

## **Legislators Meet endorses slew of developmental Commitments**

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ANTI-SOCIAL FORCES  
MISUSING DEMOCRACY  
IN SIKKIM**

**Gangtok, 01 Dec:** A meeting of the legislators of the ruling Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) chaired by the Chief Minister Pawan Chamling was held at the Chief Minister's residence at Mintokgang yesterday. The meeting was held to deliberate on the various projects and developmental works to be undertaken by the government during its present term in office, informs an SDF press release issued today.

Among the first resolution adopted at the legislators meet was that the Old Age Pension be released every two months henceforth. This is being done every six months at present.

The meeting also approved that various government grants and loans like house up gradation assistance, GCI sheets, higher education study loan. Chief Minister's Self Employed Scheme etc be distributed in the first week of January 2010.

Livelihood Schools, sanctioned at one each for every territorial constituency, should be started before 10 January, 2010, the MLAs resolved further.

The meeting also deliberated over the Employment Commission and Sikkim Subject Verification Commission constituted recently.

It was also resolved that henceforth, all developmental works be spread out and put to tender at individual block levels.

The Legislators also agreed that the 500-bedded referral hospital coming up at Sichey also include an Oncology Department. Also resolved for development is a pharmacy college to be built in Rumtek, East Sikkim, a National Institute of Technology has been endorsed for Ravangla, while an international level senior secondary school will be started in the next academic session.

The Legislators also approved the proposal for the construction of an LD Kazi Memorial Bhawan to be built in the State.

While deliberating over party affairs, the Legislators reiterated that it be made compulsory to ensure property and apt respect in party addresses and statements. The deliberations also highlighted that old party members be shown adequate respect and that the older members reciprocate the affection for new entrants.

While reinforcing their commitments to continue making the party even more popular among the people and working towards even stronger empowerment of the people, the meeting also expressed serious concern over the unhealthy abuse of the democratic environment by sections and groups which were circulating “vulgar literature” and issuing and drafting unreasoned statements. All individual and groups involved in such enterprise were unanimously bracketed as ‘enemies of the Sikkimese society’ by the legislators, who resolved to counter the ill-intentions of such ‘irresponsible, anti-democracy and anti-people forces.

## **CM VISITS GYALSING, INSPECTS BEAUTIFICATION WORKS, INTERACTS WITH STUDENTS**

**Cable car to swing from  
Gyalshing to Pelling**

**HEADS OF GOVT SEC  
& Sr SEC SCHOOLS  
FELICITATE CM**

**GYALSHING, 03 Dec:** Chief Minister Pawan Chamling visited the West Sikkim head quarter town today and kept a busy day interacting with the residents, inspecting the ongoing beautification works here and spending some time with students at the Pelling Senior Secondary School above town. He announced some grand projects for Gyalshing and shared details of the beautification and tourism development plans for the town.

Mr. Chamling started the day with a walk through town, inspecting the beautification works underway here, talking an update on the progress of the work and making suggestions on how the task at hand could be commissioned better.

He then met with the townsfolk at the SDF party office and shared his ideas of how Gyalshing should be developed for the present times. Assuring the gathering that the bazaar area will be aesthetically developed, Mr. Chamling informed that once the work was completed, the tiles laid and the fountains opened, Gyalshing will dazzle as one of the prettiest towns in Sikkim.

He informed that new public lighting was being commissioned for the town area and work underway to take down the eyesore of cables and poles to put the electricity supply lines underground. He also announced that the existing Community Hall in town would be expanded and upgraded soon and that work was underway to develop a proper taxi stand about a kilometer away from the main town area.

We the entire town being readied for a makeover, Mr. Chamling also appealed on the *Purano Byapari* to now adapt their business to the new appeal and demands of the markets. Commending the business community for its service to the State thus far, the CM called on them to continue their involvement with the development processes underway in the area.

He also assured the townsfolk that the fire station here would be upgraded and added that work was also underway to improve the water supply network in town. On the area's long-standing complaint of inadequate supply of cooking gas, Mr. Chamling said that he was aware of this problem and said that he will soon be taking it up with the concerned authorities in the IOC and work out a solution.

Then he made the grand announcement which has the entire town excited: the Chief Minister shared his plans of linking Gyalshing to Pelling with a ropeway cable-car, a facility which would serve as much as an eco-friendly mode of transport as an exciting joyride for visiting tourists.

These initiatives, the CM highlighted, were part of his government's efforts at delivering planned and thought-out development for Gyalshing. Pointing out that tourism was the district's USP, the CM stated that infrastructural development here was being planned around this.

Work on the 130ft statue of Chenrezig at Sangachoeling Monastery had already begun, he pointed out, while detailing the future plans. The District Administrative Centre was being moved out from Tikjuk and shifted to Gyalshing town, he informed while adding that this will be achieved within 2010.

With efforts also underway to relocate Pelling Senior Secondary School to a new campus, the entire stretch from Pelling to Rabdentse would be development as a tourism hub he shared.

The CM completed his West visit with an interaction with the staff and students of Pelling Senior Secondary School.

Here, he was felicitated by the Association of Heads of Government Secondary and Senior Schools for the impressive

number of awards that Sikkim has received at the national level in the education sector and as a token of gratitude on behalf of the Sikkimese people for having consistently improved and embellished Sikkim's image in India and the world.

In his address to the students, the CM briefed them on the series of initiatives taken by the State Government to reward merit among the students and support in which every aspirations, dream and ambitious of the students was encouraged and facilitated by the State Government.