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VENUE: COMMUNITY HALL, PAKYONG | PAKYONG DISTRICT, SIKKIM

DATE: 19.03.2025

Purple Fair at Pakyong Community Hall, Pakyong District, Sikkim

Theme: Purple Fair-2025 for Including Divyangjan in Viksit Bharat 2047 & Pushpit Sikkim@50

- Name of Director, CRC-SIKKM: Mrs. Pushpanjali Gupta
- Name of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities of Sikkim is **Ms. Normit Lepcha**, who also serves as the Principal Director and Secretary of the Women & Child Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim

Inaugural Function

The inaugural function of Purple Fair 2025 began by an introduction of the event by the Director of CRC Sikkim Smt. Pushpanjali Gupta, who first of all thanked Dr. Lalit Narayan, Director NILD, Kolkata under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, MSJE, Govt. of India, for providing the opportunity to organize the fair. She then welcomed the Chief Guest Mrs. Laden Lhamu Bhutia Pakyong District, Hon'ble Zilla Adhakshya, Guest of Honor, Ms. Prabha Pradhan Chettri, Hon'ble Zilla Up-Adhakshya, Ms. Dikit Lepcha, Women & Child Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, school heads representatives of Superintendent of Police, Block Development Officer, participants, special educators and teachers and students of various schools of Pakyong District. The function was graced by the extremely talented Divyangjan from Pakyong district guided and assisted by Special educators of schools across the district.

The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was graced by Chief Guest of the occasion Chief Guest Hon'ble Zilla Adhakshya, Guest of Honor, Hon'ble Zilla Up-Adhakshya, Smt. Pushpanjali Gupta Director, CRC-Sikkim, Ms. Dikit Lepcha, Women & Child Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim. The lighting of the lamp saw a wonderful Bhajan rendition by a very talented and acclaimed singer Ms. Passang Dolma, Ambassador, Purple fair 2025.

The auspicious lighting of the lamp gave way to the start of the wonderful presentation by the very talented Divyang students from across Pakyong district.



Chief Guest of the occasion Smt. Mrs. Laden Lhamu Bhutia Pakyong District, Hon'ble Zilla Adhakshya Is Welcomed by Smt. Pushpanjali Gupta Director CRC-SIKKIM



Ms. Prabha Pradhan Chettri, Hon'ble Zilla Up-Adhakshya, Guest of Honor Is Welcomed by Smt. Pushpanjali Gupta Director CRC-SIKKIM



The Exhibition

The day also had display of products of the very talented Divyang students and entrepreneurs who showcased their products to the public in general. Innovative and interesting items which could be used on a daily basis to food stall put up by a family of Divyang made the day interesting and brought home the idea of self-reliance and enterprise.

There were bio-degradable pens made by Ms. Poonam Tamang who also makes handmade diaries and other usable accessories which she sells to the customers. The exhibition also had a family of divyangjan who makes momos and sells in various venues where events happen and earn their livelihood from the same. These stalls showcased a spirit of enterprise and self reliance amongst Divyangjan and also an inspiration for everyone to see that where there is a will there is a way.



Shri Rohan Agawane, IAS, DC Pakyong interacting with the artists at the stalls.

Participation of Eminent Persons and Local Brand Ambassadors

The Purple Fair 2025 had participation of various eminent personalities from Pakyong district including **Hon'ble Zilla Adhakshya, Hon'ble Zilla Up-Adhakshya, District Magistrate, Pakyong District, officers from various Departments, school heads and students** and also local gentry who had come forward to support and encourage the talents of the Divyang students.

Local Brand Ambassador: Ms. Passang Doma Lama.



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Passang Doma Lama, Accountant-Crime Branch
AMBASSADOR OF PURPLE FAIR 2025

Support and Involvement of State Government and Local governance

There was evident support from the state Government and local governance for the program with the **District Magistrate, Pakyong District, Shri. Rohan Agwane, IAS** encouraging and supporting at the grassroot levels. The support from the **District Administration Centre (DAC)** was also very encouraging with the **Block Development Officer, Pakyong** supporting and guiding in the invitation of the schools and students from the District.

Also good support was provided by the Office of the **Chief Education Officer, CEO, Education Department, Pakyong District** in co-ordinating with schools of the nearby areas. The Power Department also supported in full length and so did the PHE Department who ensured that there was no shortage of necessary water in the area during the event. As an overall, all the Departments approached had a very positive approach to the event and did their necessary bit whenever and wherever they needed to.



Officials of CRC Sikkim, Ms. Farnash Begum, Special Educator and Ch. Soboi Aimol, P&O and Shri Palden Tamang Accountant greeting the Guests of the Event

Details of cultural performances and talent shows

There were several cultural programs through the day and a list of the events of the day are as under –

1. Invocation song by Ms. Passang Dolma
2. Opening Song by Master Yatendra and team
3. Group song by Sourav and team from PM Shri. Dikling Senior Secondary School, Dikling, Pakyong
4. Group song by students of Aho Kisan SS
5. Solo song by Master Suman Sunar of Aho Senti school
6. Group Dance by students under Parkha BAC
7. Solo dance by Master Manoj Sharma of PM Shri Dikling SSS
8. Zumba dance by Abash Gurung and team from Special school, Syari
9. Nepali song by students of Hearing Impaired school, Gangtok
10. Nepali solo dance by Norden Sherpa from BAC Parkha
11. Introduction of Ms. Passang Doma Lama as Ambassador of Purple Fair 2025 - Sikkim
12. Solo Song by Master Nirmal
13. Group Dance by Master Pranit Pradhan and team
14. Solo song by Master Mainnar Arunnidhi
15. Solo Song by Master Pema Wangchuk



