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## Governor inaugurates International Performance Arts Workshop on Ramayana



**Kolkata, June 25:** Governor Mr Lakshman Prasad Acharya graced the inaugural session of the 'International Performance Arts Workshop on Ramayana' as the chief guest. The event was organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) at Satyajit Ray Auditorium, Kolkata, today.

The ICCR is celebrating the year 2024 as the 'World Coordination Year of Ramayana'. This workshop features the participation of 17 international artistes from Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar, along with 28 Indian artistes from the Northeastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Assam, Sikkim, and West Bengal.

On the occasion, the Governor applauded the efforts of the ICCR in organising this workshop. He emphasised that such workshops strengthen the spirit of universal brotherhood and provide a platform for promoting arts, cultural exchange, and creative innovation.

He highlighted that the remarkable work of connecting the world through the Ramayana demonstrates that the Ramayana is not just a scripture of India but a

global text. It serves as a guide and beacon for all humanity, he added.

'Ramayana is not only a part of India's social and cultural tradition but also a way of life for many. The influence of Ramayana is present in 41 countries, primarily extending from India to Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, and beyond. People worldwide are deeply influenced by Ramayana culture, which has provided spiritual, moral, and social perspectives. As a result, India has embraced elements of global culture and strived to propagate the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (One Earth One Family One Future) worldwide', said the Governor.

During the event, a troupe of artistes from Sikkim delivered a unique performance of the Balan dance. Performances by Indian artistes from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, and West Bengal, along with international artistes from Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam, captivated the audience.

The event was attended by Anju Ranjan, Deputy Director General of ICCR; Meenakshi Mishra, Director and Zonal Head, Kolkata; and Munish Singh, Zonal Head, ICCR, Northeast, along with various foreign and Indian artistes.

## CM congratulates new Army Chief

**Gangtok, July 1:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang extended his heartiest congratulations and best wishes to General Upendra Dwivedi on his appointment as the 30th Chief of the Indian Army.

This prestigious position is a testament to his distinguished career and unwavering dedication to the nation, said the Chief Minister.

Furthermore, the Chief Minister mentioned that under General Dwivedi's leadership, the Indian Army is expected to reach new pinnacles of resilience and excellence. His guidance is anticipated to lead the Army to greater heights, setting new standards of professionalism and valour, he added.

## Chief Minister discusses critical infrastructure needs in Sikkim

**New Delhi, June 25:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang met with Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Mr Nitin Gadkari to discuss critical infrastructure needs in Sikkim at latter's official residence, today.

On behalf of the people of Sikkim, the Chief Minister congratulated him on his reappointment for the third consecutive term.

Acknowledging the efforts of the Government of West Bengal, with funding from the Government of India, to maintain NH10, the Chief Minister highlighted the urgent need for a sustainable solution of the Sevoke-Rangpo stretch. He proposed a comprehensive study by a team of experts and requested that the construction and maintenance of NH10 be entrusted to a central agency like the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) or the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), given Sikkim's heavy reliance on



this route and its regular disruptions, particularly after the devastating flood of October 2023.

Chief Minister also addressed broader road infrastructure concerns in Sikkim, focusing on enhancing connectivity to Pakyong Airport

and strategic areas. He submitted a proposal for an alternative highway from Chochen Barapathing to Pakyong Airport via Gangchung, Tokchi, and Machong, emphasizing its

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## Sikkim celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> Gwala Diwas

**Gangtok, July 1:** Sikkim Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> Gwala Diwas at Manan Kendra, today.

The event was attended by Mr Puran Kumar Gurung, Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and Fisheries Development Departments, and Mr Arun Kumar Upreti, Minister for Rural Development and Cooperation Departments, as the chief guest and guest of honour.

Chief guest emphasised on the significance of dairy industry in Sikkim and reiterated the State Government's dedication in supporting and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. He stated that the Sikkim Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited has done a commendable job in organising the event, bringing together the community to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work and dedication of those who play a crucial role in the agricultural sector.

He highlighted that the milk consumed daily is a testament to the relentless effort and commitment of the farmers. He assured commitment of the State Government in supporting the dairy sector through various



initiatives aimed at improving productivity, ensuring fair prices, and fostering sustainable practices. He highlighted the importance of sustainable farming practices and the role of the Sikkim Milk Union in supporting the

farmers. He advised everyone to reflect on the importance of dairy farming in their lives and to support local farmers and local

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### Pearls of Wisdom

*"Everything you can imagine is real."*

*- Pablo Picasso*

### ***Inauguration of cane foot bridge at Sangklang***

**Mangan, June 30:** Mr Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, Minister for Forest and Environment Department-cum-MLA Dzongu Constituency inaugurated the newly constructed cane foot bridge at Sangklang, today.

The event was attended by Mr Anant Jain DM Mangan, SDM Dzongu, BDO Dzongu, DFO(T), RO Dzongu, RO Mangan, AAPDA volunteers, officials of concerned departments and locals of Dzongu.

Under the guidance of the Minister for Roads Mr Nar Bahadur Dahal, the entire

Engineering Cell of BAC Passingdang, along with the public of Dzongu commenced the construction of the cane bridge on June 16, 2024.

The Minister commended the efforts of those involved and expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards the people of Dzongu for their initiative in constructing this bridge, which stands as an example of indigenous ingenuity.

He emphasised that the construction of the zip line and cane bridge are temporary measures stressing on the need for a permanent solution to reconnect the cut-off places. He

urged the district officials to develop a comprehensive plan of action for emergencies and disasters and suggested stocking up of essential commodities and water pipes, along with building log bridges at various locations.

DM Mangan highlighted the necessity of stationing Police personnel to monitor the movement of people on the bridge to ensure adherence to the guidelines established by the District Administration for public safety. He also urged the public to follow the provided safety guidelines.

### ***DM Mangan embarks landslide tour at Lingdong***

**Mangan, June 30:** Mr Anant Jain DM Mangan, conducted a field visit to the landslide affected areas of Lingdong to assess the progress of the debris clearance and re-establishment of the route from Phidang to Chungthang via Lingdong (Dzongu), today.

He was accompanied by SDM Dzongu Mr Arun Chettri and other officials.

The DM engaged in a detailed conversation with the contractor overseeing the project,

wherein he was briefed about the challenges faced due to the simultaneous public and Army traffic in the area, which has caused frequent halts in the work and consequently extended the completion timeline. He noted that if the road remained free of public traffic, the clearance could be completed within 2-3 days.

He urged the public to temporarily utilise the newly operational Sangklang cane bridge, which was inaugurated

earlier, today. He also met Colonel Patil of Gorkha Regiment, who briefed him about the supply of rations and other essential commodities to their regiment stationed at Lachung.

The DM emphasised that along with the administrative supervision, collaboration between the local authorities, contractors, and the community is essential in overcoming these challenges and ensuring the timely completion of the road.

### ***DM Mangan surveys disaster areas in Naga***

**Mangan, June 27:** Mr Anant Jain DM surveyed the disaster-affected areas in Naga to assess the damage and coordinate relief efforts.

He was accompanied by Mr Kashi Raj Limboo ADC (Dev), ADC Dev (Chungthang), SDM Chungthang, BDO Chungthang and district

officials.

The DM met with local residents and the Ward Panchayat and interacted with officials of line departments to discuss the assessment report and current status. Additionally, he spoke with GREF officials to gather information regarding road connectivity issue and updates.

The interactions covered public grievances and the prioritisation of road repairs. He emphasised that ongoing efforts and field visits are critical in addressing the immediate needs of the disaster-affected areas and ensuring that rehabilitation and infrastructure restoration work progresses efficiently.

### ***Paryavaran Parva celebration begins in Pakyong District***

**Pakyong, July 1:** Mrs Pamin Lepcha, Area MLA-cum-Advisor Social Welfare and Women and Child Development Departments, in the presence of Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh, DC Pakyong, graced the inaugural ceremony of a week-long celebration of 'Paryavaran Parva Celebration', organised by the Department of Forest and Environment, at Pakyong Bazaar today.

The Paryavaran Parva will be observed throughout the State from July 1 to July 14, featuring a variety of activities including tree plant campaigns, large-scale

clean-up efforts, and a dedicated day to honour Mother Earth.

