sikkim, working diligently to facilitate a swift recovery from the devastating flash floods.

While providing an in depth background of the Teesta Stage III Project, the Chief Minister reiterated that a detailed probe would be carried out on the reasons for the complete washing away of the dam in the recent floods.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Press Advisor to CM, Relief Commissioner cum Secretary, Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Secretary, Planning & Development and DoP-cum-spokesperson, Secretary, IPR Department, Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary, Power Department, Secretary to CM, Secretary to CM and PCE Power Department and General Manager, Sikkim Power Development Corporation.

Minister L.B. Das hands over ex-gratia to deceased family members

Pakyong, October 12: Minister for Urban Development Department Mr. L.B. Das along with SDM Rangpo Mrs. Sujata Subba handed over an ex-gratia of ₹4 lakhs each to the family members of the deceased under the norms of assistance from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) at relief camp in Majhitar, today.

The names of the deceased: Tshiteez Rai (brother) Sova Gurung (mother).

Name of the family member who received ex-gratia: Reebak Rai.

It may be mentioned that an ex-gratia of ₹5000/- each was disbursed to eleven victims who lost their belongings in the flash flood.

State Govt. reinstate 5 seats under CMMSS

Gangtok, October 13: State Government has taken a commendable step towards bolstering education in North Sikkim. Effective from the academic year 2024, the State Government is set to increase the allocation of five (5) scholarship seats tailored exclusively for students hailing from Lachen, Lachung, and Chungthang areas, under the Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme (CMMSS).

The significant development was revealed during the recent Janta Bhet Karyakram held in the Lachen-Mangan constituency.

These five seats originally designated for students from these regions during the tenure of former Chief Minister Lt. Mr. Nar Bahadur Bhandari, was revoked by the next Government that came to office, it was informed.

In a welcome move, the Government has decided to reinstate these seats, marking their reintegration into the scholarship programme, starting from the year 2024.

Earlier, five seats for Dzongu constituency were also restored by the Government.

Minister K.N. Lepcha inspects PHC Rangpo

Pakyong, October 14: Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department, Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha inspected PHC Rangpo, today. He was accompanied by SDM Pakyong (Hq), Mr. Thendup Lepcha and MO/IC Dr. N. Topden Bhutia.

The purpose of the visit was to check the stock of emergency medicines and equipment.

He emphasised the

importance of taking strict precautions with regard to water borne diseases and also interacted with patients in the wards who are undergoing treatment at the PHC.

The Director cum SSO of IDSP, MO/IC PHC Rangpo, along with an Entomologist and the PHC teams, conducted a complete sanitisation and fogging of IBM and Golitar areas.

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minor injury assistance ₹20 thousand and one time pension of ₹50 thousand.

The Chief Minister in his brief address said that the State Government acknowledges the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice of all the workers and is committed to protecting the rights of the labourers. During this difficult and challenging time, the State Government is reaching out to all the registered labourers by providing the Distress Relief Funds, over and above ₹15,000/- minimum wage and other benefits that they are receiving, he informed.

The Chief Minister also said that children of labourers are getting assistance in higher education, including getting admission to Government Institutions, enrolling in medical and engineering courses and financial assistance to meet their tuition and accommodation fees.

'The relief and wage that you are receiving is only the result of your hard work,' said the Chief Minister to the labourers. He urged

the workers to register themselves with SBOCWWB to avail several benefits offered by the State Government.

Minister for Labour Mr. L. N. Sharma, while speaking about the benefits received by the registered workers, informed that building construction workers such as carpenters, brick mason and others who are employed under different contractors can also come forward and register themselves. He emphasized on the provision of financial benefits available for the registered labourers. He stated that the financial amount collected from the cess is utilised only for the welfare of registered labourers. Further, he urged all concerned to support the exercise of getting all the labourers registered with SBOCWWB Board.

The programme was also attended by Minister for Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department Mr. K.N. Lepcha, MLAs, Labour Advisor, Chairperson of Sikkim Labour Welfare Board, other dignitaries including Chairpersons, Mayor and Deputy Mayor GMC, Secretary and officers of Labour Department, labourers and their family members.

Meeting resolves to make Ravangla Car Plaza operational

Namchi, October 13: A coordination meeting between Ravangla Khop Gram Panchayat, SDM Ravangla, BDO Ravangla, SDPO Ravangla along with the President Driver Association of local taxi and main line was held at the car plaza regarding the non functional Car Plaza located at Yangyang Road, Ravangla, today.

