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PREFACE

Webster's bibliographic and event-based timelines are comprehensive in scope, covering virtually all topics, geographic locations and people. They do so from a linguistic point of view, and in the case of this book, the focus is on "Sikkim," including when used in literature (e.g. all books that might have "Sikkim" in their title). As such, this book represents the largest compilation of timeline events associated with "Sikkim". Webster's timelines cover bibliographic citations, patented inventions, as well as non-conventional and alternative meanings which capture ambiguities in usage. These furthermore cover all parts of speech (possessive, institutional usage, geographic usage) and contexts, including pop culture, the arts, social sciences (linguistics, history, geography, economics, sociology, political science), business, computer science, literature, law, medicine, psychology, mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology and other physical sciences. The following keywords were used to build the timeline: Sikkim. This "data dump" results in a comprehensive set of entries for a bibliographic and/or event-based timeline on the word "Sikkim", since editorial decisions to include or exclude events is purely a linguistic process. The resulting entries are used under license or with permission, used under "fair use" conditions, used in agreement with the original authors, or are in the public domain. Across all of the Webster's timelines, at the end of some entries the following codes are used to identify certain sources: [WP] Wikipedia.org. All entries marked [WP] are adapted from articles created by contributors to Wikipedia.org, the free encyclopedia under a copyleft GNU Free Documentation License (GFDL) based on the headword. Please note that these entries are not full articles. For the full article associated with a given Wikipedia headword, the reader can simply go to www.wikipedia.org or www.websters-online-dictionary.org and type in the name of the topic to better understand the context of the entry; passages attributed to Wikipedia are exempt from any compilation or other copyright held by this book and can be freely used under the GFDL found at www.wikipedia.org. The full GFDL is reproduced at the end of the book before the index, and applies to each Wikipedia headword in any of the Webster's Timelines. For all of the sources, the original authors holding copyright retain any copyrights. Proceeds from this book are used to expand the content and coverage of Webster's Online Dictionary (www.websters-online-dictionary.org).

9th Century

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History of Sikkim: The earliest known fact about Sikkim was that the Buddhist saint Guru Rinpoche passed through the land in the 9th century. The Guru blessed the land, introduced Buddhism to Sikkim and also foretold the era of the monarchy in the state, which would arrive centuries later. In the 13th century, Guru Tashi, a prince from the Mi-nyak House in Kham in Eastern Tibet, had a divine revelation one night instructing him to travel south to seek his fortunes. Guru Tashi settled down in the Chumbi Valley in Sikkim. The "Sikkim Coronation Book" describes Guru Tashi as the 'first ruler of Sikkim who paved way for a regular monarchy'. His descendants assimilated with the local culture, with his grandson becoming a chieftain and their clan enjoying good relations with the autochthonous Lepchas clan. [WP]

11th Century

Monpa: It was believed that Monyul stretches from present day Tawang right up to West Bengal, Assam, part of Sikkim and even the Duars plains at the Himalayan foothills. Upon the collapse of Monyul, the Monpa came under the rule of Tibet for many years, although small Monpa chiefdoms were formed whenever Tibetan rule was not strong in the area. One of the good reminiscences of the ancient Monpa chiefdoms include the Dirang Fort constructed around the 11th century, which was meant to defend against invasions from neighbouring chiefdoms. [WP]

15th Century

Bhutia: The Bhutias or Bhotias are people of Tibetan origin, who migrated to Sikkim, India and Bhutan some time after the 15th century. They migrated through Bhutan and they are very closely related to the main Bhutanese population, the Ngalop, who are sometimes classified as Bhutia. In Northern Sikkim, where the Bhutias are the majority inhabitants, they are known as the Lachenpas or Lachungpas. The language spoken

by the Bhutias is Sikkimese, which is 65% intelligible with Dzongkha, the language of Bhutan. Most of the Bhutias practice Tibetan Buddhism, although a very small number have converted to Christianity. The Bhutia are spread out over Nepal, Bhutan, and in the northern West Bengal towns of Kalimpong and Darjeeling. [WP]

1640

Geyzing: Near Geyzing is the ancient town of Yuksom, the ancient capital of Sikkim built in 1642. Other attractions include Pemyangtse monastery built in 1640, reputed to be Sikkim's oldest and Khecheopalri Lake which as legend has it not a leaf is allowed to float on the surface. The town is the base for trekking in the Himalayas and professional expeditions to Mount Kanchenjunga. [WP]

1642

West Sikkim: West Sikkim also has the ancient capital of the state Yuksom. It served as the capital beginning in 1642 for almost 50 years till it was shifted to Rabten. The district was under the occupation of the Nepalese for many decades in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. After the Gorkha War, the district was returned to Sikkim. [WP]

Yuksom: Yuksom was the first capital of Sikkim. It was consecrated in 1642 after three venerated Lamas who came from the north, west, and south to Yuksom and consecrated Phuntsog Namgyal as the first Chogyal (king) of Sikkim. [WP]

1670

Sikkim: Phuntsog Namgyal was succeeded in 1670 by his son, Tensung Namgyal, who moved the capital from Yuksom to Rabdentse. In 1700, Sikkim was invaded by the Bhutanese with the help of the half-sister of the Chogyal, who had been denied the throne. The Bhutanese were driven away by the Tibetans, who restored the throne to the Chogyal ten years later. Between 1717 and 1733, the kingdom faced many raids by

1816

the Nepalese in the west and Bhutanese in the east, culminating with the capture of the capital Rabdentse by the Nepalese. [WP]

Yuksom: In 1670 by his son, Tensung Namgyal, shifted the capital from Yuksom to Rabdentse. Only the ruins of the current towns are visible north of Pelling in West Sikkim. [WP]

1816

Sugauli Treaty: Under the treaty, about one-third of Nepalese territory was lost, including Sikkim (whose Chogyals supported Britain in the Anglo-Nepalese War); territory to west of the Kali River like Kumaon (present Indian state of Uttaranchal), Garhwal (present Indian state of Uttaranchal); some territories to the west of the Sutluj River like Kangra (present day Himachal Pradesh); and much of the Terai Region. Some of the Terai Region was restored to Nepal in 1816 under a revision of the treaty and more territory was returned in 1865 to thank Nepal for helping to suppress the Sepoy Rebellion. [WP]

1835

History of Sikkim: Meanwhile the British were looking for a route to establish trading links with Tibet. An offshoot of the ancient Silk Route through Sikkim meant that the kingdom was ideal as a transit route. A secondary reason for the establishment of links was to quell the growing Russian influence in Tibet. However ties between Sikkim and India grew sour with the taxation of area of Morang by the British. In 1835, Sikkim was forced to cede the town of Darjeeling to the British on the condition that a compensation of Indian Rs 35,000 be paid to him. [WP]

1849

History of Sikkim: In 1849, a pair of British doctors Campbell and Hooker ventured into the mountains of Sikkim unannounced and unauthorised by the Chogyal of Sikkim. The doctors were detained by the Sikkim government, which led to a punitive British expedition against the Himalayan kingdom

in which the whole of Darjeeling district and Morang were annexed in 1861, although the kingdom continued to exist as an independent rump state centred around the capital at Gangtok. The old Chogyal was forced to abdicate in favour of his son, Sidekong Namgyal in 1863. [WP]

Hooker, Joseph Dalton, Sir: Publication of "The rhododendrons of Sikkim-Himalaya: being an account, botanical and geographical, of the rhododendrons recently discovered in the mountains of eastern Himalaya, from drawings and descriptions made on the spot, during a government botanical mission to that country." By Joseph Dalton Hooker. Edited by Sir W. J. Hooker. Published in 1849.

