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**VACANCIES IN COURTS**

(i) Vacancies in the High Court of Sikkim as on 30.09.2019

Sl. No.	Sanctioned Strength	Working Strength	Vacancies
1.	03	03	NIL

(ii) Vacancies in the District &amp; Subordinate Courts as on 30.09.2019

Sl. No.	Sanctioned Strength	Working Strength	Vacancies
1.	Sikkim Superior Judicial Service (SSJS) - 13	10	03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Project Coordinator, e-Courts.</li> <li>• 01 post in the cadre of SSJS created (in compliance to the direction passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Brij Mohan Lal Vs. Union of India).</li> <li>• District and Sessions Judge (Spl. Div-I).</li> </ul>
2.	Sikkim Judicial Service (SJS) - 12	09	03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Judicial Magistrate -cum-Civil Judge (North) at Mangan.</li> <li>• Civil Judge -cum-Judicial Magistrate, Rangpo Sub-Division, East Sikkim.</li> <li>• Civil Judge -cum-Judicial Magistrate, Jorethang Sub-Division, South Sikkim.</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>06</b>

**INSTITUTION, DISPOSAL & PENDENCY OF CASES**

(1) Statement of Main &amp; Misc. Cases in the High Court of Sikkim from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019.

Sl. No.	Pending as on 01.07.2019	Institution	Disposal	Pending as on 30.09.2019
	Main Cases	Main Cases	Main Cases	Main Cases
1.	273	61	81	253

**(2) Total Institution, Disposal & Pendency of cases in the Subordinate Courts of Sikkim from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019.**

NAME OF THE COURT		CIVIL CASES				CRIMINAL CASES			
		Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019	Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019
East District at Gangtok	Main cases	223	47	71	199	552	179	204	527
	Misc. cases	85	82	96	71	29	286	250	65
West District at Gyalshing	Main cases	17	13	08	22	42	17	31	28
	Misc. cases	11	16	09	18	02	28	29	01
North District at Mangan	Main cases	06	01	01	06	14	12	08	18
	Misc. cases	01	04	05	00	00	18	15	03
South District at Namchi	Main cases	43	22	20	45	137	109	88	158
	Misc. cases	65	63	74	54	10	76	82	04
Family Courts	Main cases	89	59	40	108	27	35	14	48
	Misc. cases	03	06	03	06	14	06	10	10
Fast Track Courts	Main cases	-	-	-	-	08	08	07	09
	Misc. cases	-	-	-	-	00	07	07	00
Juvenile Justice Boards	Main cases	-	-	-	-	10	12	07	15
	Misc. cases	-	-	-	-	00	03	03	00
<b>Total Main Cases</b>		<b>378</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>803</b>
<b>Total Misc. Cases</b>		<b>165</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>83</b>

**(ii) West District at Gyalshing**

NAME OF THE COURT		CIVIL CASES				CRIMINAL CASES			
		Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019	Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019
District & Sessions Judge (West)	Main cases	11	05	03	13	29	05	15	19
	Misc. cases	11	12	09	14	01	07	08	00
Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (West)	Main cases	00	01	00	01	02	01	02	01
	Misc. cases	00	02	00	02	00	02	02	00
Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (West)	Main cases	02	06	03	05	01	03	02	02
	Misc. cases	00	01	00	01	01	09	10	00
Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Soreng Subdivision, West Sikkim	Main cases	04	01	02	03	10	08	12	06
	Misc. cases	00	01	00	01	00	10	09	01
Total Main Cases		17	13	08	22	42	17	31	28
Total Misc. Cases		11	16	09	18	02	28	29	01

**(iii) North District at Mangan**

NAME OF THE COURTS		CIVIL CASES				CRIMINAL CASES			
		Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019	Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019
District & Sessions Judge (North)	Main cases	06	01	01	06	03	03	01	05
	Misc. cases	01	04	05	00	00	06	04	02
Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge (North)	Main cases	00	00	00	00	02	06	05	03
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00	00	08	07	01
Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate (North)	Main cases	00	00	00	00	03	02	00	05
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00	00	02	02	00
Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Chungthang Sub Division, North Sikkim	Main cases	00	00	00	00	06	01	02	05
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00	00	02	02	00
Total Main Cases		06	01	01	06	14	12	08	18
Total Misc. Cases		01	04	05	00	00	18	15	03

**INSTITUTION, DISPOSAL AND PENDENCY OF CASES DISTRICT WISE**

(1) Total Institution, Disposal and Pendency of cases in the Subordinate Courts of Sikkim from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019.

(i) East District at Gangtok.