During the meeting, it was informed that the Car Plaza, which was non-functional earlier will now be made functional and that the ground floor will be available for parking private vehicles. The first floor will be for utility trucks, the second floor for local cabs and the third floor for main line

taxis.

After the joint inspection, it was noticed that the Car Plaza needs to be taken proper care so as to keep it well maintained.

In connection to this, SDPO Ravangla Mr. Bikash Tiwari informed that the Village Police Guards shall be deputed for security purposes until the official orders for Guards are issued.

BDO Ravangla, Mr. Sanjeev Das Rai also informed that under his directions, NHIDCL shall clean and maintain the road connecting from the car plaza to the main town.

Panchayat President, Ravangla Khop GPU Mrs. Nirmala Sherpa said that the GPU in

collaboration with the Driver Association shall work on space allotment for shops. The GPU will also take responsibility for cleanliness, water supply and electricity, she informed that for the initial six months, the GPU shall not charge any parking fees.

SHO Ravangla Mr. Rinzing Lepcha assured that his team shall monitor the car traffic and ensure that no cars will be parked at the road side so as to make Ravangla Bazaar and its surroundings clean and less polluted adding more beauty for tourist to enjoy the place.

DC Gangtok conducts meeting

Gangtok, October 16: DC Gangtok, Mr. Tushar Nihare presided over a meeting with the officials involved in disaster relief operations in the presence of Advisor to CM, Mr. Rohit Raj Maharaj at the Community Centre, Singtam, today.

Advisor to CM, Mr. Rohit Raj Maharaj commended the efforts of the government officials, volunteers, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), and locals to stabilise the situation, noting that the calamity had caused significant damages. He advised the assessment team to proceed prudently and ensure data clarity for authenticity.

DC Gangtok said that the main objective of the meeting was to consolidate the rescue, relief and restoration works carried out so far and to expedite the process of rehabilitation of people who have been affected by the disaster. He lauded the effort of the field level

officers in collecting the data of the extent of damage caused and for making an assessment of the immediate support needed to help the affected people.

Based on the data of complete and partial damage of houses, shops and other commercial establishments, and families displaced, the DC called for immediate assistance to the people living on rental basis to find a new place to stay.

The bank representative was further urged to provide a report on the data collected and KYC documents restored in the bank in order to make it easier for citizens, who lost it in the natural calamity.

The Electoral Cell was asked to obtain precise data and cross-authenticate it with Councillors and Panchayats to enhance accuracy and transparency.

The DESME Officer

representative said that 100 people have already enrolled for the Aadhaar Card, and it was mentioned that biometric Aadhaar Cards holders are given priority in order to avoid data duplication.

During the meeting, the DC advised the affected people and other people to remain out of speculations circulating about the ex-gratia amounts in the social media. He informed that none of them would be left behind unnoticed and that each affected person would receive assistance in accordance with the guidelines and standards set forth by the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) norms.

In his concluding address, the DC encouraged each individual to work alongside with the administration and help in generating precise details to deal with the present crisis in the State.

Various Depts. engaged in restoring affected areas

Gangtok, October 16: As per the daily report, the following Departments completed the work in the Gangtok district:

The PHE Department employed 20 workers to clear the public restroom chamber in Lal Bazar, Singtam. The department has dug a test soak pit that is 6 feet by 6 feet in size for the sewage disposal process adjacent to the existing Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). One section of the sewage line is still blocked in the Lal Bazaar region. However, there are measures in place to deal with the situation by carrying out maintenance work at night in order to prevent disruptions brought on by machinery movement during the day.

The old structure next to the walkway that held the Goshkhandara electrical, Power Department has already taken disassembled since it was impeding the completion of the repairs. The low-tension (LT) cable installation on the rack is currently taking place as part of the department initiative to distribute

the load from the 315 KVA substation at the Police Station. Resealing work is being done to stem the flow of oil as 500 KVA transformer has broken in Golitar area.

The primary drainage outlet at Goshkhandara was subsequently excavated out to make a passage for both sewage and drainage by Urban Development Department.

Likewise, the team from the Election Cell of DAC Gangtok visited relief camps to give Election Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to individuals who lost their old EPIC.

The revenue personnel from district administration made an extensive assessment of the damages during their visits to all relief camps, and all households were covered.

Similarly, the roadside debris along the bazaar has been successfully removed with the combined efforts of workers and volunteers. The shopping units at street level have almost been cleared, and work is currently being done below street level and also

the search and rescue operation by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is currently underway.

