



**DIRECTORATE OF SIKKIM STATE LOTTERIES
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM, GANGTOK.**

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NOTICE REGARDING ILLEGAL ONLINE CASINO OPERATIONS

It has come to the attention of the Directorate of Sikkim State Lotteries that a number of unauthorized and illegal online websites and mobile applications are operating under misleading names such as "*Sikkim Casino*" and similar variants.

These online platforms/Casinos are not covered under the Sikkim Casinos (Control & Tax) Act, 2002 and the Sikkim Casino Games (Regulation) Rules, 2007, and are therefore deemed illegal.

As per Rule 4 of the *Sikkim Casino Games (Regulation) Rules, 2007*, any person, company, or firm intending to operate casino games within the State of Sikkim is mandatorily required to obtain a license from the Directorate of Sikkim State Lotteries. No operations can be initiated without such prior authorization.

The State Government reserves the right to initiate suo moto action against individuals, organizations, or companies found to be conducting unlicensed or unlawful gaming operations. Legal prosecution shall be pursued as per the applicable laws and regulations.

It is hereby once again notified that:

- Any person, firm, agency, or digital platform (site/app) found operating or promoting the so-called "*Sikkim Casino*" or similar unauthorized casino games shall be held liable for legal action.
- These illegal entities not only defraud the general public, but also cause significant revenue loss to the Government exchequer.


Officially Licensed Casinos:

As of this notification, the Directorate has granted licenses to only five (05) casinos, all of which are authorized for on-ground operations only. Similarly for Online Games & Sports Gaming, the Directorate has granted License to only one firm by name M/s Golden Gaming International Private Limited. No license has been issued for conducting casino games via online platforms, websites, or mobile apps.

Advisory:

The general public is hereby advised to exercise caution and refrain from engaging with any such unauthorized platforms. Verification of legitimate gaming entities can be done through the Directorate of Sikkim State Lotteries.




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