ASSISTANCE TO SIKKIM FLASH FLOOD VICTIMS: NIC SIKKIM'S RELIEF EFFORTS

On 4 October 2023, heavy rains triggered the glacial South Lhonak lake in Sikkim to breach its banks resulting in a glacial lake outburst flood. The flood reached the Teesta III Dam at Chungthang at midnight, before its gates could be opened, destroying the dam within minutes. Water levels downstream in the River Teesta rose by up to 20 feet causing widespread damage from North Sikkim (Lachen) to Rangpo (Pakyong District).

The flood killed many people and hundreds are still missing. It also caused widespread damage to infrastructure and homes, leaving many people homeless. The floodwaters destroyed the Teesta III Dam at Chungthang (North Sikkim), as well as several bridges and roads, including NH-10, were washed away.

As per the guidance from SIO, NIC Sikkim, our staff and officials made personal contributions to purchase a range of essential items for the victims. Our Delhi headquarters' officials also generously contributed a significant amount of funds for the cause. Our aim was to offer a modest level of assistance to the people of North Sikkim during these challenging times by delivering relief supplies to the camps. As a contribution from our side, we assigned five of our dedicated employees of NIC Sikkim to visit North Sikkim with the relief materials which included food items, clothing, blankets, hygiene products, etc. on 12/10/2023. Some of the photographs are as follows:

























NIC SIKKIM RESOURCE PERSONS IMPART TRAINING ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AT SIKKIM JUDICIAL ACADEMY

On 7th October 2023, a one-day training programme for Judicial Officers of District Judiciary of Sikkim on "Online Research of Legal Journals with emerging concept of Artificial Intelligence in Judiciary" was organized by Sikkim Judicial Academy. Dr. L.P. Sharma, State Informatics Officer, and Mrs. Sabita Choudhary, Director (IT), from NIC Sikkim were invited as Resource Persons.

Dr. L.P. Sharma provided insights on the concept of Artificial Intelligence and the AI tools developed by Center of Excellence of Artificial Intelligence, NIC Hq. and AI initiatives from NIC Sikkim. The lecture materials were prepared in discussion with Mrs. Sharmistha Dasgupta, DDG and HOG COE for AI, NIC Hq. Mrs. Sabita Choudhary presented different AI Modules developed by NIC Sikkim as part of the NIC AI Hackathon 2022.

Earlier NIC resources persons were welcome in the program by Director Judicial Academy Shri. N.G. Sherpa with presentation of traditional scarf and a memento. Some of the photographs of the event are as follows:











SWACHHATA DIWAS – CLEANLINESS DRIVE

On 21st October 2023, NIC Sikkim celebrated Swachhata Diwas by organizing a cleanliness drive, with the active participation of all the officers and staff who cleaned in and around the NIC office complex. Some of the glimpse of the event is as follows:

















NATIONAL INFORMATICS CENTRE, SIKKIM VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK 2023

From 30th October 2023 to 5th November 2023, NIC Sikkim observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 with the theme "Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation". First day of the event was commenced at 11:00 am with the Integrity Pledge-taking ceremony which was administered via Video Conferencing from NIC Headquarter, Delhi, together with all other states. The event had the presence of State Informatics Officer (Sikkim), Dr. L.P. Sharma, along with all the NIC officials and staff. Some of the glimpse of the event is as follows:





During the week, as directed by Delhi Headquarter, everyone was informed about the hand written Essay and Handmade Poster Making Competition on the topic "Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation" with instruction to submit their entries before submission deadline, i.e. 6th November 2023. The following participants took part in the competition & submitted there essays and posters.

ESSAY	POSTER
1. Firdosh Alam	1. Arman Alam
2. Ram Prasad Acharya	2. Ankita Chettri
3. Arman Alam	
4. Rohini Chamling	

These entries have been scanned and sent via email to nic-vigilance@nic.in.

The last day of the event was marked by a healthy group discussion on **Corruption**, where participants freely communicated their thoughts and perspectives on the subject with one another. During the discussion, State Informatics Officer, Dr. L.P. Sharma opined that corruption is not just taking bribe but negligence of duty, delaying and ignoring the official instructions, not sharing of official information to another colleague are also types of corruption. Some of the photographs of the event are as follows:







SIGNING AND HANDOVER OF SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NIC SIKKIM AND RAJYA SAINIK BOARD, GOVT OF SIKKIM

On 31st October 2023, a meeting was held at NIC Sikkim Conference Hall regarding the handing over of Service Level Agreement (SLA) between NIC Sikkim and Rajya Sainik Board, Govt. of Sikkim to avail cloud services of NIC Sikkim. Secretary of Rajya Sainik Board, Col. Vijay Basnett, visited NIC Sikkim State Center along with technical team from Bytesberry to finalize and sign the Service Level Agreement (SLA).

In the presence of State Informatics Officer, Dr. L.P. Sharma, Senior Directors and other NIC officials, the SLA was signed by Col. Vijay Basnett and Dr. L.P. Sharma (SIO Sikkim) and the agreements were formally exchanged during the event. Some of the photographs of the event are as follows:







NATIONAL INFORMATICS CENTRE, SIKKIM RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS – 31st OCTOBER 2023 UNITY RUN

On 31st October 2023, in observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, NIC Sikkim marked the day with a Unity Run along Bhanu Path, spanning from Zero Point to Tashiling Secretariat, and further extending to NIC Sikkim State Unit. Later, a pledge-taking ceremony was conducted, in the presence of State Informatics Officer (Sikkim), Dr. L.P. Sharma, along with all the NIC Sikkim officials and staff. Some of the glimpse of the event is as follows:





