



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS**  
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**REPORT ON**  
**NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2020.**

The Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Sikkim organized **NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2020** programme on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020 maintaining social distance, on the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand at District Administrative Centre Namchi South Sikkim.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri P. S. Tamang attended the programme as a Chief Guest at District Administrative Centre, Namchi, South Sikkim. Shri KungaNimaLepcha, Hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs was the Guest of Honour. The programmes were also attended by the Cabinet Ministers, Advisors and Chairman, Councilors, Secretary Shri Kuber Bhandari Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, Additional Directors SYA, all other Officers of SYA. The International Footballers; Mr. Sanju Pradhan, Mr. Bikash Jairu, Mr. Robin Gurung, Mr. Nim Dorjee Tamang and Mr. Komal Thatal were also present during the programme.

At the outset of the programme, Shri Kuber Bhandari, Secretary Sports & Youth Affairs Department welcomed the Chief Guest, Guest of Honours and dignitaries. The programme was started with lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

The other officers of districts, awardees, dignitaries also attended the program from NIC Gangtok, Mangan and Gyalshing through Video Conferencing due to COVID-19 pandemic. The programme was live telecast by NIC Gangtok via, [webcast.gov.in/Sikkim/nsd](http://webcast.gov.in/Sikkim/nsd) and joined by all the members of Sports Associations, Sports Clubs, Sports persons, media persons and general public of Sikkim.

The Annual Reports 2019-20 and digital version of the biography of the first-generation sports personalities of Sikkim in different sports disciplines books prepared by Department was released by Hon'ble Chief Minister during the programme.

The Coaches and sports promoters who have rendered valuable contributions in respective sports field were felicitated and presented the Letter of Appreciation by the Hon'ble HCM. Some of the Athletes were also given cash Incentive Awards. At Gangtok, during the live programme, on behalf of the Hon'ble HCM, Joint Director Shri B. B. Rai and Arjun Awardee Shri Jas Lall Pradhan handed over the Felicitation and Cash Wards to the Awardees.

**Felicitations to Officers, Coach/Sports promoters for their dedication for promotion of Sports in state:**

- i. Mr. Palden Bhutia Assistant Director Soreng Sports & Youth Affairs Department
- ii. Mr. Suren Chettri Football Coach Namchi Sports & Youth Affairs Department
- iii. Mrs. Sandhaya Gurung Boxing Coach Gangtok Sports & Youth Affairs Department

- iv. Mr. Ram Bahadur Subba, Athletics/Coach-Cum Sports promoter Khel Goan
- v. Mr. Norchung Bhutia, Athletics/Coach-Cum Sports promoter Gangtok
- vi. Mr. PemDorjee Bhutia, Strength Lifting/Coach-Cum Sports promoter Gangtok
- vii. Mr. Pujan Rai Archery/Coach-Cum Sports promoter SakyongGyalshing West Sikkim

#### Cash Incentive Awards to meritorious Sportspersons:

- i. Mr. Evan Thapa Football Player U-15 SAFGames 2019
- ii. Mr. Pempa Tshering Sherpa -Wt. Lifting National Youth Games 2020--Bronze Medal
- iii. Mr. Regyal Tamang, Captain Football Team, National School Games 2020 Silver Medal
- iv. Ms. Rinchen Ongmu Bhutia -Player Basketball CBSE Sikkim Team2019- Gold Medal

Note: Only above four Incentive Cash Awards were given during this programme due to Covid19 Pandemic. All other players will be awarded Incentive Cash Awards in a programme after pandemic is over.

Honble HCM, Shri P S Tamang was very happy and delivered his valuable message during the programme. While speaking on the biography of eminent Sports personalities of Sikkim, he appreciated the historical step taken by the department. He said, "Many stars of the first generation led way and taught the current stars of Sikkim who represent India in the various sports. While it is important to note that such commendable contribution by these senior athletes is praiseworthy, it is also important to highlight the performances of the current athletes who are performing at the highest levels presently. I congratulate the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs for publishing Biography of First Generation of Eminent Sports Personalities of Sikkim".