1852

Standish, John: Author of "Practical hints on planting ornamental trees, with particular reference to conifers; in which all the hardy species are popularly described, and their more familiar synonyms given: also, descriptions of the principal other kinds of hardy evergreen trees and shrubs, with remarks on the situation for which each is best adapted, and the soil and treatment it requires; and classified lists of such as are best adapted for particular soils and situations. To which is added, instructions on the cultivation of American plants, and on the rhododendrons of Sikkim-Himalaya." Publisher: published for the authors by Bradbury and Evans (London). Published in 1852.

Survey of India: Publication of "Map of the British Sikkim, comprising the Darjeeling Hill Territory and two morung purgunnahs." Publisher: Survey of India (Dehra Dun). Published in 1852.

1854

Hooker, Joseph Dalton, Sir: Publication of "Himalayan journals. (Notes of a naturalist in Bengal, the Sikkim and Nepal Himalayas, the Khasi Mountains)." Published in 1854.

1856

1856

Schlagintweit-Sakünlünski, Hermann von: Born in 1826 and died in 1882, authored "Report on the progress of the Magnetic Survey of India, and the researches connected with it in Sikkim, Khosia Hills and Assam from April to December 1855." Publisher: fort St George Gazette Press (Madras). Published in 1856.

1860

Hastings Edward Harington: He was afterwards present at the siege and capture of Lucknow and joined in the pursuit of the rebels towards Rohileund until he was severely wounded at Rooyah. This last wound compelled him to go to the Himalayas to recover his health; but deriving only temporary relief and still being troubled by a bullet which remained in his back, he was obliged to return to England and after undergoing a painful operation the bullet was extracted. His health being partially restored he returned to his duty in October 1860. Shortly after his arrival in India he proceeded on service with the Sikkim Field Force and was afterwards appointed adjutant 6th Battalion Bengal Artillery at Agra where he died from cholera on July 20. [WP]

1861

Hooker, Joseph Dalton, Sir: Publication of "Independent Sikkim." From a sketch by J.D Hooker. Based on the operations of the Great Trigonometrical Survey, 1850. Publisher: Surveyor General's Office (Calcutta). Published in 1861.

1868

Survey of India: Publication of "Map of the hill territory of British Sikkim, District Darjeeling." Publisher: Survey of India (Dehra Dun). Published in 1868.

1869

Bulger, George Ernest: Author of "Notes of a tour from Bangalore to Calcutta thence to Delhi, and, subsequently, to British Sikkim during the early part of 1867." Publisher: printed at Regimental Press, 2nd Batt. 10th Foot (Secunderabad). Published in 1869.

1873

Gawler, John Cox: Born in 1830 and died in 1882, authored "Sikkim: With hints on mountain and jungle warfare. Exhibiting also the facilities for opening commercial relations through the state of Sikkim with Central Asia, Thibet, and western China." By Colonel J.C. Gawler. Publisher: E. Stanford (London). Published in 1873.

History of Sikkim: The Chogyals of Sikkim endeavoured to modernise their state in the succeeding decades, along with their army. A state visit to Darjeeling by the new, Sidekong's half brother, Chogyal Thutob Namgyal in 1873 failed to yield such results, and he returned to Tumlong disappointed. In 1886, the British, interested in trade with Tibet, launched a brief expedition into Sikkim. The Tibetans occupied several of Sikkim's northern border forts, and the Chogyal and his wife were held prisoner by the British when they came to negotiate at Calcutta. In 1888, the Tibetans were defeated and northern Sikkim came under the rule of British India. The British established new landholdings in Sikkim, but released the Chogyal only to have him captured again in 1891. In 1894, the capital was shifted to Gangtok. [WP]

Page, John Chamberlain: Born in 1822 and died in 1894, authored "The people of Sikkim as we saw them: being the journal of a Baptist missionary." Publisher: printed by G.H. Rouse, Baptist Mission Press (Calcutta). Published in 1873.

1875

Scott, John: Born in 1838 and died in 1880, authored "Notes on the tree ferns of British Sikkim: with descriptions of three new species,"

1876

and a few supplemental remarks on their relations to palms and cycads." By John Scott; communicated by Thomas Anderson. Publisher: R. Taylor (London). Published in 1875.

1876

King, George, Sir: Publication of "A manual of Cinchona cultivation in India Description of the process at present used for manufacturing 'Cinchona Febrifuge' at the Sikkim plantations." By C.H. Wood, etc.. Published in 1876.

1881

Bengal: Publication of "Report on the External Trade of Bengal with Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan (with Nepal, Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan) for the year 1880-81(-1897-98)." Published in 1881.

Survey of India: Publication of "Hill territory of British Sikkim, (map) District Darjeeling." Publisher: Survey of India (Dehra Dun). Published in 1881.

1882

Royal Geographical Society: Publication of "Map showing routes of Sarat Chandra Das through Sikkim and Tibet." Publisher: Royal Geographical Society (London). Published in 1882.

Survey of India: Publication of "Panoramic profile of the hill ranges of Sikkim (map)." Publisher: Survey of India (Dehra Dun). Published in 1882.

1887

Temple, Bart., G.C.S.I. Richard: Publication of "Journals kept in Hyderabad, Kashmir, Sikkim, and Nepal. Edited, with introductions, by. R. C. Temple. With maps and illustrations." Published in 1887.

1888

Elwes, Henry John: Born in 1846 and died in 1922, authored "A catalogue of the Lepidoptera of

Sikkim." By H.J. Elwes; with additions ...by Otto M.ller. Publisher: Entomological Society of London (London). Published in 1888.

Jelepla Pass: The Jelepla pass was in use from early times as trade was flourishing between India and Tibet. After the appropriation of India by the British, the British started to construct roads into Sikkim around 1884. This was viewed with some apprehension among the Tibetans and in 1886 a small Tibetan militia occupied the region around the pass. In May 1888, they attacked the British but were warded off. Later in September the same year the British regained the area around the pass.
[WP]

Sandberg, Samuel Louis Graham: Publication of "Manual of the Sikkim-Bhutia language, or Dé-Jong Ké." Published in 1888.

Survey of India: Publication of "Map of Sikkim. Prepared and used by the Tibetan military authorities during the campaign in 1888." Publisher: Survey of India (Dehra Dun). Published in 1888.

1889

Survey of India. Trigonometrical Branch: Publication of "Report on the explorations of Lama Serap Gyatsho, 1856-68, Explorer K. P. 1880-84, Lama U. G. 1883, Explorer R. N. 1885-86, Explorer P. A. 1885-86 in Sikkim, Bhutan, and Tibet." Prepared in the office of the Trigonometrical branch, Survey of India. (Report on the explorations... in Sikkim, Bhutan, and Tibet). Publisher: Office of the Trigonometrical Branch, Survey of India (Dehra Dun). Published in 1889.