NAME OF THE COURTS		CIVIL CASES				CRIMINAL CASES			
		Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019	Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019
District & Sessions Judge (East)	Main cases	102	33	31	104	259	36	32	263
	Misc. cases	36	70	69	37	08	83	85	06
District & Sessions Judge (Spl. Div.-I)	Main cases	29	02	13	18	13	01	08	06
	Misc. cases	10	01	07	04	00	00	00	00
District & Sessions Judge (Spl. Div.-II)	Main cases	21	02	01	22	13	01	05	09
	Misc. cases	19	00	07	12	00	01	01	00
Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum- Civil Judge (East)	Main cases	06	04	03	07	149	114	105	158
	Misc. cases	00	03	03	00	11	150	109	52
Civil Judge-cum- Judicial Magistrate (East)	Main cases	50	06	19	37	86	24	34	76
	Misc. cases	17	08	10	15	09	52	54	07
Civil Judge-cum- Judicial Magistrate Chungthang Sub-division stationed at Gangtok (East)	Main cases	12	00	03	09	09	00	09	00
	Misc. cases	01	00	00	01	01	00	01	00
Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate Rangpo Sub-division, East Sikkim	Main cases	03	00	01	02	14	01	08	07
	Misc. cases	02	00	00	02	00	00	00	00
Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate Rongli Sub-division, East Sikkim	Main cases	00	00	00	00	09	02	03	08
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Total Main Cases		223	47	71	199	552	179	204	527
Total Misc. Cases		85	82	96	71	29	286	250	65

**(iv) South District at Namchi**

NAME OF THE COURTS		CIVIL CASES				CRIMINAL CASES			
		Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019	Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019
District & Sessions Judge (South)	Main cases	28	08	10	26	81	18	13	86
	Misc. cases	59	58	70	47	03	30	31	02
Chief Judicial Magistrate cum- Civil Judge (South)	Main cases	00	00	00	00	19	64	61	22
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00	02	26	27	01
Civil Judge-cum- Judicial Magistrate (South)	Main cases	04	06	02	08	09	09	06	12
	Misc. cases	00	02	00	02	00	15	15	00
Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Jorethang Sub Division (South)	Main cases	02	08	07	03	16	12	06	22
	Misc. cases	02	01	01	02	01	04	05	00
Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Yangang Sub Division (South)	Main cases	09	00	01	08	12	06	02	16
	Misc. cases	04	02	03	03	04	01	04	01
Total Main Cases		43	22	20	45	137	109	88	158
Total Misc. Cases		65	63	74	54	10	76	82	04

**(v) Family Courts**

NAME OF THE COURT		CIVIL CASES				CRIMINAL CASES			
		Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019	Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019
Family Court, East at Gangtok	Main cases	52	32	23	61	15	19	08	26
	Misc. cases	02	06	02	06	03	04	04	03
Family Court West at Gyalshing	Main cases	12	09	08	13	02	05	03	04
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Family Court North at Mangan	Main cases	00	01	01	00	01	00	01	00
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Family Court South at Namchi	Main cases	25	17	08	34	09	11	02	18
	Misc. cases	01	00	01	00	11	02	06	07
Total Main Cases		89	59	40	108	27	35	14	48
Total Misc. Cases		03	06	03	06	14	06	10	10

**(vi) Fast Track Court**

NAME OF THE COURT		CRIMINAL CASES			
		Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019
Fast Track Court (East & North) at Gangtok	Main cases	07	06	06	07
	Misc. cases	00	07	07	00
Fast Track Court (South & West) at Gyalshing	Main cases	01	02	01	02
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00
<b>Total Main Cases</b>		08	08	07	09
<b>Total Misc. Cases</b>		00	07	07	00

**(vii) Juvenile Justice Boards**

NAME OF THE COURTS		CRIMINAL CASES			
		Opening balance as on 01.07.2019	Institution from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Disposal from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019	Pendency at the end of 30.09.2019
Juvenile Justice Board East, at Gangtok	Main cases	05	08	04	09
	Misc. cases	00	02	02	00
Juvenile Justice Board West, at Gyalshing	Main cases	00	01	01	00
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00
Juvenile Justice Board North, at Mangan	Main cases	01	00	00	01
	Misc. cases	00	01	01	00
Juvenile Justice Board South, at Namchi	Main cases	04	03	02	05
	Misc. cases	00	00	00	00
<b>Total Main Cases</b>		10	12	07	15
<b>Total Misc. Cases</b>		00	03	03	00



