

## Annual Report for the year 2009-2010

### Department of Ecclesiastical Affairs, Government of Sikkim.

1. In June 2009, on behalf of the Government of Sikkim a cash offering of Rs. 3,00,000 (Rupees Three Lakhs) was made to **His Holiness The Dalai Lama** on the occasion of his 74th Birth anniversary.
2. In July 2009, a preliminary Puja performances was done for the installation of Chenrezi Statue at Sangag Choling Gonpa, West with the expenditure in the tune of Rs. 2.15.550/-.
3. Again in the month of July 2009, Rs. 6.50,000/- was sanctioned as grant for **Shifting of Old Chhoedten from the Air port land at Dikiling**, east. It is further to report that Shifting of Chhoedten was done in accordance with Religious procedure on 11.8.2009 and the articles found inside the Chhoedten were officially handed over to the custody of President of the Dikiling Gonpa Committee, in a box locked & sealed, in presence of SDM Pakyong, east.
4. On 16.7.2009, a **Mamo Thrukong Puja** was performed at **Samdubtse**, South at the expenditure of Rs. 5,00,000/- (five lakhs) for the welfare of the State.
5. Again Rs, 1,00,000/- (one lakh) was sanctioned on 6.8.2009 for **Shifting of Devithan from the Air port land at Dikiling**, east. Accordingly, the shifting work was carried out as per religious procedure on 15.9.2009. in the presence of SDM Pakyong, east.
6. On 28.11.2009, Rs. 2.50.000/- only, was released to Shri Badam Gonpa, west for performing **Phurpoi Tordok ritual** to ward off untoward happenings in the State, which was performed w,e,f, 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009.
7. Again on 23.10. 2009, Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs) was released as one time grant for performing **Tenchi Puja (Sarvajanic Puja)** in for districts of Sikkim.
8. On 20.11.2009. a fund in the tune of Rs. 5,49, 966/- was released on a/c of grant for **SALANG PUJA (Bhumi Pujan)** for the installation of **Cherezi Statue** at **Sangag Choling Gonpa** .west Sikkim.
9. On 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2010, **on behalf of the State government, a Delegation** inclusive of
  - I) Shri D.N. Takarpa, Honble Minister for Health and Parliamentary Affairs (as Team head).
  - II) Smt. R. Ongmu, IAS, Principal Secretary, FR&ED.
  - III) Shri S. Gyatst Bhutia, Joint Director, Ecclesia cal attended in **Nyingma Monlam Chenmo at Bodhgaya**, Bihar and made a cash offering of **Rs. 4,00,000/- (Four lakh)** on behalf of the State Government to the Nyingma Monlam Committee as **Puja contribution in the name of Late H.H. Penor Rinpoche who passed away in the year 2009.**

10. During the year 2009-2010, the department of Ecclesiastical released a total grants in aid in the tune of Rs. 2,33,50,000/- (**Rupees Two Crores Thirty three lakhs and fifty Thousands**) only to **105 Religious Institutions of different faith holders** for the construction/Repair/Renovation and completion of the ongoing works.
11. Another tremendous achievement is the State government's approval to accord **Annual Subsidy to 129 left out recognized monasteries i.e. 22 Gonpas, 93 Manilhakhangs and 14 Lhakhangs which were built in the year 2002 and above.**
12. The department of Ecclesiastical also participated in **International Buddhist Conclave** held w.e.f. 6 to 7 feb.12010 in Nalanda, Bihar, which was represented by Shri S. Gyatso Bhutia, Joint Director, Ecclesiastical.

**Report on the functions of the Directorate of Monastic School and Sanskrit Pathshalas:**

- a) The **distribution of School Uniforms and Exercise copies** were delivered on the spot in presence of Hon'ble Sangha MLA, to all the **87 Monastic and 07 Sanskrit Pathshalas** in the State for the year 2008-2009.
- b) The proposal of supplying Uniform and Ex. Copies for the year 2009-2010 has also been moved for government's approval under the budget provision of 2010-2011.
- c) The State Government, during the current financial year, has **recognized 12 new Monastic Schools and 02 Sanskrit Pathshalas** in the State. Now the number of total sanctioned Monastic School has been reached 99 out of total administrative approval to accord 101 Monastic School in the State as government policy framed in the year 2007 vide notification No.537 dated 31.7.2007.