To mark the beginning of the celebration, the MLA flagged off the seedling distribution van, which will be distributed among the community to promote greenery and environmental conservation.

The mass cleanliness drive started from Pakyong Bazaar to New Market, wherein everyone actively participated in the activity and segregated waste to keep the areas hygienic and clean. In addition, a signature campaign was also set up at the

office of the Department of Forest and Environment to protect the environment and spread awareness about the importance of environment-friendly habits.

The Zilla Panchayats event had the presence of Mr Robin Pd Sewa, ADC (Development), Mr Naweem Gurung, SE Roads and Bridges Department, Mr Sonam Pintso Bhutia, DFO, Mr Sonam Zangpo, DPO Zilla, Panchayats along with officials from various line departments, locals and stakeholders.

### ***Pledge on International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking administered***

**Namchi, June 26:** Ms Anupurna Alley District Collector Namchi administered a pledge of the 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' at DAC Namchi, today.

Emphasising on this year's theme, 'The evidence is clear: Invest in prevention', she advised refraining from any kind of drug abuse and suggested building holistic environment for

the betterment of society.

Also present were Dr TN Gyatsho Sr SP Namchi along with the officials and staff.

Similarly, Mr Anant Jain DM Mangan administered a pledge to all officers and staff at DAC Mangan.

It may be mentioned that the pledge was administered in all Sub-Divisions at Chungthang, Dzongu, Kabi, District hospital,

Mangan Nagar Panchayat, Mangan District Zilla Panchayat and Block Administrative Centres.

Likewise, DAC Soreng also observed a pledge at DAC Soreng. The pledge was administered by Mr DR Bista ADC Soreng to all officers and staff.

### ***Officials conduct field visit to Mamzey to address agricultural market issues***

**Pakyong, June 27:** A field visit to Mamzey, East Pendam under Pakyong District was conducted by the Mission Director HMNEH BL Dahal, accompanied by the Additional Director of Pakyong

District, HDO Pakyong and other field officials.

The tour was attended by Ward Panchayats, field staff and progressive farmers.

The main objective of the

visit was to assess the expected production of cherry pepper and other vegetables in order to address market challenges faced by local farmers.

### ***Tourism Development and Progressive Farmers felicitation and incentives distribution programme held***

**Namchi, June 29:** Tourism Development and Progressive Farmers Felicitation and Incentives distribution programme jointly organised by Tourism Development Society and Farmer Producer Organisation of Sadam in collaboration with the Department of Horticulture was held at Sadam Eco-Hut ground, today.

Mr Puran Kr Gurung, Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, and Fisheries Development Departments attended the programme as the chief guest, while Mr TT Bhutia, Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation Department attended the programme as the guest of honour.

Also present were MLA-cum-Advisor, Zilla Adhyaksha Namchi, Panchayats of Sadam and Suntaley GPU, along with Director Horticulture Department, Additional Director Agriculture Department, Deputy Director Tourism Department, FPO members, progressive farmers and public.

Chief guest handed over cheques amounting ₹ 61 lakhs to 914 beneficiaries of Melli Constituency under the Production Incentive Scheme (PIS). Similarly, tokens for greenhouse, pulveriser machine and spray machine were also distributed by the chief guest.

He spoke about how the State Government is formulating pro-farmer policies and schemes, which have resulted in increased production among the farming community. He urged the youth to work in modern farming practices to ease and improve their farming methods in the region. He assured that the farmers would receive all necessary help, including power tillers, greenhouses, high-yielding variety seeds (HYV seeds), and many more. Meanwhile, he assured to look into the viability of contract farming and bee farming training, for which he directed

the concerned department to put forward the proposal on behalf of the FPOs.

Guest of honour informed about the scope of rural and agri-based tourism in Sadam area while indicating the connection between tourism and agriculture in the State. He briefed on such concepts serve the purpose of providing a source of revenue for farmers as well as tourism entrepreneurs, benefiting to the industry and inclusive growth of the community. To improve the footfall of tourists, he also provided insights on the creation of additional tourist attractions like paragliding, amusement parks, and traditional and heritage huts, which would allow visitors to engage in the tourist activities and prolong their stay. Furthermore, he suggested the Sadam Tourism Development Department to increase tourist activity in the region.

Mr NB Pradhan, Area MLA-cum-Advisor said that such production-linked incentive schemes would boost their productivity, and encouraged the farmers for their dedication. He further stated that various proposals relating to the development of tourism and agriculture sectors have been submitted in favour of tourism stakeholders and progressive farmers.

Director Horticulture, informed about the rates of 18 crops included in the PIS. He encouraged farmers to practice efficient farming and take the most benefit from these schemes.

President TDS and FPO Sadam, highlighted the benefits of PIS for Sadam's progressive farmers. He shared about the necessity of incentives in assisting and supporting the livelihoods of many farmers. Speaking about the opportunities for tourism growth, particularly agro-tourism in Sadam, he requested the tourism stakeholders to highlight the area's distinctive features to attract tourists.

### ***DC Mangan conducts field visit affected by rainfall***

**Mangan, June 25:** DC Mangan, Mr Anant Jain, conducted a comprehensive field visit to areas affected by the recent incessant rainfall, today.

He assessed the damage and monitored the progress of ongoing reconstruction efforts.

He was accompanied by SDM Mangan, SDM Dzongu, Dy Dir DDMA and officials of

concerned line department of the district.

The DC inspected the Mangan Public Ground construction site, Ambithang Roadway reconstruction, Sangklang Cane Bridge, Lal Bazaar Mangan landslide site and Rafong Khola landslide site and reviewed the extent of the damages.

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Reference No. 06/EXAM/SPSC/2024

Date 25/06/2024

**NOTICE**

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Written Examination for filling up **33 posts of Field Assistant** under Sikkim State Statistical Service in the level-09 of Pay Matrix through direct recruitment, as advertised vide advertisement No.18/SPSC/EXAM/2023 dt:30/05/2023 the following candidates are hereby declared qualified (in order of merit):-

ROLL NO	NAME OF THE CANDIDATE
2298	RAJANI NEOPANEY
1395	NIKHIL SHERPA
958	RAM SINGH RAI
1142	SOURAV CHHETRI
2158	DEEPAM SHARMA
2028	SANDEEP CHHETRI
944	BIJAY NIROLA
1120	GYABO LEPCHA
980	SHIVA SUBBA
877	TENZING CHOPHEL BHUTIA
615	JAIYASH THAPA
2299	SUPRIYA SHARMA
756	ZIGMI DORJEE SHERPA
167	KARZOM PEMU TAMANG
452	CHHUMI SHIWAHANG RAI
946	KESSANG DOMA BHUTIA
81	ARPANA GAUTAM
1761	GAYNOM LEPCHA
854	ANUDEEP RAI
576	AMAN SUBBA
743	PEM TSEDEN BHUTIA
1207	SANCHA MAN RAI
1201	BINAI DARNAL
325	JESICA RAI
354	SANGAY CHEZUM BHUTIA
964	PASSANG LEPCHA
1215	SAMILA SUBBA
2047	SUNITA GIRI
757	SANGAY DIKI BHUTIA
1414	BALARAM SUBBA
584	UDAI KALIKOTAY
1776	PRABINA BISWAKARMA
1687	AKSHYE MUKHIA

The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is provisional, subject to **SCRUTINY OF DOCUMENTS** which is hereby scheduled on 10/07/2024 in the office of the Commission from 10:30 am onwards.

As such, the above candidates are to be present for the scrutiny along with original as well as attested copies of all their relevant documents as specified in the respective advertisement on the said date.

The candidature of candidates failing to appear for the scrutiny of documents or failing to provide the requisite documents as specified in the advertisement shall be summarily rejected and the candidate next in line of merit or category as the case may be, shall be considered.

