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The Election Department Government of Sikkim is carrying out the following works:

1. Preparation of Electoral Rolls
2. Preparation of Photo electoral Rolls.
3. Conduct of Election to State Legislative Assembly
4. Conduct of Election to the Parliament
5. Conduct of Election of the President and the Vice President
6. Preparation and issue of Photo Id-cards.

This Department is headed by the Chief Electoral Officer who is appointed by the Election Commission of India, in consultation with the State Government and in accordance with the provision of Representation of People Act, 1950 which is subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the Election Commission of India. He supervises the preparation, revision and correction of all electoral rolls and the conduct of all elections to the Parliament and the state legislature in the state. He is assisted by the Special Chief Electoral Officer, Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer, Deputy Director, Assistant Director (technical), Accounts Officer and 26 sub-ordinate staff in the Office.

During the financial year 2010-2011, as per the directives of the Election Commission of India, the Election Department completed the Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls of the 32 Assembly Constituencies of Sikkim, including the Sangha Constituency with reference to 1.1.2010 and 1.1.2011 as the qualifying date. The Electoral Rolls have been computerized and the list of Electors, Polling Stations and other related information have been recorded in the computer database with the help of National Informatics Centre (NIC), Gangtok. As per the Summary Revision conducted with reference to 1.1.2010 and 1.1.2011 as the qualifying date there has been an increase of 14,092 electors and the total number of electors has increased to **3,14,257** from **3,00,165** excluding 449 Service Electors.

Diamond Jubilee celebration

The Election Commission of India celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in commemoration of 60 years of its Constitution on 25th January, 2010 in the most befitting manner. A photo exhibition in Delhi and in State capitals were held projecting the evolution of Indian Elections and electoral system from the very first to the recently held elections to Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Presidency and Vice President and State Legislature carrying

the flavour of life and culture of each State. As a part of its year long plan of Diamond Jubilee celebration, the Commission held a National consultation on voters participation on August,2010 at New Delhi. The Chief Electoral Officer and Jt. Chief Electoral Officer, Sikkim attended the said function. A zonal symposium on 'Sharing Best Electoral Practices' was also held at the Election Commission, New Delhi as a part of Diamond Jubilee celebration.

The Election Department of Sikkim , in collaboration with Directorate Advertising and Visual Publicity(DAVP), held a photo exhibition at Chintan Bhawan ,Gangtok on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October,2010 to commemorate the year long Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Constitution of Election Commission of India. The exhibition continued till 4th October,2010. The theme of the exhibition was "**Greater Participation for Stronger Democracy,**" The exhibition was inaugurated by Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim, Shri T.T.Dorji,IAS in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Member of Parliament and other eminent personalities in the State.

National Voters Day

With a view to motivate and enlighten the young new eligible voters to proclaim loudly "**Proud to be a Voter Ready to Vote**" the Election Commission of India has decided to celebrate the 25th January of every year as National Voters Day through out the country. The first National Voters Day was celebrated on 25th January, 2011 in all 333 polling location throughout the state and the State level function was held at Chintan Bhawan in Gangtok. The state level function was presided by H.E. the Governor of Sikkim, shri Balmiki Prasad Singh as the Chief guest. Representative of all political parties of Sikkim including Honorable Chief Minister of Sikkim witnessed the grand celebration of National voters' day where large number of enthusiastic newly eligible registered voters, their guardian, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, Head of department of government of Sikkim, local gentries and representatives from various communities attended the function. The Culture Department of Sikkim presented three patriotic songs. Documentary film titled " India Election a Mammoth Democratic Exercise" was also screened at the function. H.E. the Governor of Sikkim felicitated the newly registered 18-20 years voters with their EPIC and badges.

To give wide publicity to the National Voters Day campaign, the following actions were carried out :

- Jingles on National Voters Day celebration at State Level and respective polling location where new eligible registered 18-20 years voters felicitation with EPIC, NVD badges with the message of importance of EPIC and enrolment in voting franchise were prepared and played in all the FM Radios in the State such as 91.9 FM, Radio misty 93.5 FM and 95.0 FM
- Panel discussion and talk show were organized in All India Radio on the theme of National Voters Day.
- Advertisement on National voters Day celebration with the caption “Proud to be a Voter Ready to Vote” were prepared and played in All India Radio.
- Skit on information about felicitation of EPIC and badges to newly eligible voters on National Voters Day, were prepared and played on local television channel.
- Banners were prepared and displayed in urban area, rural area and all the polling location.
- Advertisement on National Voters Day were given in all the local news paper were given.

The total budget allocation to the Election Department during the financial year under report was Rs.3.85 Lakhs(Rupees Three Crores Eighty five lakhs) only.

I Pawan Chamling, Chief Minister & Minister in-charge of Election Department do hereby authenticate the Annual Report for the year 2010-2011 and also authorize the placing of this report on the table of the Legislative Assembly.

Sd/-
(Pawan Chamling)
**Chief Minister & Minister In-charge for
Election Department.**

Place: Gangtok
Dated : 18.12.2011.