

Annual Report 2025 – 2026 SGC Burtuk



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- In 2025, SGC Burtuk was granted the prestigious 12(B) status by the University Grants Commission. This recognition enabled the institution to access central funding and research opportunities, strengthening its academic infrastructure. The achievement elevated the college's standing within the national higher education framework. It also opened doors for collaborative projects and advanced research initiatives. Securing 12(B) status marked a turning point in the institution's academic journey.
- In 2025, the institution submitted its final registration for the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). This step placed SGC Burtuk on the national map for higher education benchmarking. NIRF registration reflects the college's commitment to transparency, accountability, and quality education. It also allows the institution to be evaluated alongside other leading colleges in India. The process reinforced the college's pursuit of academic excellence and competitiveness.
- In 2025, the library subscribed to ONOS (Online Newspaper and Resources System) and Koha Library Management System. These subscriptions modernized academic resources and improved digital learning infrastructure. Students gained access to a wider range of scholarly materials and streamlined cataloguing services. The initiative enhanced research capabilities and supported independent learning. Library digitalization reflects the institution's commitment to integrating technology into education.
- In 2025, Prof. Sunita Kharel was appointed as the new regular Principal of SGC Burtuk. Her appointment marked a significant leadership transition for the institution. The new Principal brought fresh vision and direction to academic governance. Leadership changes at this level influence institutional culture, policy, and long-term planning. Prof. Kharel's appointment symbolized continuity and renewal in the college's development trajectory.
- Throughout 2025, regular counselling and mentoring sessions were held across departments to provide career guidance, academic support, and personal development opportunities. These sessions ensured that students received personalized attention tailored to their individual needs. Faculty mentors guided students in managing academic challenges, setting career goals, and developing interpersonal skills. Such initiatives fostered confidence and resilience among learners, preparing them for both academic and professional success. Counselling and mentoring remain integral to the institution's holistic approach to education.
- In 2025, the Library Committee convened a one-day workshop on research methodology, with Dr. Manoj Rana from North Eastern Hill University serving as the resource person. The workshop introduced students to essential research tools, techniques, and frameworks for academic inquiry. Participants gained practical insights into structuring research projects, analysing data, and maintaining academic

integrity. The session enhanced methodological awareness and prepared students for higher-level academic pursuits.

- On August 13–15, 2025, the faculty-Student Exchange Program was initiated to foster collaborative learning and academic cooperation. Faculty members delivered lectures at Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College, Tadong, and Sikkim Government College, Rhenock. This broadened academic exposure by introducing students to diverse subjects and teaching styles. It strengthened institutional ties and promoted inter-college networking. Such programs are vital for enhancing the quality of higher education and building a culture of shared knowledge.
- On August 21, 2025, an induction program was organized for first-year BA and B. Com students. The session familiarized newcomers with institutional rules, regulations, and values. It emphasized discipline, academic integrity, and holistic development. Induction programs serve as a bridge between school and higher education, easing the transition for students. This initiative reflects the institution's commitment to student-cantered learning.
- On August 25, 2025, the Nepali Department hosted Nepali Bhasha Manyata Diwas to celebrate linguistic heritage. The event highlighted the cultural significance of the Nepali language in academia and society. Students participated actively, showcasing their literary and cultural talents. Such observances strengthen identity and promote inclusivity in higher education. They also encourage students to value their mother tongue alongside global languages.
- On August 14, 2025, the institute organized a patriotic rally from campus to Vajra Point under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. Students and faculty participated enthusiastically, commemorating the 79th Independence Day. Such rallies instil national pride and civic responsibility. They also connect academic institutions with broader national movements. The event reinforced the values of patriotism and unity.
- On September 13, 2025, the Nepali and Commerce Departments jointly organized a cleanliness drive under the Sunaulo Samriddha Samarth Sikkim initiative. This activity promoted environmental awareness and civic responsibility among students. It encouraged sustainable practices and collective participation in campus upkeep. Cleanliness drives are essential in instilling values of discipline and community service. The initiative also aligned with national campaigns promoting environmental consciousness.
- On October 7, 2025, a mentor-mentee meeting was organized to strengthen academic guidance and personal development. Faculty mentors provided career advice, academic support, and personal counselling. Such sessions enhance student confidence and prepare them for future challenges. They also foster a supportive academic environment where students feel valued. Mentor-mentee programs are integral to holistic education and student success.