Candidates should bring along FORM-A filled in all respects. FORM -A can be downloaded from the link given below:-

<https://spsc.sikkim.gov.in/Other Documents/FORM%20A General.pdf>

**Controller of Examinations  
Sikkim Public Service Commission  
(375, ii)**

**Urban Development Department  
Government of Sikkim**

Memo: L(268) GOS/UDD/T.L/E/2022/04

Dated: 01/7/2024

**NOTICE INVITING RETENDER**

This is for information of all concerned that sealed tenders are invited from individuals having SSC/COI & Registered Organisations for the award of Car Parking Contract for the Bazaar of Rongli for the Financial Year 2024-2025 (W.E.F. 01.08.2024 to 31.03.2025)

The tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Additional Secretary, Urban Development Department, Gangtok on all working days from 11.00 to 3.00 PM on payment of prescribed fee of ₹500/- per Tender Document in the following Revenue Head:-

Car Parking Contract: 0217-60-800-03

**Eligibility criteria as follows:**

- The tender form can be obtained with application enclosed with a copy any one documents mentioned below in sl. no. 6.
- Tenderers should attend at least the age of 18 years.
- Tenderers should not be a Government employee.
- Overwriting on the tender form is strictly prohibited, if found the tenderers will be reject automatically.
- Minimum three bidders will be accepted.
- The tender form should be accompanied with supporting documents (Attested copy of COI, Unemployment Certificate, Age proof Certificate and Registered Certificate (for Registered Organization)
- The rate quoted below the offset price will be rejected out rightly and the TDR amount will be forfeited
- The detailed terms and condition may be read in the tender documents.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject the tender documents without assigning any reason thereof

**DATES:**

- Date for issue of form: **17.07.2024 to 19.07.2024 (11.00 am to 3.00 pm)**
- Date for submission of Sealed Tender: **18.07.2024 to 20.07.2024 (11.00 am to 1.00 pm)**
- Date and Time of Opening of Tender: **20.07.2024 at 2.00 pm.**

**Additional Secretary  
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Reference No. 09/EXAM/SPSC/2024

Date 27/06/2024

**NOTICE**

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Written Examination for filling up **33 posts of Stockman/ Livestock Assistant** in the level 09 of Pay Matrix in Sikkim State sub-ordinate Para Veterinary Service under Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science Department through direct recruitment, as advertised vide Advertisement No: 13/SPSC/EXAM/2022 dt:19/12/2022 the following candidates are hereby declared qualified (in order of merit):-

ROLL NO.	NAME OF CANDIDATES
591	GOVINDA KHATRI
948	NOVIN CHANDRA CHHETRI
615	PEM TSEDEN BHUTIA
28	TARDUP LEPCHA
128	UMAKANTA SHARMA
566	MOHAN CHANDRA SHARMA
514	ROUNAK RAJ PRADHAN
1009	KARISHMA DAHAL
161	ANISHA CHETTRI
488	BUDHI RAJ RAI
4	ASHESH BASNETT
312	BIKASH BISWAKARMA
364	PERBINA RAI
163	SANDESH SUBBA
754	CHODA BHUTIA
906	KARMA NAMGYAL BHUTIA
265	KARMA TASHI SHERPA
904	KARSONGMIT LEPCHA
919	MUNA HANGMA SUBBA
419	KARMA CHUDUN TAMANG
190	PATRUSH LEPCHA
302	ADITYA GURUNG
175	PRAVESH TAMANG
497	UTEKSHA RAI
669	ANJANA RAI
267	BABITA RAI
580	SANJU HANGMA LIMBOO
318	MAYALMIT LEPCHA
82	SONAM CHODEN BHUTIA
477	KARMA DAWA LEPCHA
173	DEEPIKA GHIMIRAY
696	BIMAL BISWAKARMA
184	CHANDRA KUMAR SUNAR MUKHYA

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**Controller of Examinations  
Sikkim Public Service Commission  
(377, ii)**

**Lost**

Mr Purna Bir Subba s/o Lt Mohan Singh Subba resident of Rumbuk Busty, Sombaria has lost his original Certificate of Identification (CoI) bearing Serial no. 281, Volume no. XV issued from the Office of DC West District, Gyalshing.  
If found, kindly contact at: 8101239922



**Power Department  
Government of Sikkim  
Gangtok**

No.33/P/GEN/97/PART-V/691

Date: 29/06/2024

**Tariff approved by the Commission for FY2024-25**

Sl. No.	Category of Consumers	Energy Charges Rate approved by SSERC ₹/Unit	Fixed Charges	
			Monthly Minimum Charge ( per Month) (₹ per month)	Demand Charge (₹/KVA/ Month)
1	2	3	4	5
<b>1 Domestic</b>				
a)	Upto 50units	1.10	1 Phase: ₹50  3 Phase: ₹200	Nil
b)	51 to 100units	2.10		
c)	101 to 200 units	3.10		
d)	201 to 400 units	3.60		
e)	401 and above	4.10		
<b>2 Commercial</b>				
a)	Upto 50 units	3.10	Applicable to sanctioned load of below 25kva 1 Phase: ₹200  3 Phase: ₹500	Applicable to Sanctioned load of 25 KVA & above Rural: ₹60  Urban: ₹100
b)	51 to 100units	4.10		
c)	101 to 200 units	5.10		
d)	201 to 400 units	6.10		
e)	401and above	6.40		
<b>3 Public Lighting</b>				
a)	Rural Areas	4.00	Nil	Nil
b)	Urban Areas	5.00		
<b>4 Industrial (To be billed on KVAh basis)</b>				
<b>A) HT</b>				
<b>a) HT(AC)above3.3KV</b>				
b)	Upto100KVA	5.40	Nil	₹200/KVA/Month ₹250/KVA/Month ₹290/KVA/Month ₹560/KVA/Month
c)	100 to 250kva	5.90		
d)	250 to 500KVA	6.40		
e)	500KVA and above	6.90		
<b>B LT (Rural)</b>				
a)	Up to 500 units	3.60	Contract Load 45 KW & Below ₹500/Month Contract Load 45 KW ₹120/KVA/Month	Sanctioned load above 25 KVA with shared transformer ₹60/KVA/Month
b)	501 to 1000 units	4.60		
c)	1001 and above	5.80		
<b>C LT (Urban)</b>				
a)	upto 500 units	5.30	Contract Load 45 KW & Below ₹500/Month Contract load above 45KW ₹200/KVA/Month of sanctioned load	Sanctioned load above 25 KVA with shared transformer ₹100/KVA/Month
b)	501 to 1000units	6.20		
c)	1001 and above	7.15		
<b>5 Bulk Supply</b>				
a)	LT	5.50	Contract Load 45 KW & Below LT: ₹500/Month	Contract Load above 45 KW LT: ₹150/KVA/Month of sanctioned load
b)	HT	5.50	HT: ₹500/Month	HT: ₹150/KVA/Month of sanctioned load

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**Sikkim celebrates...**

production and urged everyone to work together to create a prosperous and sustainable future for the dairy industry in the State.

Dr Sharman Rai, Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Deptt. remarked on the substantial transformations in dairy farming achieved under the leadership of the Chief Minister, recognising his mission and vision for advancing the dairy industry in the State.

Additionally, the Secretary also outlined several key future plans, that includes making Sikkim a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free zone, achieving year-round green fodder production in Sikkim and establishing Sikkim as A2 milk hub by promoting the indigenous Siri breed of cows.

Mr Yam Kumar Sharma, Chairman, Sikkim Milk Union stated that the celebration aimed to honour and recognise the contributions of dairy farmers in the region, highlighting their vital role in the state's agricultural and economic landscape.

Dr TB Ghatani, Managing

Director Sikkim Milk Union, provided an overview of Sikkim Milk outlining the roles and functions of the Union.

He stated that the SMU is an autonomous body of dairy farmers, registered on April 29, 1980 under the State Corporation Act of 1978.

He highlighted that the primary aim of the Union is to facilitate milk collection in remote areas and to deliver quality milk and its products to meet consumer needs.

He noted that average daily milk procurement has increased this year to 52,544.83 litres, compared to 23,556.00 litres last year. He mentioned that societies are provided with Automatic Milk Collection Units. Milk chilling facilities, such as Bulk Milk Coolers (BMC) (50%), Chest Coolers, and Milk Can Coolers (100%) for evening milk collection, which is supported by the State Government and is under the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD).

He added that a biogas plant, funded by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) at Kamarey- Pakyong, connects to the kitchens of 120 farmers, producing phosphate-rich organic

manure. This effort aims to reduce global warming by minimising methane exposure and preparing manure, he said.