The Chief Medical Officer stated that the Health and Family Welfare Department is working together to support people and that those experiencing post-traumatic disorders are also receiving counselling. In addition, they are educating people about basic hygiene, sanitation, and diseases spread by insects, water, food, and illness.

He said that in order to eradicate dengue cases in and around the affected areas, the department has started an extensive dengue fogging campaign.

The meeting had the presence of Chairperson, Labour Department, ADC Gangtok, SDMs, BDOs, Police personnel, Municipal Executive Officer (MEO) Singtam, officials from line departments, Councillors, representatives from the Indian railways, incharge of relief camps, community halls and locals.

Councillors hand over essentials to families of relief camps

Pakyong, October 16: The basic essentials were provided to the twenty-three families of relief camps in SDL and eight families in Majhigaon relief camp, helping

these people in distress to restore some kind of normalcy to their lives.

The respective Councillors of the areas handed over the

essentials to the families and assured them to render all kind of possible assistance.

Chief Secretary chairs meeting with DCs

Gangtok, October 14: Chief Secretary, Mr. V.B. Pathak chaired a meeting with the District Collectors of Mangan, Gangtok, Pakyong and Namchi districts to assess the status of the ongoing rescue, relief and restoration work in the flood affected areas, and discuss further course of action, today.

The meeting had the presence of Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department Mr. R. Telang, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Rural Development Department Mr. D. Anandan, Relief Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department Mr. Anil Raj Rai, Secretary, Planning & Development Department Mr. Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, Special Secretary, Finance Department Mr. Ragul K, DC Namchi Mr. Bharani

Kumar, DC Gangtok Mr. Tushar Nihare, DC Pakyong Mr. Tashi Chophel and DC Mangan Mr. Hem Kumar Chettri.

The District Collectors apprised about the measures being taken by the district administrations to provide immediate relief to the people affected by the natural calamity. The DCs also flagged issues which needed urgent intervention of the Chief Secretary.

The meeting discussed in detail the rehabilitation of house owners and tenants displaced by the disaster and currently sheltered in relief camps.

Along with steps being taken for immediate relief, the meeting formalised a strategy for long term restoration with regard to reconstruction of houses, repair of shops and other infrastructures.

Victims sheltered in relief camps rehabilitated

Pakyong, October 15: Additional District Collector (ADC) Pakyong, Ms. Anupa Tamling, accompanied by DPO Zilla, Mr. Sonam Zangpo Bhutia, rehabilitated victims of different relief camps under Rangpo Sub Division, today.

Majhitar Secondary School and Mining Secondary School have been denotified owing to the rehabilitation.

The victims were provided with essential commodities before

leaving to reconstitute their lives. 33 families from relief camp in Chanatar Secondary School have also been rehabilitated, while the remaining families have been shifted to Sikkim Distilleries Limited (SDL) Hall.

The existing relief camps are Sikkim Distilleries Limited (SDL) Hall, EPCS Church Majhigaon Housing Complex, Eco-Paradise Mining Resort and Nepali Dharamsala, Golitar.

DC Pakyong conducts daily assessment meeting

Pakyong, October 15: DC Pakyong, Mr. Tashi Chophel, coordinated a daily assessment meeting at Rangpo Tourist Centre today to evaluate the progress of the rehabilitation efforts in the impacted areas of Rangpo Sub Division, today.

The meeting was attended by ADC Pakyong, Ms. Anupa Tamling, SDMS of Roads and Bridges, Power Department, SDM (Hq), SDM Rangpo, DE Urban Development Department and DE Roads and Bridges and officials from various line departments.

During the meeting, it was highlighted that the Roads and Bridges Department has cleaned 8146.28 cubic metres of debris, making 18 residences in the IBM area accessible. Similarly, 6336 cubic metres of debris have been cleared, along with the choked cross drain at the highway in the Golitar region.

Additionally, the PHE Department has been monitoring the maintenance and operation of the water supply at the relief camps, including the water hydrants in the IBM area. The Power Department has also installed 17 LT poles for service connections, illuminated 65 floodlights from all angles, and provided service connections to 70 households in the lower IBM area. Additionally, a diesel generator is stored as a backup source in case the area's power supply fails.

The permanent restoration work of the Power Department has also started along the NH10 towards the Majhitar, Bardang, and Rangpo areas.

The Urban Development Department subsequently constructed temporary drains that are removing debris from the affected areas. A large number of labourers have been assigned to manually excavate the sludge from the drains as well.

The concerned Councillors are making efforts to excavate the known blocked areas and are actively involved in offering assistance to the affected individuals.

