

SMIT signs MoU with University of Arad, Romania



Gangtok, Sep 12: In a significant development towards fostering higher technical education in the State and region, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania recently.

The MoU was signed on September 9 between Dr. A. Garg, Director, SMIT and Prof. Valentina Emilia Balas, of Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Director of Department of International Relations, Programs and Projects, University of Arad, Romania in a function held at SMIT.

The main scope of the MoU is to have collaborative educational and research activities between SMIT and Aurel Vlaicu University.

This also includes academic interactions leading to reform in curriculum; accepting students from the other institution for study abroad programme; exchange of faculty members and students for research, lectures and discussions; accessibility to sophisticated instruments; joint guidance in projects/thesis; organizing seminars and conferences jointly; and exchange of academic materials, sharing e-resources, publications and other information between SMIT and Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania. (PIB)

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Awareness program on power safety at Mamring

Namchi, Sep 12: Power & Energy Department, Government of Sikkim, Rangpo Division conducted an awareness program on power safety at the office of Mamring Division, South Sikkim today.

The program was attended by Rangpo SHO Bikash Tiwari as the chief guest in the company of R. Bhanubhakta Sharma (DE), Dilip Rana (AE), Rajendra Gupta (AE), Tarun Dulal (JE) and officers and staff from the department.

At the onset of the program, Resource Person T.R. Sharma sensitized the gathering on the various safety measures to be followed during field work.

Chief guest on the occasion, Bikash Tiwari highlighted the importance of safety precautions while doing any sort of field work and also sensitized the gathering on the available legal procedures in case of accidents during work.

Safety equipments were also distributed to 36 departmental staff during the program.

Two day awareness program on diabetes and hypertension at Rangpo PHC concludes

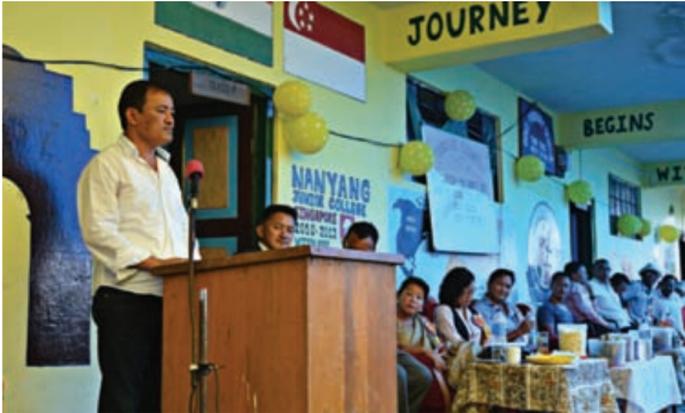
Rangpo, Sep 12: The two days long awareness program on diabetes and hypertension at Rangpo Primary Health Centre (PHC) organized by Foundation for Research in Community Health, CSW and Rangpo PHC concluded here today.

Dr. Amitabh Acharya, Research Officer, Mingma Y Sherpa, Research Associate and Susan Pradhan, Research Associate sensitized the public on the causes, symptoms and remedy of diabetes and hypertension during the two day program.

An interaction session was also held on the concluding day.

The awareness program was organized with the objective of reaching out to the rural mass and sensitize them regarding the diabetes care model in the State.

Teacher's Day cum Felicitation program at Tingting Primary School



Yuksam, Sep 12: A Teacher's Day cum Felicitation program was held at Tingting Primary School in Yuksam on Monday.

The program was organised by the School Management Committee and students.

The day long program was graced by area MLA Sonam Dadul Bhutia as the chief guest accompanied by SDM-Yuksam Dr. Sonam Rinchen Lepcha.

The program was also attended by BDO Yuksam Nickjey Lamu Bhutia, Panchayat President-Yuksam Budha Hang Subba, Panchayat Secretary Dichen Wangchuk Bhutia along with HRDD officials, students and local public.