- On October 13, 2025, the Nepali Department organized a Poetry Recitation Program (Kavita Wachan). Students presented original and classical works, showcasing literary creativity. The event nurtured appreciation for Nepali literature and oral traditions. Poetry recitation enhances linguistic skills and cultural awareness. It also provides a platform for students to express themselves artistically.
- On October 13, 2025, the Commerce Department, in collaboration with ICSI Siliguri Chapter, hosted a career awareness program led by CS (Dr.) Pintu Jaiswal. Students were educated about the Company Secretary profession and its role in corporate governance. The program emphasized career planning and professional ethics. Such initiatives prepare students for competitive job markets. They also highlight the importance of specialized professional courses.
- On October 13–14, 2025, the Department of Eastern Himalayan Studies conducted a comprehensive field survey across schools and colleges to assess solid waste management in Gangtok Municipal Corporation. Students gained practical exposure to environmental challenges. The survey emphasized the importance of sustainable waste management practices. It also encouraged research-based learning and community engagement. Fieldwork is crucial in bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.
- On October 31, 2025, students performed a Tamang dance to celebrate National Unity Day (*Rashtriya Ekta Diwas*). The performance showcased cultural diversity and national solidarity. Such events foster patriotism and respect for cultural traditions. They also encourage students to participate in national observances. The celebration reinforced the values of unity and inclusivity.
- On October 27, 2025, the Nepali Department organized a seminar on the contribution of Sanu Lama in Nepali literature. Students explored literary history and engaged in critical appreciation of Lama's works. The seminar enriched understanding of Nepali literary heritage and its cultural significance. It encouraged critical thinking and scholarly dialogue among participants. Such events strengthen cultural identity and academic depth within the department.
- In November 2025, a Parents-Teachers meeting was held for first-semester students. This strengthened communication between faculty and guardians. Parents were informed about academic progress and institutional expectations. Such meetings build trust and collaboration between stakeholders. They also ensure holistic student development through shared responsibility.
- On November 5–7, 2025, the Yoga Cell and IQAC collaborated with the Art of Living to organize a three-day Level 1 Yoga workshop. The program emphasized holistic well-being and stress management. Students learned techniques for mindfulness and physical health. Yoga workshops contribute to mental resilience and academic productivity. They also align with national initiatives promoting wellness.

- On November 10, 2025, the Department of Education commemorated National Education Day to honour Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's legacy. The event highlighted the importance of education in nation-building. Students engaged in discussions on educational reforms and inclusivity. Such observances inspire respect for visionary leaders. They also reinforce the role of education in social progress.
- On November 12, 2025, third-semester B. Com students presented a Nukkad Natak promoting a ragging-free campus. The performance emphasized safety, inclusivity, and student welfare. Street plays are effective tools for awareness and social change. The initiative reinforced institutional commitment to a safe learning environment. It also empowered students to advocate for positive campus culture.
- On November 28, 2025, an oath-taking ceremony was held for newly elected SRC members. This marked the beginning of student leadership for the academic year. Student councils play a vital role in governance and representation. The ceremony emphasized democratic values and responsibility. It also encouraged active participation in institutional development.
- On November 13, 2025, the Nepali Department hosted a folk-dance performance. Students showcased traditional art forms, preserving cultural heritage and promoting artistic expression. Such performances encourage cultural pride and creativity among students. They also provide a platform for students to engage with their roots and traditions. The event added vibrancy and cultural richness to campus life.
- In 2025, NCC cadets brought home gold and silver medals, with four honoured by the Governor's Medal. Two cadets secured gold while two earned silvers, demonstrating discipline and excellence. Another cadet was conferred a prestigious award by the Defence Minister for outstanding accomplishments. One cadet won Gold.
- On February 20–21, 2026, the Eco Club organized a two-day nature camp at Khedi, Assam Lingzey in collaboration with the Forest and Environment Department. Students gained experiential learning in biodiversity and conservation through field activities, emphasizing sustainable practices and ecological awareness.
- On February 25, 2026, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Sikkim hosted an awareness program to promote traditional crafts and rural economic growth. Students learned about entrepreneurship, self-reliance, and the socio-economic role of khadi in India.
- On February 27, 2026, the Commerce Department organized a financial literacy program with Mr. Prasanna Pangan as the resource person. The session emphasized investment strategies, financial planning, and cyber security, preparing students to be future wealth creators.
- On February 27, 2026, the Red Ribbon Club conducted an HIV/AIDS awareness program and voluntary blood donation drive. Experts from the Sikkim State AIDS Control Society and STNM Hospital provided insights on disease prevention and reducing social stigma.