In order to avoid any health hazards, the Health Department is taking precautionary measures to control water borne diseases caused by blocked sewage.

The staff at the PHC were also given training to use the newly added fogging machine at the Centre.

In order to foster a positive attitude among the children, Assistant Director UDD Mr. Navraj Lamsal also involved the students in word creation, art, and drawing while they were at the relief camps.

There are currently 779 people accommodated at the relief camps of Majhigaon Housing Complex, Nepali Dharamsala, Sikkim Distilleries Limited Hall (SDL), Eco-Paradise, and EPCS Church.

To ensure effective coordination and operation, all district officials also took stock of the ongoing restoration efforts.

Furthermore, dignitaries, associations, non-governmental organisations, and individuals generously offered their support for such an exemplary cause.

Cabinet discuss proposals for rehabilitation to affected people

Gangtok, October 17: A meeting of the State Cabinet was held in the Cabinet Hall of Tashiling Secretariat, Gangtok, today. A total of 205 Agenda items were discussed during the meeting and many important decisions were taken.

I. The Cabinet also adopted a Resolution in the wake of the unprecedented natural disaster caused by flash floods in river Teesta on October 04, 2023 which has caused massive loss to life, livelihood and property of the people living along the banks of the river. The entire Sikkimese society is mourning the loss of precious lives in this catastrophe. The Council of Ministers expressed their gratitude to the overwhelming support received from the people, Government of India, other State Government and Organizations during this hour of need.

The following Resolution was adopted, namely: -

'The Council of Ministers noted with heavy hearts the profound loss of lives, livelihood, property and some major critical infrastructure at the wake of devastating flash floods on October 04, 2023. During this hour of grief, the State Government stands by the people of Sikkim and commits itself to ensure all help and support to enable the affected people to re build their lives and livelihoods. The Council of Ministers also express their deep condolences to the bereaved families of people who lost their life in this catastrophe.

We would also like to put on record the incredible solidarity shown by the Sikkimese society at this hour of need and acknowledge the contribution of each and every individual and Organisation who are working tirelessly to support the State administration in surmounting this grave challenge. The contribution of all these Heroes are the bricks by which we will rebuild our State and come out of this catastrophe 'Together' and 'Stronger'. We urge the people of Sikkim to be strong and resilient at this hour and remain positive'.

Following the adoption of this Resolution 2 (two) minutes silence was observed in memory of the people who lost their lives during this disaster.

II. a. The Cabinet has also decided to introduce some interventions to alleviate the loss and suffering faced by the people affected by the catastrophic flash floods of October 04 and felt that one of the basic needs to be fulfilled by the Government is to provide them a proper place to live in order to enable them to carry on with their life and livelihood.

b. With this objective, the Cabinet introduced two new Housing Schemes as follows:

- Sikkim Punarvaas Awaas Yojana
- Sikkim Janta Housing Colony

c. Under the 'Sikkim Punarvaas Awaas Yojana', 2100 houses will be constructed, in a safe and suitable location, and allot them to the owners of houses that have been totally washed away in

the Teesta Flash Floods and owners of houses that have been severely/partially damaged by the floods and are no more inhabitable. The Government would construct these houses in a Government land or a land donated/acquired for this purpose.

d. Under the 'Sikkim Janta Housing Colony', 2000 Houses will be constructed in a safe and suitable location, to rehabilitate the tenants of houses that have been totally washed away in the Teesta Flash Floods and tenants of houses that have been severely/partially damaged by the floods and are no more inhabitable. These tenants would be allotted houses under this scheme on a 'Rental basis'. However, no rent would be charged by the Government for first three years of allotment. On completion of three years, rent as assessed by the government shall be payable by the allottees.

e. The severely/partially damaged houses would be inspected by a Technical Team which would assess the stability of these houses and certify whether these houses are habitable or not.

f. In order to be eligible for both these schemes, the beneficiaries should be in possession of Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification or Parcha of landed property anywhere in Sikkim, Voter Card or Residential Certificate of Sikkim.

g. The construction of houses under the above-mentioned schemes would follow the same design and estimate of Sikkim Garib Awaas Yojana, and on-going scheme of the Government.

3. For immediate support and assistance to the owners of such houses mentioned above and the tenants who were staying in those houses, the Government would consider granting rent for three months @ ₹5000/- per month to enable the victims at the Relief Camp to move to a rented accommodation and get back to normalcy at the earliest.