Regarding performances of the Department HCM said, "Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha, who is one of the most experienced and accomplished leaders of our party is the Minister in charge of the department at present and under his guidance, they have been doing tremendous work".

#### Announcement from the HCM on National Sports Day 2020

On the occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister has made series of announcement as under:

- i. Sports quotes in Government employment will be increase from 2 to 5 % percent.
- ii. Establishment of the Girls Sports Academy in Soreng.
- iii. Compulsory conduct of Inter House and Inter school sports competitions in all schools in order to impart the value of Fit India Movement. The sporting talents will be identified during this programme and the selected studentsplayers on particular sports disciplines shall participate for National Schools Games & other sports competitions.
- iv. **Weekly Chief Minister's One-Mile Run:** All school shall conduct One mile Run in a week to all school children to make them fit.
- v. **Club Culture:** The club culture for all sports disciplines will be started in the state. He emphasis that it should in the line of Brazil football club culture. Best three sports clubs will be awarded Cash prizes as per their performance.
- vi. **Rural Sports -I,** Inter constituency Football tournament and **Rural Sports- II** Games and Sports in all GPUs shall be given top priority for the mass participation, talent identification from the grassroots level, youth engagement and opportunity of all Rural children in sports activities.
- vii. More emphasized shall be given on infrastructures development in Sikkim especially on incomplete projects at Sikkim.
- viii. Community Centre sports programme shall be initiated by developing sports infrastructures to encourage the citizens, especially Youth to participate in Sports activities.

- ix. Exposer training to coaches: Govt. of will award the 30% cash incentives to elite sports coaches as per their performances at National & International level competitions. Govt. will further encourage the sports coaches for exposure trips in relation to scientific sports training, and advance courses on latest trends and practices happening in their respective fields.

Hon'ble Chief Minister appeals youth to take the sports as professionalism instead of only a recreation. He further directed the Sports department to take prompt actions on today's declaration from government side.

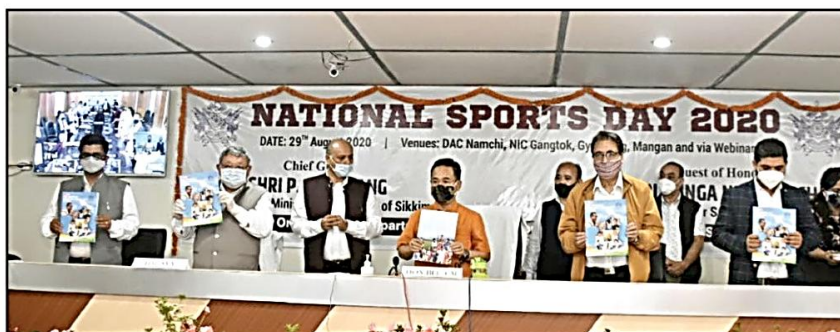
The program was also addressed by the Hon'ble Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha who highlighted need of Sports activities, and value of Fit India Moment for civil society. He gave details achievement of the department during the 2019-20.

Shri Nirmal Chettri, Indian International player who was present at Namchi venue delivered his message on behalf of ISL players. Arjun Awardee Shri JasLall Pradhan who was present as a special guest at NIC, Gangtok. also delivered his message on this occasion.

Mrs. Doma Tshering Bhutia Additional Director SYA who was the master of ceremony of the programme proposed the vote of thanks.

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## MAJOR BOOST FOR SPORTS IN SIKKIM



## CM hikes sports quota to 5% in Govt employment

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**GANGTOK/NAMCHI, August 29:** Underlining the importance of sports, Chief Minister P.S. Golay on Saturday made a slew of announcements which he said will come into force after the approval of the cabinet.

Addressing the National Sports Day function at Namchi, the Chief Minister announced increase in government job reservation under sports quota from the existing 2% to 5%, establishment of different kinds of sports clubs and cash incentives to sports clubs on the basis of their performance.

