

# Sikkim ranks first among the twelve eastern states of India

The India Today organized the 4<sup>th</sup> State of the states Conclave in New Delhi on September 1<sup>st</sup> , 2006 with the President of India as the Chief Guest, according to resident Commissioner, Sikkim House, New Delhi. In its ranking of States, the India Today ranked Sikkim as the first State in the entire 12 Eastern States in overall performance. Sikkim was also ranked first in the sectors of Primary health, investment environment and budget and prosperity amongst 12 Eastern States.

India Today in its assessment states that 12 states that comprise India's east and North-east have several historical and geographical disadvantage ranging from inaccessibility to insurgency. Quite tellingly, states in the North-east, barring Assam, lead their bigger neighbors in the region by huge margin. Good quality primary education

has been North-east's traditional strength. Now Sikkim and Mizoram are also showing remarkable improvement in infrastructure and investment environment. With West Bengal, Orissa and Jharkhand beginning to overcome their traditional handicaps and raw unprecedented interest and investments, expect improved scores and ranks from the region in a few years.

In a separate category of the ten small states of the country Sikkim was ranked fourth in terms of overall performance. It was also ranked fourth in the categories of primary education and budget and prosperity. It was ranked third in the sectors of primary health and second in the investment environment category.

Therefore, Sikkim has done well in terms of the parameters laid down for Eastern States.

	Overall rank	Agri-culture	Consumer Market	Primary Education	Law & Order	Primary Health	Infras-structure	Inves-tment	Budget & Prosperity
<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Manipur</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Arunchal</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Tripura</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Chhatisgarh</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Assam</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Orrisa</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>

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