

Tourism Minister inaugurate Authorised Institute of Management in Gangtok

GANGTOK, Jan 20 (SNS): The Minister for Tourism and Land Revenue, KT Gyaltzen inaugurated the Authorized Centre of the “Trade Wings Institute of Management” at the Seasons Hotel, Nam-Nang on January 20, Secretary Tourism, Karma Gyatso, Principal SGO, Dr. Sunuwar, SHRA and TAAS office bearers and other guests attended the function organized by Sikkim Institute of Management and Services. Rajan Dani, Director, TIM flew in from Mumbai especially for the inauguration while Ms. Mangla Tamang, Branch Manager, TIM, Calcutta was also present.

Rajan Dani in his address said he was “Privileged to be here” and stressed on the professionalism and career orientation of the courses on travel, tourism and hotel management that Trade Wings offers.

Mrs. Rosiela Gurung, MD, SIMS, in her welcome address, said that TIM was aiming at providing unemployed youth career-oriented courses and creating trained manpower.

Tourism Minister congratulated the Sikkim Institute of Management and Services on their new venture, stating, “Excellent leaders are made as well as born. To be the best one must learn the essential skills of leadership through formal training courses or on the-job experience. This is where management courses and institutes like this play a big role”.

“The minister for tourism and land revenue, Mr. KT Gyaltzen, today inaugurated a Sikkim Institute of Management and Services. The institute has been established in collaboration with the Trade Wing Institute of Management, Mumbai.”

“The institute aims to impart professional inputs to the people involved in the tourism, travel and hospitality industry. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Gyaltzen said that career-oriented courses are the reed of the hour and by bringing the training institute at the doorstep, it would facilitate the people of Sikkim in getting professional training.”

He noted that the biggest resources we have is our human resource and it institutions like the TIM which provide the training, skills and knowledge, which help in developing the HR by way of trained manpower.

“Education to adjust to new technology is a must. One should change with the time or risk becoming extinct,” he added.

He noted further that there is need for large infrastructure for tourism as a service industry, especially that of professionally trained HR.

Mr. Dani, in a one-to-one interaction after the inauguration, said that Trade Wings was essentially making tourism education and newer career options available in Sikkim.

“TIM grooms students to become competent enough to start their own businesses or get into the industry wherever TIM has offices”. He said.

TIM has a modular structure with eight modules that students can pick and choose from covering aspects like tourism, travel, hotel management, cargo services and other related aspects. Students can avail of a transfer facility to any other TIM institute in India. In all, TIM offers 20 courses and boasts having trained over 25,000 students making it the largest institute of its kind.

At 3 PM, Mr. DNA and Ms. Tamang also interacted with members of the TAAS and SHRA. Trade Wings courses will start from February 1, 2003.

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