1890

Publication: Publication of "The Sikkim negotiations: Chinese special mission to India, 1890." Published in 1890.

1892

Survey of India: Publication of "Skeleton map of Sikkim." Publisher: Survey of India (Dehra Dun).

1894

Published in 1892.

1894

Gammie, George Alexander: Author of "Report on a botanical tour in Sikkim." Published in 1894.

Nicéville, Lionel de: Born in 1852 and died in 1901, authored "A list of the butterflies of Sikkim."

Publisher: printed at the Bengal Secretariat Press (Calcutta). Published in 1894.

Sikkim: Publication of "The gazetteer of Sikkim."

With an introduction by H.H. Risley. Edited in the Bengal Government Secretariat. (With plates.). Published in 1894.

1895

History of Sikkim: In 1895, the Chogyal was released, but the British governors in India reneged on an agreement - the Ten Clauses Agreement - which returned sovereignty to Sikkim. The governor of British India, Claude White, refused to return any sovereignty, and only let the Chogyal retain the judiciary of Sikkim. [WP]

Sandberg, Samuel Louis Graham: Publication of "Manual of the Sikkim Bhutia language or Dénjong Ké. Second. edition." Published in 1895.

1898

KING, K.C.I.E., and PANTLING (Robert).

George: Publication of "The Orchids of the Sikkim-Himalaya." Published in 1898.

1899

Pic, Maurice: Author of "Anthicid₃ et Pedilid₃ (Coléoptères hétéromèses) recueillies au Sikkim." Published in 1899.

19th Century

East Sikkim: People in East Sikkim are mostly of Nepali ethnicity, arriving in search of jobs after the British appropriated the state in the 19th century. Other ethnicities include the Bhutias, the

Tibetans and the Lepchas. Nepali is the predominant language in the region. [WP]

Sikkim: Hinduism and Buddhism are the religions professed by most Sikkimese. Sikkim also has a small Christian population, consisting mostly of people of Lepcha origin, converted to the faith after United British missionaries started preaching in the region in the late 19th century. The state has never had inter-religious strife. Mosques in downtown Gangtok and Mangan also serve the minuscule Muslim population. [WP]

1900

Iggulden, Herbert Augustus: Author of "The 2nd Battalion Derbyshire Regiment in the Sikkim Expedition of 1888. With an introduction by Sir Steuart Bayley." Published in 1900.

1901

Sandberg, Samuel Louis Graham: Author of "An Itinerary of the Route from Sikkim to Lhasa, together with a plan of the capital of Tibet and a new map of the route from Yamdok lake to Lhasa." Published in 1901.

1905

Bengal: Publication of "Sikkim State gazetteer: statistics, 1901-02." Published in 1905.

History of Sikkim: In 1905, the Prince of Wales - the future King George V of the United Kingdom - arrived in Calcutta on a state visit during which he met the Chogyal. The two made an excellent acquaintance and the Crown Prince of Sikkim, Sidkeong Tulku was sent to study at Oxford University. When Sidkeong came to power, he arranged widened sovereignty for Sikkim from King George's government and endorsed sweeping reforms in his short rule as Chogyal, which ended in 1914. In 1918, Sikkim's independence in all domestic affairs was restored, and in the next decade she embarked on a policy to end social ills, outlawing gambling, child labour, and indentured service. [WP]

Hooker, J. D.: Born in 1817 and died in 1911,

1906

authored "Himalayan journals: or, Notes of a naturalist in Bengal, the Sikkim and Nepal Himalayas, the Khasia Mountains, etc." By Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker. (Notes of a naturalist in Bengal, the Sikkim and Nepal Himalayas, the Khasia Mountains, etc.). Publisher: Ward, Lock & Co (London). Published in 1905.

1906

Survey of India: Publication of "Map of Sikkim." Publisher: Survey of India (Dehra Dun). Published in 1906.

1909

Enchey Monastery: The Enchey Monastery is an old Buddhist monastery situated just above the township of Gangtok, capital of Sikkim state India. An important seat of the Nyingma order, the Enchey Monastery is built on the site blessed by Lama Druptob Karpo, a tantric master known for his power of flying. This 200 year old monastery has in its premises images of Gods, Goddesses and other religious objects. Every year around January "Chaam" or religious masked dance is performed. Lama Druptob Karpa is supposed to have built a small hermitage at the spot he reached after he flew from Maenam Hill in South Sikkim. Later during the reign of Sikyong Tulku (1909-1910), the present monastery was built in the shape of a Chinese Pagoda. Following the Nyingma order, it has around 90 monks. The annual Puja (worship) is celebrated with dances on the 18th & 19th days of the twelfth month of the lunar calendar. [WP]

1911

Smith, William Wright: Author of "The Vegetation of the Zemu and Llonakh Valleys of Sikkim." Published in 1911.

Survey of India Offices: Publisher of "Panoramic Profile of the Hill Ranges of Sikkim. Scale of vertical & horizontal degrees, 20(= 110 mm.). (Sikkim and parts of Nepal and Bhutan. Scale, 1 inch = 16 miles)." Publisher: Survey of India

Offices (Calcutta). Published in 1911.

1912

Parker, Edward Harper: Born in 1849 and died in 1926, authored "China, Nepaul, Bhutan, and Sikkim: their mutual relations as set forth in Chinese official documents." Published in 1912.

Publication: Publication of "Administration Report of the Sikkim State for 1911-1912. (Miscellaneous Official Publications)." Published in 1912.

Shoemaker, Michael Myers: Author of "Indian Pages and Pictures. Rajputana, Sikkim, the Punjab, and Kashmir. With 63 illustrations." Published in 1912.

1913

Smith, William Wright: Author of "The Alpine and Sub-alpine Vegetation of South-east Sikkim." Published in 1913.

1916

Buchanan, W. J.: Author of "Notes on tours in Darjeeling and Sikkim (with map) By Lieut-Col. W.J. Buchanan." Publisher: published by the Darjeeling Improvement Fund (Darjeeling Sikkim). Published in 1916.

1917

O'Malley, Lewis Sydney Steward: Born in 1874 and died in 1941, authored "Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, Sikkim, by L.S.S O'Malley." Publisher: Cambridge University Press (Cambridge). Published in 1917.

1923

Palden Thondup Namgyal: Palden Thondup Namgyal (May 23, 1923 - January 29, 1982) was the 12th Chogyal (king) of Sikkim. [WP]

1924

1924

Ganju Lama: Ganju Lama was born in India at Sangmo, southern Sikkim, on July 22 1924 and, although neither an ethnic Gurkha nor a Nepalese subject, he enlisted in the 7th Gurkhas in 1942. At that time, Gurkha regiments were prepared to accept any potential recruit who closely resembled the Gurkha and lived near the border of Nepal. [WP]

1925

BERGH-MARGGRAFF, R. de: Author of "In het land van Oostersche pracht. Indrukken uit Britisch-Indië en zwerftochten door Kashmir en Sikkim, etc." Published in 1925.

Stevens, Herbert: Born in 1877 and died in 1964, authored "Notes on the birds of the Sikkim Himalayas." Publisher: Bombay Natural History Society (Bombay). Published in 1925.

