



Sikkim High Court Bar Association, Gangtok, East Sikkim

Recognized by High Court of Sikkim at Gangtok Vide Letter Ref. V (139) Confdl/ HCS/ 3433 dated 27-08-2021

SOUVENIR 2021-2022

This Souvenir is a remembrance of an effort, a leap of faith and a joint celebration of all our members, who came together on 22 January 2021 to form an Association of Advocates in Sikkim who practice before the High Court of Sikkim at Gangtok. We met to fulfil a long-felt need, a much-needed platform for advocates in the State of Sikkim.

There was no Bar Association of Advocates at the High Court. The Forum to communicate, coordinate and cooperate with the Justice System and the stakeholders in the Legal Administration was sorely missing. We decided to provide to ourselves the Association. We announced it for the benefit of all by calling the press conference. We deliberated on the proposed Bye Laws of an Association which was going to take birth on that Friday, 22 January 2021. The Ad Hoc Body was constituted on the same day with resolve to hold elections within one year. On 08 August 2021, the Association elected its 1st Executive Body for a period of two years. The Association was recognized by the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim Vide Letter Ref. V (139) Confdl / HCS/ 3433 dated 27-08-2021.



Sikkim High Court Bar Association formed

KUNALBAI

GANGTOK, January 22: The Sikkim High Court Bar Association (SHCBA) was formed with the executive committee members also appointed after a general body meeting on Friday here.

Additional advocate general Dr. Doma T. Bhutia was elected as the SHCBA president along with 12 executive members. Senior advocate Rajendra Upreti was nominated as the association advisor.

Speaking to media, the SHCBA president spoke on the need for forming the association. It was felt that advocates practising at various courts in Sikkim, especially the High Court of Sikkim, should associate together for meeting their common aspirations and for their welfare and development. The association has been formed in this regard and also to strengthen the institutions in Sikkim towards rule of law and administration of justice. It also aims to support all



SHCBA president Dr. Doma T. Bhutia and executives speaking to media. SE Pic

citizens in pursuit of justice," she said.

Dr. Doma added that the SHCBA aims to support and encourage legal profession in Sikkim besides promoting cooperation among all legal

practitioners. The association would also coordinate with advocates practising in Sikkim, other bar associations in the State and across the nation, she said.

The SHCBA president

said the association would be holding seminars and conferences to promote and maintain high standard of profession among the members of the bar along with

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OUR EFFORTS IN NEWS – REWARDS OF WORK

Bar association symposium on LGBTQIA+ on March 9



DICHEN ONGMU

GANGTOK, March 9: A symposium on LGBTQIA+ and the law is being organised by Sikkim High Court Bar Association in collaboration with Rainbow Hills Welfare Association here on March 9.

Addressing a press conference, Sikkim High Court Bar Association president Dr. Doma Tshering Bhutia said, "It is high time we come out in open and discuss about the rights and discriminations they face in the society as third gender."

She asserted that it's important to create awareness on third gender community and address the taboo.

"Through this event we also want to acknowledge the organisations that exist in our society. I am hopeful that all of us will learn from the expertise present in the program that evening," she added.

Rainbow Hills Welfare

Association president Tshering Wangchok Lepcha, sharing her experience of discriminations regarding her sexuality, said how individuals of their community get into traumatic mental illness pushing them to commit suicides.

"The derogatory comments from educated population on us are hurtful. Yet I am proud of myself for coming this far and existing in this discriminatory society," added Tshering.

"I appeal everyone from my community to come be a part of this event and accept one's sexuality proud and loud," she urged.

Sikkim Chronicle founder Yougan Tamang highlighted that the event is an "intellectual move" to bring in acceptance for alternative sexuality in the society.

"Media can play a vital role in bringing awareness about the LGBTQIA+ community and we must work on it unanimously," he said.

Sikkim High Court Bar Association in collaboration with Rainbow Hills Welfare Association hosted a symposium on 'LGBTQIA+ and the law' at a hotel near Gangtok on Tuesday evening.