4. In addition, the Government would provide basic household items like kitchen utensils, gas stove, gas cylinder, mattress, blankets and other daily household items to help the victims settle down in the rented accommodation.

5. Since, there will be an acute demand for rented accommodation in the affected areas, the State Government appeals to all the house owners in these areas to not to increase the rental charges beyond the normal market rate. Action will be taken under Disaster Management Act against those house owners who charge exorbitant rent at this hour of crisis.

6. After clearance of debris and muck at the affected areas the Buildings & Housing Department will carry out a stability study to verify and confirm whether the damaged houses are fit for habitation or not.

7. Similarly, the Roads & Bridges Department along with Rural Development Department and Border Roads Organization

(BRO) will carry out a study to know the stability of the bridges that are affected by the flashflood, in order to take up the required repair works.

8. The District Collectors will set up camps at the affected areas for issue of Voter Card, Aadhar Card, Land Parcha, Ration Card, Birth Certificate, Certificate of Identification, Community Certificate, Trade License etc. for those victims who have lost these documents in the flood.

9. In order to support the students who have lost all their belonging in Flash Flood in Teesta River, the Government would provide a onetime grant of ₹10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) per students who have been genuinely affected by the Flash Flood for purchase of new uniform and note books. The new text books will be provided by the Education Department.

10. The Cabinet was also pleased to grant administrative approval and financial sanction of ₹881,91,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Hundred and Eighty-One Crore and Ninety-One lakhs Only) towards Construction of 2100 Houses under 'Punarvaas Awaas Yojana' and 2000 Houses under 'Janta Housing Colony' for the victims of Flash Floods in Teesta River which will be implemented by Rural Development Department.

11. The Cabinet has also taken a decision to constitute a technical committee of eminent scientists of the country comprising of Glaciologist, Geologist, Seismologist, Hydrologist etc. in consultation with NDMA. The committee shall look into the causes of the recent disaster that struck the state. Further, the committee shall undertake necessary investigation and suggest further course of action to the government. Since, the state has a large number of glacial lakes and some are reported to be increasing in its size, the committee shall also suggest a comprehensive plan of action for its management, in view of the recent disaster.

12. The Cabinet also directed the Chief Secretary to immediately convene the State Level Bankers Committee Meeting and to ensure that Circular dated 17.10.2018 of the RBI on Relief Measures by Banks in areas affected by natural calamities is implemented in letter and spirit.

13. The Cabinet also decided to confer a Special State Bravery Award for the bravery and courage shown by Dr. Pema Tenzing Bhutia and Mr. Dawa Tshering Lepcha during the catastrophic flash floods of October 04, 2023. Their bravery and commitment to the welfare of fellow citizens has saved many lives and the State is forever indebted to these brave hearts. This Award will be conferred during a suitable occasion befitting the stature of this highest commendation. The Cabinet also directed to further recommend their names to Government of India for suitable and appropriate award for their act of bravery.

Update on Chief Minister's Relief Fund

Gangtok, October 17: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang expressed his gratitude to all the individuals and organizations for their generous donation to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

As per information, Karmapa Trust, Gangtok donated ₹10,00,000/-, Mr. Bhaichung Bhutia, Rabongla donated ₹25,99,999/-, Mr. Som Bahadur Subba, Khanisrbong donated ₹10,00,000/-, Mr. Sanjay Chandak, Sombaria donated ₹10,00,000/-, Mr. Santosh Agarwal, Rhenock donated ₹5,00,000/-, Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Singtam donated ₹5,00,000/-, Mr. Sanju Mallu, MG Marg, Gangtok donated ₹5,00,000/-, Mr. Kishan Kumar Agarwal, Melli bazar donated ₹5,00,000/-, Brother's Pharma, Sochakgang donated ₹5,00,000/-, All Sikkim Deputation Association donated ₹3,00,000/-, Binay Agarwal donated ₹2,00,000/-, Kailash Roller Flour Mills (P) Ltd. donated ₹2,00,000/-, Beekay Hardware Store donated ₹2,00,000/-, Mt. Zion School Kidzee, Tadong donated ₹1,00,000/- and Greendale Senior Secondary School donated ₹1,00,000/-.

On October 16, Sikkim State Civil Service Officers' Association (SSCSOA) contributed ₹350,000/- towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The executive members of SSCSOA led by President Mr. Dushyant Pariyar handed over the cheque to the Secretary, Chief Minister's Office at Samman Bhawan.

Widely acclaimed educationist, Khan Sir contributed his honorarium of ₹10,00,000/- to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) post his talk at a function held in Gangtok on October 17.