- On March 9, 2026, the Commerce Department hosted another financial literacy program led by Mr. Devendra Tare. Students were educated on wealth creation, investment strategies, and financial discipline.
- On March 17, 2026, the Gender Sensitization Unit hosted a seminar featuring Professor Veenu Pant, Mrs. Rinzing Choden Bhutia, and Mrs. Yankee Bhutia. The program emphasized women's empowerment socially, economically, and educationally.
- By March 2026, all faculties of SGC Burtuk completed MMTC training for NEP Orientation and Sensitization, ensuring readiness to implement the New Education Policy.
- On April 4, 2026, the Animal Care and Compassion Committee participated in World Stray Animals Day, promoting compassion and awareness regarding stray animal welfare.
- On April 8–9, 2026, the Nepali Department organized a two-day inter-semester student seminar, providing a platform for intellectual exchange and scholarly collaboration.
- On April 8–10, 2026, History Department students attended the International Symposium *In Her Footsteps: Great Women in the Himalayas*, exploring Alexandra David Neel's journey into Buddhism between 1912–1916.
- On April 20, 2026, NSS volunteers spearheaded a mass cleanliness drive across the college premises, with the ECO Club promoting sustainable practices and environmental awareness.
- On April 27, 2026, students enthusiastically welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his roadshow in Sikkim, reflecting civic engagement and national pride.
- On 4 May, 2026, two students from the Department of English, Sikkim Government College, participated in the seminar titled "Environment and Sustainable Development: Interdisciplinary Perspective on Challenges, Practices and Sustainable Future" organized by the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Liberal Arts at Sikkim Manipal University.
- From May 5–6, 2026, the college celebrated its vibrant two-day fest "*Vibes 2026: Roots, Retro and Revival*" at SGC Burtuk, following a month-long series of literary, cultural, and sports activities across the campus. The extended celebration showcased student talent and institutional spirit, culminating in the grand finale. The event was graced by Smt. Kala Rai as the Chief Guest, adding distinction to the occasion. During the fest, the Annual College Magazine *Mrinal* and the Newsletter: *The College Chronicles* were formally released, highlighting student creativity and academic achievements. The festival reflected the institution's commitment to holistic development, blending scholarship with cultural expression.
- From May 18–23, 2026, a workshop on mental well-being was organized by Mind and Matter in partnership with the Katalytic Charter Education Foundation. The

program focused on stress management, emotional resilience, and mindfulness practices.

- On May 19, 2026, The Department of English conducted a Career Counselling Session for sixth-semester students as part of the Mentor-Mentee Program. Outgoing students were guided on career options for English majors in both public and private sectors, along with relevant courses and degrees. International opportunities such as foreign language teaching in Southeast Asia and the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program were also highlighted. The interactive session helped clarify career paths and addressed student doubts effectively.
- On May 21, 2026, the Department of English organized a theatrical presentation titled “*Pride and Prejudice: An Adaptation*”, based on Jane Austen’s renowned novel. The event aimed to promote literary appreciation, creativity, and dramatic expression among students. It was graced by the Vice Principal, Mr. Sonamla Ethenpa, along with the Deans of Student Affairs, Dr. Sharmila Karki and Mr. Tenzing Pintso Lepcha, as well as faculty and students from various departments.
- On June 5, 2026, the Department of English observed *World Environment Day* with a field visit to Dovaan, Adampool for outgoing sixth-semester students. The visit aimed to encourage environmental awareness while also offering students an opportunity to reflect on their academic journey and spend meaningful time together before graduation.
- On July 29, 2026, a TB Awareness and Screening Programme was conducted under the *TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan*, educating students on prevention and early detection of tuberculosis.
- On July 30, 2026, Lepcha language classes were inaugurated in the presence of the Lepcha Association committee and distinguished guests, including a former Minister and Member of Parliament.
- On July 30, 2026, the Sikkim State AIDS Control Society (SSACS) organized a One-Day Refresher training programme for Red Ribbon Club Nodal Teachers and Peer Educators at CAEPHT, Ranipool.
- On July 31, 2026, an awareness campaign on telecom safety, security, and citizen-centric digital services was conducted by *Sanchar Saathi* and the Department of Telecommunications.
- On August 3, 2026, students of the Lepcha Department participated in the *Tendong Knowledge Series-S: A Rong Academic Conclave* at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok, as part of the State-Level Tendong LhoRum Faat Celebration 2026.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Prof. Sunita Kharel, Principal of Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor. The college extends its heartfelt congratulations on this achievement.
- Mr. Sonamla Ethenpa, Associate Professor, Vice Principal of Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, attended a five-day Faculty Development Programme titled “AI-Powered Statistical Analysis: Tools and Applications for Multidisciplinary Research.”

