



Celebrating 50 Years of Statehood

Activity Report

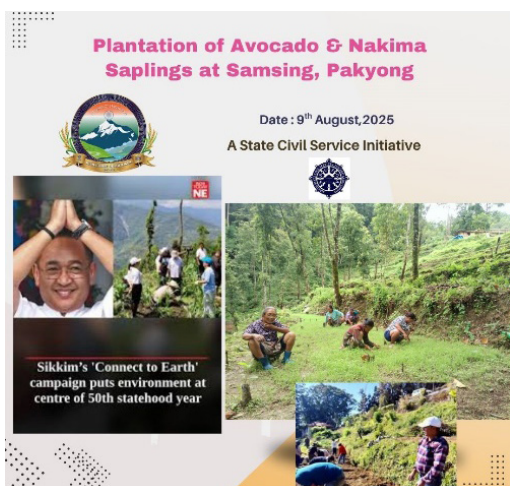
Sikkim State Civil Service Officers' Association

Date : 9th August, 2025



Connect Earth-Sikkim : Activity - Plantation of Avocado & Nakima Saplings at Samsing, Pakyong

Connect Earth-Sikkim & SSCSOA



Connect Earth-Sikkim is an initiative championed, endorsed and mentored by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) aimed at rejuvenating barren land and promoting sustainable agricultural practices by fostering widespread community participation and elevate the dignity of farming. The program seeks to strengthen Sikkim's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable rural development. This initiative promises sustainable, long-term benefits for land management, crop production, public health, economic growth, and holistic development in the State.

The Sikkim State Civil Services Officers' Association (SSCSOA) was eager to contribute to this noble cause. The Association communicated with the Coordinator of the Mission, Shri Robin Seva, ADC (Development) Pakyong with due appreciation and congratulating for his exemplary coordination of the Mission – Connect Earth-Sikkim. And requested for identification of a suitable plot at Samsing for our Association to actively participate in this transformative mission.

The Sikkim State Civil Service Officers' Association (SSCSOA) decided to initiate a plantation drive of avocado saplings and nakima plants (*tupistra nutans*) as part of the Connect Earth – Sikkim initiative. The Phase-I event was conducted on **August 9, 2025**, at Samsing, Pakyong, on designated land allocated by the Government of Sikkim.

Through this plantation drive, the SSCSOA reaffirmed its dedication to this transformative vision, emphasizing the importance of agriculture and traditional farming practices cherished in rural Sikkim.



Sikkim State Civil Service Officers' Association

Connect Earth - Sikkim

Coming Together For An Idea To Transform Sikkim

Activity : Plantation of Avocado Saplings & Nakima

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Time: 9.30 am at Samsing, Pakyong

The initiative also aims at reconnecting Civil Service Officers with nature, enabling young officers to inspire broader societal engagement in sustainable farming and environmental conservation.

By aligning the SCS members with the programmes of the State Government, the SSCSOA seeks to foster a cooperative relationship with the government, ensuring mutual trust so that there is no trust deficit. Such collaboration will promote unity within the SCS community, enabling us to work together as a cohesive team in the future.

The programme was graced by Shri Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, IAS, Secretary to Government of Sikkim for Department of Personnel, Planning and Development. It was also attended by the following Secretaries as the Guest of Honour.

1. Ms. Kesang Dicki Rechung, IAS – State Election Commission
2. Ms. Dicky Yangzom, IAS – Mines and Geology Department
3. Shri Bimal Rai, SCS – Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Board (SSERB)
4. Ms. Annapurna Alley, SCS – IPR Department
5. Shri Bhim Thatal, SCS – Labour Department

The plantation drive saw the enthusiastic participation of State Civil Officers from various ranks including the Panchayat President of Pachey Samsing GP, local gentries. The programme was facilitated and coordinated by the Executive Members of SSCSOA namely *Shri Dhushyant Pariyar (President)*, *Shri Manoj Rai (Vice-President)*, *Ms. Thinley Pema Chankapa (General Secretary)*, *Shri Himmat Rai (Joint Secretary-I)*, *Shri Suresh Rai (Joint Secretary-II)*, *Shri Chingtop Bhutia (Joint Secretary-III)*, *Ms. Asha Subba (Treasurer)* and *Ms. Munna Pradhan (Assistant Treasurer)*.

The Association had procured 150 saplings of Avocado plants of *Hass Variety* from Yangang from a local farmer at the costs of *Rs.22,500* while Nakima Plants (*Tupistra Nutans*) was procured from Assam Lingzey from a local farmer who provided it voluntarily without any cost. The avocado plants are expected to yield from three years of its plantation from i.e. 2028 and can give 1000-1500 fruits at the minimum in a year. The SSCSOA plans to continuously plant avocado every year so that it develops into a Model Orchard.

Shri Robin Seva, the ADC(Development) Pakyong and the Coordinator of *Connect Earth-Sikkim* was very appreciative of the SCS fraternity for having supported the noble and transformative programme of the State Government. He also handed over the **Vision Document on Connect Earth-Sikkim** to the Chief Guest and the Secretaries.

The SSCSOA also handed over **15 Sickels and 15 Kaatas** (spades) for the Mission at Samsing procured from traditional local craftsman.



Connect Earth-Sikkim

A Transformative Initiative in 50 Years of Statehood

Sikkim CM launches 'Connect to Earth' drive, urges weekly barefoot walks, tree planting



"There is a gap between us and Mother Earth. When we work with the soil, we receive blessings from Mother Earth, who is like our mother."

**Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay)
Hon'ble Chief Minister - Sikkim**

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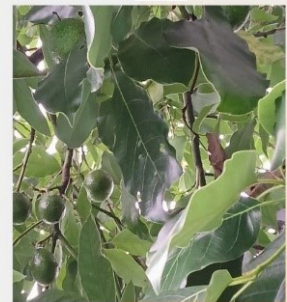


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A State Civil Service Initiative

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Travel Time - 25 Minutes
Ranipool to Samsing Pakyong



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Intl day of the world's indigenous people: Sikkim Limboo Literary Association celebrates with style



GANGTOK, AUG 9 /-/- The vibrant spirit of indigenous identity came alive on Saturday at Yakhung Heem, DPH, Gangtok, where the Sukim Yakhung Sapsok Songchumbho (Sikkim Limboo Literary Association) organised a meaningful celebration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

The day served not only as an occasion for cultural pride but also as a heartfelt reminder of the shared responsibility to preserve indigenous heritage, safeguard traditional knowledge, and protect the rights of indigenous communities across the globe.

The event was graced by Shri J.B. Subba, Chairperson, SABCO, as the Chief Guest. He was joined by Shri Birendra Tamling, Advisor, HCM(Press), Shri Sherman Limboo, Advisor Commerce and Industry, Smt Bidhya Subba, Chairperson (SSTRB), and other distinguished guests. Their presence underscored the collective commitment towards recognising and nurturing indigenous identity. Students and community members also participated, lending youthful energy to the gathering.

The Chief Guest, in his address, spoke

socially, and economically sound, and affirmed that the journey of progress must continue.

Shri Sherman Limboo, in his address, emphasised that all indigenous communities require greater scholarly engagement and enhanced resources to ensure the preservation and continuity of their heritage and identity. He further stated that such programmes are of paramount importance for preserving the identity of indigenous peoples. One of the highlights of the day was an insightful presentation by Dr. B. L. Khamdak, HOD, Limboo Department, Kanchenjunga State University. His talk shed light on the resilience, contributions, and contemporary challenges faced by indigenous peoples, inspiring the audience to reflect on their own role in protecting this shared legacy. Pbd scholar Ms Ikla Hangma Limboo also made a presentation on 'Save Mikkumlung Protest (Indigenous Beliefs in context to Taplejung, Nepal). As the celebrations concluded, the atmosphere at Yakhung Heem resonated with a deep sense of pride, unity, and hope – a reminder that the stories, traditions, and values of indigenous communities remain a living treasure for humankind. Who must also

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The plantation drive, endorsed and mentored by the Chief Minister of Sikkim, Mr Prem Singh Tamang-Golay, seeks to rejuvenate barren land, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and foster community participation to uphold the dignity of farming. It further endeavours to reconnect civil service officers with nature, enabling them to inspire wider societal engagement in sustainable

farming and environmental conservation.

The event witnessed the participation of Secretary, Department of Personnel, Mr Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, as the Chief Guest, along with Secretary, Rural Development Department (Panchayat) and President, SSCSOA, Mr Dushyant Pariyar; Secretary, Information and Public Relations Department, Ms Annapurna Alley; Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Ms Dicky Yangzom; Secretary, Labour Department, Mr Bhim Bdr Thatal; Secretary, State Election Commission, Ms Kesang D Rechung; and Secretary, SSERC, Mr Bimal Kr Rai. And executive members of the SSCSOA, officials from various Pakyong offices, and Panchayat representatives were also present.

In his address, the Chief Guest, Secretary DOP, congratulated the SSCSOA for collaborating with the ADC (Dev), RDD, in the Mission Revival of Barren Land - Connect Earth. He highlighted the lasting impact such initiatives will have on the younger generation and government officials, emphasising that no innovative idea should be rejected and that ideas from individuals must be implemented where feasible.



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ADC (Dev) Pakyong, RDD, expressed his gratitude to the SSCSOA for their valuable contribution to the mission. He stated that the vision of the Chief Minister through Connect Earth extends beyond farming, aiming to ensure the health and well-being of the people of Sikkim. He stressed the importance of making the mission known across the State so that indigenous communities can carry it forward for the collective welfare of society. He also outlined various facilities under the project, including the mental and physical health benefits of nature, household-level organic farming, and the promotion of tourism.

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strengthen the economy.

On behalf of the SSCSOA, he expressed his gratitude to the State Government for initiating such a visionary mission that enables civil service officers to contribute directly to environmental and agricultural development.

The Secretary, Rural Development Department and President, SSCSOA, in his remarks, reiterated that, in line with the Chief Minister's directive for the Mission Revival of Barren Land, the plantation drive was undertaken under the coordination of the ADC (Dev), RDD. He stated that the movement would continue in the future, aiming to transform barren lands into productive agricultural areas.

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सिक्किम राज्य नागरिक सेवा अधिकारी संघले पुन्यायो बाँझो जमीन पुनरुत्थान मिशनमा सहयोग



पाकिम, ९ अगस्त। सिक्किम राज्य नागरिक सेवा अधिकारी संघ (एसएससीएसओए) ले आज सरकारको तर्फबाट सामसिङ, राकिममा अधिग्रहण गरिएको भूमिमा कनेक्ट अर्थ-सिक्किम रहल (परिवर्तनकारी सिक्किमको लागि मिलेर आउनु) अन्तर्गत एभोकाडो बिरुवाहरू, नाकिमा बनस्पति (टुपिस्ट्रा नुस्तानस) र फिडर मिलेटहरूको रोपाइको द्वाइभमार्फत त सिक्किमलाई रूपान्तरण गर्ने विचारका लागि एक ठाउँमा भेला भए। यस कार्यक्रमको समन्वय अतिरिक्त जिह्वापाल (विकास) आरडीडी, राकिम रोबिन प्रसाद सेवाले गरेका थिए, जो कनेक्ट अर्थ-सिक्किम मिशनका प्रमुख समन्वयकको रूपमा पनि सेवा गरिरहेका छन्। सिक्किमका मुख्यमन्त्री प्रेम सिंह तामाङ (गोले) को तर्फबाट सभर्धन र मार्गदर्शन गरिएका वृक्षारोपण अभियानले बाँझो जीविकोपार्जन गरिएको जग्गालाई पुनर्जीवित गर्ने, दिगो कृषि अभ्यासलाई प्रवर्द्धन गर्ने, र खेतीको प्रतिष्ठालाई कायम राख्न सामुदायिक सहभागितालाई प्रोत्साहन गर्न प्रयास गरिरहेको छ। यसले थप नागरिक सेवाका