Tombazi, N. A.: Author of "Account of a photographic expedition to the southern glaciers of Kangchenjunga in the Sikkim Himalaya." Publisher: N.A. Tombazi (Bombay). Published in 1925.

1926

Bruehl, Paul: Author of "A Guide to the Orchids of Sikkim, etc." Published in 1926.

1927

Bengal, Departments of State and Public Institutions: Publication of "Budget Estimate of Central Civil Works in Bengal Presidency including Sikkim, 1927-28." Published in 1927.

1928

Easton, John: Author of "An unfrequented highway through Sikkim and Tibet to Chumolaori, by John Easton." Published in 1928.

1931

Macdonald, British Trade Agent in Tibet. David: Publication of "Touring in Sikkim and Tibet." Published in 1931.

Survey of India: Publication of "Social and religious map of Bengal and Sikkim census of 1931." Publisher: Survey of India (Calcutta). Published in 1931.

1934

Hedger, F. O.: Author of "Orchids growing in New South Wales." Publisher: Chandra Nursery (Sikkim, India). Published in 1934.

1936

BELL, K.C.I.E. Charles Alfred: Publication of "Notebooks on Tibet, Bhutan, Sikkim and Chumbi Valley. Ms. notes." Published in 1936.

1938

Bailey, Frederick Marshman: Born in 1882 and died in 1967, authored "A catalogue of the F.M.Bailey bird collection and species notes relating to birds recorded in Nepal and adjacent areas of Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim." Published in 1938.

BELL, K.C.I.E. Charles Alfred: Publication of "Index to Cards. A subject index to the 'Diary' and 'Notebooks on Tibet, Bhutan, Sikkim, and the Chumb Valley,' by Sir C. A. Bell, and to works on Tibet by various authors. Compiled by Sir C. A. Bell." Published in 1938.

Gorer G.: Publication of "Himalayan village an account of the depchas of Sikkim." Published in 1938.

Morris, Charles John: Author of "Living with Lepchas. A book about the Sikkim Himalayas. With plates." Published in 1938.

1940

Grob, Ernst: Born in 1893, authored "Zwischen

1941

Kantsch und Tibet, Erstbesteigung des Tent-Peak, 7363m; Bildertagebuch einer neuen Sikkim-Kundfahrt 1939 der "Drei im Himalaja" Ernst Grob, Ludwig Schmaderer (und) Herbert Paidar." Published in 1940.

Hope Cooke: Hope Cooke (born San Francisco, California, June 24, 1940) is a New York tour guide and historian who married the 12th "Chogyal" (King), of the then-independent Kingdom of Sikkim (today part of India) in the Himalayas on March 20, 1963. [WP]

1941

Muir-Wood, Helen Marguerite: Author of "Upper Palaeozoic faunas of north Sikkim." By Helen M. Muir-Wood and Kenneth P. Oakley. Publisher: sold at the Central Book Dep?..., and at the Office of the Geological Survey of India (Calcutta). Published in 1941.

1943

Bhanja, K. C.: Author of "Wonders of Darjeeling and the Sikkim Himalaya (accounts all authentic)." Publisher: The Author (Darjeeling). Published in 1943.

Ganju Lama: Ganju Lama's tribe lived in the independent kingdom of Bhutan, in the Himalayas east of Sikkim. His real name was Gyantso, but a clerk in the recruiting office wrote it down as Ganju, and Ganju he remained. After leaving the regimental centre in 1943, he joined the 1st Battalion, 7th Gurkha Rifles, in Burma, near Imphal. [WP]

Macdonald, David: Author of "Touring in Sikkim and Tibet, by David Macdonald." Published in 1943.

1945

Stearn, William Thomas: Born in 1911 and died in 2002, authored "Account of the journey to Northern Sikkim, May 1945." Published in 1945.

1947

Bhanja, K. C.: Author of "Darjeeling at a glance: a handbook, both descriptive and historical of Darjeeling and Sikkim with thrilling accounts of Everest expeditions by land and air." Published in 1947.

East Sikkim: East Sikkim was part of the kingdom of Sikkim for most of its history. In the 19th century, the district was under the rule of the Bhutanese. After the Anglo Bhutan war, the territory was virtually under the command of the British forces. After India's independence in 1947, the area was part of the kingdom of Sikkim under the protection of India. During the Sino-Indian War of 1962, the Nathula Pass witnessed a few skirmishes between India and China. In 1975, the Sikkim formally became part of the Indian Union as India's 22nd state. [WP]

History of Sikkim: Sikkim had retained guarantees of independence from Britain when she became independent, and such guarantees were transferred to the Indian government when it gained independence in 1947. A popular vote for Sikkim to join the Indian Union failed and Prime Minister of Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru agreed to a special protectorate status for Sikkim. Sikkim was to be a tributary of India, in which India controlled its external defence, diplomacy and communication. A state council was established in 1955 to allow for constitutional government for the Chogyal, which was sustained until 1973. [WP]

1948

Danny Denzongpa: Danny Denzongpa (born February 25, 1948) is an Indian actor. Denzongpa was born in the state of Sikkim, at that time an independent monarchy. He has acted in numerous Hindi films such as "Ashoka" and "16 December". He has also starred in an international films, the most famous being "Seven Years in Tibet" where he acted alongside Hollywood actor Brad Pitt. In 2003, Denzongpa was awarded the "Padma Shree", India's fourth highest civilian honour. Denzongpa is noted for his roles as a villain. He is also the only actor to have come from Sikkim. [WP]

1950

Plants of Darjeeling and the Sikkim Himalayas. By K. Biswas. With plates and illustrations." Published in 1956.

1950

Lachung: The Indian Army has a forward base in the town. Before the annexation of Tibet in 1950, Lachung was a trading post between Sikkim and Tibet, after which it was closed down. The town's economy has been boosted by tourism in recent years as the region has been opened up by the Indian government. Tourist come from all over the world visit the town between October and May, mostly on their way to the Yumthang Valley and the Lachung Monastery. Most of Lachung's inhabitants are of Lepcha and Tibetan stock. Languages spoken here are Nepali, Lepcha and Bhutia. During winters the town is usually covered in snow. [WP]

Sikkim National Party: Sikkim National Party, political party in Sikkim, Formed in 1950. National Party was in favour of the monarchy and advocated independence for Sikkim. The party was founded to counter the growing influence of the pro-Indian parties Sikkim State Congress and Rajya Praja Sammelan, that had been formed after the independence of India in 1947. [WP]

Denmark, Miscellaneous Institutions and Societies: Publication of "Ethnological Field-Research in Chitral, Sikkim and Assam. Preliminary report. (From the Third Danish Expedition to Central Asia.) By Halfdan Siiger. With illustrations." Published in 1956.

Religion in India: A revival of Buddhism in India has made significant progress. In 1956, B. R. Ambedkar, a freedom fighter during the Indian struggle for independence from the British, and hundreds of thousands of his followers converted to Buddhism in protest against the caste system. Subsequent mass conversions on a lesser scale have occurred since then. Three-quarters of these "neo-Buddhists" live in Maharashtra. Alongside these converts are the Vajrayana Buddhists of Ladakh, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh, a small number of tribal peoples in the region of Bengal, and Tibetan refugees. [WP]

Siiger, Halfdan: Author of "From the Third Danish Expedition to Central Asia: ethnological field-research in Chitral, Sikkim and Assam: preliminary report." Publisher: E. Munksgaard (Kobnehavn). Published in 1956.