- Mr. Sonamla Ethenpa, Associate Professor, Vice Principal of Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, within the Department of History at Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, has been inducted as a member of the School Management Committee (Since November 2025) of Government Senior Secondary School, Sichey, Gangtok, East Sikkim.
- Dr. Sharmila Karki, Dean of Students' Welfare, Associate Professor (EVS), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, organized by the University of North Bengal in collaboration with Prasannadeb Women's College, Jalpaiguri, from January 19 to January 31, 2026.
- Dr. Sharmila Karki, Dean of Students' Welfare, Associate Professor (EVS), successfully published a research paper titled "Settlement of Eastern Himalayas from Traditional to Modern House Type: A Case Study of Sikkim" in the International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts (ISSN: 2320-2882, Impact Factor: 7.97).
- Dr. Sharmila Karki, Dean of Students' Welfare, Associate Professor (EVS), successfully published a research paper titled "Haat Culture in Transition: Socio-Economic and Cultural Dynamics in Sikkim and Siliguri" in the Journal of Advance and Future Research (ISSN: 2984-889X, Impact Factor: 9.87).
- Dr. Sharmila Karki, Dean of Students' Welfare, Associate Professor (EVS), successfully published a research paper titled "An Assessment of Solid Waste Management in Schools: A Comparative Study of Private Schools and Government Schools in Gangtok Municipal Corporation" in the International Journal of Novel Research and Development (ISSN: 2456-4184, Impact Factor: 8.76).
- Dr. Sharmila Karki, Dean of Students' Welfare, Associate Professor (EVS), successfully published a research paper titled "Private Universities as Catalysts of Education Tourism in Gangtok, Sikkim: Pathways and Socio-Economic Impacts" in the International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews (E-ISSN: 2348-1269, P-ISSN: 2349-5138, Impact Factor: 7.17).
- Mr. Tenzing Pintso Lepcha, Dean of Students' Welfare, Assistant Professor (History), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized by UGC-MMTTC, University of Calicut, from March 16 to 25, 2026.
- Mr. Tenzing Pintso Lepcha, Assistant Professor (History), participated in a one-day State-level webinar titled "Integration of Advanced Digital Technology and AI in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education," organized by Sikkim Government Science College, Chakung, on March 17, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

- Mrs. Dolma Tempo Ethenpa, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (English), and Dr. Champa Chettri, published a book chapter titled "Articulation of Identity in Tibetan Diasporic Literature" in *Analysing Trends and New Dimensions in Sustainable Development: An Indian Context* (2025), edited by Dr. M. Chettri, Dr. S. Kumar Pattanaik, Dr. Pramesh Chettri, and Albert Mothey.
- Mrs. Dolma Tempo Ethenpa, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (English), presented a paper at a National Seminar titled "Indigenous Culture of North-East India in the Context of Indian Knowledge System," organized by the IKS Cell, Srikishan Sarda College, Hailakandi, Assam, on November 18–19, 2025.