Renowned personalities including Justice A.P. Shah, retired Chief Justice of Delhi High Court and Joylita Mondal, first transgender Judge of Lok Adalat addressed the audience and people of LGBTQIA+ community highlighting the laws and spreading awareness on the issue which the society prefers to ignore. (DICHEN ONGMU)

Bar association condoles demise of advocate Ajay Rath

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GANGTOK, March 30: The Sikkim High Court Bar Association on March 26 observed a two-minute silence to condole the demise of advocate Ajay Rath.



During a condolence meeting held at the Bar Room in High Court premises, the association discussed his past achievements. Rath was a good in advocacy in criminal cases, writ petition, civil cases, MACT cases and family disputes cases, the association

said in a release.

"He was friendly to the advocates and always supported to the BAR members. He always stood for the society and the people. He was always ready to support the needy people and extend hands in fulfilling the needs in the society."

SIKKIM EXPRESS

OF THIS LAND, FOR ITS PEOPLE

SHCBA presents sanitizers, facemasks to State prison

SE Report

GANGTOK, October 23: The Sikkim High Court Bar Association (SHCBA) and the State Prison presented sanitizers and 400 facemasks surgical masks to the Sikkim State Prison.

SHCBA president Dr. Doma T. Bhutia and secretary Samdhru T. Bhowmik accompanied the items to the prison.

It was on a gesture in support of government initiative in making the country a safe and healthy nation as the request for the other necessary items and to prevent from further surge of COVID-19 in the upcoming festive seasons, said the SHCBA in a press statement.



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SIKKIM EXPRESS, SATURDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2021, GANGTOK



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Recognition to SHCBA

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mentioned in the letter.

The SHCBA has to invite membership from the advocates of all the bar associations of the district courts within a month. After preparation of the list of members, as per the bye-laws, a new executive committee is to be elected/nominated within a period of two months from the date of publication of the final list of the members.

Until the election/nomination of a new executive committee, the members who have applied for the recognition will function as an adhoc committee.

In case, the general body of the SHCBA is of the opinion that the present members will continue and that election/nomination is not required, it should be communicated to the registry of the High Court of Sikkim.



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Online workshop for lawyers on child rights

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GANGTOK, July 28: Dr. Doma T. Bhutia, additional advocate general of Sikkim, took part in an international-level online workshop for lawyers on children rights. The workshop, held virtually, was from July 24 to 27.

Dr. Doma was nominated to moderate and give closing remarks at the workshop. She is the first president of Sikkim High Court Bar Association and first additional advocate general of Sikkim to receive such nomination. It is a huge prestige for me, she said.

The workshop was addressed by leading lawyers of India on child rights, sitting judges of Delhi High Court and Justice Madan Lokur, retired judge of Supreme Court of India.

SHCBA condemns Rohini Court shootout

SE Report

GANGTOK, September 27: The Sikkim High Court Bar Association (SHCBA) has strongly condemned the shootout that took place at Rohini Court, New Delhi recently.

"It is learnt through the various media reports, that some of the members of the legal fraternity were injured. It was a shocking incident that took place right inside the court premises, which sends a wrong message that no place is secure for any persons. The Sikkim High Court Bar Association strongly condemns such an incident and stands in solidarity with the Rohini Court Bar Association. A judicial probe must be initiated against such an incident to prevent such occurrences in the future," said Dr. Doma T. Bhutia, SHCBA president, in a press statement today.

The SHCBA had conducted an urgent meeting to discuss and condemn the shootout between gang members at Rohini Court.

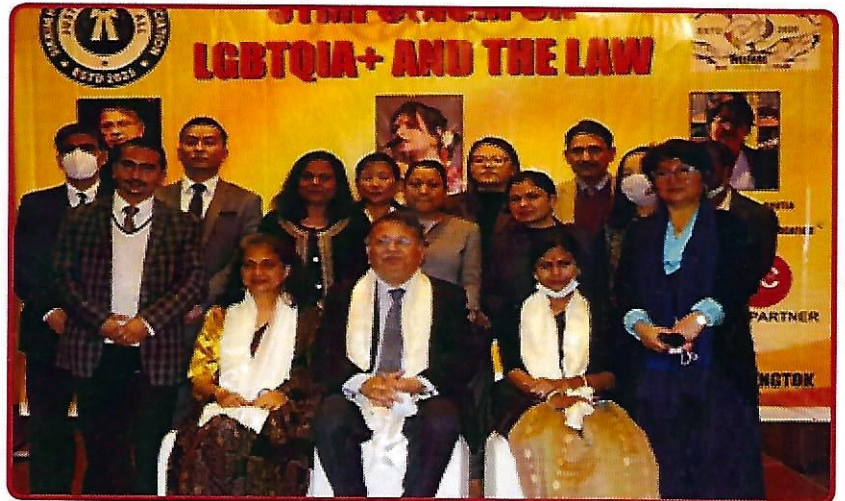
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SYMPOSIUM ON LGBTQIA+ AND THE LAW