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Bengal, West. Departments of State and Public Institutions: Publication of "Census, 1951. West Bengal. (Sikkim and Chandernagore.)." Published in 1952.

India: Publication of "Administrative report; enumeration, West Bengal, Sikkim & Calcutta." Publisher: printed by the Govt. of India Press (Calcutta). Published in 1952.

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Rock, Joseph Francis Charles: Born in 1884 and died in 1962, authored "Excerpts from a history of Sikkim." Published in 1953.

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Calcutta. All-India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health. Section of Epidemiology.; **Bhattacharji, L. M.; Seal, S. C.:** Author of "Report on a rapid medical & general health survey of the Sikkim state, by S. C. Seal and L. M. Bhattacharji." Published in 1957.

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Hope Cooke: In 1959, Cooke, then a freshman at Sarah Lawrence, met Palden Thondup Namgyal, Crown Prince of Sikkim, in the bar of the Windamere Hotel in Darjeeling, India. He was then a widower nearly twice her age. [WP]

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Ali, Salim: Born in 1896 and died in 1987, authored "A picture book of Sikkim birds." Salim Ali; with illustrations by David Reid-Henry, Robert Scholz and Paul Barruel. Publisher: issued by the Conservator of Forests for the Government of Sikkim (Gangtok). Published in 1960.

Sikkim: Publication of "Sikkim Darbar Gazette, extraordinary. Published by authority. 1960. no. 7, etc. 24 Feb. 1960, etc." Published in 1960.

States and territories of India: Several new states and union territories have been created out of existing states since 1956. Bombay State was split into the linguistic states of Gujarat and Maharashtra on May 1 1960. Haryana was created in 1966 out of Punjab. The union territories of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Nagaland were created out of Assam. In 2000 three new states were created; Jharkhand was created out of the southern districts of Bihar, Chhattisgarh was created out of eastern Madhya Pradesh, and Uttaranchal was created out of

northwestern Uttar Pradesh. The Kingdom of Sikkim was annexed to India as a state in 1975. [WP]

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Bstan-'dzin-rgyal-mtshan, 18th cent: Publication of "Praj'a: lexicon-dictionary portions of the Sanskrit-Tibetan thesaurus-cum-grammar: with a foreword by Nalinaksha Dutt." Publisher: Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (Gangtok, Sikkim). Published in 1961.

History of Independent India: In 1961, after continual petitions for a peaceful handover, India invaded and annexed the Portuguese colony of Goa on the west coast of India. In 1971 India annexed the semi-independent principality of Sikkim. [WP]

Ripley, Sidney Dillon: Born in 1913 and died in 2001, authored "A synopsis of the birds of India and Pakistan together with those of Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan and Ceylon." Publisher: Bombay Natural History Society (Bombay). Published in 1961.

Sikkim National Congress: Sikkim National Congress, political party in Sikkim. SNC was founded in 1961 through a merger of Swatantra Dal, Rajya Praja Sammelan and dissidents of the then dominant parties, Sikkim State Congress and Sikkim National Party. Kazi Lendup Dorjee was the leader of SNC. [WP]

Westerlund, Per: Author of "Captain Bright: a story of missionary heroism and adventure in the Hamalaya country of Sikkim." By Per Westerlund; translated from the Swedish by Ernest Edwin Ryden. Publisher: Augustana Press (Rock Island, Ill). Published in 1961.

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Republic of China went to Sino-Indian war. Although Sikkim was an independent country, skirmishes occurred at the Nathula Pass between Indian border guards and the Chinese soldiers. Following India's subsequent defeat, the ancient Pass was permanently shut down. [WP]

Manager of Publications, Civil Lines: Publisher of "Census of India, 1961. Volume 16, West Bengal & Sikkim." Publisher: Manager of Publishers, Civil Lines (Delhi). Published in 1962.

Namgyal Institute of Tibetology: Publication of "Rgyan-drug Mchog-gnyis." Publisher: Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (Gangtok, Sikkim). Published in 1962.

Sölim Ali: Publication of "The birds of Sikkim." With plates by David Reid-Henry, Robert Scholz and Paul Barruel, and line drawings by Paul Barruel and Walter Ahrens. Published in 1962.

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D. Van Nostrand Co. Inc.; London: Publisher of "The Himalayan kingdoms (Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan)." Publisher: D. Van Nostrand Co. Inc.; London (Princeton N.J.). Published in 1963.

Guseva, Natal'ya Romanovna: Author of "Narody Iuzhnoi Azii. Indiiia, Pakistan, Nepal, Sikkim, Butan, Tseilon i Mal'divskie ostrova. Pod redaktsiei N. R. Gusevoi (and others). (With maps and plates)." Published in 1963.

Hoikusha Publ. Ltd: Publisher of "Spring flora of Sikkim Himalaya: by Japanese members of the Indo-Japanese botanical expedition to Sikkim and Darjeeling in 1960." Publisher: Hoikusha Publ. Ltd (Osaka). Published in 1963.

Indo-Japanese Botanical Expedition to Sikkim and Darjeeling: Publication of "Shikkimu Himaraya no shokubutsu." (by members of the Indo-Japanese Botanical Expedition to Sikkim and Darjeeling in 1960). Publisher: Hoikusha Publishing Co (Osaka). Published in 1963.

Karan, Pradyumna Prasad: Born in 1930, authored "The Himalayan Kingdoms: Bhutan, Sikkim and Nepal." By Pradyumna P. Karan and William M. Jenkins, Jr. Publisher: Van Nostrand (Princeton, N.J.). Published in 1963.

Palden Thondup Namgyal: Namgyal married Hope

Cooke in 1963, a twenty-two-year-old American graduate of Sarah Lawrence College. It was in this event that the marriage brought worldwide media attention to Sikkim. [WP]

Publication: Publication of "Narody èI Uzghnoi Azii: Indèi, Pa, Pakistan, Nepal, Sikkim, Butan, èT èSe, jilon i Mal'devskie ostrova. Pod. red. N. R. Gusevoji." Published in 1963.

1964

American University: Publication of "U.S. Army area handbook for Nepal (with Sikkim and Bhutan)." Co-authors: George L. Harris (and others). Publisher: Govt. Pr. Off (Washington (D.C.)). Published in 1964.

Harris, George Lawrence: Born in 1910, authored "Area handbook for Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan: U.S. Army." George L. Harris ... (et al.). Published in 1964.

Namgyal Institute of Tibetology: Publisher of "Bulletin of Tibetology." Publisher: Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (Gangtok, Sikkim). Published in 1964.

Office of the Supt. of Census Operations, West Bengal & Sikkim: Publisher of "Murshidabad Nizamut: letters received, 1793-1856." Edited by J. Datta Gupta and Sanat Kumar Bose. Publisher: Office of the Supt. of Census Operations, West Bengal & Sikkim (Calcutta). Published in 1964.