He also stated that there are awareness programmes for farmers on society registration, and regular auditing. These programmes cover the benefits of cooling and collection facilities, handling and safety, and the recommended use of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) type-I & II cattle feed by the NDDDB to maximise cows' production capacity, improve milk quantity and quality, and enhance the reproductive health of animals.

He concluded by emphasising on the awareness of Sikkim-min (mineral mixture) recommended by the NDDDB, highlighting the deficiency of essential minerals in Sikkim's soil crucial for the health of animals and humans alike.

Awards and cheques were distributed by the chief guest, guest of honour and dignitaries to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best-performing Village Milk Producers Cooperative Societies (MPCS) from each district. From Gangtok District, Naitam MPCS secured 1st place, Luing Perbing MPCS achieved 2nd place, and Simik Aritar MPCS attained 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

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Reference No: 05/EXAM/SPSC/2024

Date: 24/06/2024

**NOTICE**

On the basis of the marks obtained in the Written Examination and Viva-Voce/Interview for filling up **06 posts of Dental Surgeon** in the Junior Grade of Dental Wing of Sikkim State Health Service under Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim in the **Level-15** of Pay Matrix through direct recruitment, as advertised vide Advertisement No: 19/SPSC/EXAM/2023 dt: 01/06/2023 the following candidates are hereby declared qualified (in order of merit) and their names are recommended for appointment:-

ROLL NO	NAME OF CANDIDATES
75	DIKI WANGMO BHUTIA
39	SHRIJANA KARKI
89	TSSHERING CHODEN GURUNG
61	KUNZANG CHODEN TAMANG
129	PEMA DOMA BHUTIA
30	BISHAKA KHATI

The candidature of the candidates as shown in the list is **provisional**, subject to police verification, medical fitness and further verification of all required documents by the State Government.

**Yangchen D. Tamang (SCS)  
Controller of Examinations  
(374, i)**

From Pakyong District, Suntainey MPCS recorded the highest milk supply, followed by Budang MPCS and Assam Lingzey MPCS. From Namchi District, Melli MPCS claimed 1st place, Ben MPCS took 2nd place, and Melli Dara Ward No 2 MPCS in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Soreng District saw the highest milk supply from Sribadam MPCS, followed by Khaniserbong MPCS and Deythang MPCS. From Gyalshing District, 1st place was awarded to Lidung MPCS, 2nd place to Upper Shanku MPCS, and 3rd place to Khandu MPCS.

From Mangan District, Upper Tingzay secured 1<sup>st</sup> position, Tibuk Milk PCS obtained 2<sup>nd</sup> position, and Ringhim secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

Additionally, the Best Performing District in milk production was won by Namchi District for a total milk supply of 56,07,792 kgs in the year 2023-24.

Awards for the Top Three Best Performing Milk Producers Cooperative Societies in the State were also presented. Melli MPCS (Namchi) secured 1<sup>st</sup> place with a total supply of 2,55,783.70 kgs, receiving prize of ₹10,00,000/-. Ben MPCS (Namchi) received 2<sup>nd</sup> place for supplying 2,15,656 kgs of milk and was awarded ₹7,00,000/-. Similarly, Naitam MPCS (Gangtok) came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a total supply of 1,85,994.70 kgs, with a cash prize of ₹5,00,000/-.

Mr Sayar Karki, a meritorious student from the Gwala community, was felicitated by the chief guest for achieving 95.60% in the CBSE board exams. He also received a sum of ₹51,000/- and a full college scholarship sponsored by the Chief Minister.

The Gwala Ratna Award 2023-24, formerly known as the Sikkim Milk Man Award, was announced and conferred by the chief guest to Mr Jiwan Prasad Sharma from Pakyong District for supplying a total of 33,957 kgs of milk in the year 2023-24, with a cash prize of ₹3,00,000/-.

Likewise, the Sikkim Milk Union launched the SKEPL

Farmers App, named Gwala App. This app is farmer-centric, allowing Gwalas to access detailed information about the milk they pour, offering improved transparency regarding its value.

Additionally, Sikkim Milk Mitra App was also launched, enabling consumers to book Sikkim Milk products through vendors and make online payments. Both apps are now available for use on the Google Play Store.

Furthermore, the launch of the Area-Specific Mineral Mixture for Sikkim and the promotion of Phosphate Rich Organic Manure (PROM) were introduced. The initiative for the Sikkim-min (mineral mixture) was recommended by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB), recognising Sikkim's soil deficiency in vital minerals essential for animal and human health, intensified due to continuous heavy rainfall.

A documentary showcasing the achievements of the Sikkim Milk Union was screened during the programme.

Earlier, the Board of Directors of Sikkim Milk Union felicitated Mr Puran Kumar Gurung Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and Fisheries Development Departments, Mr Arun Kumar Upreti Minister for Rural Development and Cooperation Departments, Mr NB Pradhan MLA Melli Constituency cum Advisor, Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services and Fisheries Development Departments.

Also present were Deputy Speaker SLA Ms Raj Kumari Thapa, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Former MLAs, HoDs, Officials from Co-operation Department and Sikkim Milk Union, Boards of Directors from Sikkim Milk Union, dignitaries and representatives from Milk Producers Cooperative Societies and farmers.

## MLA LB Das visits Majhitar and inspects local projects

**Pakyong, 25 June:** Mr LB Das, Area MLA West Pendam Constituency-cum-Advisor Land Revenue and Disaster Management, Information Technology and Information and Public Relations Department conducted an inspection of the ongoing road construction at Lower Khani Khola, today.

During the inspection, MLA examined the progress of the road construction work, emphasising the importance of timely completion and adherence to quality standards. The road project at Lower Khani Khola is a critical initiative aimed at providing better transportation facilities to the local

populace, which will significantly contribute to the region's economic development and ease of access.

He stated that the development of robust infrastructure is vital for the growth and development of the region. The road will not only facilitate smoother travel for residents but also promote economic activities by connecting remote areas to larger markets. He urged the contractors and workers to ensure that the construction meets the highest standards of quality and is completed within the stipulated timeframe.

Following the inspection at Lower Khani Khola, the MLA

visited the newly completed stretch of NH-10 leading to Bardang Secondary School. This section of NH-10 is pivotal as it enhances access to educational institutions, benefiting students and educators alike. He gained firsthand information about the improved connectivity ensuring the road's suitability for a daily commute.

He remarked that easy access to schools ensures that the students can travel safely.

The local residents expressed their gratitude to the MLA for his commitment to the region's development.

## Press Release from H&FW Deptt

**Namchi, June 26:** Two days District level Review Meeting for Namchi District was held on June 25th and 26th, 2024 at Namchi under National Health Mission (NHM) under the Chairpersonship of the Principal Director-cum-Mission Director NHM, Health and Family Welfare Department.

The objective of the meeting was to assess the Public Health Programme till the block level for the attainment of universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care services, accountable and responsive to people's needs with effective intersectoral convergent action to address the wider social determinants of health.

Key officials in attendance included the Director-cum-Chief Medical Officer, District RCH Officer, District Surveillance Officer, District Program Manager, District Accounts Manager from Namchi District Hospital and all Medical Officer In-charges with their respective Block Program Manager of seven Community and Primary Health Centres under Namchi District.

Also present in the meeting

from the State Health Headquarters were Director-cum-State Nodal Officers for NHM & HR, all State Program Officer, Chief Account Officer, Budget & Finance Officer, developing partner like JHPIEGO, UNICEF and UNDP for various Programs viz.

- Reproductive and Child Health (RCH)
- Immunization
- Child and Adolescent Health (RBSK/RKSK)
- Disease Surveillance (IDSP/NVBDCP/NRCP)
- Leprosy and Hepatitis (NLEP/NVHCP)
- Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD/PMNDP/NPCB&VI/NPPCD/NMHP)
- Elderly and Palliative Care (NPHCE/NPPC)
- Free Drugs & diagnostics (FDSI)
- Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC)
- Climate Change and Human health (NPCCHH)
- Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

All the State Program Officers had a brief presentation on their program. The District and

PHCs shared their achievements for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

The meeting focused on reviewing progress, monitoring and supervising for gap assessment and extensive deliberations and discussions on planning future actions to improve health service delivery till the grassroots levels.