- Mrs. Dolma Tempo Ethenpa, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (English), participated in a six-day online course titled “Strategic Importance of Tibet for India’s Security,” organized by Rashtriya Raksha University’s School of International Cooperation, Security & Strategic Language, Centre for India’s Neighbourhood and Integral Security Studies, in collaboration with the Foundation for Non-Violent Alternatives, from November 17 to 22, 2025.
- Mrs. Dolma Tempo Ethenpa, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (English), participated in a State-level seminar on “Integration of Advanced Digital Technology & AI in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education,” organized by Government Science College, Chakung, on March 17, 2026.
- Mrs. Dolma Tempo Ethenpa, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (English), participated in a one-day State-level seminar titled “Give to Gain: Empowering Women for a Better Society,” organized by the Gender Sensitisation Unit of Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, on March 17, 2026.
- Mr. Tshering Namgyal Bhutia, Assistant Professor (English), published a research paper titled “The Terma Tradition of Guru Padmasambhava” in the IJCRT Journal, Volume 14, Issue 1 (January 2026).
- Mr. Tshering Namgyal Bhutia, Assistant Professor (English), published a research paper titled “Drip Marketing and Serialized Fiction: A Comparative Economic Analysis” in the IJFMR Journal, Volume 8, Issue 2 (March 2026).
- Mr. Tshering Namgyal Bhutia, Assistant Professor (English), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized under MMTTP, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), from February 3 to 15, 2026.
- Ms. Tenzing Peggila Bhutia, Assistant Professor (English), participated in a State-level seminar on “Integration of Advanced Digital Technology & AI in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education,” organized by Government Science College, Chakung, on March 17, 2026.
- Ms. Tenzing Peggila Bhutia, Assistant Professor (English), participated in a one-day State-level seminar titled “Give to Gain: Empowering Women for a Better Society,” organized by the Gender Sensitisation Unit of Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, on March 17, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF NEPALI

- Dr. Sabita Tamang, Associate Professor and Head of the Department (Nepali), served as a resource person for Khangchendzonga State University’s “Bishaya Vimarsha” talk series on November 18, 2025, delivering a lecture on the history and contemporary relevance of feminism.
- Dr. Sabita Tamang, Associate Professor and Head of the Department (Nepali), successfully completed the NEP Programme on Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education organized by UGC-MMTTC, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, from February 2 to 10, 2026.
- Dr. Kalyani Sharma, Assistant Professor (Nepali), successfully completed the online Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) under the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), organized by UGC-MMTTC, M.D. University, Rohtak, Haryana, from February 5 to March 6, 2026, and secured an ‘A’ grade.

- Dr. Kalyani Sharma, Assistant Professor (Nepali), participated in a one-day State-level seminar titled “Give to Gain: Empowering Women for a Better Society,” organized by the Gender Sensitisation Unit of Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, on March 17, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Dr. Maheshwari Kharga, Assistant Professor (Political Science), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized by the UGC-MMTTC, Mizoram University, from February 3 to 11, 2026.
- Dr. Maheshwari Kharga, Assistant Professor (Political Science), successfully completed a 7-day International Faculty Development Programme titled “Leading Beyond Boundaries: Leadership Transformation and Innovation in Higher Education.” The programme was hosted by Don Bosco College, KR Puram, Bengaluru, from January 16 to 22, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Mrs. Salma Lamichaney, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Education), participated in the Faculty Development Programme titled “Empowering Higher Education Institutions in Technology-Enabled Learning and Blended Learning,” organized by Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University from September 15 to 19, 2025.
- Mrs. Salma Lamichaney, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Education), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme from February 17 to 26, 2026, jointly organized by the MMTTC of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University and SGT University under the UGC Malaviya Mission.
- Mrs. Salma Lamichaney, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Education), participated in a one-day State-level webinar titled “Integration of Advanced Digital Technology and AI in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education,” organized by Sikkim Government College, Chakung, on March 17, 2026.
- Mrs. Kinzang Bhutia, Assistant Professor (Education), published a research paper titled “Educational Empowerment of Tribal Women in Sikkim: A Review of Policies and Schemes” in the peer-reviewed International Journal of Social Science and Education Research, Volume 7 (2025), with an RJIF Impact Factor of 8.42 (P-ISSN: 2664-9845, E-ISSN: 2664-9853).
- Mrs. Kinzang Bhutia, Assistant Professor (Education), published a research paper titled “A Study on Empowerment of Women Education Through Policies and Schemes, with Special Reference to Marginalized Sections of Sikkim State” in the UGC-approved Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovation Research (JETIR), Volume 12, Issue 8 (August 2025), Journal No. 63975, Impact Factor 7.95.
- Mrs. Kinzang Bhutia, Assistant Professor (Education), published a research paper titled “Policy Intervention and Educational Empowerment of Tribal Women in Sikkim: A Critical Analysis of Government Schemes” in the peer-reviewed, refereed, and indexed International Journal of Advance Academic Studies, Volume 7 (2025), with RJIF Impact Factor 7.28 (P-ISSN: 2706-8919, E-ISSN: 2706-8927).

