

## Inauguration of 100 bedded hostel at Govt. Singhik Secondary School.

Minister for Forest, Environment and Wild Life, Government of Sikkim, Shri.T.W Lepcha inaugurated a 100 bedded hostel for both boys and girls at Singhik Secondary School, North Sikkim on 31.03.2017. Earlier in the day, a Primary Health Sub-Centre was also inaugurated by the minister at Singhik- Sentam Gram Panchayat Unit. Both the hostel and the primary health sub-centre are funded by TeestaUrjaPtv.Ltd(Power Project Developers) and executed by BhavishyaBaharat Foundation (NGO). The hostel is fully furnished and supplied with all the necessary items such as beds, beddings, kitchen utensils, chairs, sofas, TVs and fitted with CC cameras too.

The programme was attended by the District Collector (N), ADC (N), CMO (N), Joint Director, HRDD (N), ADC Development (N), BDO Mangan, ACF Forest Department, representatives from NHPC and TeestaUrjaPtv.Ltd, officials from Human Resource Development Department (N) and 33 school heads (JHS,SS and SSS). The school hosted a beautiful cultural show and the hostel facility was handed over to the School Managing Committee through the chief guest during the inauguration programme. Laboratory equipment for sixteen schools (Senior Sec. and Secondary) sponsored by NHPC stage IV and RMSA was also handed over to the school heads through the chief guest.



Chief Medical Officer (CMO) spoke on the occasion and thank the power developers and the BBF for sanctioning and executing the primary health sub centre and said that it will go a long way in benefiting the people of whole village and suggested his staff at the centre, Panchayats and villagers to maintain the facility well in the future.

District Collector (N) in his address insisted that the time has come to concentrate more on academics rather than on infrastructure as majority of schools already have good infrastructure facilities and congratulated the school and the entire village as a whole for acquiring the new hostel and the PHSC facilities. He advised all the stakeholders to maintain the newly acquired facilities properly so that it can serve the people of the area as long as possible.



Chief guest of the programme, Minister for Forest and Environment thanked the power developers for the new facilities for the village and instructed all stakeholders to do their best to maintain and preserve the asset properly. He assured the school authority and the school managing committee that he will fulfil all the demands put to him (Demand letter attached) and requested specially the heads of school to perform their duties of educating the students sincerely as it

determines their future which is becoming ever competitive by the day. He asserted that the work of Bhavishya Bharat Foundation (NGO funded by TeestaUrja) must continue as their term ended on the day (e.i31.03.2017) and said that since the project has been commissioned, much community related work is expected from them.



The programme ended with thanks from the Singhik school authority and the afternoon session was initiated among all the school heads, officials from HRDD/N and District Collector (N). Power Point Presentation on Shaakshar Bharat, RMSA,SSA and MDM were presented by Ms.DikiDolkar, Mr.PrasantChettri. Mr.KalzanBhutia and Mr.T.N.Lepcha consecutively after which, the District Collector initiated discussion on the problems faced by the school authorities. He assured for total support towards the education system in the district but as earlier in the day, he insisted for quality in academics and stressed all the school heads to focus more in Mathematics and Science subjects as it will benefit students in their future undertakings.



Joint Director proposed the vote of thanks for the afternoon session and during the course of the speech, he also highlighted the problems faced by the department at the district level, such as shortage of teaching staff at school level and office staff too. He thanked the District Collector for sparing a day for the programme and anticipated that such meetings will go a long way in improving the education system in the area.

