

# Ministry has sanctioned Bhutia-Lepcha PG courses: Irani

## Union minister launches online college admission, RUSA portals for Sikkim

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**GANGTOK, June 3:** Union HRD minister Smriti Irani would visit Sikkim on June 24 and 25 to lay the foundation stone for the National Institute of Technology (NIT) in the State.

Responding to a request by State HRD minister R.B. Subba through video conferencing today, Irani confirmed her scheduled Sikkim visit along with her team of parliamentary committee. She also urged minister Subba to resolve the pending issue of land for the NIT in the State. The interactions were made during the digital launch of web portals of online college admission and Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in Sikkim and nine other States in the country.

State ministers D.D. Bhutia and G.M. Gurung, HRD parliamentary secretary Shyam Pradhan, HRD principal secretary G.P. Upadhyaya, HRD director (higher education) Jitendra Singh Raje, officials, and college and school students joined the live webcast with the Union HRD minister.

The Union minister was also joined by Sikkim Lok Sabha member P.D. Rai, HRD Ministers of State and Central government officer from Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi this afternoon.

Interacting with the team from Sikkim, Irani informed that her ministry has sanctioned the long pending demand of the State to incorporate Bhutia and Lepcha languages in the post-graduate courses under



The video conferencing between Union HRD minister Smriti Irani and Sikkim HRD minister R.B. Subba. Pic: IPR

UGC. She further informed that the State HRD is entitled to introduce skill building courses recognized by the Central government in government colleges across the State.

Placing pending demands of Sikkim before the Union minister, minister

Subba proposed for a National Law School in Sikkim, setting up government colleges in all four districts and increase of 50 seats in government BED college. She assured that the demands placed would be looked into by the ministry.

School students also interacted with Irani requesting that vocational courses be introduced in colleges and also sought setting up of a fine arts college in the State. The minister assured to take up the demands if the State government places proposals

for the same.

The Union minister congratulated the State HRD department for the merit based and transparent system of 24 hour online admissions in all state run colleges. She termed it a unique initiative which will benefit over 6,000 students.

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**Union human resources development minister Smriti Irani inaugurates an online facility for admission to government colleges in Sikkim and the Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan portal through a live webcast from New Delhi on Friday. The webcast was screened at the Sikkim human resources development department in Gangtok.**

Picture by Prabin Khaling

## Smriti Irani digitally inaugurates online admissions in Govt. Colleges and RUSA's web portal

HM Report

**Gangtok, June 3:** Union HRD Minister Smriti Zubin Irani, today digitally inaugurated the web portal for online admissions and the Rashtriya Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyan (RUSA) portal for Sikkim via live webeast from Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. With launch of the said portal today, registration for admissions to all government colleges throughout Sikkim will henceforth be done online. The Union minister digitally launched the projects under RUSA for ten states of the country including Sikkim, thus making it the largest digital launch ever of its kind.

Minister for Energy & Power & Labour D. D. Bhutia, Minister HRDD R.B Subba, Minister Roads & Bridges G.M. Gurung, Parliamentary Secretary HRDD Shyam Pradhan, Principal Secretary HRDD cum SPD RUSA Sikkim G.P. Upadhyay, Director Higher Education HRDD cum Joint SPD RUSA Sikkim Jitendra Singh Raje, senior officers of State HRDD, Principal and faculty Sikkim Government College Tadong, and faculty and students from West Point Senior Secondary School, joined the live webeast at Sikkim.

The Union Minister in her address to Sikkim congratulated the State HRDD for the merit based and transparent system of 24-



hour online admissions in all state run colleges. Terming the initiative unique, Minister Irani said over 6000 Sikkim students would benefit from it. MP Lok Sabha from Sikkim P.D. Rai also joined the Union Minister.

She later interacted with the team from Sikkim and informed about the HRD Ministry's sanctioning of Sikkim's long pending

demand to incorporate Bhutia and Lepcha languages in the postgraduate courses under UGC. She further informed that the State HRDD is entitled to introduce skill-building courses recognized by the Government of India in Government colleges in the State. The Union Minister also complimented the progress made by Sikkim under the scheme Badhe Bharat Padhe Bharat and RUSA. She would soon be visiting Sikkim with her team from MHRD, she informed. Minister D.D.Bhutia thanked and complimented Minister Smriti Irani and her Ministry for launching the online admission and RUSA Web portal for Sikkim.

Similarly, Minister R.B.Subba thanked and congratulated the Union Minister and the entire team at MHRD for the new projects and for supporting the initiatives of Sikkim HRDD.

The Minister also placed a few pending demands of the State HRDD before the Union Minister. He requested for foundation stone laying of the NIT at the earliest. He also proposed for a National Law School in Sikkim. Likewise, the Minister proposed for setting up government colleges in all four districts of Sikkim. He also requested for increase of 50 seats in Government BED College.

The Union Minister on her part assured that her Ministry would look into the demands placed by the State HRDD Minister.