अधिकारीहरूलाई प्रकृतिसेवा पुनः जडान गराउन प्रयास गर्दछ, जसले तिनीहरूलाई दिगो खेती र वातावरणीय संरक्षणमा व्यापक सामाजिक संलग्नता प्रेरित गर्न सक्षम बनाउँछ। आफ्नो को सम्बोधनमा, प्रमुख अतिथिले, डी.ओ.पी.का सचिवले, एसएससीएसओएलाई ब्यारन ल्वान्डको मिशन पुनरुत्थान - कनेक्ट अर्थमा एडीसी (विकास), आरडीडी-सँग सहकार्य गर्नका लागि बधाई दिए। उनले यस्तो पहलले युवा पुस्तामा र सरकारी अधिकारीहरूमा पर्ने स्थायी असरलाई चर्चा गरे, यो जोड दिँदै कि कुनै पनि नवीनतम विचारलाई अस्वीकृति नदिनु पर्छ र व्यक्तिहरूका विचारलाई जहाँ सम्भव छ, लागू गर्नुपर्छ। एसएससीएसओए -का तर्फबाट, उनले यस प्रकारको दृष्टिगोचर मिशनको लागि राज्य सरकारलाई धन्यवाद दिएका छन् जसले नागरिक सेवा अधिकारीहरूलाई वातावरणीय र कृषि विकासमा सिधै योगदान गर्न सक्षम बनाउँछ। सचिव, प्राचीन विकास विभाग तथा अध्यक्ष, एसएससीएसओए-ले, आफ्नो टिप्पणीमा, मुख्यमन्त्रीको बाँझो भूमि

पुनर्जीविकरणको निर्देशनअनुसार, वृक्षारोपण अभियान एडीसी (विकास) र आरडीडीको समन्वयमा सञ्चालन गरिएको पुनः बताए। उनले भने कि अभियान भविष्यमा जारी रहनेछ, बाँझो भूमिलाई उथलपुथल गरि उत्पादक कृषि क्षेत्रमा परिणत गर्ने लक्ष्य राख्दै। एडीसी (विकास) पाकिम, आरडीडीले एसएससीएसओए -लाई मिशनमा उनीहरूको मूल्यवान योगदानको लागि धन्यवाद व्यक्त गरे। उनले भने, कनेक्ट अर्थमार्फत मुख्यमन्त्रीको दृष्टिकोण खेतीको दायराभन्दा पर पुग्छ, सिक्किमका मानिसहरूको स्वास्थ्य र कल्याण सुनिश्चित गर्नको लागि। उनले यो मिशनलाई राज्यभरि बनाउने महत्त्वमा जोड दिए ताकि स्वदेशी समुदायहरूले समाजको सामूहिक कल्याणको लागि यसलाई अधि बढाउन सकून्। उनले परियोजना अन्तर्गत विभिन्न सुविधाहरूको उल्लेख गरे, जसमा प्रकृतिको मानसिक र शारीरिक स्वास्थ्य लाभ, घरखर्चका स्तरमा कार्बनिक खेती र पर्यटनको प्रवर्द्धन समावेश छ। कार्यक्रमको क्रममा, एसएससीएसओए-ले मिशनलाई समर्थनको प्रतीकको रूपमा हँसिया र कोदालो हस्तान्तरण गर्‍यो।

पाकिम जिल्लामा मिशन मोडमा हुँदैछ कोदो रोपाई

पाकिम, ९ अगस्त। दृढ दृष्टिकोणका साथ कनेक्ट अर्थको पहलमा, अतिरिक्त जिह्वापाल (विकास) कार्यालय, पाकिम जिह्वा, खेतीका लागि बाँझो र खाली जमीनको पुनःउत्थानका लागि शुक्रवारको फिन्ड/फार्म दिनको मिशनको नेतृत्व गरिरहेको छ। वर्तमान कृषि सिजनको अनुरूप, जिह्वाले कोदोका बिरुवाहरूको रोपाई गर्न मिशन मोडमा काम गरेको छ, कोदोलाई जलवायु प्रतिरोधी र प्रकृति-मित्र फसलको रूपमा मान्यता दिँदै सो काम गरिएको हो। मिलेट्स, प्रायः जंगली वा कटोर बालीको रूपमा मानिन्छ, विविध जलवायु अवस्थाहरूमा जीवन्त रहन्छ, न्यूनतम इनपुटको आवश्यकता पर्दछ र अधिकतम पारिस्थितिक र पोषण लाभ प्रदान गर्दछ। यसको खेतीले केवल पुनः स्खलित भूमि मात्र होइन, माटोको स्वास्थ्य र दीर्घकालीन खाद्य सुरक्षामा पनि योगदान पुऱ्याउँछ। यो रणनीति कोदो उत्पादनमा घ्यान केन्द्रित गर्नुले दिगो कृषि रूपान्तरणतर्फको एक प्रमुख कदमको प्रतीक हो। यो केवल अन्न उत्पादनको बारेमा मात्र होइन, तर हाम्रो प्रकृतिसेवाको सम्बन्धको पुनर्स्थापना र भविष्यका पीढीहरूको भविष्यको सुरक्षाको बारेमा हो। हामी सबै सरकारी कर्मचारीहरू, स्वयं सहायता समूहहरू, गैर-सरकारी संगठनहरू, कलबहरू, संघहरू, र सम्पूर्ण कृषक समुदायलाई उनीहरूको अडिग समर्थन, जीविकोपार्जनका लागि निरन्तर प्रयास र व्यावहारिक परिवर्तन अपनाउने इच्छा प्रति हाम्रो मनको गहिरोइच्छा कृतज्ञता व्यक्त गर्दछौं, अतिरिक्त जिह्वापाल कार्यालयले भनेको छ। तपाईंको योगदान हाम्रो जिह्वाको कृषि अभ्यासलाई दिगो, सहनशीलता र खाद्य स्वावलम्बितासँग समन्वय गर्नमा महत्त्वपूर्ण छन्।