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Programme on CMD Grants to individuals and organizations and contributions for flash flood

Gangtok, October 11: The programme at Samman Bhawan saw presentation of 10 cheques from the Chief Minister's Discretionary Grant (CMDG) to individuals and organizations for various purposes, today.

Moreover, in a display of solidarity with the State Government's relief endeavours following the recent disaster in Sikkim, Mr. Sonam Sherpa of Namchi donated 2.40 acres of land to aid the Adarshgaon victims.

Additionally, numerous organizations and individuals came forward to make valuable contributions to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, collectively supporting the cause, namely, NHPC ₹3,00,00,000/-, Youth Development Foundation - ₹30,00,000/-, SIMFED ₹10,00,000/-, Sikkim State Cooperative Limited

Agarwal S/o Lt. Jagdish Agarwal R/o Lal Bazar, Gangtok donated ₹10,00,000/- followed by Mr. Kedar Somani S/O Lt. LR Somani R/O Gangtok who donated ₹5,00,000/-.

Likewise, State Bank of India donated ₹2,00,00,000/- to the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA) in the presence of Minister Mr. K.N. Lepcha.

On October 12, Sikkim Power Development Corporation Ltd. donated ₹15,00,000/- to the CMRF as a support towards the endeavours of the State Government in providing relief to affected families.

Also, Ms. Khushi Agarwal, daughter of Mr. Nirmal Agarwal of Gangtok, a student of Delhi Public School, Jaipur, has made a substantial contribution of ₹2,580 to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) displaying her generosity.

The Chief Minister lauded her benevolent act, stating, 'She is truly an incredible and compassionate young person, and her selfless act of donating from her piggy bank to CMRF fills our hearts with gratitude. Her generosity serves as a shining example of the goodness and kindness within her'.

The Chief Minister expressed immense pride, adding, 'we are immensely proud of Khushi, and we want her to know that her kindness will bring smiles and hope to countless faces'.

Likewise, numerous organizations and individuals are coming forward to make valuable contributions to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, collectively supporting the government's relief endeavours following the recent disaster in Sikkim.

₹5,00,000/-, Sikkim Cricket Association (SICA) ₹20,00,000/-, Mr. Sonam Sherpa ₹10,00,000/- and Mr. Phigu Bhutia ₹20,00,000/-

The Chief Minister expressed his gratitude and said that the donations will greatly contribute towards the on-going relief and rehabilitation measures of the State Government in providing assistance to all the disaster affected families.

Earlier, one minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives due to the catastrophic disaster.

The programme was attended by Secretary to CM Mr. S.D. Dhakal, Secretary CMO Mrs. Tenzee Kizom, DM Gangtok Mr. Tushar Nihare and representatives of various organisations.

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Chief Minister chairs meeting with NDMA officials

Gangtok, October 18: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang chaired a crucial meeting with NDMA officials to discuss the recent calamity in Sikkim at Mintokgang, today.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister highlighted the importance of implementing a comprehensive rehabilitation programme aimed at assisting the displaced families. He requested NDMA to identify alternate land for the affected families, taking into account future safety considerations. Additionally, he directed the NDMA to consider the removal of the silt that has accumulated along the shoreline, a factor rendering our inhabited areas more susceptible to future changes or river overflows.

The installation of all-weather monitoring stations throughout Sikkim was a key topic, wherein the Chief Minister informed about the Cabinet's decision to constitute a high-level committee to assess all lakes in collaboration with

NDMA. Moreover, he emphasised the necessity for flexible regulations pertaining to immediate restoration efforts, considering the aftermath of the disaster that has impacted Sikkim.

Furthermore, he extended gratitude to the NDMA officials for their support in the reconstruction efforts.

The meeting was attended by the Minister for Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Mr. K.N. Lepcha, Chief Secretary, Mr. V.B. Pathak, Relief Commissioner-cum-Secretary, LRDD, Mr. Anil Raj Rai, and Additional Director, Accounts, LRDD Mr. P.P. Sharma.

NDMA was represented by Mr. Kamal Kishore, Member & HoD NDMA, Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain, Member NDMA, Col Kirti Pratap Singh, Advisor NDMA, and Col Nadeem Arshad, Consultant NDMA. The Indian Army was represented by Lt Gen VPS Kaushik and Maj. Gen Amit Kabthial, alongside other officers.

