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A six member Economic Revival Committee/ERC was formed vide Government Notification No. 32/Home/2020 dated 15/5/2020, under the Chairmanship of Shri Sonam T. Venchungpa, Hon'ble MLA.

2. The ERC conducted its first meeting on 18th May 2020 and set an agenda based methodology and timeline for a month long exercise for economic revival of Sikkim. The ERC defined three broad aims:
   a) Bringing economy back to Normal i.e. Pre-Covid State
   b) Communicate with various stakeholders &
   c) Support long term economic pathway.

3. The ERC listed following key thrust areas :
   I. Tourism & Civil Aviation
   II. Transport
   III. Commerce & Industries
   IV. Health
   V. Agriculture & Horticulture
   VI. Animal Husbandry
   VII. Power
   VIII. RDD
   IX. Labour
   X. Power
   XI. UDD
   XII. Food & Civil Supplies
   XIII. Social Justice & Welfare
   XIV. HRDD
   XV. Cooperative
   XVI. IT/NIC
   XVII. Police
   XVIII. Irrigation
   XIX. Public Health Engineering Department
   XX. Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Department
   XXI. All Revenue Departments including Excise, Lottery, Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes; Whereby, sectoral analysis and targets were proposed for setting.

4. The Committee decided to hold consultative discussions in two tiers; tier 1 with departmental heads; tier 2 with stakeholders from civil society including entrepreneurs, NGOs, academicians, experts, local body representatives like Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha, Members of Legislative Assembly and representatives of various political parties.

5. Over 21st May to 23rd May, the Committee held first round of consultative meetings with the departmental heads of the 13 thrust area, to get the base status of the impact of COVID-19 induced lockdown and its projections over next 6 months – 12 months.

6. In its second round of consultative meeting the Committee shall invite the civil stakeholders from various walks of life, main thrust would be on business most affected owing to COVID-19, namely;
   • Tourism & Hospitalities
   • Agriculture & Animal Husbandry
   • Small Trades/Vendors/Businesses.

The Committee has also requested the public at large to send their suggestions for short & long term economic revival.

The suggestions are sought through:-
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