

**Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Power Department,
Shri M.N. Sherpa inaugurated the Monitoring Control and Command Centre
under Nirbhaya framework scheme**

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Gangtok, January 24 (IPR): Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Power Department, Shri M.N. Sherpa inaugurated the Monitoring Control and Command Centre under Nirbhaya framework scheme here at SNT complex today.

The installation of Monitoring Control and Command Centre in the State falls under new regulation which was mandated by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Department, Govt of India in 2019. The project was launched by Transport Department, Govt of Sikkim in 2021. In addition, the project is done in collaboration with Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System Ltd (DIMTS), Delhi as project consultant and Keltron, Kerla as the implementation agency in the state of Sikkim. With this launch, Sikkim becomes the first state in the North-East to implement the scheme. The main objective of the regulation is to ensure the safety of passengers especially women and girl child in transport vehicles like taxis, public buses etc through the installation of Vehicle Location Tracking Device in the vehicle in compliance with AIS-140 specifications. The passenger can press the emergency button present in the Vehicle Tracking Unit which immediately sends a notification to concerned authorities if any form of inconvenience is experienced in the vehicle. The notification with real time log in and monitoring interface containing the number of vehicle, name of driver and its location is further sent to ERSS team, Police personnel, Transport Department, Regional Transport Offices, Emergency Response Team and agencies selected by the State Govt after the panic button is pressed.

Furthermore, the alert will be handled by the monitoring officials and forwarded to the concerned aid agency or the Police. Nirbhaya Framework Scheme is dedicated to safety of women and girl child with a dedicated fund. Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India is the nodal Ministry for this scheme. It provides for the non-lapsable corpus fund which is administered by Department of Economics Affairs (DEA) of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Govt of India. It also provides for an Empowered Committee (EC) of the officers chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development to appraise and recommend proposals to be funded under this framework. During the course of the programme, a demonstration was carried out where the details of process was explained through

sikkim.vahanmitra.org website affiliated to the Transport Department. Certificate of Appreciation such as Driver and Conductor of the Month were also handed out through the hands of the Transport Minister and the names of the winners are as follows:

1. Driver of the month (November): Shri Hemant Gurung
2. Conductor of the month (November): Ms. Elina Rai
3. Driver of the month (December): Shri Krishna Bahadur Rai
4. Conductor of the month (December): Shri Subodh Rai

The Minister also distributed ex-gratia cheques of Rs. 5 lakh to the families of drivers who had lost their lives in road mishap. It is to be noted that the ex-gratia cheque for spouse of victims have been increased from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh this year. The names of the beneficiary are as follows:

1. Ms. Tika Tamang
2. Ms. Pema Tamang
3. Ms. Sujata Rai

The inauguration ceremony had the presence of Chairman Transport Department, Shri Basant Tamang, Advisor Transport Department, Shri S.T. Bhutia, Secretary Transport Department, Raj Yadav IAS, Secretary STA, Shri Manish Pradhan, Regional Transport Officer (Gangtok) Transport Department, Shri Roshan Pradhan, Regional Transport Officer HQ, Shri S.W. Bhutia, NIC State Informatics Officer, Shri Birendra Chettri, Police Inspector Communication Branch Police Department (HQ), Shri Nirmal Rai,



Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System Ltd Delhi (DIMTS) representative, Shri Amit Negi, Keltron Kerla Traffic Division Head, Shri Vijesh V, concerned Govt officials, representatives from DIMTS and Keltron Kerla, and SNT staff members.

Reference : <https://sikkim.gov.in/media/press-release/press-info?name=Hon%27ble+Minister+for+Transport+and+Power+Department%2C+Shri+M.N.+Sherpa+inaugurated+the+Monitoring+Control+and+Command+Centre+under+Nirbhaya+frametwork+scheme>