- Mrs. Kinzang Bhutia, Assistant Professor (Education), presented a research paper titled “Fostering Inclusivity and Equity in Education: A Focus on the Tribal Women in Sikkim” at a Multidisciplinary International Seminar held on November 26, 2025. The seminar, themed “Skills for the 21st Century: Reimagining Curriculum and Pedagogy in Teacher Education in the Globalized World,” was jointly organized by the Faculty of Education, Tribhuvan University (Nepal), CEAM India, IALSE, and the CTEF Kerala State Centre.
- Mrs. Kinzang Bhutia, Assistant Professor (Education), successfully completed a Refresher Course organized by the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre at the Central University of Gujarat from September 1 to 15, 2025.
- Mrs. Kinzang Bhutia, Assistant Professor (Education) in the Department of Education at Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as a resource person and delivering an insightful talk on "The changing nature of education in the 21st century" during the National Education Day Celebration on November 10, 2025.
- Mrs. Kinzang Bhutia, Assistant Professor (Education) at Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, organized by the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi, from November 20 to 29, 2024.
- Dr. Kunzang Peden Bhutia, Assistant Professor (Education), participated in the online Refresher Course (RC-O-01) on “Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Higher Education,” organized by the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Central University of Gujarat, in September 2025, and obtained an ‘A+’ grade.
- Dr. Kunzang Peden Bhutia, Assistant Professor at Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, was awarded a certificate for chairing the online technical session titled "Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment Reforms in Teacher Education" during the 58th Annual National Conference of the Indian Association of Teacher Educators (IATE), organized in collaboration with Sikkim University on March 12th and 13th, 2026.
- Dr. Dechen Ongmu, Assistant Professor (Education), successfully completed the online Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) under the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), organized by UGC-MMTTC, M.D. University, Rohtak, Haryana, from February 5 to March 6, 2026, securing an ‘A’ grade.
- Dr. Dechen Ongmu, Assistant Professor (Education), participated in a one-day State-level webinar titled “Integration of Advanced Digital Technology and AI in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education,” organized by Sikkim Government College, Chakung, on March 17, 2026.
- Dr. Bandana Sarda, Assistant Professor (Education), participated in the National-Level Faculty Development Programme on Outcome-Based Education: The Future of Teaching and Learning, held from December 22 to 27, 2025, jointly organized by Jharkhand Rai University, Ranchi, and Research Culture Society (Ref. No.: NL-FDP-OBE-2025-118).
- Dr. Bandana Sarda, Assistant Professor (Education), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under the UGC Malaviya Mission

Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP), organized by the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, from January 19 to 28, 2026 (Ref. No.: CUPB/2026/P22/52).

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

- Mr. Lobsang Chopel Lepcha, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (History), attended a five-day Faculty Development Programme titled “AI-Powered Statistical Analysis: Tools and Applications for Multidisciplinary Research.”
- Dr. Gracy Maria Subba, Assistant Professor (History), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme, organized by the UGC-MMTTC at the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, from December 22 to 31, 2025.
- Dr. Gracy Maria Subba, Assistant Professor (History), completed a 7-day International Faculty Development Programme titled “Leading Beyond Boundaries: Leadership Transformation and Innovation in Higher Education.” The programme was hosted by Don Bosco College, KR Puram, Bengaluru, from January 16 to 22, 2026.
- Mrs. Bindhya Chettri, Assistant Professor (History), successfully completed the online NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme, jointly organized by UGC-MMTTC at Assam University and Gandhi Mahavidyalaya, held from November 26 to December 4, 2025.
- Mrs. Bindhya Chettri, Assistant Professor (History), successfully completed the online Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) under the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP). The programme was organized by UGC-MMTTC, M.D. University, Rohtak, Haryana, from February 5 to March 6, 2026. She completed the programme with an ‘A’ grade.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

- Dr. Gayatri Pradhan, Associate Professor (Sociology), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme with an A+ grade. The programme was organized by UGC-MMTTC at Ramanujan College in collaboration with the University of Delhi, from March 13 to 24, 2026.
- Ms. Sandhya Tamang, Assistant Professor (Sociology), was invited as a Resource Speaker for a National-Level Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis, organized by the Department of Statistics and Computer Science, SGC, Rhenock, on February 17, 2026. She delivered a session on “Reliability, Validity, and Measurement Issues.”
- Ms. Sandhya Tamang, Assistant Professor (Sociology), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC). The programme was organized by the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, from January 19 to 28, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

- Dr. Narendra Kharel, Associate Professor (Economics), successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme jointly organized by UGC-

MMTTC, Assam University, and Gandhi Mahavidyalaya from November 26 to December 4, 2025.

