

HRDD awards Ambedkar Meritorious Scholarship to 4 SC students



Gangtok, Apr 15: The Human Resource Development Department awarded Dr. Ambedkar Meritorious Scholarship for the toppers of four districts among the Scheduled Caste Scholarship Scheme on the occasion of 126th Ambedkar Jayanti held on April 14 at Manan Kendra, Gangtok.

The Governor of Sikkim, Srinivas Patil felicitated the four students who had topped Class V in their respective districts in the academic session 2016. The selected students will be sent to Delhi Public

School, Yamuna Nagar in Haryana.

The scheme was announced by the Chief Minister Pawan Chamling on April 14, 2015 at Chintan Bhawan. As per the scheme, Scheduled Caste students under the Ambedkar Scholarship Scheme are sent to various top rated schools in the country after the HCMSS students.

Apart from 7% reservation in the HCMSS, 4 more students from the SC community are sent out of the state each year. This is the second batch of the SC

students under the Ambedkar Scholarship Scheme.

The selected students namely; Lal Man Baraily, S/o - Gauri Bahadur Baraily, Tumin Secondary School, East, Sunil Kumar Kami, S/o - Puk Lal Kami, Bongten Secondary School, West, Rashika Damai, Rajen Damai, Mangshila SS School, North and Bikash Kami, Garja Man Kami, Tinnik Chisopani JH School, South will be sent to DPS, Haryana during the last week of this month.

The selected students along with their guardians

were counseled by the Director/Primary Education, Bhim Thatal in the presence of the Minister for IPR and Health A.K. Ghatani in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary.

Thatal informed the students about the system of education and discipline to be maintained by the students in the selected school. He also interacted with the parents of the students along with some teacher representatives wherein elaborated on the scholarship scheme.

He further stated that the students and their escorts will have to travel to the selected school for admission at their own expense which will be reimbursed by the HRDD after submission of their travel accounts.

The President of All Sikkim Scheduled Caste Association (ASSCWA) Sekhar Sewa has offered that one of their executive members will also travel with the students and their parents to assist them. Minister A.K. Ghatani, also addressed the students wherein he advised them to be more industrious in their study in order to achieve higher goals in life. He further consoled the parents not to worry about their children

as they were under the scheme of the government and therefore were in safe hands.

So far, 46 students under the SC category have been admitted within and outside the state under the HCMSS and 8 students have been admitted outside the state under the Ambedkar Scholarship Scheme.

On the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, the HRDD had conducted district level essay competitions for the students of classes IX to XII in which the best essays (one each from every district) were awarded a cash prize of Rs 10,000 by the HRDD.

Pawan Kumar Prasad (class XII, TNSSS, Gangtok, East, Topic: Life-History of Dr BR Ambedkar), Anisha Subba (class XII, Gyalshing Girls' SSS, West, Topic: Importance of Constitution and its Importance in India), Rabina Khatoon (class XII, Mangnan SSS, North, Topic: Importance of Ayurveda and Yoga in Human Life), Shiva Chettri (class X, Victoria Cross Ganju Lama Sr. Sec. School, Ravangla, South, Topic: Sikkim-A Developing State in India) were awarded with cash prize for their essays.

UCWSS distributes gift to SNTM patients on Good Friday-Easter



Gangtok, Apr 15: On the auspicious occasion of Good Friday & Easter Sunday, the executive members of United Christian Welfare Society of Sikkim (UCWSS) along with the local Pastors of Gangtok visited the SNTM

Hospital in Gangtok and distributed gifts to the patients. The members visited various wards of the hospital distributing gifts to the patients and also wished for their speedy recovery. Good Friday is celebrated to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary and is observed during the Holy Week on Friday. It is preceded by Easter Sunday which celebrates the resurrection of Christ.

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One year Sikkim padhyatra completes 11 months

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Gangtok, Apr 15: The one year Sikkim padhyatra which commenced from Yuksom on May 16, 2016 successfully completed 11 months today.

The main purpose of the Padhyatra is to have a general discussion on the issues highlighted on the book 'Pariwartan Ko Ghoshna' (Declaration for Change) released on April 21, 2016 and to study the social, political, economic, historical, cultural and geo-political aspects of the Sikkimese society.

Over the course of 11



months, the Padhyatris covered several places of prominence in all the four districts of the state and are in Namcheyong constituency at present.

During the period, the

Padhyatris met and interacted with several senior citizens, educated youths, farmers and students.

The Padhyatra will complete one year on May 16, 2017.

Amar Subba to take part in two marathons in Nepal



HM Report

Gangtok, April 15: Marathon Man Amar Subba has been invited by the Himalaya Expeditions, Nepal to participate in the upcoming Mount Everest Marathon (Tenzing Hillary) and Lumbini Peace Marathon (Spiritual Sports Run) events slated to be held from May 12 to 27.

The Lumbini Peace Marathon which will begin from Lumbini and make its way to Mount Everest with 'Buddha Flame', is begin organize to commemorate the 2561st birth anniversary of Buddha, his Enlightenment and Mahaparinirvana.

