

# Vehicle disinfectant bay installed at Melli checkpoint

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**NAMCHI, May 14:** The indigenously developed vehicle disinfectant bay has also been installed at Melli checkpoint in South Sikkim. State Land Revenue & Disaster Management minister Kunga Nima Lepcha inaugurated the bay in the presence of Transport minister Sanjeet Kharel today.

South DC Ragul K., SSP Prawin Gurung, Sumbuk BDO Kiran Thatal, officials and innovator of the vehicle disinfecting system Bishu Hang Limboo and his mentor Arpana Thapa were also present on the occasion. After inaugurating the vehicle disinfectant bay, the ministers and officials inspected Melli screening centre and interacted with the frontline workers there.

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(SSDMA) director G.C. Khanal briefed the dignitaries about the vehicle disinfectant bay and how it has been conceptualized by Bishu Hang Limboo of Bermiok Sumbuk, West Sikkim with the aim of helping the State government in its fight against the coronavirus pandemic. He also stated that the vehicle disinfectant bay has been funded by LRDM department and technically supported by Mines & Geology department. It was informed that Sodium Hypochlorite solution is being used in the device as a disinfectant agent according to the standards laid down by the WHO and will be sprayed over the passing vehicles through four nozzles for a duration of 20 seconds.

Minister K. N. Lepcha congratulated and commended the organizing department and Bishu Hang Subba for the



disinfectant set-up and stated that the disinfectant gate would prove to be of huge help in curbing any transmissible disease entering South and West Sikkim via Melli through the medium of vehicles including the tyres of the vehicles.

Minister Sanjeet Kharel highlighted the role and contribution of youth towards the State in fighting the global pandemic through such

innovative ideas such as the one carried out by Bishu Subba. He issued thorough directives to be followed by the Melli workforce in order to ensure disinfection of all vehicles passing through Melli checkpoint.

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**NAMCHI, 15 MAY (IPR):** Minister for Land Revenue & Disaster Management, Kunga Nima Lepcha and Minister for Transport and Buildings, Sanjeet Kharel jointly inaugurated a Vehicle Disinfectant Bay at Melli checkpoint today.

Present on the occasion were Relief Commissioner cum Secretary LR&DMD, PN Sherpa, Director Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority (SSDMA), GC Khanal, DC South, Ragul K, Senior SP South, Pravin Gurung, SDPO Jorethang, SK Shrestha, SDM Jorethang, RB Bhandari, BDO Sumbuk, Kiran Thatal alongside officials of LR&DMD, Gangtok.

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Minister, KN Lepcha congratulated and commended the organizing department and Bishu Hang Subba for the disinfectant set-up and stated that the disinfectant gate would prove to be of huge help in curbing any transmissible disease entering South and West Sikkim via Melli through the medium

of vehicles including the tires of the vehicles. He also implicated the installation and useage of such disinfectant bays at various public places all over the district as a robust medium to fight COVID-19.

Minister Sanjeet Kharel also highlighted the role and contribution of youth towards the state in fighting the global pandemic through such innovative ideas such as the one carried out by Bishu Subba. He also issued thorough directives to be followed by the Melli workforce in order to ensure disinfection of all vehicles passing through Melli Checkpost.

During the course of the program, Minister KN Lepcha also handed over gloves, masks, sanitizers and face guards to Nodal Officer cum BDO Sumbuk, Kiran Thatal for distribution to the front line workers.