CM attends Rinchen Terzo Chenmo

Gangtok, October 15: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang attended the special ceremony 'Rinchen Terzo Chenmo' - The Great Treasury of Rediscovered Teachings at Rumtek, Dharma Chakra Centre, today. The Kawang was bestowed by the 10th Kyabje Drubwang Sangye Nyenpa Rinpoche.

Rinpoche started bestowing the Rinchen Terzod Kawang on June 14, 2023.

The Rinchen Terzod Kawang consists of 801 Empowerments and oral transmissions, which are condensed teachings and empowerments of Guru Rinpoche. These teachings are given to

benefit sentient beings during a degenerate era and were revealed from hidden treasures by treasure revealers. Receiving the empowerments and transmissions brings numerous benefits, such as long life, freedom from obstacles, the fulfilment of one's wishes in accordance with the Dharma, and especially the swift attainment of Buddhahood.

The participants receiving the empowerments primarily come from the Himalayan regions of India, Bhutan, and Nepal. They include Lamas, Tulkus, Sangha members, and devotees from various Buddhist sects, both from these regions and abroad.

CM hands over cheques for houses and land compensation

Gangtok, October 11: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang handed over cheques for houses and land compensation to 30 families from Tintek and Rakdong blocks in Zang village, today.

The cheques comprised of 50% of the total compensation for the affected families from NHPC. These families have been

waiting for the compensation for the past 14 years for the damages caused to their residences and properties during the year 2009 due to the NHPC project.

Representatives from NHPC handed over the long-anticipated cheques to the affected families under the direction of the Chief Minister.

Government of Meghalaya donates in CMRF

Gangtok, October 13: As a heartfelt display of inter-state solidarity, the Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Mr. Conrad Sangma and the Government of Meghalaya have extended a helping hand to the people of Sikkim during this challenging time.

Their generous donation of ₹1,00,00,000/- to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, has not only garnered immense gratitude but also reinforced the idea of unity among Indian states.

The assistance provided by Mr. Conrad Sangma and the Government of Meghalaya will

have a significant impact on the lives of those affected by the calamity, offering them a glimmer of hope during these trying times. The support from Meghalaya reinforces the idea that collective efforts can bring about positive change and aid in the recovery process.

On behalf of the people of Sikkim and the State Government, Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang has extended his heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Conrad Sangma and the Government of Meghalaya for their support during this challenging time.

Sikkim Youth Convention 2023

Gangtok, October 16: Chief Minister Mr. Prem Singh Tamang along with Madam Mrs. Krishna Rai, also the member of Disciplinary Committee of 'Voice' attended the opening day of Sikkim Youth Convention 2023, as the chief guest and guest of honour at Manan Kendra, today.

The two-day Sikkim Youth Convention 2023 organised by Voice NGO and supported by the State Government, with the motto 'Revolutionizing Young Minds', is being initiated to motivate the Sikkimese youth. Over 900 students from all government and private colleges in Sikkim were invited to attend the Sikkim Youth Convention 2023.

Present among others were Cabinet Ministers Mr. K.N. Lepcha, Mr. L.N. Sharma, MP Lok Sabha Mr. Indra Hang Subba, MLAs Mr. Aditya Golay, Mr. Sonam Tshering Venchungpa, Mr. Y.T. Lepcha and Mrs. Farwanti Tamang, Political Secretary to CM, Press Secretary to CM, Deputy Mayor GMC, ADGP Law and Order (Sikkim Police), Chief Economic Advisor, Dr. Mahendra P. Lama, State Government officials, dignitaries, eminent motivational speakers and educationists.

The Convention began with the Saraswati Vandana performed by the students of Reeyaz Sangeetalaya followed lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the chief guest and other dignitaries.

Keynote Speaker, Founder and Director of the Drishti IAS Coaching, Former IAS Officer Dr. Vikas Divyakirti began his address by offering condolences to the bereaved family of the flash flood induced disaster in the State. He shared one of his primary reasons to accept the invitation for the Convention was realising that Sikkim emerges at the top spot with the best workplace conditions for women in the country. He underlined the fundamental parameters of a developed society being categorised under two sub-categories; a) women's participation in the State work

force and b) society safeguarding the minorities.

Taking one of Dr. Vikas Divyakirti's notable contributions, 'Triple 8' formula-a strategic blueprint he proposes for IAS aspirants, he encouraged the candidates to allocate their day into three vital segments: 8 hours of sleep, 8 hours of focused study, and a crucial 8 hours dedicated to recreation and societal interaction. He encouraged a holistic approach, where candidates engage with their surroundings, fostering a well-rounded understanding that complements academic prowess.

