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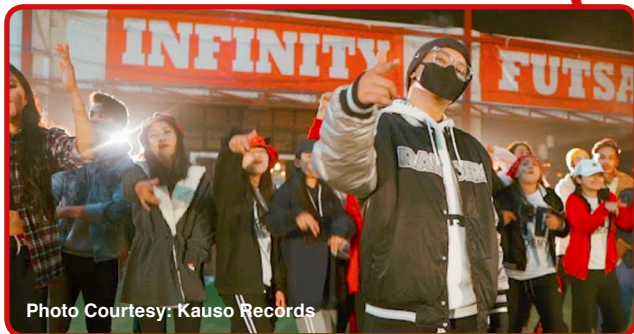


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ZOREL

Rapper UNB premiered the music video of his highly anticipated song 'Dami Dami' in an event held at Infinity Futsal Arena in Daragaon on Saturday.

The video features some of the best dancers Sikkim has produced including the late Premkit Lepcha. Applying vital jolts of energy in the video, Sidhika, Krishna and Tuli also make appearances. Additionally, the MV also has cameos from models like Rubaru Mr Global India, Tseteej Shiwakoty, dance crew

like BRSTP from Namchi, Sikkim Dance Crew, Paul Studio, Dynamic Flickers, Funky Hop, Funky Fresh and rappers from in and around Gangtok.

The 'Chogyal' hitmaker while speaking to the crowd said that the song is his version of 'Bir Gorkhali' by Mantra.

"What I want people to remember from this video is that Sikkim has what it takes to dominate the country. We all artists are 'Dami' and we want the whole nation to know that."

In the first 24 hours, the music video gained 20,000 views on YouTube.

'Dami Dami' is a follow up to his incredibly successful song 'Malai Na Sikha'.

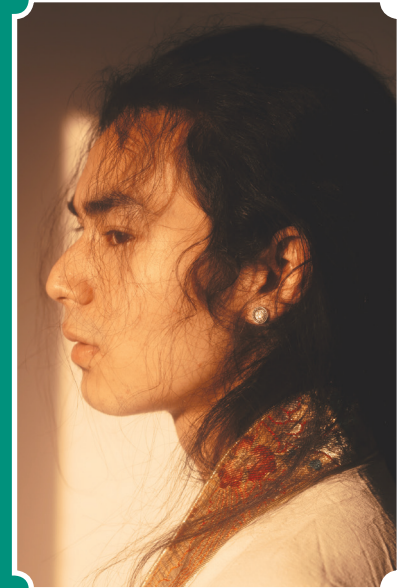
The premiere was attended by featured rappers, dancers, models and journo from different media houses. SKM functionary, Sonam Wongchuk attended the event as guest of honor.

Citing names like The Notorious B.I.G, Tupac Shakur and Yama Buddha Mr Wongchuk applauded the efforts of the rapper to unite artists and make something as creative as 'Dami Dami'.

UNB also performed songs like 'Letter From Heaven', 'Hum Bhi Kya Kum Hain' from his repertoire.

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BOLLYWOOD DREAMS....

ASPIRING ACTOR MRINAL SINGH LOOKS TO MAKE IT BIG IN MUMBAI

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It was 2018, Broken Wings, the movie which would go down in history as the first feature film to come out from Darjeeling in the Indian/International cinema hadn't found its male lead 'Endo' yet. Director, Shpenenn Khymzar had already auditioned 300+ boys for the part of Endo and still none of the aspiring actors competing for the prestigious part could capture the essence of the character.

Around same time, Mrinal Singh was doing gigs and shoots in Darjeeling and it just so happened, the organizers of Mr and Miss Darjeeling wanted to use Mrinal's photographs for the advertisement posters. The posters made its way to various places in and around Darjeeling and just how things fall into places, Shpenenn Khymzar spotted the advertisement poster somewhere in Kurseong and called Mrinal to ask him to audition for the role. He had found his Endo.

"I never thought I would be an actor. I was into creative arts but after 'Broken Wings' happened I decided to go for it and do it properly and seriously," Mrinal said.

True to his words, Mrinal moved to Mumbai and is currently auditioning for films, TVC and web series.

Impressively, the budding actor has done two commercials, an international TVC and voice-acting for an Amazon Prime web series. He also walked for Darjeeling based designer, Priyanka Ella Lorena Lama (P.E.L.L.A) and OneBlueBird at Lakme Fashion Week NEXA.

He was also photographed by Ishaan Nair, one of the best celebrity fashion photographer in the country for Jio.

"There are very few Gorkha Nepali actors in the Hindi film industry, I feel proud to represent my community and I hope I make them proud," he said.

The cast of Broken Wings also includes Sunakshi Grover, Vinay Pathak, Shubhdeep Raha, Neetu Panday, Reuben Pradhan, Nima Sherpa, Mingma Lhamo Tamang, and Bhavya Sharma.

Director Shpenenn had earlier shared that the movie will be released in OTT platforms and theatres in Gangtok, Darjeeling, Northeast and Nepal.

MV OUT SOON!

REMANTI'S DUET WITH PRANU 'SAATHI' OUT SOON

Singer Remanti Rai has announced the release of her brand new song titled 'Saathi' with Pranu Rai Tamang. The teaser of the music video featuring Pragya Dolma Tshering and Tapashwee Rai is out. "The video shows friendship between two individuals and how it lasts through the test of time," the singer said. The video is directed by Pallawib Singock.