Finance Division of National Health Mission insisted on timely Utilization of Funds, Proper Utilization Certificate, Proper Book Keeping/Record Keeping and following of financial rules of the State and other guidelines of NHM.

Further in her concluding remark PD-cum-Mission Director (NHM) emphasized on proper implementation of all National Health Programs so that health services reach the 'last mile' with the ultimate objective to promote better health outcomes and improve wellbeing of the entire population of Sikkim through these concerted efforts.

Similar review meeting would be held for all Districts by first week of July 2024.

## S&T Deptt embark on GLOF risk assessment at East Rathong Glacier

**Gangtok:** Department of Science and Technology (DST) is undertaking a scientific expedition to East Rathong glacier in West Sikkim. The two weeks long expedition which began on June 22, 2024 aims to advance the understanding of glacier dynamics and the impacts of climate change on the Himalayan region. The expedition is led by a team of scientists and researchers from DST, Government of Sikkim equipped with state-of-the-art instruments and technologies to ensure precise and accurate data collection.

East Rathong glacier is a valley type glacier with an average width of around 800m located in Gyalshing district under Khangchendzonga National Park at an elevation of 4600-6700 m above sea level. Facing South-East, it is one of the sources of Rangit river. The expedition to the glacier includes three days trek from Yuksom, the last motorable village in West Sikkim. The main glacier occupies an area of 4.8km<sup>2</sup> and has a length of 7km. The total catchment area of East Rathong glacier up to the gauging site is 19.8 km<sup>2</sup>. Science and Technology Department, has been conducting the long-term monitoring of East Rathong glacier since 2012. Scientists and researchers from the department have been conducting extensive field research twice every year since then.

Minimizing the threat of glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) in Sikkim is one of the core objectives of Sikkim State Climate Change Cell established under National Mission for sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE). In this context, nineteen potentially vulnerable glacial lakes

have been identified in Sikkim. This expedition also encompasses the scientific study of three such lakes.

The major objectives of the present field expedition include bathymetric survey of three potentially vulnerable glacial lakes in the region (Rathong lake, Bhaley Pokhari and Tikip la lake), stake installation for study of glacier velocity, study of vertical retreat of East Rathong glacier, glacio-hydrology of East Rathong melt water stream, and maintenance and upgradation of automatic weather station installed at Rathong glacier.

The recent flood of October 4, 2023 highlighted the urgent need for comprehensive glacier and glacial lake studies. This catastrophic event caused significant damage to infrastructure, disrupted communities and underscored the vulnerabilities associated with climate change in the Himalayan region. The findings will not only enrich scientific knowledge but also guide policies and strategies for climate adaptation, and disaster risk reduction in the region.

The Science and Technology Department remains committed to promoting scientific research in the field of climate change, and this expedition underscores their dedication to address the impact of climate change in glacier dynamics in the state of Sikkim. "The threats associated with climate change are evident" said Dr. Sandeep Tambe Secretary, DST. "Such proactive scientific expeditions are required to ensure the Government of Sikkim's vision of Sunaulo Sikkim, Samridha Sikkim" he added.

## Press Release from DDMA Gangtok

**Gangtok:** The joint inspection of the landslide started from Lingding concluded at Sichey, Link Road to the sewerage plant near Ban Jhakri Falls. The inspection was led by Mrs Kala Rai, MLA, Burtuk cum Advisor RDD.

Representatives from Departments of Forest, Urban Development, PHE, Power, and Water Resources, DPO/DDMA and his team from District administration were present during the joint inspection.

At Lingding slide: It was found that the landslide had occurred near the newly constructed building but it was found that the building was constructed on running jhora for which the Area MLA directed GMC to issue notice to the owner

and also directed not to approve such blueprint which are violating the rules.

2. Landslide at Sichey on Link Road to sewerage plant: Approximately (30-35) meters stretch of road has been washed out due to recent heavy downpours and the entire area below seems to be sinking down towards the riverside.

Though the restoration of the road is being carried out by the concerned department, it is crucial to have the land below thoroughly inspected by the technical team comprising geologists from the Mines and Geology Department and Engineers from the Water Resource Department to see the long-term mitigation measures.

The primary cause of the

slide appears to be seepage or spring water emerging from the ground above the road.

Officials from PHE and UDD were tasked with finding ways to divert the spring /seepage of groundwater and to immediately commence the necessary action to prevent further aggression of the slide.

Additionally, personnel from Land Revenue were instructed to collect the details of households residing below the slide for evacuation.

Area MLA also inquired about the potential schemes for stabilizing the riverbank, particularly focusing on the rim treatment to prevent the bottom slide.

## Press Release from W&CDD Soreng

**Soreng, June 26:** A programme to launch the special 100days initiative awareness session on all components of Mission Shakti, PMMVY, One Stop Centre (OSC), Women Helpline (WHL), Child Helpline (CHL) was held at Chakung GPK, today.

Representative from PIRAMAL Foundation participated and briefed on various job responsibilities under Aspirational District and Block.

Resource persons from WHL, CHL, PMMVY, DHEW, SIATRICK, HUN for women

empowerment and PIRAMAL Foundation enlightened about the significance of the initiative.

It may be mentioned that the universal helpline No.: 1098, 181 has been enabled for any needed assistance.

## Health Tips

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Joint inspection of damages around Pakyong

**Pakyong, June 29:** A joint inspection was carried out to assess the damages that occurred due to the surface runoff around Pakyong Bazaar and areas adjacent to Greenfield Airport, today.

The inspection led by Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh DC Pakyong, comprised of Mr Robin Pd Sewa ADC (Dev), Mr Dak Man Subba SDM Pakyong, DFO Forest and Environment Department, DE Water Resources Department, DE Roads and Bridges, DPO Zilla, DPO Pakyong, along with representatives from National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and Airport Authority

of India (AAI).

The team inspected the areas around Bhanu Golai and Dikling Road and took stock of the damages. Furthermore, a thorough inspection was also conducted at the Greenfield Airport to check the water-flowing channel and assess the extent of damages resulting from the heavy rainfall.

The representatives of NHIDCL and AAI expressed concerns and presented their strategies to address the management of the water flow process. They also acknowledged the issue of water obstruction and scarcity in the district and ensured to resolve the issue at the earliest.

DC Pakyong stressed on the importance of being accountable to the concerned departments and urged to maintain coordination while resolving the issue. In addition, he also interacted with the families affected and acknowledged their grievances, further ensuring that proper assistance was provided to address their needs.

Furthermore, he urged the officials of NHIDCL and AAI to initiate the maintenance of the existing jhoras and work towards the restoration of the drainage system.

## DC Pakyong chairs meeting of road construction projects and review of Fact Finding Committee

**Pakyong, June 25:** Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh, District Collector Pakyong held a meeting at DAC, today.

The meeting evaluated progress of road construction projects by NHIDCL in the district and review of the reports presented by the 'Facts Finding Committee' regarding Thek village landslides.

Representatives from NHIDCL provided a comprehensive update on the various projects underway in the district, highlighting both the ongoing endeavours and those that have been successfully completed.

Furthermore, they addressed the challenges related to water management in vulnerable areas and proposed strategic solutions to tackle this issue effectively.

The members of the Facts Finding Committee presented their findings, emphasising that unauthorised dumping in undesignated areas significantly contributed to the catastrophic events.

They also highlighted the severe impact of high-water levels in the region, leading to land degradation, the destruction of three bridges, and disruption of connectivity for local residents.

Moreover, the committee briefly discussed updates on the affected individuals, relief efforts, and damages incurred.

The DC instructed concerned officials to promptly restore normalcy in the lives of the affected populace and emphasised the importance of collaborative efforts and focus on restoration activities, especially during the ongoing monsoon season.

Also present were SDM (Hq), SDM Pakyong, DE Water Resources, DPO Pakyong, representatives from NHIDCL, Forest Department, and Facts Finding Committee.