Dr. Divyakirti emphasised that mastering the UPSC examination involves more than mere bookish knowledge. Understanding society, its dynamics, and its challenges is integral to the selection process. This is why he advocates for a balanced approach that not only entails rigorous study but also allows candidates to engage with society, meet friends, and enjoy recreational activities. He also took few questions before closing his interaction for the Convention.

Speaker, Senior Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi also Former Member, National Security Advisory Board, Government of India and Sikkim's Chief Economic Advisor, Dr. Mahendra P. Lama in his address emphasised on soft powers like education, the Academician and stressed that at Sikkim University, they undertook some of the programmes and researches in the various schools like Global Studies, Peace and Conflict, Sustainable Development, Biotechnology, Climate Change and also Law and Governance. As people play the most important role in shaping the status of the country, education is responsible for shaping a person, he added. He encouraged the students about the importance of cultivation of education, as it plays a crucial role in technological developments and imparts various skills, values,

and awareness.

The other distinguished Speakers invited for the Convention were Professor, Department of Education, Sikkim University Dr. Yodita Bhutia, who is the first Ph.D and UGC NET holder in Education from Sikkim and Dr. Ashis Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Khangchendzonga State University.

The Speakers encouraged a vibrant exchange of ideas, conversations around student research and wider cross-learning, fostering learning, innovation and meaningful discussions.

At the outset, a panel discussion was led by Dr. Satish Rasaily, Mr. Tenzing Loden Lepcha, Dr. Ghanashyam Sharma and Dr. Sumnina Rai.

The Organisers thanked the State Government and the Chief Minister also the Patron for the Convention for the support extended for the Convention.

Earlier, Chief Coordinator also the International Awardee at MUN, Mr. Sanjay Rai who represented Sikkim at the Parliament of India, gave an overview of the Sikkim Youth Convention 2023. With an aim to inspire the youth of Sikkim to pursue ambitious goals in life, the two-day Sikkim Youth Convocation 2023 is being organized. He informed that to engage the youth of Sikkim in creative activities and over the years, the NGO has been working on programmes related to environment protection such as tree plantation and cleanliness drives.

The official mascot for Sikkim Youth Convention featured Sikkim's State butterfly Blue Duke as 'Luna', a Latin word for 'Moon', as a tribute to the ISRO scientists for their Chandrayaan-3's successful mission.

The programme also witnessed distribution of Token of Appreciation to the Speakers by the chief guest and the guest of honour.

Special Summary Revision launched

Gangtok, October 17: The Election Commission of India conducts Special Summary Revision every year for updation of Electoral Roll. This year the pre-revision activities started from August 22 and the actual revision shall commence from October 17. The applicants can submit their forms for claims and objections from October 17 to December 09, which shall be processed before December 26, 2023.

To mark the importance of Special Summary Revision and to reach out to people at large, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim held a launch programme in the Conference Hall, Balwakhani, Gangtok on, today.

During the programme, the Chief Electoral Officer Sikkim, Mr. D. Anandan handed over the copy of the draft roll to the representatives of all the political parties present.

The total number of electors

in the draft electoral roll as on 17.10.2023 stands at 4,58,406 (male: 2,30,615, female: 2,27,790 and transgender: 1).

During the continuous revision from 5.01.2023 to 1.10.2023, the State saw an enrolment of 6861 new voters in the age group of 18-19 years. The total enrolment of service voters stands at 1993. Further, there has been a total addition of 15652 voters due to enrolment and migration during the continuous revision, a net increase of 1.74% over the final electoral roll published on 5.1.2023.

In his address CEO Sikkim appealed to all the voters of Sikkim to check whether their names are enrolled in the electoral roll and if not may use this opportunity to include their names in the roll if they are eligible to do so.

This year, the Election Commission of India has appointed three Roll Observers,

Special Secretary, UDD Ms. Roshni Rai, Special Secretary, Agriculture Department Ms. Annapurna Alley and Special Secretary, Women and Child Development Department Mr. Suman Gurung to oversee the Summary Revision.

The Roll Observers were felicitated by the Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim.

The VC of SRM University also participated in the programme and submitted the KAP Survey Report to the CEO, Sikkim.

The launch programme was attended by representatives of political parties of the State, Election Icon (PwD) for the State, Mr. Bikram Bhattarai, Members of the State Steering Committee for Accessible Elections, State SVEEP Core Committee members along with Booth Level Officers from surrounding Assembly Constituencies.