

Sikkim Current Affairs - February 2017

Sikkim becomes 22nd State to join UDAY

- i. India's first **fully organic state Sikkim** has joined the union government's Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) **as 22 nd state , the so called UDAY** will in turn hand it an overall benefit of Rs 356 crore.
- ii. Upon this decision Sikkim has inked MoU with the union government under the Scheme UjwalDiscom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) for operational improvement of the state's Power Distribution Department.
- iii. The MoU will help in improving operational efficiency of the power distribution and reduction in AT&C and transmission losses to 15 per cent and 3.50 per cent, respectively, is possibly to bring in added revenue of around Rs 328 crore

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Steel minister inaugurates maiden regional conference of Eastern States

- i. Union Minister of Steel **ChaudharyBirender Singh** presided over the hair the proceedings of maiden regional conference of Eastern States at Gangtok, Sikkim on 2nd March, 2017.
- ii. The maiden regional conference will be on the theme of '**Enhancing steel consumption in India**'
- iii. The conference was the first of the four regional conferences being planned across India to become a leader in innovative use of steel in India.

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Pawan Kumar Chamling conferred with first BS Shekhawat award by President

Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling was conferred with the first **Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Lifetime Achievement Honour** in Public Service by President **Pranab Mukherjee**.

- i. Main aim of this award is to deliver public service and to bring change in the life of people and improve their living conditions.
- ii. Mukherjee applause Chamlings contribution to Sikkim and said it is emerging as a role model for other states.

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Sikkim govt signs Mou with British Council

The Human Resource Development department of Sikkim government has signed aMoU with the British Council on 13th of June, 2017

Objective: To enhance the quality of education in the state.

The MoU was signed by G P Upadhaya, additional chief secretary cum principal Human Resource Development department and Alan Gemmell, Head of British Council

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Environment Ministry approves Projects in 3 States under NAFCC

On July 19, 2017, **National Steering Committee on Climate Change (NSCCC)**, under the **Chairmanship of Secretary Environment Ministry, Mr Ajay Narayan Jha**, approved the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by Governments of **Rajasthan, Gujarat and Sikkim** for funding under the **National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC)**.

- Gujarat: The project seeks to enhance the adaptive capacity of natural resource dependent communities to climate change in targeted villages of **Kachchh district**.
- Rajasthan: The project builds on work carried out under Phase I of the **Mukhya Mantri Jal Swavlamban Abhiyan** to enhance the adaptive capacity of villages by making them self-reliant in terms of water requirement.
- Sikkim: The project aims to address the issue of water security which are directly identified as climate resilience building interventions under the **State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC)**.

Former Sikkim CM Nar Bahadur Bhandari passes away

Former three - term chief ministers of Sikkim, **Nar Bahadur Bhandari died on July 16, 2017**. He passed away at the age of 77.

- i. Bhandari was born in **1940 at Malbasey in West Sikkim**. He was an obscure school teacher. He is survived by wife Dil Kumari Bhandari, a former MP, two daughters and a son.
- ii. He became the chief minister of Sikkim for the first time in **1979** on a Janata Parishad ticket and then again in **1984** and **1989** on a Sikkim Sangram Parishad ticket.

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GST relief for industrial units in Himalayan, NE region till 2027

On August 16, 2017, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval to the **Scheme of providing Budgetary Support under Goods and Service Tax (GST) Regime** for the eligible industrial units located in **State of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and North Eastern States including Sikkim.**

Main features

- i.** GST Relief Beneficiaries
- ii.** Rationale for Providing GST Relief
- iii.** Quick Facts about Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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Sikkim CM Pawan Chamling honoured at international event for work in organic farming During a ceremony at **Germany's Lagau** on the **occasion of the One World Festival Sikkim** **Chief Minister Pawan Chamling** was **honoured** for his pioneering work in the **field of organic farming**.

Key Points:

- i. Chamling was conferred the Grand Prix Award during the One World Award ceremony on 8th September.
- ii. The award was given by Gerd Muller, the Federal Minister of Bavaria, and Joseph Wilhelm, German Organic Pioneer and Managing Director of Rupenzel.

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Sikkim to launch second phase of organic movement: Chamling

Sikkim **Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling** on 05th Nov 2017 announced about a plan to launch a second phase of organic movement in the state. Sikkim became a fully organic state on 2016.

Dr. Jitendra Singh announces exclusive 'Rural Livelihood' scheme for Northeast

On November 23, 2017, **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr Jitendra Singh** announced "**North East Rural Livelihood Project**", an exclusive rural Livelihood scheme for the North-eastern states of India. **Salient Features of "North East Rural Livelihood Project"**:

- i. This scheme has been launched to benefit the tribals and the lower socioeconomic groups, including women, in the North-Eastern Region of India.
- ii. This project is being **supported by World Bank**.
- iii. Initially, this scheme will be rolled out to help tribal and even the non-tribal lower groups living in remote areas of four North-Eastern Indian States – **Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura**.