Publication: Publication of "U. S. Army Area handbook for Nepal (with Sikkim and Bhutan)." Publisher: for sale by the Supt. of Docs., U.S. Govt. Print. Off (Washington). Published in 1964.

Sikkim: Publication of "Sikkim; the land and its people." Published in 1964.

Vasubandhu: Publication of "Vimsatika vijnaptimatrata-siddhi." With introduction, notes and an index verborum by N. Aiyaswami Sastrin. Publisher: Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (Gangtok, Sikkim). Published in 1964.

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Hope Cooke: Four years later, Cooke, an Episcopalian, married the Crown Prince in a Buddhist monastery. He became monarch of

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Sikkim in 1965 but was deposed in 1973 and confined to his palace under house arrest. The couple had two children, Palden and Hope Leezum. [WP]

- India. Superintendent of Census Operations, West Bengal & Sikkim:** Publication of "District census handbook, Kerala. (By) M. K Davassy, Superintendent of Census Operations, Kerala and the Union Territory of Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands." Published in 1965.
- Manager of Publications:** Publisher of "West Bengal & Sikkim: handicrafts survey monograph." Investigation, tabulation & first draft, Dipankar Sen ... (et al.); final draft, editing. Sukumar Sinha. Office of the Superintendent of Census Operations, West Bengal & Sikkim. Publisher: Manager of Publishers (Delhi). Published in 1965.
- Olschak, Blanche Christine:** Author of "Sikkim: Himalajastat zwischen Gletschern und Dschungeln." Publisher: Schweizer Verlagshaus (Zürich). Published in 1965.
- Palden Thondup Namgyal:** Shortly after their marriage, his father died and Namgyal was crowned the new Chogyal according an astrologically favorable date in 1965. India annexed Sikkim in 1975 through receiving a 97%-majority election vote, thus ending his rule. [WP]
- Publication:** Publication of "Reader's report by Hugh Merrick on Sikkim." By Blanche Christine Olschak manuscript. Published in 1965.

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- Goyal, Narendra:** Author of "Political history of Himalayan states-Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim & Nagaland since 1947. (2nd edition.)." Published in 1966.
- Haldipur, R. N.:** Author of "Address of Shri R. N. Haldipur, principal administrative officer, Govt. of Sikkim: at the darbar held by the Chogyal Thondup Namgyal at the Yabring of the Palace Tsuk-lak-khang on the occasion of the Losar (New year day) of the Fire Horse year, February 21, 1966." Publisher: printed at the Sikkim Darbar Press (Gangtok). Published in 1966.
- History of Independent India:** In 1966, power passed to Nehru's daughter, Indira Gandhi, who
- served as Prime Minister from 1966 to 1977. Meanwhile trouble brewed up in the Indian protectorate of Sikkim against the rule of the Chogyal. After a referendum held, the people voted to make Sikkim India's 21st state. On 26 April, 1975, Sikkim formally became a part of India. In 1975, beset with deepening political and economic problems as well as threats to her power, Gandhi declared a state of emergency and suspended many civil liberties, a controversial move that thrust India into a two-year standstill. (See Indian Emergency.) Seeking a mandate at the polls for her policies, she called for elections in 1977, only to suffer electoral defeat at the hands of Morarji Desai, who headed the Janata Party, an amalgamation of five opposition parties. [WP]
- Indo-Japanese Botanical Expedition to Sikkim and Darjeeling:** Publication of "The flora of Eastern Himalaya: Results of the Botanical Expedition to Eastern Himalaya organized by the University of Tokyo 1960 and 1963." Publisher: University of Tokyo Press (Tokyo). Published in 1966.
- Mukherjea, A. K. and A. K. Sen:** "Leptospiral antibodies in random human population in Sikkim" appears in Bulletin of the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine written by A. K. Mukherjea and A. K. Sen. Published in April 1966.
- Saskatoon, University of Saskatchewan:** Publication of "The Himalayan kingdoms. A bibliography of Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan. Being mainly a survey of English language publications since 1950. Compiled and edited with an introduction by Sushil Kumar Jain, M.A., for the Social Studies Curriculum Committee, Depa." Published in 1966.
- Sikkim Janata Party:** Basnet had been prosecuted by the monarchy in 1966, whereafter he had founded SJP. In 1980 he wrote the book "His Majesty's Paying Guest". [WP]
- West Bengal. Commerce and Industries Department:** Publication of "Plants of Darjeeling and the Sikkim Himalayas." Published in 1966.

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- Coelho, V. H.:** Born in 1917, authored "Sikkim and

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- Bhutan." Publisher: Indian Council for Cultural Relations (New Delhi (India)). Published in 1967.
- India. Superintendent of Census Operations, West Bengal & Sikkim:** Publication of "Village survey monograph on Bhumij Dhan Sol." Investigation, tabulation, & first draft (by) Gour Chandra Bagchi; editing & final draft (by) Sukumar Sinha. Published in 1967.
- King, George:** Born in 1840 and died in 1909, authored "The orchids of the Sikkim-Himalaya." By Sir George King and Robert Pantling. Publisher: J. Cramer; New York, N.Y. Stechert-Hafner Service Agency (Lehre). Published in 1967.
- National Museum of Denmark:** Publisher of "The Lepchas: culture and religion of a Himalayan people. 1, Results of anthropological field work in Sikkim, Kalimpong, and Git." Publisher: National Museum of Denmark (Copenhagen). Published in 1967.
- Siiger, Halfdan:** Author of "The Lepchas; culture and religion of a Himalayan people. Part 1, Results of anthropological field work in Sikkim, Kalimpong, and Git." Published in 1967.
- United States. Central Intelligence Agency:** Publication of "India with Sikkim, Bhutan, Jammu and Kashmir." Publisher: Central Intelligence Agency (Washington, D.C.). Published in 1967.
- Yeshe Losal:** He did indeed briefly take up this post before leaving in 1967 to serve as Private Secretary to His Holiness the 16th Karmapa at Rumtek Monastery in Sikkim. All though still a layperson he had a privileged position receiving teachings from high lamas. [WP]

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- Harvard University. Library:** Publication of "Southern Asia: Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, India, Laos, Malaya, Nepal, Pakistan, Sikkim, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam: classification schedule, classified listing by call number, alphabetical listing by author or title, chronological listing." Publisher: The Library (Cambridge). Published in 1968.
- MADANJEET SINGH:** Publication of "Himalayan art. Wall-painting and sculpture in Ladakh, Lahaul and Spiti, the Siwalik ranges, Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan. With illustrations, including a map." Published in 1968.
- Schappert, Linda G.:** Author of "Sikkim, 1800-1968; an annotated bibliography, by Linda G. Schappert. --." Publisher: East-West Center Library, East-West Center (Honolulu). Published in 1968.
- Sikkim:** Publication of "Sikkim. An independent fortnightly. vol. 2. no. 17-19, 21, 22; vol. 3. no. 3, 4, 6-11. 19 Mar.-20 Apr., 21 May, 5 June 1968; 21 Aug., 9 Sept., 15 Oct. 1968-23 Jan. 1969." Published in 1968.
- Singh, Madanjeet:** Author of "L'art de l'Himalaya: la peinture murale et la sculpture: Ladakh, Lahaul et Spiti, Siwalik, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan." Publisher: UNESCO. Published in 1968.
- Widener library:** Publication of "Widener library shelflist. 19, Southern Asia Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, India, Laos, Malaya, Nepal, Pakistan, Sikkim. Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam." Publisher: Harvard U.P (distr). Published in 1968.