## Meeting to discuss development under Gangtok Smart City

**Gangtok, June 25:** An introductory meeting was held at Gangtok Smart City Conference Hall wherein Minister for Urban Development and Food and Civil Supplies Departments Mr Bhoj Raj Rai and Advisor, Urban Development Department, Mr Delay Namgyal Barfungpa graced the occasion as the chief guest and guest of honour, respectively. The meeting aimed to apprise about the ongoing and upcoming projects aimed at transforming urban towns under Gangtok Smart City and projects under proposed funding of Asian Development Bank. The discussions highlighted several significant developments and future plans under the UDD initiative, which focuses on sustainable and inclusive urban development.

Minister UDD emphasised the importance of the projects in improving the infrastructure and quality of life in Sikkim. He expressed his thoughts on the urban projects in Sikkim, emphasising their crucial role in fostering holistic development and improving the living standards of residents. He highlighted that these projects are designed not only to enhance infrastructure but

also to promote sustainable practices, technological advancements, and economic growth. The Minister reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring timely and efficient project execution, underscoring the Government's dedication to making Sikkim a model of modern Urban Development. He also stressed on the role of each individual members in the team to give their best and to bring positive changes to the towns for uplifting the urban scenario of Sikkim.

A welcome address was delivered by Secretary, UDD Mr MT Sherpa who laid emphasis on the significance of these central and multilateral agency funded projects. He also gave brief details on various projects under smart cities, funding parameters, issues and challenges. While welcoming Minister and Advisor in the meeting, he assured of full devotion and efforts from the officials for implementation of Government projects and policies in letter and spirit. An introductory address was presented by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Engineer, Mr Bhupendra Kuthari wherein he apprised about the project background, challenges

and outcomes. Additional Director, Mr Deepankar Lama also laid emphasis on Integrated Command Control Centre and Smart Intervention.

A detailed presentation on Gangtok Smart City and Sikkim Integrated Urban Development Project was presented by Urban Planner, Mr Niranjana Kapil. The presentation comprised of introduction to project, institutional framework, completed and ongoing works, its outcomes, readiness, guidelines, compliance and time bound action plan. The proposed projects under the funding of the Asian Development Bank were also discussed, showcasing the international collaboration and support in enhancing Sikkim's urban scenario. The meeting concluded with a commitment to transparent and efficient implementation of all projects, ensuring maximum benefits to the citizens of Sikkim & Tourists.

An interactive session followed wherein Advisor, highlighted on the urban infrastructure development such as parking, water supply and drainage issues in Gangtok.

submitted to the Ministry on April 20, 2023. He requested Minister Mr Gadkari's intervention for the approval of three pending proposals in the Ministry, noting that this new route could extend up to Sevoke in West Bengal, providing an alternative to the frequently problematic stretch of NH10 between Melli and Sevoke.

The Chief Minister also

highlighted the impact of recent cloudbursts in June 2024, which disrupted NH310A, a critical route connecting Gangtok to the Indo-China border, and requested prompt restoration.

The meeting underlined strategic importance of these projects for Sikkim's connectivity and overall infrastructure development.

## INSPIRE 2024 concludes amid various events

**Gangtok, June 26:** The grand finale of INSPIRE 2024, the annual fest of Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College (NBBGC) Tadong, was celebrated at the College Auditorium, today.

The programme was attended by Mr Tshewang Gyachho, Secretary Higher Education, Technical and Medical Education as the chief guest, along with Dr D Purohit, Principal of NBBGC, Tadong, as the guest of honour. Special guests included Professor Rudra Poudyal and Dr MP Kharel, former Professors of NBBGC.

Secretary congratulated the Organising Committee for successfully organising the event. He highlighted the State Government's focus on the education sector and the importance placed on higher education.

He stressed on the need to address issues such as faculty shortages, limited classrooms, and the teacher-student ratio. He highlighted importance of implementing the NEP 2020 policy in its entirety and called for collaborative efforts to maximise

available resources and assess needs based on enrolment.

Principal NBBGC briefed about the College's achievements in 2023-24, discussed the challenges faced, and highlighted the requirements of the college for holistic development. He also expressed gratitude to the guests and acknowledged the hard work of the students and faculty in making 'Inspire 2024' a grand success.

The finale featured a variety of performances, including music and dance. Winners of competitions in cultural, sports, and literary events were also awarded trophies and certificates.

The programme was attended by Mr Gyaltsen Sherpa, Joint Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Mr Karma Sonam Bhutia, Registrar, Khangchendzonga State University, and Mr Nima Sherpa, former Deputy Secretary, NBBGC along with other dignitaries, guests, HoDs from various departments, administrative officers and staff, faculty members and students.

## Meeting for Aspirational Block Namchi

**Namchi, June 28:** A comprehensive review and planning meeting for the Aspirational Block Namchi was chaired by Ms Annapurna Alley DC Namchi, today.

The meeting was attended by the members of steering committee and block-level officials from five key departments: Education, Health, Nutrition, Agriculture and allied services, Social Development and Infrastructure.

During the meeting, all 40 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the block was reviewed wherein the DC analysed on the KPIs,

highlighting the underlying issues that need to be addressed for enhanced performance.

Additionally, planning for the upcoming Sampoonata Abhiyan, which will be celebrated across all India Aspirational Block Programs (ABP) and Aspirational District Programs (ADP), was made. The focus will be on saturating six specific KPIs within a three-month timeframe.

It was also decided that Block Level Officers (BLOs) will track progress and monitor of the KPIs every fortnight to ensure effective implementation of the planned initiatives.

## DC visit areas affected by flash floods including relief camps

**Pakyong, June 27:** Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh DC Pakyong visited various areas affected by recent flash floods, including the relief camp at Latuk School under Chochen Pheri Latuk GPU, today.

He was accompanied by ADC (Dev) Pakyong, SDM Pakyong, and officials from the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Divisional Engineer and Assistant Engineer.

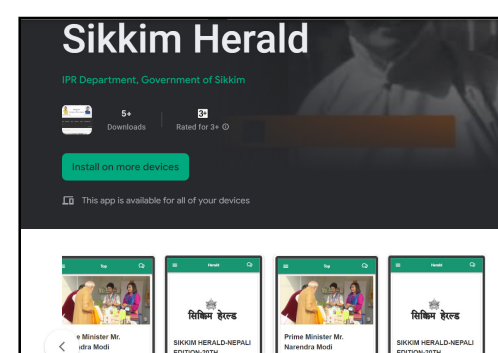
The DC directed National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) to undertake immediate temporary restoration work at the

Narey Khola Bridge along the Chochen Pheri to Latuk PMGSY road, which is currently in a vulnerable condition due to damage to its abutment.

Furthermore, he instructed NHIDCL to lay hume pipes at Maltani Khola to facilitate road communication to the cut-off village of Thek busy.

In addition, DC emphasised the urgency of these measures to ensure the safety and connectivity of the affected areas and assured the residents of timely support and action.

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strategic and logistical benefits.

Additionally, he emphasised the need for an alternative highway from Melli to Singtam, covering 22.514 kilometers. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) with an approved alignment and an estimated cost of ₹2318 crore was

## Final Account Reconciliation meeting held

**Gangtok, June 28:** The Final Account Reconciliation meeting under Gangtok district for General Elections 2024 was conducted at Gangtok Zilla Bhawan, today.

The meeting had the presence of Mr S Sundaresan IRS (IT), Mr J Premanand IRS (IT) and Mr Prasoon Kabra IRS (IT), Expenditure Observers (EOs) for Gangtok district, Mr Tushar G Nikhare District Election Officer (DEO) Gangtok-cum-DC Gangtok, ADC (Hq) Gangtok, SDM (Hq) Gangtok, SDM Gangtok, Assistant Election Observers (AEOs) and representatives of political parties.

The meeting apprised the political parties about timely submission of their expenditure report of 2024 General Elections to Election Observers and the DEO for transparency and fairness during the election campaign. According to Election Commission of India guidelines, a candidate must submit their expenditure report to competent authority within 30 days of declaration of election results. By monitoring election expenditure, the ECI helps to prevent candidates and political parties from using their wealth to influence the outcome of elections.

The Expenditure Observers lauded the smooth conduct of elections in Sikkim and appreciated the transparency shown by political parties throughout the election.

DEO-cum-DC Gangtok congratulated the political parties

for free and peaceful election in the state which saw highest voter turnout percentage in the country. He requested the representatives of political parties to submit their election account on time.