- Dr. Narendra Kharel, Associate Professor (Economics), published a research paper titled “Livestock Activities in Rural Economy: A Study of Sikkim State” in the International Journal of Research Publication and Review, Volume 7, Issue 3 (March 2026), (ISSN: 2582-7421, Impact Factor: 6.844).
- Dr. Tej Kumar Siwakoti, Assistant Professor (Economics) successfully participated in the online National 10-Day Faculty Development Program on "Tālamāna and Rasa: Proportion, Emotion, and Knowledge in Indian Art Practices," organized by the Nucleus of Learning and Development from February 3 to 13, 2026.
- Dr. Tej Kumar Siwakoti, Assistant Professor (Economics) successfully published a research paper titled "Eco Pedagogical Practices of Rai Community of Sikkim" in the May 2025 issue (Vol V, No. IX) of Pahar Horizon, an international open-access, peer-reviewed journal in Social Sciences, Humanities, and Management (ISSN: 2456-4842, RNI: UPENG/2016/69122).
- Dr. Tej Kumar Siwakoti Assistant Professor (Economics) presented a paper titled "Indigenous Eco Pedagogical Practices among Chettri Community of Sikkim" at the ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar organized by the Department of Education at Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand, on February 14 and 15, 2025.
- Dr. Tej Kumar Siwakoti, Assistant Professor (Economics) presented a paper titled "Eco-pedagogical Practices of Rai Community of Sikkim" at the International Conference on Contemporary Issues and Sustainable Solutions: A Multidisciplinary Approach, organized by the Global Research Foundation (GRF), NCR, Delhi, on February 23, 2025.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- Dr Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis on the Impact of Labour Legislations in Sikkim on August 27, 2025.
- Dr. Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), published the research article titled “Implementation of Labour Codes in the North-Eastern States of India: Issues, Challenges and Measures” in the International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research, Volume 7, Issue 6 (November–December 2025).
- Dr. Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), published the research article titled “The Role of Women’s Entrepreneurship in Promoting Commercial and Economic Development in Sikkim Since 2000” in the International Journal of Research in Academic World, Volume 5, Issue 1 (January 2026).
- Dr. Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), successfully completed the NEP Orientation Programme on Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education organized by UGC-MMTTC, Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP), from February 2 to 10, 2026.
- Dr. Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), successfully completed the Refresher Course in Multidisciplinary Studies organized by UGC-MMTTC, Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), from April 2 to 15, 2026.

- Dr. Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), participated in the International Conference on Fintech, Digital Finance and Innovation, organized by the Department of Commerce (Commerce), at Rajagiri Viswajyoti College, Kerala, from March 3 to 4, 2026.
- Dr. Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), published a patent titled “The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Fintech: Enhancing Efficiency and Security” (Application No. 202541109867) in the Patent Office Journal No. 48/2025, Government of India, issued on November 28, 2025.
- Dr. Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), authored the book “Management Dynamics: Balancing People and Performance” (ISBN: 978-93-49818-92-7), published by KIWI Innovative International Publishing House.
- Dr Suresh Tamang has recently published a new book titled Women Entrepreneurship in the Digital Economy (ISBN: 978-93-6422-220-4) with Addition Publishing House.
- Dr. Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), participated in the One-Day State-Level Seminar titled “Give to Gain: Empowering Women for a Better Society,” organized by the Gender Sensitisation Unit of Sikkim Government College, Burtuk, on March 17, 2026.
- Dr. Suresh Tamang, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department (Commerce), was granted Life Membership (No. CMA/25/0180) in the Commerce and Management Association for Industry Experts and Academic Professionals (CMAOI) on April 10, 2026.

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- Ms. Simona Rai (Guest faculty EVS) Sikkim Government College, Burtuk has successfully published a research paper titled "Private Universities as Catalysts of Education Tourism in Gangtok, Sikkim: Pathways and Socio-Economic Impacts" in the International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews (E-ISSN: 2348-1269, P-ISSN: 2349-5138, Impact Factor: 7.17).
- Ms Simona Rai Assistant Professor (Guest faculty EVS), successfully published a research paper titled "An Assessment of Solid Waste Management in Schools: A Comparative Study of Private Schools and Government Schools in Gangtok Municipal Corporation" in the International Journal of Novel Research and Development (ISSN: 2456-4184, Impact Factor: 8.76).