

HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM : GANGTOK
Record of Proceedings

WP (PIL) No. 03/2025

DHAN RAJ GURUNG

PETITIONER (S)

VERSUS

SIKKIM UNIVERSITY AND ORS.

RESPONDENT (S)

For Petitioner : Mr. Kazi Sangay Thupden, Mr. O.P. Bhandari,
Mr. Sajal Sharma, Mr. Uday Kunwar, Ms. Som Maya
Gurung, Ms. Srijana Bagdas and Mr. Gyaltsen
Barfungpa, Advocates.

For Respondent no.1 : Mr. Bhusan Nepal, Advocate.

For Respondent no.2 : Ms. Sangita Pradhan, Deputy Solicitor General of
India assisted by Ms. Sittal Balmiki and Ms. Natasha
Pradhan, Advocates.

For Respondent no.3 : Mr. Zangpo Sherpa, Additional Advocate General
with Mr. Sujan Sunwar, Assistant Government
Advocate.

Date: 21/08 /2025

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BISWANATH SOMADDER, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI MADAN RAI, JUDGE

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ORDER : (per the Hon'ble, the Chief Justice)

When the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned Advocate representing the respondent no. 1 appears and submits that due to some technical reason, the email by which notice of the writ petition was sent by the writ petitioner did not reach the Sikkim University. The Sikkim University has now duly been served and he represents the said University.

Pursuant to our last order dated 07th August, 2025, the respondent no. 3, namely, the State of Sikkim, has filed a short affidavit on 19th August, 2025, wherefrom it appears that the State Government has decided to constitute a "Linguistic Oversight Expert Committee" comprising of eminent language experts and distinguished scholars with demonstrable expertise in Nepali linguistics, phonetics/phonology, pedagogy and curriculum design. In paragraph 6 (six) of the said affidavit, it has been stated that the State Government is in the process of

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constitution of the Committee whose mandate will be as stated in paragraph 5 (five) of the said affidavit. It has also been stated that within one week of receipt of the Committee’s report, the State Government will place its considered views along with the Committee’s findings before this Court by way of a comprehensive affidavit/status report. However, since the State Government has not yet constituted the Committee nor has it specified any timeline within which it will complete the process of constitution of the Committee, we are of the view that such Committee will be formed by this Court and in terms of this order, the Committee shall constitute of the following persons: -

Sl. No.	Name	Title	Address	Contact Number	Email Address
1	Suk Raj Subba	President	Sikkim Akademi, Manan Kendra, Gangtok, 737101, Sikkim.	9775978091	
2	Chandra Prakash Sharma	Eminent Writer of Nepali Folk Literature	Bodhi Marg, Development Area, Gangtok, 737101, Sikkim.	7908461421	bhattarai.chandraprakash@gmail.com
3	Shanker Deo Dhakal	Convenor, Nepali Language, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi and Two time Sahitya Akademi Award winner	Next To Nepali Sahitya Parishad, Development Area, Gangtok, 737101, Sikkim.	9597733890	sd.dhakal@gmail.com
4	Dr. Tek Bahadur Chettri	Assistant Professor	Department of Nepali, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College, Tadong, PO Tadong, Gangtok, 737101, Sikkim.	9434381802	mail2tbc@gmail.com
5	Yuva Baral 'Ananta'	Sahitya Akademi Award winner	Bering, PO Bering, Pakyong District, 737106, Sikkim.	9933458122	yuvamta@gmail.com
6	Prof. Kabita Lama	Head, Department of Nepali	Yangang Campus, Sikkim University	9832066182	klama@cus.ac.in

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The “Linguistic Oversight Expert Committee” comprising of members as specified above, shall come into immediate effect.

It is made clear that the majority decision of the Committee will be final and binding upon all members of the Committee. The Committee shall commence its work as mandated and specified in paragraph 5 (five) of the affidavit filed on behalf of the State of Sikkim with immediate effect and furnish its report to the appropriate authority of the State Government (being the Education Department), within 4 (four) weeks. On receipt of the Committee’s report/ recommendation, the State will place its considered views along with the Committee’s finding before this Court by way of a comprehensive affidavit/status report, within a week therefrom.

List this matter on 25th September, 2025, for further consideration.

(Meenakshi Madan Rai)
Judge

(Biswanath Somadder)
Chief Justice

Jk/ds/ami