

## Youth Skills Day Celebrated in Gyalshing

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GYALSHING, JUNE 27:

The district of Gyalshing marked the observance of World Youth Skills Day 2025 with a comprehensive District Outreach Programme focused on skill development. Held today at the Community Hall, Gyalshing, the event was organized by ITI Gyalshing and the Skill Development Department, in collaboration with the District Skill Committee, as part of the nationwide initiative themed "Youth empowerment through AI and digital skills."

The event was attended by prominent dignitaries, including Area MLA and Water Resources and PHE Department Advisor, LN Sharma, who served as the Chief Guest, and District Collector and District Skill Committee Chairman, Tenzing D. Denzongpa, as the Guest of Honour. Local officials, members of the Gyalshing Nagar Panchayat, Zilla members, representatives from various departments, personnel from the 36th Bn SSB, trainers, trainees, youth participants, and members of the public also participated.



Upon arrival, the Chief Guest and other dignitaries visited several exhibitor stalls showcasing skills in sectors such as Computer Programming, Architectural Draftsmanship, Civil Surveying, Food Production, Dress Making, Welding & Fabrication, Electrical Works, Motor Vehicle Mechanics, Bakery, and Beautician Services. The visitors interacted with trainees and gathered feedback on their training experiences and benefits.

The event kicked off with a lively musical performance by students of GITI Gyalshing, who sang the State Song in celebration of Sikkim's 50th year of statehood.

In his address, Mr. Sharma commended the Skill Development Department and ITI Gyalshing for their efforts in empowering youth

through skill-building activities. He urged young participants to leverage government schemes, emphasizing the importance of aligning skills with local industry needs to promote self-reliance. He also called on youth to embrace entrepreneurship and support the "Vocal for Local" movement, contributing to Sikkim's overall progress. Highlighting government initiatives under Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang (Go-Lay), he mentioned the One Family, One Entrepreneur scheme and the provision of up to ₹5 lakh in financial assistance to support new ventures. He invited stakeholders to participate in a forthcoming farmer engagement on rice cultivation scheduled for July 2, 2025, at Gyalshing-Omchung GPU.

District Collector Mr.

Denzongpa lauded the skill development efforts and stressed their importance in addressing social challenges such as rising youth suicides. He shared that a dedicated committee has been established to analyze the root causes of such issues and work on solutions. The DC also expressed concern over declining birth rates and called for community awareness and support. He highlighted initiatives like providing monthly dietary support to hospitalized TB patients, urging community participation in eradicating TB in the district by 2026. Additionally, he announced plans to convert barren land into productive agricultural areas with active involvement of officials and local staff.

Addressing youth empowerment, he emphasized that "Youth are the

future of the state, and their success depends on the choices they make today." He cautioned against excessive screen time and urged responsible mobile usage, stating, "Use your screen time productively; misuse can harm your future." He assured that the district administration would support youth seeking guidance and direction.

Following the speeches, Palzor Gyatso Bhutia, an Electrical Instructor at GITI Gyalshing, delivered a detailed presentation on the importance of skill development. His talk covered themes such as the role of skills in the modern economy, the need for skill enhancement in Sikkim, and opportunities within the sector. He also explained various national and state-level initiatives like the National Policy on Skill Development and

Entrepreneurship (NPS-DE), Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), and entrepreneurship programs.

Adding an inspirational touch, renowned entrepreneur Buddha Hang Subba, popularly known as the Kiwi Man of Sikkim, shared his journey of self-reliance, encouraging youth to pursue innovative and entrepreneurial paths.

The event concluded with a panel discussion on 'Skills, Entrepreneurship, and Vocal for Local,' moderated by BB Chuwah, Principal of ITI Gyalshing. Panelists included BB Pradhan (Director-cum-Principal of SIST), Deepak Rasaily (Principal, CCCT), Sushil Tamang (Cherry Grand), Indrakari Subba (Khecheopalri Bamboo House), and Keshav Pradhan (President, PTDA). The discussion offered valuable insights into local business opportunities and entrepreneurial ventures, inspiring aspiring entrepreneurs and addressing participant questions.