The Expenditure Observers have been assigned rooms at Gangtok District Zilla Bhawan where they will oversee the accounting process for General Elections 2024.

In Pakyong, the final account reconciliation meeting with all the contesting candidates and election agents representing 18-West Pendam, 19-Rhenock, 20-Chujachen, 21-Gnathang Machong, and 22-Namcheybong Assembly Constituencies was conducted at DAC Pakyong.

The meeting was attended by Mr Ashish Kr Pandey Expenditure Observer and Mr Agwane Rohan Ramesh DC Pakyong along with the Expenditure Monitoring Team, representatives from various political parties, and concerned election officials.

During the meeting, a comprehensive examination was conducted on the candidate's documents, such as receipts, invoices, and bank statements, to ensure that all campaign expenses adhere to legal and ethical standards, promoting transparency in the election process. Furthermore, a thorough estimation to identify any discrepancies between the reported expenditure amounts and

the candidates actual spending was made.

Upon the completion of the assessment, the EO expressed his satisfaction with the accounting procedures carried out by the contesting candidates and election agents in accordance with the Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines. In addition, he requested that the representatives of political parties submit their election accounts on July 2, 2024.

In Gyalshing, the accounts reconciliation meeting for the preparation of the District Election Officer's (DEO) scrutiny reports and summary reports was convened at DAC Gyalshing.

The meeting chaired by Expenditure Observer for Gyalshing District Mrs Amuldeep Kaur, IRS, was attended by Mr M Bharani Kumar DEO/DC, members of the District Expenditure Monitoring Committee, AEOs, accounting teams, and election agents representing all candidates from the four Assembly constituencies within Gyalshing District.

The meeting marks a significant step in ensuring transparency and accuracy in the financial reports submitted by the candidates. The DEO's scrutiny reports and summary reports shall be prepared following the reconciliation meeting and submitted to the office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

## Chief Minister offers condolences

**Tawang, June 30:** In a solemn visit marked by profound grief, Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang paid his respects at the residence of Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Mr Pema Khandu in Tawang.

Chief Minister extended his sincere condolences to Mr Pema Khandu and his family with the passing of Mr Khandu's mother,

Ama Lezang.

'My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time, and I pray for the departed soul to rest in eternal peace', shared the Chief Minister.

Chief Minister Tamang was accompanied by Secretary, CMO Dr SD Dhakal.

## International Day against Drugs Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed

**Gangtok, June 26:** On the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a pledge was administered by Ms Tashi Cho Cho, Secretary, Home Department in the presence of Ms Kesang D Rechung, Secretary (Protocol), Home Department, officers and staff from Planning and Development and Home Departments at Tashiling Secretariat, today.

The theme for International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking 2024 is 'The evidence is clear: invest in prevention'.

Ms Tashi Cho Cho administered the pledge that seeks to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a world free of Drug Abuse and Illicit trafficking aligning with the goal of Nasha Mukta Bharat.

The day is observed annually on June 26, since 1989. Its main objective is to curb the

menace of drug abuse and to create drug free society in the world. This day is observed by individuals and various organizations around the world to raise awareness of problems brought by drug abuse in the society.

Similarly, A pledge on 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' was taken at the headquarters of Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) in Soochna Bhawan, Tadong.

Ms Karma D Youtso, Secretary, IPRD administered the pledge to the officers and staff of the department.

The Secretary informed that the theme 'The evidence is clear: Invest in prevention' is targeted towards strengthening action and garnering cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of SISCO Bank held

**Gangtok, June 28:** 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Anniversary of Sikkim State Co-operative Bank Ltd. was held at a local hotel in Gangtok, today.

The meeting was held in terms of Section 32(1) of the Sikkim State Co-operative Societies Act, 1978 read with Bye-Law No 30 of the Bye-Laws of the Bank.

The meeting had the presence of Mr Kishore Kumar Sharma Vice Chairman Sikkim State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Board of Directors, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Department of Co-operation, Assistant General Manager, NABARD, Sikkim RO and the representatives of various MPCs, former Directors and individual shareholders.

Vice Chairman highlighted the share capital contributions made by the State Government,

societies, and individuals. He also provided an overview of deposits, borrowings, loans and advances, investments, non-performing assets, inspections/audits, board meetings, profits, and dividend of declarations.

Ms Pema Chenzom Managing Director, highlighted the bank's financial position and developments during the year 2023-24. She urged co-operators to foster a culture of timely repayments in primary societies, which would enable the bank to extend more loans for the state's development. She also presented the Fact Sheet and the bank's financial position. Additionally, she thanked the Chief Minister for allotting land for the construction of the Bank's Head Office.

Mr Tempa C Bhutia, General Manager cum Office Incharge,

NABARD, emphasised the organisation's collaboration with SISCO Bank to enhance the state's banking sector. He detailed various NABARD schemes, urged timely repayment of loan instalments, and cautioned against prevalent fraud and scams. Additionally, he underscored the importance of conducting Financial Literacy workshops.

Mr Bivash Lamichaney, Deputy General Manager, presented the Agenda Items in accordance with Section 32(1) of the Sikkim Co-operative Societies Act, 1978 and Bye Laws No. 30 of the Bank.

On the occasion, SISCO Bank felicitated the best-performing MPCs for the Financial Year 2023-2024.

## Delegation from Fisheries Deptt visit Aritar Lake

**Pakyong, June 28:** A delegation from the Department of Fisheries Development, Pakyong, visited Aritar Lake to explore the possibilities of initiating recreational fisheries activities under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), today.

The delegation led by Mr Surendra Bhandari, AD (Hq) and Gangtok, had Ms Gouri Mukhia, AD Pakyong, Assistant Engineer (Pakyong), Mr Yogesh Dangal, BO (Pakyong), and Mr Rewas Pradhan, State Data-cum-MIS Manager, PMMSY and representatives of Aritar Dalapchand Lampokhari

Development Society (ADLDS).

During the visit, a comprehensive survey of the lake and its environs was conducted, taking into account factors such as water quality, fish diversity, and the necessary infrastructure to support recreational fishing activities. Discussions centred on the potential advantages of such initiatives, including increased employment opportunities for local communities, the fostering of eco-tourism, and preservation of aquatic biodiversity.

AD (Hq) underscored the significance of community engagement and sustainable

practices in the development of recreational fisheries. He also provided an overview of the PMMSY guidelines and opportunities for support of such activities.

The Department of Fisheries Development, Pakyong District, in partnership with ADLDS, will now embark on detailed planning and consultations with pertinent stakeholders to formulate a comprehensive action plan for the introduction of recreational fisheries at Aritar Lake in the near future.

## Joint inspection to identify areas for maintenance of Samsing PMGSY Road

**Pakyong, July 1:** Mrs Pamin Lepcha MLA Gnathang Machong and Mr Agawane Rohan Ramesh, DC Pakyong led a joint inspection to oversee the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) road and evaluate the damages to houses caused by the ongoing works of the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) at Pachey-Tokchi PMGSY Road, today.

The inspection team included Mr Naween Gurung SE Roads and Bridges Department, Mr Dakman Subba, SDM Pakyong, Mr Sonam Pintso Bhutia DFO Forest and Environment Department, Mr Apan Bhoumik General Manager, NHIDCL and officials from various line departments.

The team assessed the condition of the Samsing PMGSY road and identified several crucial areas in need of immediate maintenance. Furthermore, the team observed that the extensive hill cutting for road widening by NHIDCL had resulted in the accumulation of loose soil over

protection walls, causing structural damage to properties owned by local residents.

During the inspection, MLA Gnathang engaged in conversation with the officials of NHIDCL and emphasised the need to establish safety measures for the public to prevent any potential risks. She further interacted with the public and addressed their grievances and assured to provide support in resolving their issue.

Likewise, DC Pakyong stressed on the importance of quick action to minimise the impact on both the affected households and the road infrastructure.

The NHIDCL officials, understanding the gravity of the situation, assured that an additional protective wall would be put up post the monsoon season to shield the area from further damages.

Additionally, Forest Department is cutting down trees that pose threats.

It should be noted that the next inspection is scheduled for July 4, 2024.