एसएसबी सेक्टर मुख्यालयद्वारा रक्षा बन्धन पर्व पालन

गान्तोक, ९ अगस्त। गान्तोकस्थित सेक्टर मुख्यालय सशस्त्र सीमा बल (एसएसबी) का अधिकारी तथा पदाधिकारीहरूले सिक्किम विश्वविद्यालय र हर्षमाया कलेज अफ एजुकेशनका विद्यार्थीका साथै हेमन्त वादव फाउण्डेसनका सदस्यहरूसँग मार्चोक्मा रक्षा बन्धन पालन गरे। सिक्किम विश्वविद्यालयकी प्राध्यापक डा. सुजाता उपाध्याय र हर्षमाया कलेज अफ एजुकेशनकी सहायक प्राध्यापक श्रीमती सुतापा बर्मनले रक्षा बन्धनको महत्त्वमाथि प्रकाश पार्दै राष्ट्रको सिमानाको रक्षा गर्न र एकता र सद्भाव प्रवर्द्धन गर्न एसएसबीको प्रयासको प्रशंसा गरे।

उत्सवमा परम्परागत राखी बाँध्ने समारोह समेत थियो, जहाँ हेमन्त वादव फाउण्डेसनका विद्यार्थी र सदस्यहरूले एसएसबीका अधिकारी र पदाधिकारीहरू, दुवै विश्वविद्यालयका प्राध्यापकहरूलाई राखी बाँधेर मिठाई वितरण गरे। गान्तोकस्थित सेक्टर मुख्यालय एसएसबीका सेकेन्ड-इन कमान्ड श्री सुनिल कुमारले रक्षा बन्धन समारोहमा भाग लिएकोमा प्राध्यापक, विद्यार्थी र हेमन्त वादव फाउण्डेसनका सदस्यहरूप्रति कृतज्ञता व्यक्त गरे।





Robin Pd Sewa

7 August at 22:45 · 🌐

The Additional District Collector Dev. Office, Pakyong District, extends its heartiest welcome and deep appreciation to the Sikkim State Civil Service Officers' Association, the backbone and premium association of our State administration, for their meaningful support to the Connect Earth – Sweat Contribution Center, a people-led movement championed by Shri Prem Singh Tamang (Golay), Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim.

This initiative is not just about reviving barren and fallow lands for cultivation, it is a revolutionary movement that reconnects humanity with nature and addresses some of the most pressing issues of modern life.

Connect Earth: Sweat Contribution Center is a movement for Cultivation, Health & Inner Well-being Under the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Connect Earth promotes barefoot grounding, where individuals work with the soil for overall well-being and sustainable agriculture practices.

The support of the Sikkim Civil Service Officers' Association adds institutional strength, leadership wisdom, and symbolic unity to this people's movement. Together, we are building not just farms, but a healthier society.

"Let us go back to the soil — not as a burden, but as a blessing. Let our bare feet touch the ground, our hands till the soil, and our hearts realign with nature. Through this, we will grow not just crops, but calmness; not just food, but health; not just community, but unity."

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Sikkim State Civil Service Officers Join Connect Earth Mission to Revive Barren Land in Pakyong.

Pakyong, August 9 (IPR): The Sikkim State Civil Service Officers' Association (SSCSOA) came together for an idea to transform Sikkim through the plantation drive of avocado saplings, nakima plants (*Tupistra nutans*), and finger millets under the Connect Earth-Sikkim initiative (Coming Together for a Transformative Sikkim) on land allocated by the Government of Sikkim at Samsing, Pakyong, today.

The programme was coordinated by Additional District Collector (Development) RDD, Pakyong, Mr Robin Pd Sewa, who also serves as the Chief Coordinator of the Connect Earth-Sikkim Mission.

The plantation drive, endorsed and mentored by the Chief Minister of Sikkim, Mr **Prem Singh Tamang-Golay**, seeks to rejuvenate barren land, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and foster community participation to uphold the dignity of farming. It further endeavours to reconnect civil service officers with nature, enabling them to inspire wider societal engagement in sustainable farming and environmental conservation.

The event witnessed the participation of Secretary, Department of Personnel, Mr Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, as the Chief Guest, along with Secretary, Rural Development Department (Panchayat) and President, SSCSOA, Mr Dushyant Pariyar; Secretary, Information and Public Relations Department, Ms Annapurna Alley; Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Ms Dicky Yangzom; Secretary, Labour Department, Mr Bhim Bdr Thatal; Secretary, State Election Commission, Ms Kesang D Rechung; and Secretary, SSERC, Mr Bimal Kr Rai. And executive members of the SSCSOA, officials from various Pakyong offices, and Panchayat representatives were also present.

In his address, the Chief Guest, Secretary DOP, congratulated the SSCSOA for collaborating with the ADC (Dev), RDD, in the Mission Revival of Barren Land – Connect Earth. He highlighted the lasting impact such initiatives will have on the younger generation and government officials, emphasising that no innovative idea should be rejected and that ideas from individuals must be implemented where feasible.

maximum available land in the State be utilised for modern agriculture, keeping market demand in mind and planning for crop diversity to strengthen the economy.

On behalf of the SSCSOA, he expressed gratitude to the State Government for initiating such a visionary mission that enables civil service officers to contribute directly to environmental and agricultural development.