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गेजिङ, २७ जून। विश्व युवा सीप दिवस २०२५ को अवसरमा सिक्किम सरकारको सिक्किम इन्स्यायर अन्तर्गत गेजिङ जिल्लामा विकासमुखी जिल्ला आउटरिच कार्यक्रम सम्पन्न भएको छ। गेजिङको सामुदायिक भवनमा आयोजित उक्त कार्यक्रम सिक्किम सरकारको सीप विकास विभाग, आईटीआई गेजिङ तथा जिल्ला सीप समिति, गेजिङको संयुक्त तत्वावधानमा आयोजना गरिएको थियो। कार्यक्रमका प्रमुख अतिथि क्षेत्र विधायक लोकनाथ शर्मा रहेका थिए। उनको साथमा जिल्लापाल गेजिङ तेन्जिङ डी

डेन्जोङपा, विभिन्न विभागी अधिकारी कर्मचारी आईटीआईका सम्पूर्ण शिक्षक शिक्षिका सहित अन्यको उपस्थिति थियो। कार्यक्रमको प्रथम चरणमा आईटीआईद्वारा प्रदर्शनीमा राखिएको विभिन्न स्टल औजारहरूको मुख्य अतिथिद्वारा निरक्षण भ्रमण गरिएको थियो। युवा सीप आधारित विभिन्न पेनालिस्टहरूले सम्बन्धित विषय माथी पेनल चर्चा गरेका थिए। आफ्नो सम्बोधनमा गेजिङ जिल्लाका जिल्लापाल तेन्जिङ डी डेन्जोङपा, विभिन्न सरकारी निकायका अधिकारी, स्थानीय

जनप्रतिनिधि, विद्यार्थी तथा सरोकारवालाहरूको उल्लेखनीय उपस्थिति थियो। जिल्लापालले युवालाई लक्षित यस्ता कार्यक्रमहरूले रोजगारको नयाँ ढोका खोल्ने विश्वास व्यक्त गरे। उनले भने, सीपयुक्त युवा शक्ति नै राज्यको आर्थिक विकासको मेरुदण्ड हो। यस्तो किसिमको कार्यक्रम जिल्लाका दूरदराजका युवालाई पनि समेट्न सफल भएको बताए। उनले थप भने आईटीआईले आवश्यक मानव संसाधन तय गरेर बाहिरबाट कुनै प्रकारको मिस्री सबै तय गर्नुपर्ने विषयमा जोड दिए। आफ्नो सम्बोधनको क्रममा

विधायक लोकनाथ शर्मा ले सिक्किम सरकार युवाहरूको सीप विकासप्रति गम्भीर रूपमा केन्द्रित भएको बताएका बताउँदै केही सीप बेगर रह्यो भने काम नलगेर बताए। आजको युग प्रविधिको हो, राम्रा युवाहरूलाई आत्मनिर्भर बनाउने एकमात्र उपाय भनेकै व्यावसायिक तथा प्रविधिमैत्री सीप विकास हो भने। आत्मनिर्भर बन्नका निम्ति युवाहरूमा जोस जाँगर र सीपको खाँचो रहेको बताए। कार्यक्रममा विभिन्न स्टलहरू पनि राखिएका थिए जसमा आईटीआई, स्वास्थ्य, पर्यटन, हस्तकला, कृषि, तथा सूचना प्रविधि सम्बन्धी जानकारी

र प्रदर्शन गरिएको थियो। विद्यार्थीहरूका लागि करिअर काउन्सेलिङ, स्किल डेमो, तथा मार्गदर्शन सत्रहरू सञ्चालन गरिएको थियो। साथै, सीपयुक्त युवाहरूका अनुभव साझा गर्ने अवसर समेत प्रदान गरिएको थियो। सिक्किम सरकारको 'सिक्किम इन्स्यायर' कार्यक्रम अन्तर्गत सबै जिल्लामा यस्ता आउटरिच कार्यक्रमहरू आयोजना गरिँदै आएका छन्, जसले युवाहरूलाई तालिम, रोजगारी र स्वरोजगारतर्फ प्रेरित गर्दै आएको छ। कार्यक्रमको समापनमा आयोजकहरूले सहभागी सबै अतिथि, युवा तथा स्टल प्रस्तोताहरूप्रति आभार व्यक्त गरे। सहभागीहरूले यस्ता कार्यक्रमले न केवल जानकारी दिन्छ, बरु युवाहरूलाई आत्मविश्वासी बनाउने प्रेरणा समेत दिन्छ भनी प्रतिक्रिया जनाएका थिए। यस किसिमको कार्यक्रमले गेजिङ जस्तो पहाडी जिल्लामा पनि सीप विकास र रोजगारीका अवसरहरू सिर्जना गर्न सकिने सन्देश दिएको छ।