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- Gyamtso, P. T.:** Author of "An introduction to Sikkimese songs." Compiled and edited by P. T. Gyamtso. Publisher: Sikkim Government Press (Gangtok). Published in 1969.
- Mi-bskyod-rdo-rje, Karma-pa VIII:** Publication of "Dbuma jugpahi rnamshad Dagsbrgyud grubpahi shingrta." By Mi-bskyod-rdo-rje, the Eighth Rgyal-dbang-karma-pa; edited by Topga Tulku. Publisher: Dharma Chakra Cen(t)re (Rumtek, Sikkim). Published in 1969.
- Movie Release:** The movie "Road to Sikkim" is released.
- Publication:** Publication of "Art of the Asian Mountains: A group of paintings, sculptures and objects from Bhutan, Nepal, Sikkim and Tibet, lent by museums and private collection; December 17 through January 24, The Miami Art Center. Exhibition catalog." Published in 1969.
- Sikkim Govt. Press:** Publisher of "An Introduction to Sikkimese songs." Compiled and edited by P.T. Gyamtso. Publisher: Sikkim Govt. Press

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(Gangtok). Published in 1969.

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- Belfiglio, Valentine John:** Born in 1934, authored "The foreign relations of India with Bhutan, Sikkim and Nepal between 1947-1967: an analytical framework for the study of big power-small power relations." Published in 1970.
- Hecker, Hellmuth:** Author of "Sikkim und Bhutan: die verfassungsgeschichtliche und politische Entwicklung der indischen Himalaya-Protectorate." Publisher: in Kommission beim A. Metzner Verlag (Hamburg: (Forschungsstelle für Völkerrecht); Frankfurt/M). Published in 1970.
- Hoogstraal, H., et al.:** "Haemaphysalis (Kaiseriana) davisi sp. n. (Ixodoidea: Ixodidae), a parasite of domestic and wild mammals in Northeastern India, Sikkim, and Burma" appears in The Journal of Parasitology written by H. Hoogstraal, V. Dhanda and H. R. Bhat. Published in June 1970.
- Sino-Indian relations:** Relations between China and India deteriorated during the rest of the 1960s and the early 1970s as Sino-Pakistani relations improved and Sino-Soviet relations worsened. The PRC backed Pakistan in its 1965 war with India. Between 1967 and 1971, an all-weather road was built across territory claimed by India, linking China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region with Pakistan; India could do no more than protest. China continued an active propaganda campaign against India and supplied ideological, financial, and other assistance to dissident groups, especially to tribes in northeastern India. China accused India of assisting the Khampa rebels in Tibet. Diplomatic contact between the two governments was minimal although not formally severed. The flow of cultural and other exchanges that had marked the 1950s ceased entirely. The flourishing wool, fur and spice trade between Lhasa and India through the Nathula Pass, an offshoot of the ancient Silk Route in the then Indian protectorate of Sikkim was also severed. However the biweekly postal network through this pass was kept alive, which exists till today. [WPI]

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- Coelho, V. H.:** Author of "Sikkim and Bhutan." Publisher: Vikas (for) Indian Council for Cultural Relations (Delhi). Published in 1971.
- Dhondt, Astère Michel:** Author of "De koning en de koningin van Sikkim in de Haarlemmerhouttuinen. Gedichten, spelen, brieven 1968-1971. (Dor) Astère Michel Dhondts." Publisher: de Bezige Bij (Amsterdam). Published in 1971.
- Hoogstraal, H. and R. M. Mitchell:** "Haemaphysalis (Alloceraea) aponomoides Warburton (Ixodoidea: Ixodidae), description of immature stages, hosts, distribution, and ecology in India, Nepal, Sikkim, and China" appears in The Journal of Parasitology written by H. Hoogstraal and R. M. Mitchell. Published in June 1971.
- MADANJEET SINGH:** Publication of "Himalayan art. L'art de l'Himalaya. La peinture murale et la sculpture. Ladakh, Lahaul et Spiti, Siwalik, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan. (Traduit. par Françoise Brüscheweiler, Anne-Michèle Etienne)." Published in 1971.
- Mele, Pietro Francesco:** Author of "Sikkim." (photographs by) Pietro Francesco Mele; text by Desmond Doig and Jean Perrin. Publisher: Oxford & IBH Publishing Co (Calcutta). Published in 1971.
- Movie Release:** The movie "Sikkim" is released.
- Rustomji, Nari Kaikhostu:** Author of "Enchanted frontiers. Sikkim, Bhutan and India's north-eastern borderlands." Published in 1971.

1972

- Gordon, Eugene:** Born in 1923, authored "Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan (Himalayan kingdoms) in pictures." Publisher: Oak Tree Press Co. c (New York, Sterling Pub. Co.; London). Published in 1972.
- Kandell, Alice S.:** Author of "Mountaintop kingdom: Sikkim. Photos. by Alice S Kandell. Text by Charlotte Y. Salisbury. Introd. by Harrison E. Salisbury." Publisher: Vikas (Delhi; London). Published in 1972.
- Raghnadha Rao, P.:** Author of "India and Sikkim

1973

- (1814-1970)." Publisher: Sterling Publishers (New Delhi). Published in 1972.
- Rao, P. R.:** Author of "India and Sikkim, 1814-1970." Published in 1972.
- Sikkim Janata Party:** Sikkim Janata Party, a political party in Sikkim, founded by Lal Bahadur Basnet. The party was active in the struggle for democratic reforms. In October 1972 SJP merged with Sikkim State Congress to form Sikkim Janata Congress. [WP]
- Bangla Desh, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan."** Gisela Bonn, Gisela Wirsing. (Indien und der Subkontinent. English) (Neues Licht aus Indien.). Publisher: Oxford & IBH Pub. Co (New Delhi). Published in 1974.
- Grover, B. S. K.:** Born in 1935, authored "Sikkim and India: storm and consolidation." B S. K. Grover; with an (sic) foreword by Hon'ble Kazi Lhendup Dorji and introd. by L. M. Singhvi. Publisher: Jain Bros (New Delhi). Published in 1974.
- Sain, M.:** Author of "Rhododendrons of Darjeeling and Sikkim Himalayas." Publisher: britt and Jean Smith (Seattle, Wash). Published in 1974.
- Sikkim National Congress:** In 1974 the first democratically elected government took office in Sikkim. In the first elections after the fall of the monarchy the party won 31 out of 32 seats. [WP]