The Secretary, Rural Development Department and President, SSCSOA, in his remarks, reiterated that, in line with the Chief Minister's directive for the Mission Revival of Barren Land, the plantation drive was undertaken under the coordination of the ADC (Dev), RDD. He stated that the movement would continue in the future, aiming to transform barren lands into productive agricultural areas.

He further appreciated the ADC (Dev) for his dedicated coordination, noting that such collaboration between departments sets an example for collective action towards sustainable development.

ADC (Dev) Pakyong, RDD, expressed his gratitude to the SSCSOA for their valuable contribution to the mission. He stated that the vision of the Chief Minister through Connect Earth extends beyond farming, aiming to ensure the health and well-being of the people of Sikkim. He stressed the importance of making the mission known across the State so that indigenous communities can carry it forward for the collective welfare of society.

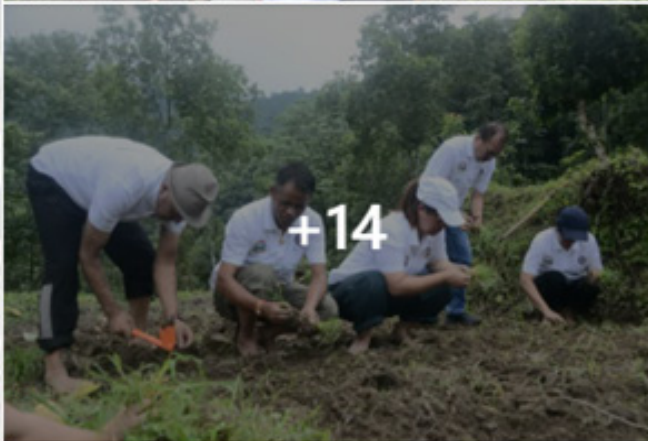
He also outlined various facilities under the project, including the mental and physical health benefits of nature, household-level organic farming, and the promotion of tourism.

During the event, the SSCSOA handed over sickles and spades (kaatas) to the mission as a gesture of support.

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Mangaljit Rai Ranasampang

Robin Pd Sewa ...ADC (Dev), Pakyong ..sir, you are a true inspiration behind the 'Connect to Earth' initiative a unique and powerful effort that reflects your deep commitment to nature & community well being. Your vision, dedication & hard work are paving the way for a better & greener future. Hats off to you, sir for leading by example & inspiring us all to care for our planet.

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Robin Pd Sewa

Today is the historic day for our Mission Connect Earth Sweat Contribution Center as the premier organizations in our State with the Senior most Officers in the level of Secretaries and all the Officer's has sacrifices lots and contributed their Sweat, barefoot grounding in the field. Pakyong District heartily salute your Contributions and we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all and eagerly expecting such an exclusive guidance in the near future too...

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Great initiative 🙌
Congratulations to SSCSOA 🙌

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Wow 🙌 where there is a will there is a way
Congratulations SSCSOA 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

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Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, Secretary of the Department of Personnel, briefs about 'Connect Earth – Sikkim: Coming Together for an Idea to Transform Sikkim', organised by the Sikkim State Civil Service Officers' Association. The event included a plantation drive of avocado and nakima saplings in Samsing, Pakyong. He also conveyed his message and thanked the SSCSOA and the Chief Minister for their initiatives towards the green transformation of Sikkim.



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Prashant Rasaily

Truly commendable initiative, 🌱 The vision through 'Connect Earth' to transform unused lands into green spaces is both inspiring and impactful. Such efforts not only enrich our environment but also unite the community for a greater cause. Heartfelt appreciation for leading this noble mission for Pakyong district. 🙏

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एसएससीएसओए बिरुवा रोपे सिक्किमलाई रूपान्तरण गर्ने अभियानलाई जनायो समर्थन

पाकिम, ९ अगस्त (आईपीआर): सिक्किम राज्य निजामती सेवा अधिकारी सङ्घ (एसएससीएसओए) -ले जनिवार सिक्किम सरकारले पाकिमको सामसिङमा आयोजित भूमिमा कनेक्ट अर्थ -सिक्किम पहल (एक परिवर्तनकारी सिक्किमका लागि एकजुट हुनु) अन्तर्गत एभोकाडोका बिरुवा, नाकिमा बिरुवा (टुपिस्टा नून) र बाजरा रोपण अभियानको माध्यमद्वारा सिक्किमलाई रूपान्तरण गर्ने विचारका लागि एकजुट भएको छ।

यो कार्यक्रमको समन्वय अतिरिक्त जिह्वापाल (विकास) आर.डी.डी, पाकिम रबिन पी.डी. सेवले गरेका थिए, जो कनेक्ट अर्थ -सिक्किम मिशनका मुख्य समन्वयक पनि हुन्। सिक्किमका मुख्यमन्त्री पीएस गोलेद्वारा समर्थित तथा सञ्चालित यस बिरुवा रोपण अभियानले बाँझो भूमिलाई पुनर्जीवित गर्ने, स्थानीय कृषि पद्धतिहरूलाई बढावा दिने र कृषिको गरिमालाई कायम राख्न सामुदायिक सहभागितालाई बढावा दिने प्रयास गर्दछ। यसले निजामती सेवा अधिकारीहरूलाई प्रकृतिसँग जोड्ने प्रयास गर्दछ, जसले गर्दा उनीहरूलाई स्थानीय कृषि र पर्यावरण संरक्षणमा व्यापक सामाजिक जुडवालाई प्रेरित गर्न सक्षम बनाउँछ।

कार्यक्रममा कार्यात्मक विभागका सचिव रिजिज छेवाङ भोटिया मुख्य अतिथिका रूपमा उपस्थित थिए भने ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (पञ्चायत) -का सचिव तथा एसएससीएसओएका अध्यक्ष दुप्यल परियार, सूचना तथा जससम्पर्क विभागकी सचिव अञ्जली आले, खानी तथा भूगर्भ विभागका