He informed that the annual inter-house and inter-school sports competitions will be made compulsory in the educational institutions along with a talent hunt to scout budding sportspersons for grooming. He also declared playground mandatory for schools. If the playground is

unobtainable then, he said, the school staff need to adopt sports which require less space.

The Chief Minister also recommended that a one-mile run be undertaken in schools every week.

With regards to coaches, Golay said, they will get a chance to train in their respective fields and if needed, exposure trips will be arranged by the government.

Rural Sports I and II will be held in all the locations with State government providing monetary fund via Zilla Panchayat. Sports players will be encouraged to take part in national level sports events varying from small scale to large scale events, Golay added.

The Chief Minister also informed that the Bhaichung Stadium at Namchi with world class facilities will be completed soon. The State government has consistently supported in elevation of sports so that the players

from the State of Sikkim can bring laurels for the State, he said.

Golay also thanked past and present players for paving way for development of sports in the State and added that the youth should look up to them in inspiration.

Speaking about the pandemic and how it has affected the sporting events in the State, the Chief Minister said that the Sports department is looking into various e-sports events so that the sports players, coaches and fitness experts can continue with their activities. He added that post-pandemic, sporting events will be celebrated in a much grandeur manner. He also informed that State government will come up with concrete changes to improve sports sector in the State and for the same, he requested the players and the coaches to come with suggestions and feedback to enhance sports in the State.

Sports minister Kunga Nima Lepcha advocated the youths and the sportspersons of Sikkim to follow the path of Major Dhyani Chand and draw inspiration from the hockey legend on whose birthday the National Sports Day is celebrated annually.

The minister highlighted various initiatives taken by the government to provide better infrastructures and facilities and opportunities to the sportspersons in the State.

On the occasion, the Sports department felicitated various coaches. In the main function held at Namchi, the Chief Minister felicitated football coaches Suren Chettri and Palden Bhutia for their contributions towards football in Sikkim.

Boxing coach Sandhya Gurung, athletic coaches Ram Bahadur Subba and Narchung Bhutia, strength lifting coach Pema Dorjee Bhutia and archery coach Pujan Rai were felicitated at

NIC Gangtok, who were joined in the main function through webinar.

Likewise, cash incentives were presented to meritorious sportspersons – Pempa Tshering Sherpa in weight lifting, Evan Thapa and Regyal Tamang in football and Rinchen Ongmu Bhutia in basketball.

This function was simultaneously telecasted via webinar at Gangtok, Geyzing and Mangan in which officials, players and coaches were in attendance.

The 'Biography of First Generation of Eminent Sports Personalities of Sikkim' prepared and published by Sports & Youth Affairs department was also released from the hands of the Chief Minister along with the annual report of Sports & Youth Affairs department.

Sports secretary Kuber Bhandari highlighted the schemes and projects that the department has undertaken till date.



## Some glimpse of the programme



# NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2020

DATE: 29<sup>TH</sup> August 2020

Venues: DAC Namchi, NIC Gangtok, Gyalshing, Mangan and via Webinar

Chief Guest:

**SHRI P. S. TAMANG**

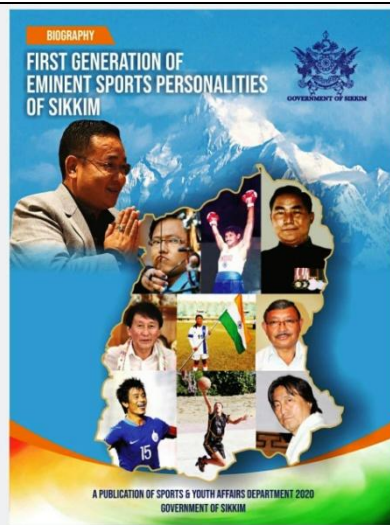
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Sikkim.

Guest of Honour:

**SHRI KUNGA NIMA LEPCHA**

Hon'ble Minister Sports & Youth Affairs

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