COMING UP!

JEREMY RAI TO APPEAR IN 'TYO DARAPARI' MV



Mr Sikkim Manhunt alum Jeremy Rai is all set to appear in the music video of the brand new song 'Tyo Dara Pari' by singer/songwriter Raiba. The MV also features Preana Tamang and will be released on 16th April. The director's hat for the MV is helmed by Sangam Tamang.

MANDALA ANNOUNCES NEW SINGLE 'BACHNA SAKDINA'

Darjeeling based punk/pop-rock band 'Mandala' have announced that they are releasing their brand new single 'Bachna Sakdina' on 20 April. The music video will also be released alongside the song, the band has revealed. Gaurav Malla Pradhan is set to make an extended appearance in the video. Mandala consists of Praggya Lama (guitars), Jygmee Bhutia (bass), Alex Pradhan (keys), Ditya Rai (saxophone), Ushang Bomzon (drums) and Benoy Thapa (vocals).



TOP 10 FOR BKEY

Renowned stand-up comedian, Bkey Agarwal has secured his place in the top 10 finalists in the second season of Comedy Champions. Bkey Agarwal, popularly known as 'Being Bkey' was born and brought up in Mangan, North Sikkim. He is also the co-founder of Sikkim's first stand up comedy show, Hasais Katle.

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Tseteej Shiwakoty now
has his sights set on
Mr Global 2021!

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PALZOR MACHUNGPA

Model and actor, Tseteej Shiwakoty is on cloud nine after he showed off his undeniable talents to become the first Sikkimese to bring home the coveted Rubaru Mr India title. He defeated 34 rivals in the competition which tested their talent and creativity, personality, social responsibility and interaction skills.

The 26 year old former GD Goenka School pupil will now represent the country in one of the biggest and most prestigious international pageants for men, the Mister Global pageant. He was crowned Rubaru Mr India 2020-21 at the grand finale of Rubaru Mr India 2020 pageant held in Goa securing a direct ticket to the Mister Global pageant to take place in Thailand in coming months.

"I had to take several moments to really sink it in because honestly, I was speechless when they announced my name. I wanted it so badly and it was the last international title. My eyes were closed and I had blocked all the noise. When they finally called my name I was shaking. I was so happy and excited that I directly went to the organizers and gave them a big hug," Tseteej said recalling his winning moment.

Prior to representing the State in the event, Tseteej had won Louis Phillippe Mr. Sikkim Kanchenjunga 2019 at the grand finale of Temi Tea Mr. Sikkim Manhunt in 2019.

Scheduled to take place in April 2020, the

event was delayed due to COVID-19. However, the organizers got in touch with the contestants conducting assignments and tasks culminating to the grand finale in Goa last week.

"It was grueling at first. I had to wait a whole year for the competition but looking back I think it was the best decision, given the circumstances. It really gave me time to prepare myself physically and mentally," Tseteej said talking about the abrupt halt in the pageant.

Preparation wise, the model shared that out of many things he had to learn to answer rapid fire questions with confidence while putting the point across to the interviewer.

"It was really intense. They put us through some intense Q&A sessions."

He hopes his achievement will bring pride and happiness to his parents and the State as a whole.

"My parents have been so incredibly supportive of me and my choices since day one. They went out of their way during my preparation days and motivated me to stay focus," he said.

Talking about his journey, the hunk said that competing in Mr Sikkim Manhunt was a life changing experience for him.

"Participating in Mr Sikkim Manhunt was a huge confidence booster for me. I had zero experience in modeling but the organizers of Mr Sikkim Manhunt took great care of me and helped me have faith in myself. I came out of the shell and once I had the taste of confidence, I knew I could do it. The competition helped me find myself and I will be forever grateful for that," he said.

Tseteej's marvelous win was not without challenges. He said that breaking free from the shell of self-doubt and insecurities was what drove him to working on himself and being the better version of his previous self.

"When you decide what you want with your life, give everything you've got. Focus



Photo Courtesy: Amit Khanna

your energy on the thing you want badly. Don't overthink and never juggle too many things because then your focus splits," he said.

Already focused on the next stop in his journey, Tseteej looks to bring the Mr Global title to India.

"Although months ahead, I know I will be prepared for Mr Global. I want to do it for the country."

He hopes to use his influence to discuss the importance of health and fitness on his tryst to become Mr Global 2021.

"I don't think I will talk about anything else than what has helped me throughout this journey and that is health and fitness. I know firsthand what good health can do to a person's mind," he said.

When asked about his other passion (s) other than modeling, Tseteej said he likes outdoor activities like trekking and cycling. He is also a fan of taekwondo and basketball.

Rubaru Mr India is the biggest male pageant of India. The candidates opened the final show in an exclusive Indo-Western collection by designer, Vishal Thawami. Previous winners of the pageant, Prateek Baid, Akash Choudhary, Ashwani Neeraj and Pradeep Kharera returned this season as the candidate's trainers and mentors. The seven-day event concluded on 08th April with three Northeastern models making history.

Apart from Tseteej, Songashim Runglung from Manipur won the title of Rubaru Mr India United Continents and Arunachal Pradesh's Tumken Sora bagged the title of Rubaru Mr India Brand Ambassador.

What's interesting is that it was the debut appearance of all three States in the pageant. The three gentlemen ended up winning the top titles of the event and will now represent the country in international male pageants.





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