The school administration and the School Management Committee felicitated Amar Subba, popularly known as Marathon Man from Darap, West Sikkim for popularizing marathon in Sikkim. Nawang Gyatsho Bhutia, who recently recorded his name in the Limca Book of Records, attracting 95 different species of butterflies and moths to sit on his finger and National footballer Robin Gurung of Geyzing, West Sikkim were also felicitated on the occasion along with two retired teachers.

Addressing the program, area MLA Sonam Dadul Bhutia congratulated the school and expressed his appreciation towards the organisers for arranging a wonderful program.

He further stated that society needs more determined and dedicated teachers to guide the children and society and expressed his happiness and satisfaction over the all round development of Tingting Primary School.

Underlining the bigger responsibilities of teachers, Bhutia urged the latter to transform the society from illiterate to an enlightened and educated society.

In response to the demands placed by School Headmaster Lendup Lepcha, Bhutia reiterated his commitment to extend support and assistance to the school for maintenance of the school play ground and protective wall.

Bhutia appealed the local residents to come forward and make contributions towards the development of the school.

Further, he assured all possible support to the students, school teachers and school administration.

Panchayat President Budha Hang Subba, Branch Manager-SBS Ajit Gurung, Panchayat Secretary Dichen Wangchuk Bhutia and School Headmaster Lendup Lepcha also addressed the program.

The program concluded with vote of thanks by B.B. Subba, school teacher.

Officials inspect landslide affected areas under Daramdin BAC



Geyzing, Sep 12: A team of officials comprising of SDM (Soreng), BDO (Daramdin), line department officials and concerned Panchayats inspected the landslide affected areas under Daramdin BAC.

As reported by the BDO, 3 houses were swept away along with several livestock. Further many electricity polls along these affected areas are damaged along with roads at several points in the surrounding areas.

Sokpay gaon, Karki Dara and Towke Gaon have suffered the most and 97 families from the villages have been shifted to relief camps which are identified at Dokok and Buriakhop Government Schools.

CRH services to go down due to system changeover

Gangtok, Sep 12: Central Referral Hospital (CRH), 5th Mile, Tadong, East Sikkim is implementing a new Hospital Information System. Due to the system changeover, there will be a delay in extending hospital services like- patient registration, billing of hospital services and medicine dispensing.

As the process will take a few days to be fully streamlined, the hospital management has requested the patients to kindly bear with the inconvenience.

At CRH, we are committed to provide the best possible medical treatment, delivered most efficiently, in the shortest possible time, at minimum cost, the press release issued by the hospital stated.

State level workshop on Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS)

Gangtok, Sep 12: A State level workshop on Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) was conducted in Gangtok on September 8 by Sikkim Regional Office, NABARD.

The event was attended by senior officials from SBI, Sikkim State Cooperative Bank Ltd., representatives from Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Sciences, Dept. of Food Security and Agriculture Development along with DEDS beneficiaries from Luang Perbing MPCs and Aho Yangtam MPCs.

Anjana Lama, GM/OIC set the motion of deliberations of the workshop by highlighting the disbursements made under the scheme in the last three years, issues and concerns of implementation at various levels and the latest developments including launching of the DEDS software and online submission of subsidy claims.

Detailed presentation was made on the DEDS scheme, its features and operationalisation and ways of improving the quality of asset creation by G.M. Walkare, AGM. Another highlight of the workshop was the presentation on DEDS Software / online submission of subsidy claims and its operation made by B. Deuri, Manager.

Dr. D.S. Tewari and Dr. N.T. Bhutia, Dept. of AHL&VS, gave valuable inputs on the breed of milch animals, diseases, various issues related to insurance claims etc.

Dr. Ragavendra Singh, KVK and Dr. Prasanta Kr. Pathak, ICAR also gave their valuable suggestions. Gopal Lama, LDM also actively participated and clarified various doubts on behalf of the bankers.

