



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
HOME DEPARTMENT
GANGTOK**

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas the State Government has deemed it expedient and necessary for documentation of all sacred places of worship and institutions in Sikkim which are 100 (hundred) years old and above;

And whereas with a view to examine the background of all the monasteries, religious places of worship including important historical monuments and sacred lakes in Sikkim, the State Government had constituted a Committee vide Notification No. 52/Home/98 dated 24.9.1998;

And whereas the Committee has prepared and submitted to the Government On 24th April, 2001 the first phase report on sacred places of worship and religious institutions which are 100 (hundred) years old and above;

Now, therefore, the State Government is pleased to notify the following sacred peaks, caves, rocks, lakes, chhoedten and hot-springs as most sacred Buddhist places of worship in Sikkim and protect them under the provisions of the places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 and the State Government's Notification No. 59/Home/98 dated 26.10.1998 namely:-

1. SACRED PEAKS:-

- (i) Ghangchen-mZog-Nga : (Kanchenjunga-main, 28,208 ft.)
(Khangchendzonga) : (Kanchenjunga-south, 27,803 ft.)
(Kanchenjunga-west, 27,625 ft.)
- (ii) Mt. Narsing 19,111 ft.
- (iii) Gabur Gangtsen : (Kabru North, 24,075 ft.)
(Kabru South, 24,005 ft.)
(Kabru Dome, 21,600 ft.)
- (iv) Pandim Peak, 21,658 ft.
- (v) Mt. Simvo, 22,346 ft.

- (vi) Goecha Peak, 20,100 ft.
- (vii) Fork Peak, 20,382 ft.
- (viii) Pao Hungri(Pauhungri), 23,180 ft.
- (ix) Mt. Siniolchu, 22,609 ft.

2. SACRED CAVES:-

- (i) Sharchhogbayphug at Sangmo, South Sikkim
- (ii) Khadosangphug at Sanganath, South Sikkim
- (iii) Dechenphug above Nampung, West Sikkim
- (iv) Lharinyingphug via Kongri-Labdang, West Sikkim
- (v) Phagmorong, West Sikkim
- (vi) Tragthungrong, West Sikkim

3. SACRED ROCKS (NAYDO):-

- (i) Yongzokdrak, West Sikkim
- (ii) Tragkar Rock at Tashiding, West Sikkim
- (iii) Gyalwa Lhatsun Chhenpo's Foorprint at Yuksam
- (iv) Coronation throne at Yuksam, West Sikkim
- (v) Thegchhok Yangtse Khadoi Drora rock, West Sikkim
- (vi) Guru Rinpoche's Foorprint Naydo at Tsunthang (Chungthang), North Sikkim
- (vii) Kabilongtsok stone Naydo at Kabi, North Sikkim

4. SACRED LAKES (TSHO):-

- (i) Omechho (Omai-tsho), West Sikkim
- (ii) Sungmteng chho (Tsho), West Sikkim
- (iii) Lamchho (Lham-tsho), West Sikkim
- (iv) Tolechho (Dhole-tsho), West Sikkim
- (v) Kabur Lamchho (Gabur Lah-tsho), West Sikkim
- (vi) Khachoedpalri Pemachen Tsho (Khachoedpalri lake), West Sikkim
- (vii) Kathogtsho at Yuksam, West Sikkim
- (viii) Tsho-mGo Lake, East Sikkim
- (ix) Guru Dongmar lake, North Sikkim
- (x) Tsho-lhamo, North Sikkim
- (xi) Mulathingkhai-tsho (Green Lake) at Zema Glacier, North Sikkim

5. CHHOEDTENS (CHORTEN/STUPA):-

- (i) Norbugang Chhoedten Tashi Hodber at Yuksam built by Naljor Chhedshi
- (ii) Chhoedten Thongwa Rangdrol at Tashiding built by Gyalwa Lhatsun Chhenpo and its surrounding Chhoedten built more than 100 years ago.
- (iii) Khachoedpalri Bheyul Chhoedten built in 19th century, a replica of Nepal's Boudhanath Stupa
- (iv) Dhud-Tsen-Lu-Sum Chhoedten at Rabdentse, West Sikkim
- (v) Gyalshing Mendang built by Kyabgon Jigme Pao to avert famine, West Sikkim
- (vi) Mendang at Singnek, Tashiding, West Sikkim.

6. HOTSPRINGS (TSHACHHU):-

- (i) Phurtshachhu at khadosangphug, South/West Sikkim
- (ii) Ranglop tshachhu at Borong, South Sikkim
- (iii) Gangyab chhutshen, West Sikkim
- (iv) Takrumtshachhu, North Sikkim
- (v) Yumasamdongtshachhu, North Sikkim
- (vi) Yumthangtshachu, North Sikkim
- (vii) Zee tshachhu, North Sikkim
- (viii) Shagyong phedo tshachu, North Sikkim
- (ix) Tholung kangtshachhu, North Sikkim

The State Government do hereby ban the scaling of the sacred peaks and also defilement of the sacred caves, sacred rocks, sacred lakes. Chhoedtens and sacred hot-springs as notified above.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

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