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Celebration 50 Years of Sikkim Statehood

The celebration of 50 Years of Sikkim's Statehood was held with great enthusiasm and reverence, marking a significant milestone in the history of the state. The event was organized to reflect on Sikkim's journey from a monarchy to becoming a proud part of the Indian Union, and to celebrate its achievements over the past five decades.

The program began with a soulful invocation song, setting a respectful and heartfelt tone for the day. This was followed by a welcome address delivered briefly by Deputy DSW, AB Subba, who warmly greeted the gathering and emphasized the importance of the occasion.

The Director, Professor Durga Prasad Chhetri, then delivered the opening remarks, where he highlighted the historical evolution of Sikkim, tracing its path from a monarchy to its integration into the Indian Union in 1975. His remarks provided a valuable context to understand Sikkim's political transformation and its steady progress since then.

Following this, Moderator Miss Arpana Pradhan (PhD scholar) initiated a vibrant and engaging panel discussion on the topic ***Sikkim's Fifty Years of Statehood and Development: The Youth Perspective***. The panel consisted of six speakers Mr. Abhishek Rai MA student from Department of International Relations, Mr. Pritam Ghatani PhD scholar from Department of Nepali, Mr. Wongyal Bhutia MA student from Department of Bhutia, Mr. Budha Hang Limbu MA student from Department of Limbu, Miss. Urmila Thatal from Department of Lepcha and Mr. Phunal Lepcha from Department of Lepcha who presented diverse perspectives on Sikkim's development across multiple dimensions cultural, social, and economic. The discussion not only celebrated the progress achieved in these areas but also addressed ongoing challenges faced by the state, including environmental concerns, youth migration, and the need for sustainable development.

After the panel discussion, a cultural segment, where students from four different

departments Nepali, Bhutia, Limbu and Lepcha gave energetic and colorful dance performances, showcasing the rich heritage and vibrant spirit of Sikkim. The event then moved towards delivering tokens of appreciation delivered by Director Prof Durga Prasad Chhetri and Prof Kabita Lama to the six panelists and to both Mr. Menprasad (MC) and Miss Arpana Pradhan (moderator for the panel discussion) in recognition of their insightful contributions.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Maheema Rai, who expressed gratitude to all faculties, participants, organizers, and attendees for making the program a success.

The celebration was a fitting tribute to Sikkim's remarkable journey and served as an inspiration for continued growth and unity in the years to come.



Opening Remarks by Prof. Durga P Chhetri, Director, Sikkim University



Panelists



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Traditional dance performed by students