

Pawan Chamling: Bio-note

Born on September 22, 1950, Shri Pawan Chamling joined politics in 1973 during peoples' uprising and movement to usher in democratic government in Sikkim.

Shri Pawan Chamling was elected as the President of the local body in his own village in 1982. He was elected to the Sikkim Legislative Assembly in 1985. Re-elected in 1989, Shri Chamling was inducted into the Cabinet, given the portfolio of Industries, Information & Public Relations, Press & Printing.

In 1993, he formed a new regional party, the Sikkim Democratic Front and secured absolute majority in 1994 general elections. Shri Chamling was sworn in as Chief Minister on December 12, 1994.

He took up the task of re-building Sikkim by adopting green initiatives which would enable his people to breathe clean air, drink clean water and live in clean environment. Organic farming also formed a part of this development approach. With his untiring efforts, Sikkim finally became the first fully organic state in the Country on 18th January 2016. His intense zeal for upliftment of the poor and the disadvantaged, has led to conferment of other prestigious awards.

Re-elected in all subsequent elections in 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2014, Shri Chamling is serving his 5th consecutive term making him the longest serving Chief Minister of state in India.

Also a widely read poet and writer, many of his articles and poems have been rendered in English, Hindi and Bengali languages.