1973

- American University:** Publication of "Area handbook for Nepal, Bhutan, and Sikkim Co-authors: George L. Harris (et al.) Research for second edition completed November 1972." Published in 1973.
- Bonn, Gesela:** Born in 1909, authored "Indien und der Subkontinent, Reisführer und Länderkunde Indien, Pakistan, Bangla Desh, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan." (von) Gisela Bonn (und) Gisela Wirsing. Published in 1973.
- India. Census, 1961:** Author of "Census of India, 1961: West Bengal & Sikkim." Publisher: Manager of Publications (Delhi). Published in 1973.
- Jain, Ajit Pershad:** Born in 1933, authored "Sikkim: retrospects and prospects (by) A. P Jain." Published in 1973.
- Pawan Kumar Chamling:** Chamling was born in Yangang in South Sikkim district and entered politics in 1973. He is also the author of several books. [WP]
- United States. Central Intelligence Agency:** Publication of "India, with Sikkim and Bhutan (cartographic material)." United States Central Intelligence Agency. Publisher: Central Intelligence Agency (Washington, D.C.). Published in 1973.
- Bhat, H. R.:** "A survey of haematophagous arthropods in Western Himalayas, Sikkim and Hill Districts of West Bengal: records of mosquitoes collected from Himalayan region of West Bengal and Sikkim with ecological notes" appears in The Indian Journal of Medical Research written by H. R. Bhat. Published in February 1975.
- Gana Kébé, M'baye:** Born in 1936, authored "Kaala Sikkim: nouvelles." Publisher: Nouvelles éditions africaines (Dakar). Published in 1975.
- National Council of Educational Research and Training:** Publication of "The curriculum for the ten-year school: a framework." National Council of Educational Research and Training. Publisher: Directorate of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, (Gangtok). Published in 1975.
- Satyajit Ray:** Sikkim (film) - the documentary was commissioned by the King of Sikkim when he saw the sovereignty of Sikkim under threat from China and India. Satyajit Ray's documentary captures exactly that - the sovereignty of Sikkim. After the Indian annexation of Sikkim in 1975, the documentary was banned by the Indian government, and all existing copies of the documentary destroyed. The only piece of the film left is a scene-by-scene written reconstruction of

1975

1974

- Basnet, Lal Bahadur:** Publication of "Sikkim: a short political history." Published in 1974.
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Neo-Buddhism: At the beginning of the 20th century, Buddhism was all but dead in India, the land of its origin. Certain tribal groups in Bengal continued to follow Buddhism, as did peoples in Ladakh and Sikkim where Tibetan culture was influential, but these groups were on the margins of Indian society. Historical research and increased contact with the rest of the Buddhist world, led to renewed interest in Buddhism. Thinkers such as Iyothee Thass, Brahmananda Reddy, and Dharmananda Kosambi began to discuss it in very favourable terms. [WP]

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D M Vasudevan: He has been the Principal of Thrissur Medical College. After his retirement from there, he joined the Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore and the Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences as the Dean in 2000. From 2002 he has been in the present position. [WP]

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Excerpt: India's Prime Minister is leaving China after a groundbreaking visit aimed at improving trade and ending a long-standing border dispute that flared into war back in the 1960's. Chinese and Indian officials say the appointment of top-level envoys should speed the settlement of the difficult and complex border dispute that has tangled their relations for decades. ... Mr. Vajpayee also says that a dispute over the territory of Sikkim, sandwiched between the two giants, soon would be over now that China has agreed to allow border trade through the area. He says this will end a point of contention between Beijing and New Delhi. **Author:** Jim Randle.

China - News: October 9, 2003 — **Headline:** China, India Appear to Settle Dispute Over Sikkim.

Excerpt: After years of diplomatic standoffs, China and India this week appeared to be settling a dispute over the region of Sikkim. But there are indications China may be backing away from resolving the issue. At this week's Asian leader's summit in Bali, Indonesia, Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao met with his Indian counterpart, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and appeared to settle the dispute over the border region of the Himalayan state of Sikkim. Mr. Wen reportedly told Mr. Vajpayee that China has dropped the description of Sikkim as a "separate country" on its foreign-ministry Web site.

China - News: October 23, 2003 — **Headline:**

Senior Indian and Chinese Officials Try to Resolve Their Long-Standing Border Disputes.

Excerpt: Senior Indian and Chinese officials have begun another round talks in New Delhi to try to resolve their long-standing border disputes. The 14th round of talks got underway in New Delhi Thursday. The parties are led by India's national Security Advisor Brajesh Mishra and China's Vice

Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo. ... Earlier this month, the official Chinese website stopped showing another Indian region - Sikkim - on its list of sovereign Asian nations. New Delhi called the move an important step towards recognizing the region as an Indian state.

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Excerpt: Officials from India and China say agreements signed during the Indian prime minister's visit to Beijing are helping build a better relationship between the Asian giants. For decades, ties between India and China have been tangled by tensions over Tibet, Beijing's close ties with India's rival Pakistan and fighting over territory both sides claim. ... But there was less progress on the issue of Sikkim, a small territory sandwiched between India and China. Beijing has long refused to recognize Sikkim as part of India. Monday, the two sides signed an agreement on expanding cross-border trade, which could include a route through Sikkim. But Chinese officials say the question of Sikkim is "an enduring one" that "can not be solved overnight."

India - News: July 24, 2003 — **Headline:** Indian Prime Minister Reiterated That There is No Change in New Delhi's Stand on Tibet. **Excerpt:** Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

reiterated that there is no change in New Delhi's stand on Tibet. He was speaking to the Lower House of the Indian Parliament on his recent visit to China. Mr. Vajpayee assured the Indian lawmakers that there was no change in the decade-old policy of the Indian government that Tibet Autonomous Region is a part of the People's Republic of China and added that he had said nothing new about the presence of H. H. the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan refugees in India. He says that with the opening of the Nathu La Pass as a point for Sino-Indian border trade, Sikkim will gradually cease to be an issue between India and China.

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Tibetan - News: June 10, 2003 — **Headline:** Two Tibetan Exiled Members of Parliament Visit Gangtok. **Excerpt:** Two members of the Tibetan exile parliament have been visiting Tibetan settlements in Sikkim. Tibetan settlements in Sikkim are scattered in many parts of Sikkim, some near Natu La, Sikkim-Tibet border. The two MPs are briefing the Tibetans about the work of the exiled government and also on the status of the Sino-Tibetan relations. They also have been visiting various Tibetan schools.

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relations between the two countries for decades. The talks in New Delhi between Indian National Security Adviser J.N. Dixit and Chinese Executive Vice Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo were the third since January, when both countries vowed to speed up efforts to solve a long-standing boundary dispute. ... Last year, the two countries reached a similar solution over another dispute. India acknowledged Tibet as a part of China in writing and then Beijing conceded Indian sovereignty over Sikkim. Beijing had previously referred to Sikkim as a separate country. **Author:** Anjana Pasricha.

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India - News: June 28, 2007 — **Headline:** Sikkim, India Tries to Balance Energy Development with Preservation. **Excerpt:** Young Buddhist monks chant inside the Enchey Monastery overlooking Sikkim's capital of Gangtok. Those ethereal sounds are part of the allure for tourists who make it to the remote Indian state surrounded by West Bengal, Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet. Sikkim also is known for its pristine environment, and officials tout the state as India's premier eco-tourism destination. ... But many in Sikkim, which India forcibly annexed in 1975, feel there is more to lose than gain. They note dam construction elsewhere in India has displaced communities, destroyed natural habitats and fouled aquatic eco-systems. **Author:** Steve Herman.

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