Organized by
SIKKIM HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION

In collaboration with
RAINBOW HILLS WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF SIKKIM

DATE: 09th MARCH 2021 TIME: 4:30 PM-8:30 PM VENUE: HOTEL MAYTAJIN, GANGTOK



The ICFAI University, Sikkim
School of Legal Studies in collaboration with Sikkim High Court Bar Association
invites To celebrate
The Constitution Day 'Samvidhan Divas'
On
26th November, 2021
Venue: ICFAI University, Sikkim





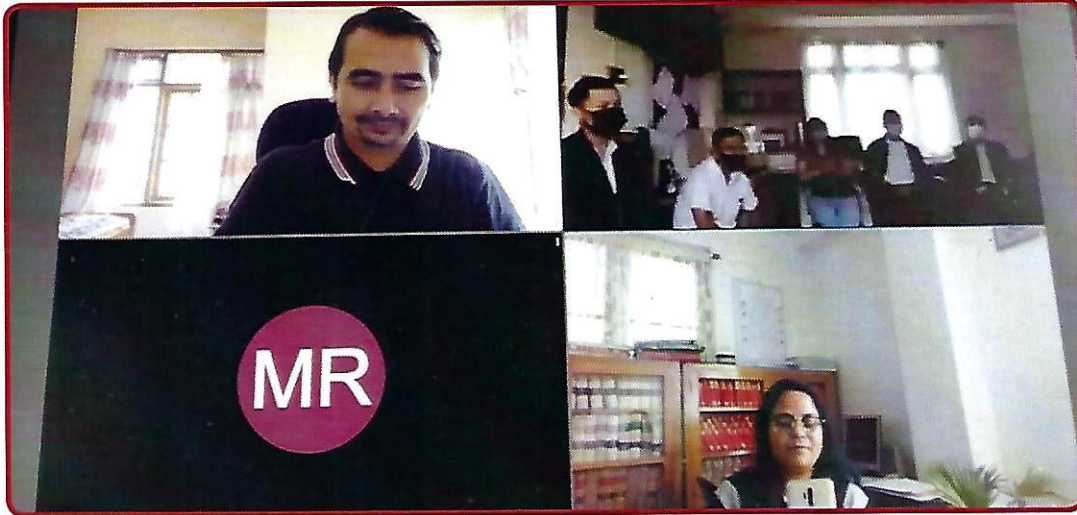
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SHCBA GBM for election of 1st Executive Body by Hybrid Mode held on 08 August 2021



(Below) MEMBERS of 1st Executive Body physically present after GBM and Election to the 1st Executive Body



(Below) A Meeting of SHCBA in Progress at Bar Room in High Court Campus, Gangtok



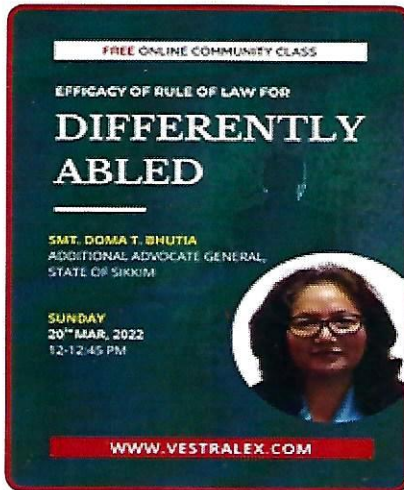


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Lecture for Advocates by Bar President