सचिव डिकी याङजोम, श्रम विभागका सचिव भीमबहादुर डटाल, राज्य निर्वाचन आयोगकी सचिव केसाङ डी रेचुङ र एसएससीआरसीका सचिव विमल कृष्ण राई पनि उपस्थित थिए।

कार्यक्रममा एसएससीएसओएका कार्यकारी सदस्य, पाकिमका विभिन्न कार्यालयका अधिकारी र पञ्चायत प्रतिनिधिहरू पनि उपस्थित थिए।

आफ्नो सम्बोधनमा मुख्य अतिथि डीओपी सचिवले बाँझो भूमिको पुनरुत्थान - कनेक्ट अर्थ मिशनमा एडीसी (विकास), आर.डी.डीसँग सहकार्य गरेकोमा एसएससीएसओएलाई बधाई दिए। उनले यस्ता पहलहरूले युवा पुस्ता र सरकारी अधिकारीहरूमा पार्ने स्थानीय प्रभावलाई प्रकाश पार्दै युनै पनि नवीन विचारलाई अस्वीकार गर्नु नहुने र व्यक्तिगत विचारहरूलाई सम्भव भएसम्म कार्यान्वयन गर्नुपर्ने कुरामा जोड दिए। उनले युवाहरूलाई सरकारी क्षेत्रमा आफ्ना विचारहरूलाई अगाडि ल्याउन प्रोत्साहित गरे र बाजराको

मागलाई ध्यानमा राख्दै र अर्थतन्त्रलाई सुदृढ पार्न फसल विविधताको योजना बनाउँदै राज्यमा उपलब्ध अधिकतम भूमिलाई आपुनिक कृषिको लागि प्रयोग गर्न आग्रह गरे। एसएससीएसओएको तर्फबाट उनले निजामती सेवाका अधिकारीहरूलाई पर्यावरण र कृषि विकासमा प्रत्यक्ष योगदान पुर्‍याउन सक्षम बनाउने यस्तो दृढता अभियान शुरू गरेकोमा राज्य सरकारप्रति कृतज्ञता व्यक्त गरे।

ग्रामीण विकास विभागका सचिव तथा एसएससीएसओएका अध्यक्षले आफ्नो टिप्पणीमा बाँझो भूमिको पुनरुत्थानको लागि मुख्यमन्त्रीको निर्देशन अनुरूप, बाँझो भूमिलाई उत्पादक कृषि क्षेत्रमा रूपान्तरण गर्ने उद्देश्यले बिरुवा रोपण अभियान एडीसी (विकास) को समन्वयमा सञ्चालन गरिएको कुरा दोहोर्‍याए। उनले भविष्यमा पनि बाँझो भूमिलाई उत्पादक कृषि क्षेत्रमा रूपान्तरण गर्ने लक्ष्य राखेर यो आन्दोलन जारी रहने बताए। उनले विभागहरूबीचको यस्तो सहकार्यले

दिगो विकासले सामुहिक कार्यको उदाहरण स्थापित गर्ने कुरा जडैख गर्दै एडीसी (विकास) -को समर्थित समन्वयको लागि थप प्रशंसा गरे।

एडीसी (विकास) -ले मिशनमा उनीहरूको बहुमुखी योगदानको लागि एसएससीएसओएप्रति कृतज्ञता व्यक्त गरे। उनले कनेक्ट अर्थको माध्यमद्वारा मुख्यमन्त्रीको दृष्टिकोण खेतीभन्दा अघि बढेर सिक्किमका जनताको स्वास्थ्य र कल्याण सुनिश्चित गर्नु रहेको बताए। उनले राज्यभरि मिशनलाई परिचित गराउनुको महत्त्वमाथि जोड दिए ताकि जनजाति समुदायहरूले समाजको सामुहिक कल्याणको लागि यसलाई अगाडि बढाउन सक्नु। उनले परियोजना अन्तर्गत विभिन्न सुविधाहरूको पनि रूपरेखा प्रस्तुत गरे, जसमा प्रकृतिको मानसिक र शारीरिक स्वास्थ्य लाभ, घरेलु स्तरको जैविक खेती र पर्यटनको प्रवर्द्धन सामेल छन्।

कार्यक्रम एसएससीएसओएले समर्थन स्वरूप मिशनलाई होसिया र कोदालो (काँटा) प्रदान गर्‍यो।

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Sikkim to celebrate 'Aama Samman Diwas' today



Staff Reporter
GANGTOK, August 9: Rangpo ground is all set to host the State's first-ever 'Aama Samman Diwas' on Sunday, an event dedicated to honouring the mothers of Sikkim. The occasion also coincides with the 8th Jan Aama Diwas, a significant day for the rising SSKM party.

In his message, Chief Minister P.S. Oakley said, "On the auspicious occasion of the First Aama Samman Diwas 2025, being celebrated on the occasion of the 8th Jan



"To all our mothers—You are our first teacher, our eternal friend, and our greatest blessing. We salute you today and always. Happy Aama Samman Diwas 2025!" said the Chief Minister in his message.

"Today, as we celebrate and honour our mothers, we acknowledge their silent strength, their boundless patience, and their selfless devotion that shape generations. May this day remind us to cherish, protect, and cherish our mothers with the same tenderness they have bestowed upon us since our first breath," said the Chief Minister.

In addition, around 4,200

Sikkim students on National Integration Tour

GANGTOK, August 9 (PTI): The National Integration Tour (NIT) organised by 17th Mountain Division Indian Army was flagged off today through the hands of Major General—GOC Black Cat Division Indian Army (Gangtok Army station) from at Liling Haldip, Gangtok.

