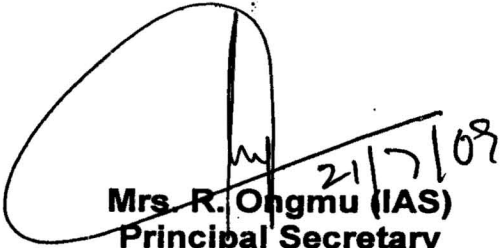


Important Achievements of the Ecclesiastical Affairs Department during the year 2008 – 2009 are as follows:

- 1) The Government sanctioned the construction of 10 (ten) Monastic Schools and 1 (one) Sanskrit Pathshala, which are under progress under the supervision of RM&DD as implementing agency.
- 2) The students of Monastic Schools and Sanskrit Pathshalas were provided uniforms, shoes, exercise copies by the Government.
- 3) The Department organized a Mani Dungdrup Puja at Tashiding Gonpa for the prosperity of the State.
- 4) The Principal Secretary duly accompanied by the officers of the Department attended the Nyingma and Kagyu Menlom at Bodhgaya to represent the State Government.
- 5) Government has sanctioned Rs.6,04,15,917/- (Rupees six crores four lakh fifteen thousand nine hundred seventeen) only as financial assistance to various religious institutions in the form of one time grants –in – aid.
- 6) The Government also sanctioned Rs.9,21,000/- (Rupees nine lakh twenty one thousand) only as annual grants for various religious institutions.
- 7) The shifting of Chorten and Devithan from the Airport land at Pakyong are under progress.
- 8) Kyabje Dukpa Kagyut Rinpoche visited Sikkim and delivered religious talk at Chintan Bhawan under the coordination of Ecclesiastical Affairs Department.
- 9) Shri D.D. Bhutia (Former-Minister) has taken over the charge as Advisor to Ecclesiastical Affairs Department.
- 10) Plantation of trees has also been carried out in different monasteries under the State Green Mission programme.

The above report highlights the important events / achievements of the Department during the year 2008 – 2009.


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