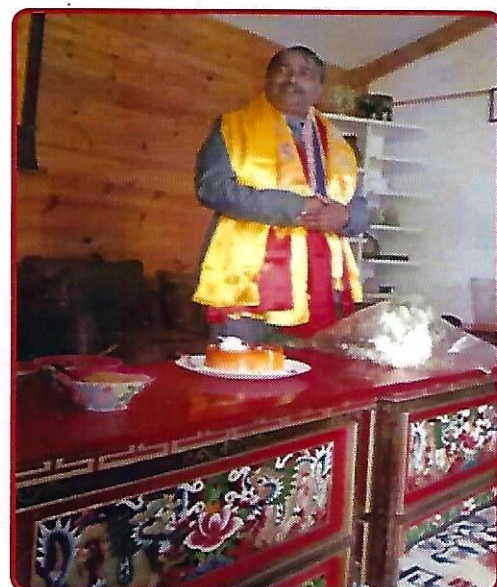
Lecture at All India Radio, Gangtok by Bar President



(Below) Talk Show By Bar President on LGBTQIA+ issues organised by Express Café



(Below) Members celebrate Completion of one year of Sikkim High Court Bar Association and Felicitation of Vice President Shri O P Bhandari on his appointment as OSD Legal to HCM, Sikkim





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(Above) Farewell to Hon'ble Chief Justice J K Maheshwari on his Elevation to Supreme Court of India
(Below) Meeting with Hon'ble Justice U U Lalit & Mrs. Lalit on their Arrival in Sikkim






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REGISTRAR GENERAL
Ref. No. V(139) Confdl/HCS/3433
Date: 27.8.2021


To,
Dr. Doma Tshering Bhutia,
President,
Sikkim High Court Bar Association, Gangtok.

Ref: Your letter No. 30/SHCBAG/20-21 dated 13/08/2021-Reg.

Madam,

With reference to your letter cited above, I am directed to inform you that Hon'ble Chief Justice has been pleased to recognize Sikkim High Court Bar Association. Further, one room at Phase-I, High Court Building adjacent to the existing Bar Room has been allotted for the use of Sikkim High Court Bar Association, Gangtok subject to vacating the said room on allotment of another room in Phase-IV of the High Court Building, which is presently under construction.

Yours faithfully,

(K.W. Bhutia)
27.08.2021
REGISTRAR GENERAL


**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

14th Sept 2021

**शुभचिन्ता दिवस की शुभकामनाएं
BEST WISHES FOR HINDI DIWAS**

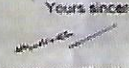
Dear Sir,


Vidhi Sahitya Prakashan, is a Wing of Legislative Department, Ministry of Law & Justice. This Prakashan was established in the year 1968 to promote and popularize use of largest speaking language Hindi in the field of Law. To achieve this object this Prakashan is publishing three law journals, whereby reportable judgements passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and various High Courts in English language are published in Hindi. This Prakashan also organizes exhibitions-cum-sale of bilingual/diplot edition of Bare Acts, Constitution of India, Election Manual, Legal Glossary and Hindi Law Text books etc. This Department is also hosting/publishing the aforesaid three periodics on its website <http://legislative.gov.in/vidhi-sahitya>. This is the only Government of India organization in India which is engaged in promoting and popularizing Hindi in legal field according to the spirit of the Constitution.

2. On the occasion of the celebrations of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" Vidhi Sahitya Prakashan has decided to make available to the public, all three law journals in Hindi on its portal (<http://legislative.gov.in/vidhi-sahitya>) in PDF format only, free of cost for a period of 75 weeks till completion of the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations. This link shall be made available to all the Universities, Law Colleges, High Courts, Tribunals, District Courts, Bar Associations, Bar Councils and each citizen of the country for popularizing and promoting the use of Hindi in imparting legal education at all levels in the country.