The NIT is an initiative of Indian Army under 'Operation Sadbhavna', reflecting their unwavering dedication to holistic development of youth in border and remote regions by empowering the next generation through exposure and awareness to places of historical, cultural and technological importance.

The tour is scheduled to take place from August 10 to August 17. The NIT team includes 20 engineering students consisting of 12 females and 8 males students from remote areas and underdeveloped regions of Sikkim, teachers and army personnel accompanying them.

The venue of the NIT is Hyderabad, Bangalore and Mysuru wherein they will visit premier education institutions, leading scientific and technological



establishments such as IITs, ISRO, BHEL, etc. City and interact with industry leaders, technological start-ups.

In addition, the students will visit places of cultural and historical importance and also meet the Governor of Telangana. The tour will culminate in a flagging off ceremony at Raj Bhawan by the Governor of Sikkim in the near future.

The objective of the tour is to broaden the horizons of young minds who have limited access to such exposure due to geographical and socio-economic constraints. The tour also aims to expose the students to National glimpse of 'Vishat Thare' technological integration and cultural unity.

The Major General—GOC Black Cat Division (Gangtok military station) interacted with the students and addressed the importance of 'Vishat Thare' technological integration and cultural unity.

Sikkim State Civil Service Officers join Connect Earth Mission to Revive Barren Land in Pakyong

PAKYONG, August 9 (PTI): The Sikkim State Civil Service Officers' Association (SSCSOA) Association (SSCSOA) joined together for an idea to transform Sikkim through the plantation drive of avocado saplings, making plants (Tapioca rubber), and Sugar cane under the Connect Earth-Sikkim initiative (Coming Together for a Thriving Sikkim) in aid allocated by the Government of Sikkim of Sowing, Sowing.

The programme was coordinated by Additional District Collector (Development), RDO, Pakyong, Robin P. Sena, who also serves as the chief coordinator of the Connect Earth-Sikkim Mission.

The plantation drive, endorsed and monitored by the Chief Minister of Sikkim, Pawan Singh Tamang-Chow, seeks to rejuvenate barren land, promote



sustainable agricultural practices, and foster community participation to uphold the dignity of farmers. In further endeavours to promote civil service officers with nature, enabling them to inspire wider societal engagement in sustainable farming and environmental conservation.

The event witnessed the participation of secretary, Department of Personnel, Raising Chawling Barba, as the chief guest, along with secretary, Rural Development Department (Pachhunga) and members, SSCSOA, District Partner, secretary, Information and Public Relations department, Annapurna Akter, secretary, Minor and Welfare department, Dicky Yangdon, secretary, Labour department, Shikha Rishi Thakur, secretary, State Election Commission, Keesang D. Kachang, and

secretary, SSKM, Binod Kr. Rai. Executive members of the SSCSOA, officials from various Pakyong offices, and Panchayat representatives were also present.

In his address, the chief guest, secretary DOP, congratulated the SSCSOA for collaborating with the ADC (Dev) RDO, in the Mission Revival of Barren Land -

Connect Earth. He highlighted the lasting impact such initiatives will have on the younger generation and government officials, emphasising that to involve them should be encouraged and that ideas from individuals must be implemented when feasible.

He encouraged the youth to bring forward their ideas in the government sector and

Anjana Sharma carries Sikkim's voice to SheLeads II



Staff Reporter
GANGTOK, August 9: Anjana Sharma, Zilla Panchayat member from Baling Dong, 27C, represented Sikkim at SheLeads II, UN Women India's flagship workshop for strengthening women's political and public leadership.

Sharma's journey to the national stage was anything but easy. Out of over 250 applicants from across India, only 30 distinguished women were short-listed after a rigorous, merit-based process assessing their leadership record, vision, and potential to drive change.

The programme, organised by the Ministry of Women & Child Development in partnership with UN Women India, was inaugurated in New Delhi by Union Minister Annapurna Devi, with May-Eliza Sener (Ambassador of Norway) and Karan Singh (UN Women India) in attendance.

Throughout the workshop, Sharma interacted with prominent political figures including MP Banarsi Swain, Pawan Khera and Manoj Sinha, absorbing lessons on effective campaigning, governance, public narrative, and media strategy.

Their selection and participation mark a significant step for Sikkim, as she returns with deeper insights and sharper tools to mentor aspiring women leaders in the state.

"Being chosen through such a competitive process was an honour. I want to use this experience to encourage more Sikkimese women to step up, speak out, and lead," Sharma said.

SDF raises concerns over 2024 Elections, alleges irregularities & violations

Staff Reporter
GANGTOK, August 9: Opposite Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) have voiced serious concerns over the conduct of the 2024 General Elections, alleging widespread manipulation throughout the electoral process.

Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, SDF senior vice president Kristina Khaw stated that the party is deeply alarmed by the role of the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), which, according to him, have raised doubts about the fairness of the elections not only in Sikkim but across the country.

Khaw emphasised that Sikkim, as an integral part of the nation, has not remained unaffected by these issues. Prior to the 2024 elections, the SDF had submitted a series of suggestions and demands to the ECI, aimed at ensuring the free and fair elections in the State.

Among the key demands by the SDF were abolishing electronic voting under President's Rule instead of a caretaker government, replacing EVMs with paper ballots, linking Aadhar numbers with EPRC



claims. However, he added that the party offers moral support to the INDIA bloc while continuing to pursue its political goals independently.

Meanwhile, SDF spokesperson Anas Limboo criticised Chief Minister P.S. Oakley's recent statements about facing crimes and Sikkim being ruled in the happiness index among Northeastern States.

Limboo dismissed the claims as misleading, citing rising cases of violence against opposition leaders and supporters, drug abuse, suicides, thefts, and domestic violence in the State. He alleged that many such incidents occur in broad daylight, often near police stations, without any fear of legal consequences.

