

DISTRICT WISE

SIKKIM

- ✓ **Khecheopalri Wetland/Lake** (Also called “**Wishing Lake**”) —First Ramsar site of Sikkim. (Ramsar Sites & India: Total 91 after Khichan & Menar of Rajasthan added in June 2025; India ranks 3rd worldwide after UK & Mexico; India ranks 1st in Asia; **Tamil Nadu** tops in India. Ramsar is located in Iran).
- ✓ **India’s first organic fisheries cluster** — Soreng District, Sikkim, inaugurated by Union Animal Husbandry Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh. **First 100% organic state.**
- ✓ ***Sikkim reserved 20% Police seats for Agniveers.***
- ✓ **Sikkim Krantikari Morcha** leader Prem Singh Tamang sworn in as CM of Sikkim. He requested the centre to ban scaling Mount Kunchenjunga from Nepal.
- ✓ **Tribal Research Institutes** opened in Gangtok (Sikkim) & Srinagar (J&K).
- ✓ **Tibetan Brown Bear**, an Endangered species, **first time seen in India** at Sikkim.
- ✓ **Sonam Lhosar festival** in Nepal, **Sikkim & Darjeeling**. **Sonam Lhosar** is a significant festival celebrated by the **Tamang and Hyolmo communities** in Nepal, marking the beginning of the New Year.
- ✓ **PM Modi laid the foundation stone** for Sikkim’s **first railway station at Rangpo**. Sikkim is the **only state without a railway line**.
- ✓ **Red Panda Program** of Darjeeling’s Padmaza Naidu Himalayan Zoo selected as finalist for 2024 WAZA Conservation Award. (**World Association of Zoos & Aquarium**). **Red Panda**, also called **Lesser Panda** is the **State Animal of Sikkim**.
- ✓ **The INSPIRES Program** of Sikkim is a **World Bank Assisted Program** to boost economic inclusion of women & youth in non-farm sectors.
- ✓ **50 Years of Sikkim's Statehood**— *Protectorate of India in 1950*; Associate State through 35th Constitution Amendment 1974; Referendum of 1975 favoured abolishing Monarchy & joining India; Full state by 36th Amendment on 22nd State on May 16, 1975
- ✓ **PM Modi addressed Sikkim@50 Programme** in Gangtok via video conferencing. Theme “**Where progress meets purpose**”.
- ✓ **Sikkim celebrated Saga Dawa**, a Buddhist festival.
- ✓ Sikkim High Court introduced **menstrual leave policy** for its women employees. (First High Court to do so).
- ✓ **Gastrodia Indica** (New Orchid species) found in **Fambonlho wildlife sanctuary** in Sikkim.
- ✓ **Operation Sadbhavna** by Indian Army to support North Sikkim remote communities.

- ✓ Sikkim topped in **Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE)**.
- ✓ Sikkim imposed a **tourist fee of Rs 50 per person**.
- ✓ GI-tagged **Dalle Chilly** exported from **Sikkim to Solomon Island**.
- ✓ Army Commander's Conference 2024 at Gangtok. General Upendra Dwivedi launched "**Agniastra**", a multi-target detonation device.
- ✓ Partner State for **Nagaland's Hornbill festival 2024**– Sikkim.