3. I am, therefore, to request you to kindly provide hyperlink to the website (<http://legislative.gov.in/vidhi-sahitya>) on the portal of your esteemed institution and also disseminate information to all the concerned to promote the use of Hindi in the legal field and help to achieve the constitutional mandate.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Anoop Kumar Mendiratta)


HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT

Date: 24.11.2021

**R. K. Desai
Registrar General
High Court of Gujarat,
Sala, Ahmedabad
Pin - 380 002**

To,
THE PRESIDENT
BAR ASSOCIATION OF HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM
GANGTOK


Sir/Madam,


The High Court of Gujarat had completed 60 years of its establishment on 1st May 2020. As a part of Celebrations, a Souvenir has been published by the High Court. The compilation has turned out to be four volumes categorised as:

- (1) Pictorial journey of the High Court of Gujarat Reminiscences and Reflections,
- (2) Bedrock of the Judicial System Pictoresque Eye-view District Judiciary,
- (3) Law for the Common Man and
- (4) Legacy and Law.

The compendium of aforesaid four volumes were released on 16th September 2021 in a small function organised at the High Court in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.R.Shah, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath and Hon'ble Ms. Justice Bela Trivedi, Judges, Supreme Court of India.

I have the pleasure to forward the compendium of four volumes for the library of your office, which may please be accepted.

Yours faithfully,

REGISTRAR GENERAL


NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Office of the
General Manager (Law)
Maligaon, Guwahati-11
Dated - 07.04.2021

No Z2082/Pl-VII/GHY
To
The President/Secretary,
Sikkim High Court Bar Association,
Sungava,
Gangtok Sikkim 737101


Sub - Formation of Panel of Railway Advocates for Hon'ble High Court, CAT and Railway Claims Tribunal Bench at Guwahati.
Ref - (i) Railway Board/New Delhi's L/No. 2021/LC/15/01 dated 12.03.2021, 26.03.2021 & 06.04.2021.
(ii) This office's letter of even number dated 24.03.2021 and 30.03.2021.

Sir,

In continuation to the letters under reference (i), it is to inform that Railway Board/New Delhi vide its L/No 2021/LC/15/01 dated 06.04.2021 has clarified regarding process of empanelment of Advocates for High Courts, Central Administrative Tribunals and RCT Benches. A copy of the said letter is enclosed herewith for your ready reference and requested to make wide publicity among the Advocates.

The willing Advocates to be empanelled as Railway Advocate may submit their bio-data as per prescribed format (enclosed) along with photocopy of relevant certificates either through email at gmlawnr@gmail.com or by post addressed to - Office of the General Manager (Law), N.F. Railway Headquarter, PO. Maligaon, Guwahati - 781011, Assam.

The last date of acceptance of applications (bio-data) from Advocates is 30.04.2021 for onward transmission of the same to the Railway Board/New Delhi which is the final authority for the formation of panels.

DA - As above.

Law Officer
N.F. Railway, Maligaon



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SIKKIM HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION, GANGTOK, EAST SIKKIM CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is felt necessary that the advocates generally practicing before various courts of Sikkim and in particular before the High Court of Sikkim, associate together in order to meet their common aspirations and for the development and welfare of its members as well as to strive towards strengthening the institutions working in the State of Sikkim towards Rule of Law and Administration of Justice and to provide support to all citizens in their pursuit of justice;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to establish an association to strengthen, support and encourage legal profession in the State of Sikkim and to act towards welfare of the advocates practicing before the Courts of Sikkim and before the High Court of Sikkim and to fulfill the aims and objectives of the said association.

1. The name of the Association shall be “**SIKKIM HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION**”.
2. **OFFICE:** The registered Office shall be for all practical purposes and for day-to-day work of the association, It will function from High Court Bar Room, High Court Premises, Gangtok, East Sikkim, Pin Code-737101.
3. **AIMS & OBJECTIVE:** The aims and objectives of the Association are: -
 - To strengthen, support and encourage legal profession in the State of Sikkim.
 - To promote and protect privilege, interest and prestige of the association and its members and to promote co-operation among them.
 - To coordinate with advocates practicing in the courts of Sikkim and with other Bar Associations in the State of Sikkim and across country.
 - To promote and maintain high standards of profession among members of the Bar and to promote professional values and ethics among the members
 - To raise funds for the Association.
 - To conduct and hold seminars, symposia, conference on issues and topics of interest to the legal profession and to disseminate information in this behalf.
 - To act in all such matters as might be necessary or incidental to carrying out aforesaid aims and objectives.