The SDF spokesperson further claimed that opposition-led FIFs are often not registered as formal cases but are instead recorded in the General Diary, which he believes is an intentional tactic to downplay the crimes rate.

SFA and FAS organise Independence Futsal Cup

Staff Reporter
GANGTOK, August 9: Sikkim Football Association (SFA) and Futsal Association of Sikkim (FAS) have joined hands to organise the Independence Futsal Cup 2025 at Durval Futsal Arena, celebrating India's 79th Independence



Day and Sikkim's 50th Statehood year. The tournament has

Downed 6 Pak aircraft and struck 9 terror camps during Op Sindoor, says Air Force chief

BENGALURU, August 9 (IANS): In a major revelation that underscores the scale and precision of India's recent military response to cross-border terrorism, Air Chief Marshal Arun Prasad Singh confirmed that the Indian Air Force (IAF) shot down six Pakistani aircraft during Operation Sindoor, including five fighter jets and a high-value surveillance platform, likely an AROH (Airborne Warning and Control System) aircraft.

Speaking at the Air Chief Marshal's 10th Carnation Lecture in Bangalore, the Air Chief shared satellite imagery and intelligence inputs that

revealed the extent of damage inflicted on Pakistan's air fleet and terror infrastructure.

"These are the battles and other images of the damage caused at Pahalganj, the J&M (Jammu & Kashmir) headquarters. There's hardly any collateral here — the adjacent buildings are fairly intact," he said, pointing to high-resolution visuals that corroborated the precision of the strikes.

Operation Sindoor, launched on May 7, was India's calibrated response to the Pakistan terror attack that claimed 26 innocent lives in April.

"We have five confirmed kills and one large aircraft, which could be either an F-16 or an A-105 or an A-105, which was taken out at a distance of about 500 km. It is, actually, the largest ever recorded surface-to-air kill that we can talk about," the Air Force chief said.

The operation targeted nine terror camps across Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK), eliminating over a hundred militants, according to defence sources. The offensive was executed with a blend of air-launched cruise missiles, electronic warfare assets, and

real-time surveillance, ensuring minimal civilian harm while delivering maximum strategic impact.

He further said, "Our air defence system has done a wonderful job. The S-400 system, which we had recently bought, has been a game-changer. The range of that system has really kept the aircraft away from their weapons, like those long-range glide bombs that they have. They have not been able to use any one of those because they have not been able to penetrate the system," the IAF chief said.

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PAKYONG, August 9 (IPR): The Sikkim State Civil Service Officers' Association (SSCSOA) came together for an idea to transform Sikkim through the plantation drive of avocado saplings, nakima plants (*Tupistra nutans*), and finger millets under the Connect Earth-Sikkim initiative (Coming Together for a Transformative Sikkim) on land allocated by the Government of Sikkim at Samsing, Pakyong, today.

The programme was coordinated by Additional District Collector (Development) RDD, Pakyong, Robin Pd Sewa, who also serves as the chief coordinator of the Connect Earth-Sikkim Mission.

The plantation drive, endorsed and mentored by the Chief Minister of Sikkim, Prem Singh Tamang-Golay, seeks to rejuvenate barren land, promote

sustainable agricultural practices, and foster community participation to uphold the dignity of farming. It further endeavours to reconnect civil service officers with nature, enabling them to inspire wider societal engagement in sustainable farming and environmental conservation.

The event witnessed the participation of secretary, Department of Personnel, Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, as the chief guest, along with secretary, Rural Development department (Panchayat) and president, SSCSOA, Dushyant Pariyar; secretary, Information and Public Relations department, Annapurna Alley; secretary, Mines and Geology department, Dicky Yangzom; secretary, Labour department, Bhim Bdr Thatal; secretary, State Election Commission, Kesang D Rechung; and



secretary, SSERC, Bimal Kr Rai. Executive members of the SSCSOA, officials from various Pakyong offices, and Panchayat representatives were also present.

In his address, the chief guest, secretary DOP, congratulated the SSCSOA for collaborating with the ADC (Dev), RDD, in the Mission Revival of Barren Land –

Connect Earth. He highlighted the lasting impact such initiatives will have on the younger generation and government officials, emphasising that no innovative idea should be rejected and that ideas from individuals must be implemented where feasible.

He encouraged the youth to bring forward their ideas in the government sector and

urged that maximum available land in the State be utilised for modern agriculture, keeping market demand in mind and planning for crop diversity to strengthen the economy.

On behalf of the SSCSOA, he expressed gratitude to the State government for initiating such a visionary mission that enables civil service officers to contribute directly to environmental and agricultural development.

The secretary, Rural Development Department and president, SSCSOA, in his remarks, reiterated that, in line with the Chief Minister's directive for the Mission Revival of Barren Land, the plantation drive was undertaken under the coordination of the ADC (Dev), RDD. He stated that the movement would continue in the future, aiming to transform barren lands into productive agricultural areas.

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He further appreciated the ADC (Dev) for his dedicated coordination, noting that such collaboration between departments sets an example for collective action towards sustainable development.

ADC (Dev) Pakyong, RDD, expressed his gratitude to the SSCSOA for their valuable contribution to the mission. He stated that the vision of the Chief Minister through Connect Earth extends beyond farming, aiming to ensure the health and well-being of the people of Sikkim. He

stressed the importance of making the mission known across the State so that indigenous communities can carry it forward for the collective welfare of society.

He also outlined various facilities under the project, including the mental and physical health benefits of nature, household-level organic farming, and the promotion of tourism.

During the event, the SSCSOA handed over sickles and spades (kaatas) to the mission as a gesture of support.

"No Idea is Small or Big. It has potential to impact."



Shri Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, IAS
Chief Guest
With Young SCS Officers



Presenting Memento to Chief Guest & Coordinator, Connect Earth-Sikkim



Shri Dushyant Pariyar, SCS
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