## SOME RECENT MAJOR EVENTS

### 1. CELEBRATION OF 72<sup>nd</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY :



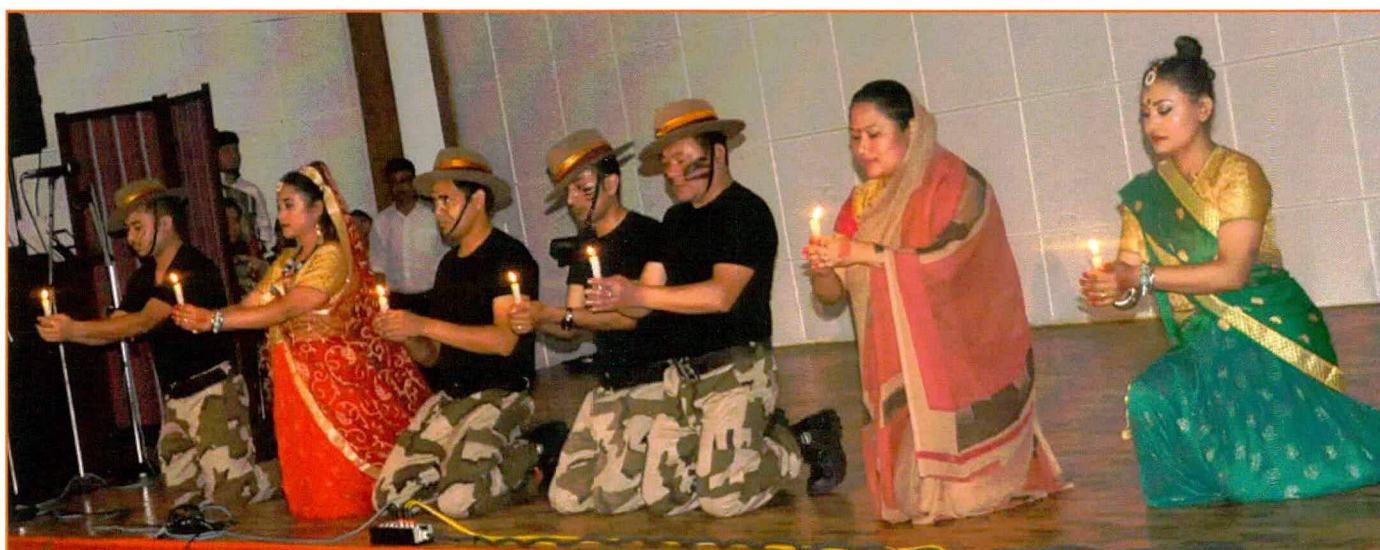
The High Court of Sikkim celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. The National Flag was unfurled by Hon'ble Shri Justice Vijai Kumar Bist, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim, followed by a Guard of Honour to His Lordship.

The occasion was graced by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.P. Subba, Former Judge, High Court of Sikkim. The Ld. Judicial Officers, Senior Advocates, Ld. Advocate General of Sikkim, Ld. Additional Advocate General, Members of the Bar, Officers & Staff of the Registry and Media persons were also present.

A Cultural Programme was presented by the staff of the High Court of Sikkim, the Bar Association of Sikkim, students from various schools, Govt. Law College and Culture Department, Government of Sikkim.



**"Glimpse of Cultural Programme presented by the officers and staff of the High Court of Sikkim, the Bar Association of Sikkim and students from Govt. Law College and various schools on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2019"**





## 2. FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF GRADE 'D' QUARTERS AT VIP COLONY & GRADE 'B' & 'D' AT FOREST COLONY FOR HIGH COURT EMPLOYEES HELD ON 21ST AUGUST 2019:



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijai Kumar Bist, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim laying foundation stone of the Grade 'D' Quarters at VIP Colony & Grade 'B' & 'D' at Forest Colony for High Court Employees held on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019.

The "Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony" of the Grade 'D' Quarters at VIP Colony & Grade 'B' & 'D' at Forest Colony for High Court Employees held on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 at VIP Colony, Gangtok, East Sikkim. The Foundation Stone was laid by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijai Kumar Bist, Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim in presence of Shri Prem Singh Golay, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim as a Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim and Shri Sanjit Kharel, Hon'ble Minister, Buildings & Housing Department and Transport Department, Government of Sikkim as Guests of Honour.



**From Left to Right:** Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijai Kumar Bist, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim, Shri Prem Singh Golay, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim, and Shri Sanjit Kharel, Hon'ble Minister, Buildings & Housing Department and Transport Department, Government of Sikkim

**IMPORTANT VISITS & CONFERENCES**

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vijai Kumar Bist, Chief Justice, visited South Sikkim from 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 to 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 for inspection of Courts of District & Sessions Judge, South at Namchi, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Civil Judge, South at Namchi, Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, South at Namchi and Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Yangang Sub-Division, South Sikkim.
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan, Judge, High Court of Sikkim attended the Meeting of NJAC at Supreme Court of India, New Delhi held on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 and 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019.
3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice, Vijai Kumar Bist, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim visited West Sikkim from 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 to 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 for inspection of ongoing construction site of Additional Court building of Fast Track Court & Family Court and Juvenile Justice Board at Gyalshing, West Sikkim.
4. Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim attended the "17<sup>th</sup> All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities" held on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 and 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at Nagpur, Maharashtra.
5. Hon'ble Mr. Justice, Vijai Kumar Bist, Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim visited North Sikkim from 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 to 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 for inspection of ongoing construction site of Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Chungthang Sub-Division, North Sikkim and Additional Court Building of Family Court & Fast Track Court, Mangan, North Sikkim.
6. Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Judge, High Court of Sikkim attended the "First National Conclave on: Challenges Before the Judiciary-Roadmap for the future" held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2019 at Guwahati.