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## Chief Minister pays last respects to first MP Lok Sabha of Sikkim

**Soreng, June 28:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang along with Speaker SLA, Deputy Speaker SLA, Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, former Ministers, DC Soreng, SP, ADC along with HoDs, district officers and other dignitaries attended the funeral service of the first elected member of the Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Sikkim, Mr Pahalman Subba at his

native place in Timberbong, Soreng, today.

The Chief Minister paid his due respect to the departed soul and expressed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. The former MP (LS) had a ceremonious burial with the Guard of Honour from 2<sup>nd</sup> IRBn Battalion at the cremation site in Timberbong.

## CM meets and discusses agricultural practices in Sikkim with Union Minister

**New Delhi, June 25:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang paid a courtesy visit to Union Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan, at his office in New Delhi, today.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister congratulated the Union Minister on his appointment and discussions to Sikkim's agricultural landscape focusing on

traditional farming practices and expansion of kiwi and avocado plantations were made.

The Union Minister assured his support and commitment in providing necessary assistance to Sikkim.

The meeting was also attended by Mr DT Lepcha Rajya Sabha MP, Mr VB Pathak Chief Secretary, and Dr SD Dhakal Secretary CMO.

## CM underscores to study River Teesta morphology

**New Delhi, June 24:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang congratulated the newly appointed Union Minister for Jal Shakti Mr CR Patil at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi expressing confidence that the Ministry will achieve new heights under his leadership.

He also conveyed gratitude to the Prime Minister and the Ministry for their unwavering support for Sikkim's development.

The Chief Minister highlighted the immense challenges faced by the state following a sudden cloudburst on October 3 and 4, 2023 leading to a significant discharge in the Teesta River.

Emphasising the urgent need to strengthen the Teesta River banks, he called for appropriate River Training Works (RTW) along the alignment from Zeema to Melli. Implementing these RTWs, he noted, will help mitigate the devastation from the river and prevent further disasters.

The Chief Minister detailed how the silt deposits have caused the river to swell, partially submerging low-lying areas and endangering lives and properties. Continuous heavy downpour during the monsoon has raised water levels dangerously,

## CM meets Postmaster General for Sikkim and North Bengal region

**Gangtok, June 27:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang met with Col Akhilesh Kumar Pandey, Postmaster General for Sikkim and North Bengal region, at his official residence in, Mintokgang, today.

The Chief Minister was delighted to learn that approximately 15,000 girl children in Sikkim have been registered under the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana.

Col Pandey also briefed him about the Dak Ghar Niryat Yojana,

under which a packaging unit has been established to help local exporters ship their goods worldwide via the Gangtok head office.

To further enhance the understanding and implementation of the initiative, the Chief Minister decided to organise a convention between local exporters and Col. Pandey. Additionally, he assured his support for opening new post office branches in Deorali and Soreng.

## Chief Minister meets Lt General AVSM, YSM GOC 33 Corps

**Gangtok, June 27:** Chief Minister Mr Prem Singh Tamang met Lt General Zubin A Minwalla, AVSM, YSM, GOC, 33 Corps, at his official residence, Mintokgang, today.

During the meeting, they had fruitful discussion on various

issues pertaining to the state.

Lt General Minwalla expressed his gratitude to the State Government for maintaining a harmonious relationship with the army and for providing the necessary clearances for road

construction in Sikkim. In return, the Chief Minister thanked Lt General Minwalla and all the Army Personnel stationed in the state for their unwavering support, particularly during rescue operations in times of calamity.

## Minister Forest and Environment Deptt flags off Sikkim Paryavaran Parva 2024

**Gangtok, July 1:** A flag-off event of 'Sikkim Paryavaran Parva 2024' organised by the Forest and Environment Department was held at the premises of Himalayan Zoological Park, today.

As a part of the parva, Mr Pintsu Namgyal Lepcha, Minister for Forest and Environment Department flagged off the Green Ride.

This parva themed 'Leave a Green Legacy' is being observed for 14 days commencing from July 1 to July 14.

Present amongst were Dr Pradeep Kumar, Secretary Forest and Environment Department, Dr Sandeep Tambe, Secretary, Science and Technology Department, other dignitaries along with officials and staff of Forest and Environment Department.

Activities namely, cycling, zumba, green walkathon, Mastermen 10km run (for 45 plus years), and Greenathon were a part of the event.

The winners of these activities were handed mementoes

and a cash prize by the Minister and the dignitaries.

A consolation prize was also awarded to the youngest cyclist, 12 years old Karma Pintso Chopel Bhutia.

A signature campaign was conducted to garner support for environmental conservation efforts.

Earlier, Dr Pradeep Kumar, Secretary, Forest and Environment Department administered a pledge on environmental conservation to the participants.

## Awareness session on New Criminal Laws

**Gangtok, July 1:** A legal awareness session on the three new Criminal Laws of India was held on the premises of State Central Prison, Rongyek, Gangtok.

Ms Savitri Pradhan, ASP, Jail said that the public needs to be aware of the laws of the land for crime to be controlled.

Resource person Mr Bidhan Rai from BAR Association of Sikkim briefed on three new laws, namely, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik

Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 (BSA).

He spoke on the key changes to the existing laws highlighting the new criminal laws, which will provide protection to women and minors through special provisions in the Act.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023(BNS) replaced the existing Indian Penal Code IPC, The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023(BNSS) to replace the

Code of Criminal Procedure Cr.PC and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023(BSA) to replace the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

These Acts were passed by the Parliament in December 2023 and came into force on July 1, 2024.

The programme had the presence of Ms Savitri Pradhan, ASP, Jail, Mr Thendup D Bhutia, Retd Officer, Jail, Officers of the State Central Prison, Para Legal Volunteers and staff.

## DC Mangan chairs review meeting

**Mangan, July 01:** Mr Anant Jain DC Mangan chaired a review meeting on monsoon preparedness at District Administrative Centre, Mangan, today.

The meeting was attended by Mr Sonam Detchu Bhutia SP Mangan, Mr Vishu Lama ADM, Mr Arun Chettri SDM Dzongu, Mr Prakash Rai SDM Kabi, Mr Ram Niwas AE 87 RCC GREF, Mr Tempo Tashi MEO MNP and the heads of departments of line departments in the district.

Addressing the gathering, DC Mangan stressed that the meeting was organised to discuss and analyse the department-wise status and plan for monsoon preparedness. Emphasising on the importance of coordination between all departments, he highlighted that any permanent restoration work of roads and bridges must be carried out following a proper technical report from the concerned department.

It was informed that the road connecting Chungthang via Phidang-Shipgyer route will be operational within the next 2-3 days.

PMGSY, currently overseeing 52 rural roads and bridges in the district, has reportedly cleared 12 out of 32 damaged roads and bridges. They aim to complete the restoration of the remaining 20 within a week.

The NH is open with temporary restoration measures at some points and the normal restoration of roads, excluding damage due to natural calamity, is to be done under the defect liability period by the concerned departments

Officials suggested constructing foot suspension bridges similar to the one above Mantam lake, in Sangklang and Phidang, as a permanent measure. The suggestion to set up an automated zipline at Sangklang and various locations in Lachen was also put forth.

SP Mangan highlighted the need for strengthening weak bridges along Tashi View Point, Mangan axis.

Mr Palden Lachungpa DCSO said that feasible locations for food storage are being identified in Dzongu. He informed about the shortage of rations and

essential commodities in Lachen, stressing the urgent need to restore connectivity from Chungthang to Lachen.

Mr Karma Zamyang Dadul SE Power informed that Kundan Hydro Power is attempting to restore the 66 KV line through Toong for Chungthang and Lachen. Power has been fully restored in Mangan, with temporary restoration done for Dzongu.

MEO MNP also raised concerns regarding the haphazard lying of cables and pipelines along the drains from Rafong to Lal Bazaar, Mangan, causing blockage. A proposal for joint inspection by the concerned officials was put forth.

No status update or progress report had been communicated by OC 107 RCC and no representatives from 107 RCC and 86 RCC were present at the meeting despite being informed.

It may be mentioned that a team led by DC Mangan and SP will be visiting Lachen to survey and analyse the extent of the damage to the area.

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