All representatives participated in the deliberations and welcomed NABARD's initiative in development and launching of the DEDS Software/ Portal and assured their cooperation in using the portal successfully.

SKM block level executives' co-ordination meeting held



Gangtok, Sep 12: A block level executives' co-ordination meeting of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) party was conducted at Lingchom Tickjeck GPU under Yangthang Constituency today. The meeting was

headed by Youth Chief Convener Janak Gurun and attended by S.P. Mangyoung as the Chief Guest.

The meeting also had the presence of CLC President Bala Ram Subba, General Secretary West Hari Narayan Subedi and others.

The meeting discussed several agendas of the party. Chief Convener Janak Gurun in his address focused on the CLC level meeting to be held on September 20 and the upcoming panchayat poll.

Dalai Lama calls on Aung San Suu Kyi for peaceful end to Rakhine crisis

New Delhi, Sep 12: The Dalai Lama has urged State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to find a peaceful solution to the crisis in Rakhine State and expressed concerns about violence that has led around 300,000 Rohingya to flee the country.

The top Buddhist leader wrote to Myanmar's de facto civilian leader, a fellow Nobel peace laureate, shortly after new violence erupted in Rakhine last month.

He urged her to "reach out to all sections of society" to try to resolve the crisis in Rakhine, where the stateless Rohingya community have endured decades of persecution.

"Questions that are put to me suggest that many people have difficulty reconciling what appears to be happening to Muslims there with Myanmar's reputation as a Buddhist country," he wrote in the letter, seen by AFP on Monday.

"I appeal to you and your fellow leaders to reach out to all sections of society to try to restore friendly relations throughout the population in a spirit of peace and reconciliation."

The Dalai Lama is the latest Nobel peace laureate to speak out against the violence, which the UN special rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar says may have left more than 1,000 dead, most of them Rohingya.

Nobel laureates Malala Yousafzai and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have also urged her to intervene on behalf of the Rohingya.

"If the political price of your ascension to the highest office in Myanmar is your silence, the price is surely too steep," said Tutu, who became the moral voice of South Africa after helping dismantle apartheid there.

The Dalai Lama said he had spoken to Aung San Suu Kyi in the past about religious tensions in her country and was urging her again to curb the violence.

"As a fellow Buddhist and Nobel laureate I am appealing to you and your colleagues once more to find a lasting and humane solution to this festering problem," he wrote.

Pakyong Green Field Airport...



The Tourism Secretary expressed concern over challenges due to the cases filed by farmers residing in the vicinity of the airport. The Tourism Minister intimated the MoS that he would request the Chief Minister of Sikkim, Pawam Chamling to invite the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the inauguration of the airport. MoS Jayant Sinha also asked the Tourism Minister to ensure that the Government of Sikkim looks into Helicopter Connectivity under the UDAN Scheme.

MP P.D. Rai, who facilitated the meeting, informed the MoS that the tourist footfall in Sikkim now is over 11 Lakh. Given this number, the MP expressed hope that the airport will run to full capacity within months of inauguration.

CM Chamling...

ist and fast developing world and that is not an easy task. However, our love for the global community and our strong belief that our children and the children yet to be born, deserve a happy and healthy world, drives us all. The time spent in Legau with you all has only cemented this belief further and I am strengthened by the commitment that I have seen of the global community here working on the same agenda.

I came as a representative of Sikkim but I leave as a member of a global community of activists, practitioners and advocates whose hope is to spread the organic movement further and wider. I am inspired by the collective vision of the people here striving for a healthier world and I hope this community only continues to grow in strength and resolve. And I hope that the dialogue amongst this community continues."

At the end, the Chief Minister thanked Bernward Gaer and the organizers for the warm hospitality and for working so hard to ensure a comfortable stay for the Sikkim team. He also thanked the organizers for ensuring to conduct the team to see models of excellence in organic agriculture in Germany.

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