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**PAKYONG
LITERARY FESTIVAL
2024**

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16TH - 17TH NOVEMBER | LAMPOKHARI LAKE, ARITAR, PAKYONG DISTRICT

PAKYONG LITERARY FESTIVAL 2024

The Pakyong Literary Festival 2024 officially began at Lampokhari Lake in Aritar, marking the start of a two-day event organized by the District Administrative Centre (DAC) of Pakyong District.

This year's festival celebrates the 50th anniversary of Sikkim's statehood while focusing on important themes such as "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" and "Nasha Mukh Bharat, Nasha Mukh Sikkim."

The opening ceremony was led by the Chief Guest, Shri. Puran Kumar Gurung, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, and Fisheries Development. He also serves as the MLA for Chujachen. He was joined by Honourable MLA Smt. Pamin Lepcha, the MLA for Gnathang Machong, who was the Guest of Honour, along with Honourable Smt. Laden Lhamu Bhutia, Zilla Adhyaksha, and Honourable Smt. Prabha Pradhan, Zilla Upadhyaksha.

Following the inaugural ceremony, the Chief Guest visited various exhibitions, which included displays of books, showcases from Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and areas set aside for competitions as part of the festival. The festival commenced with a panel discussion on the topic, "Why Don't Students Read More?" Each panelist shared their perspectives through two-minute presentations, followed by a lively discussion segment.

The day also featured engaging competitions for students, including a turncoat debate where participants effectively argued on diverse topics. An open story-writing contest further captivated young writers, promoting creativity and active participation.

The festival continued throughout the day, offering a series of competitions and activities designed to ignite creativity and foster learning.

In the evening, the festival saw an exciting engagement of "Battle of Bands" where five colleges participated in the competition making it an exciting affair altogether. The evening also had guests performances from well known Rapper BB Hottie and Sikkim's own singing sensation Remanti Rai enthralling the audiences with her excellent performances.

The day long event was graced by District Collector (DC) Pakyong, the Additional District Collector (ADC) of Pakyong, the ADC (Development), the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) (Headquarters), heads of various departmental offices, as well as teachers and students.



**GLIMPSE OF THE DAY 01
PROGRAMME**



PAKYONG LITERARY FESTIVAL 2024

Pakyong, November 17 (IPR): Dr Indra Hang Subba, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), graced the concluding day of the Pakyong Literary Festival 2024, held today at Lampokhari Lake in Aritar, commemorating two days dedicated to literary and artistic excellence. The festival was organised by the District Administrative Centre (DAC) of Pakyong District. This event celebrated the 50th anniversary of Sikkim's statehood, emphasising significant themes such as Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, and Nasha Mukt Bharat, Nasha Mukt Sikkim. The event was also graced by Mr Bishnu Kumar Khatiwada, Advisor CM along with Mr Urgen Lepcha, Confidential Assistant to CM.

The second day began with the Chief Guest visiting book and SHG stalls, as well as competition venues, where he interacted with participants and lauded their creativity. In his address, MP Lok Sabha expressed his privilege in being part of the festival and extended gratitude to students and teachers for their enthusiastic participation. He emphasised the role of literature in shaping leadership skills and highlighted the importance of self-sufficiency as Sikkim progresses in its journey of 50 years of statehood. He also advocated for promoting local authors, ensuring their works resonate in school libraries to strengthen regional literature. He expressed hope for the festival to grow in significance in the years ahead. Mr Khatiwada underscored the festival's role as a platform for students to explore new ideas and encouraged the organisation of similar events in schools to inspire young minds. The day featured a panel discussion on the topic "How Do We Further Inculcate the Habit of Reading and Writing Amongst the Younger Generation?" Panelists shared their perspectives, followed by an engaging cross-discussion and audience interaction. Adding to the literary fervour, the Chief Guest released works by three local authors. A story-writing session captivated participants with thought-provoking themes such as "When I woke up, I couldn't remember my own name..." and "I received a letter with no return address, containing only three words: Run, and don't look back." An open quiz competition, themed on the 50 years of statehood celebration, was also conducted in collaboration with IPR, Pakyong District.

The two-day festival also featured an Information and Education Campaign (IEC) under the ongoing Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) programme, enriching the event with community-orientated initiatives. These sessions encouraged creativity and storytelling among the attendees. The day also witnessed impactful Nukkad Natak (street play) performances by students from various schools, addressing social themes of Nasha Mukt Bharat, Nasha Mukt Sikkim and Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao. The festival concluded with a prize distribution ceremony celebrating the winners of various competitions. Also present were DC Pakyong, ADC Pakyong, SDM (HQ), SDM Pakyong, SDM Rongli along with the heads of offices from various departments, teachers and students.



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Two Days of Pakyong Literary Festival 2024 Conclude
Pakyong, November 17 (PR): Dr Indra Hang Subba, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), graced the concluding day of the Pakyong Literary Festival 2024, held today at Lampokhari Lake in Antar, commencing two days dedicated to literary and artistic excellence. The festival was organised by the District Administrative Centre (DAC) of Pakyong District. ... See more



SKM 21-Gnathang Machong Constituency
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Pakyong Literary Festival 2024
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November 16 at 10:00 AM

The first day of the Pakyong Literary Festival 2024 concluded successfully at the Lampokhari Lake in Antar.