Invocation song by Ms. Passang Dolma



Opening Song by Master Yatendra and team



Group song by Sourav and team from PM Shri. Dikling Senior Secondary School, Dikling, Pakyong



Group Dance by students under Parkha BAC



Solo song by Suman sunar



Solo dance by Norden Sherpa from BAC Parkha



Zumba dance by Abash Gurung and team from Special school, Syari



Solo song by Praneet Pradhan



Solo song by Mainnar Arundhi



Solo song by Nirmal Pradhan

Distribution of Aids and appliances to Local Divyangjan

One of the highlights of the day was the distribution of Aids and appliances to local Senior Citizens under **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojna, RVY of Pradhan Mantri Divyasa Kendra, PMDK by officials of CRC Sikkim.**

The participation of the locals was very encouraging and many people came by and were handed over the need based assistive devices to ease their facilitation in mobility. **In total 36 assistive devices were distributed throughout the day on the occasion of Purple Fair 2025.**



Participation of Special Schools, inclusive schools

In an auditorium of 300 capacity, the same was of full capacity on that day with 300 plus people visiting and also coming to cheer on the Purple Fair event. The participation of special schools from across the district and also a guest school from Bojoghari, Gangtok made the day very meaningful. Also inclusive schools including Aho Kisan and Dikling Senior Secondary School who participated in good numbers and also performed wonderfully made the event attractive and impactful.



Activity wise details along with Pictures and total footfall of people and PwDs(Annexure –III)

Valedictory:

Chief Guest of the valedictory function, **District Magistrate, Pakyong District, Shri. Rohan Agwane, IAS** was welcomed by **Director CRC-SIKKIM Smt. Pusphajanli Gupta** at the valedictory function. He addressed the gathering with some valuable insights of the programme and later on distributed certificates of participation to the participants.

The programme ended by singing of National Anthem. It was interpreted in sign language by the DISLI course students of CRC-Sikkim.



Public Feedback and experience

The feedback from the participants at large was very encouraging. The words of encouragement and support coming from the **Chief Guest of the Day, District Magistrate, Pakyong District, Shri. Rohan Agawane, IAS** was very inspiring to the Divyang students, Special Educators and also the audience in general.


He recalled about his experiences working with Divyangjan during the Election process and stated that he was convinced that they are some of the most hardworking and talented individuals in the state.

The other dignitaries during the program also appreciated the efforts made by the participants and wished them the best in the days to come.



The program was widely circulated on social media handles. Hoardings of the program were also put across prominent areas of Pakyong district. During the day of the Purple Fair 2025 event, the program was spearheaded by the Information and **Public Relations Department (IPR) Government of Sikkim** who provided extensive coverage of the entire day's proceedings.

Through the social media platform of the Government of Sikkim, a lot of publicity was provided to the Purple Fair 2025 post the program.

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Celebrating Diversity: Purple Fair 2025 Promotes Inclusivity for People with Disabilities

Pakyong, March 19 (IPR): Celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity for Divyang-Jan, a daylong Purple Fair 2025, including Divyangjanin Viksit Bharat 2047 & Pushpit Sikkim@50, was held at Community Hall, Pakyong today.

Mrs Laden Lhamu Bhutia, Zilla Adhakshya, graced the occasion as the distinguished Chief Guest, alongside Mrs Prabha Pradhan, Zilla Upadhakshya, as the Guest of Honour.

The Purple Fair is being organised by Composite Regional Centre (CRC Sikkim) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) under the administrative control of the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJ&E), Government of India.

The event aims to raise awareness about different disabilities and their impact on people's lives, fostering understanding, acceptance and inclusion of persons with disabilities within society.

DC Pakyong commended the organisation for its efforts in providing a forum for individuals with impairments to showcase their abilities during his address. He advocated creating an inclusive atmosphere where each person may flourish and said that every person, regardless of ability, brings out a distinct value. He stated that every individual, regardless of their abilities, brings out a unique value and advised building an inclusive environment where every individual can shine.

Ms Pushpanjali Gupta, Director, CRC Sikkim, underlined the components of empowering people with disabilities through health facilities, education and skill development. She also shed light on the Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) scheme, which provides assistive devices to senior citizens and people with disabilities to help them perform their tasks smoothly. Additionally, she informed about various services offered by the centre, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy and psychological assessments.

Ms Poonam Pradhan, Joint Director BAC Pakyong, underscored the importance of empowering individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life while building an inclusive society that upholds quality and dignity for them.

The participants showcased their talent in various activities such as dance, music, arts, cooking and sports during the event, followed by a performance by Ms Passang Doma Lama, Brand Ambassador of Purple Fest 2025.

The event also featured a healthcare facility, a handloom stall and a food joint.

Also present during the event were officials from various departments, teachers and students.

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The impact of the program is as under –

1. Social media engagement – The program details was shared enmass across Whatsapp groups thereby creating a very good engagement for the people in general to attend the program. On the day, there was a full house capacity of people who came to support the Purple Fair 2025 and much of this was due to the engagement made by the team through social media
2. The dignitaries present on stage and the audiences in general were impacted by the live performances of students and they expressed their support and solidarity for the cause.
3. The aids provided to the Divyangs was of great help to them as well as the families as with the same, they could facilitate easy movement and access for their family members.