After the peace mara-

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along the Teesta, upstream of West Bengal. These are run-of-the-river projects, so they are not supposed to hold back water. But, Rudra said, "Though these hydro-power units release the water, but the timing is not coordinated with the peak time need of farmers." Large stretches of the river are being cut off due to this poor management, he added.

While the West Bengal government report has enabled Banerjee to stymie the India-Bangladesh pact for now, even officials of the West Bengal government are not happy with the current state of affairs.

They point out that drying up of a transboundary river just upstream of an international border is contrary to global norms. "What will happen if tomorrow Bhutan or Nepal refuses to part with upstream water?" asked a senior official in the state government.

Three held under SADA

Gangtok, Apr 15: Rangpo Police on Friday arrested three persons following recovery of substantial quantity of contraband drugs from their vehicle.

The arrested trio have been identified as Sujit Rai (22), R/O Khanigaon,

West Pandam, East Sikkim, Sunil Rai (26) and Deepak Rai (24), both residents of Majitar, Rangpo, East Sikkim.

The accused were intercepted by beat patrol officers of Rangpo PS at Majitar, Rangpo at about 12.30 pm

Friday afternoon. Search led to recovery of 463 capsules of Spasmodoxyvon and 4 tablets of Nitrazepam from their vehicle.

A case under relevant section of Sikkim Anti Drugs Act has been registered against them.

Sant Nirankari Mandal to organize free health camp on Apr 16

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Rangpo, Apr 15: Sant Nirankari Mandal, Rangpo is going to organize a daylong free health check up camp cum

Maha Satsang Samroha at Tiny Tots School, IBM Rangpo on April 16. Area MLA cum Parliamentary Affairs Secretary, Gopal Baraily is slated to attend the pro-

gramme was the chief guest. The camp will begin from 10 am onwards wherein a team of doctors will screen and give medical advice on various ailments.

Medical health check-up camp for SSB SANDIKSHA members



Geyzing, Apr 15: Sashastha Seema Bal, 36th Bn Geyzing, under the aegis of "SANDIKSHA", an association of SSB personnel wives, organized a daylong medical health check-up camp for its members at the premise of the Battalion Headquarter Geyzing today.

Dr. Tukki Dolma Bhutia

(Gynecologist) from District Hospital Geyzing conducted the camp.

At the outset, Sangeeta Aditya (President of SANDIKSHA) 36th Bn while welcoming Dr. Bhutia informed that the camp is being organized for the welfare of the members.

Around 30 SANDIK-

SHA members were checked and advised treatments of various ailments, especially problems related to women.

At the end of the programme, Dr. Tukki Dolma Bhutia gave several useful advice related to health and hygiene to be followed in daily lives by the members.

Cleanliness drive at West DAC

Geyzing, Apr 15: A mass cleanliness drive was organized by the District Administration Centre, West at its premises today.

The program had the presence and participation of District Collector (West) Kapil Meena, ADM (West) Hondala Gyaltsen along with members of Geyzing Municipal Council (GMC), officials of DAC and employees from various government departments.

The DC also carried out an inspection of all the offices and advised the HODs to conduct a cleanliness drive every last Saturday of the month.

Bengal celebrates Poila Baisak

Kolkata, Apr 15: West Bengal on Saturday ushered in "Poila Baisakh" or the Bengali New Year with traditional fervour. Devout Bengalis visited the Kalighat and Dakshineswar temples and offered flowers and traditional sweets (sandesh) to the goddess. Dressed in new clothes, the hallmark of the new year festivities in this part of the country, revellers, cutting across religious barriers, celebrated the day with family and friends. People greeted each other by saying "shubho naba barsho" (happy new year). It is a time when many family members fly back to Bengal from across the world to be with their near and dear ones.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee extended her greetings as she visited the Kalighat temple and distributed sweets. Kolkata Knight Riders skipper Gautam Gambhir, whose team is set to take on Sunrisers Hyderabad at the Eden Gardens in the afternoon, also extended new year wishes to the fans. "A very happy Bengali new year to all of you. Hopefully @KKRiders can present you with a win today as new year's gift," Gambhir tweeted. With the day also marking the start of a new financial year, shopkeepers and businessmen observed the "haal khata" ceremony -- closing their old account books and opening new ones. The Bangabda or the Bengali calendar was promulgated in 1584 A.D. by

Mughal emperor Akbar. Initially known as the "Tarikhe-Elahi", the purpose of the calendar was to glorify Akbar's ascent to the throne along with facilitating revenue collection. Cashing in on the fervour, eateries across the city and the state have laid out lavish spreads of authentic Bengali cuisine, including mochar chop (plantain flower cutlet), kumro phul bhaaja (pumpkin flower fritters), daab chingri (jumbo prawn in tender coconut) and a variety of lip-smacking traditional desserts like mishti doi (sweet yoghurt).

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