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To,

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शिक्षा, कानून, खेलकुद एवं युवा मामिला  
तथा संसदीय मामिला विभाग  
सिक्किम सरकार

### MESSAGE

I am truly delighted to share my profound happiness on the establishment of the **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Skill University** in Pakyong, Sikkim named after Bharat Ratna Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It is a fitting tribute to his lifelong commitment to nation building through education, knowledge, and skill empowerment. This university stands as a symbol of his vision for a strong and capable India driven by educated and skilled youth.

Aligned with the Government of Sikkim's commitment of *one constituency, one university* - a transformative step towards making Sikkim an educational hub of the country; the establishment of this university marks a significant stride in that direction. Coupled with Sikkim's pleasant climate, the warm and welcoming nature of our people, and the consistently supportive policies of the state government, the environment in Sikkim offers an ideal foundation for setting up and nurturing institutions of academic excellence.

Guided by the principle of *Educate, Empower, and Enable*, reimagined as a forward-looking approach that equips learners with relevant knowledge and confidence to thrive, the university aims to promote skill-led education through strong collaboration with government, industry, and academia, empowering the youth with competencies essential for both individual growth and the state's economic progress is praiseworthy. These guiding values beautifully reflect the dreams and aspirations of Late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who envisioned a self-reliant and future-ready India driven by capable and skilled citizens.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all stakeholders—the university leadership, faculty members, administrative staff, and the people of Pakyong and Sikkim.

I convey my best wishes for the continued growth and success of this institution, which I am confident will shape generations of capable, confident, and skilled young citizens.

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