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COACHING FOR CIVIL SERVICES

Shillong, December 17, 2003: The Director of the All India Services Pre-Examination Training Centre invites applications for admission to the 34th Coaching Session for the Civil Services Preliminary (Qualifying) Examination, 2004 from qualified Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other backward classes and minority communities candidates residing the Northeastern region.

Coaching will be imparted in English for both, Arts and Science subjects. The last date for receipt of application in the prescribed Form in January 5 2004. Application Form can be received from the Office of the Director of the All India Services Pre-Examination Training Centre, Additional Secretariat, Shillong on a written request accompanied with self addressed envelop (23cmX10cm) bearing Rs./- postage stamp.

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HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD

Shillong, December 17, 2003: The Tura Unit of the Directorate of Field Publicity, Government of India, recently conducted two special programmes on Iodine deficiency at Gorobadha PHC Complex and Oragitok Community hall under West Garo Hills in coordination with Health Department, CDPO and IFAD, Tura.

The aim and objective of the programme was to create awareness among the people particularly women, on the harmful effects of iodine deficiency, which results in abnormal growth of the thyroid gland. The programme laid stress on the need of having adequate iodine in the body for the overall mental and physical well-being.

The participants were urged upon by Ms. V C War, CDPR, Selsella who spoke at the at and Gorobadha PHC Complex and Dr A C Hazarika, RCH District Officer at Oragitok, to utilise iodized salt in their daily diet, to safeguard against iodine deficiency disorder diseases which are yet to have a cure.

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RASH AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING ON NH-40

Shillong, December 17, 2003: In view of the recent spate of accidents along the National Highway-40 caused by rash and negligent driving, the District Administration, Ri Bhoi District has directed the Superintendent of Police to mobilise his personnel to enforce strict speed limits for vehicles plying along the National Highway-40, at 60kms per hour at slow traffic and 30-40kms/hour during rush hours. He also directed them to necessary and stringent action against the errant drivers.

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RI BHOI CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Shillong, December 17, 2003: With a view to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the people of the Ri Bhoi District, the Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, MR W L Lyngdoh, has resolved to declare "Shad Sajer" as a District Programme and also decided to call a district holiday on the said day. This festival will be celebrated on the first week of March every year.

In this connection, he therefore invites views and suggestions from NGOs/ Association or individuals etc and the same should reach the Office of the Deputy Commissioner on or before January 15, 2004.

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USE OF LOW DENSITY PLASTIC BAGS PROHIBITED

Shillong, December 17, 2003: As per the Meghalaya Prohibition of Manufactures, Sale, Use and Throwing of Low Density Plastic bags Act 2001, the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District has issued a notification prohibiting the manufacture, sale, use and throwing of low density plastic bags in the total area of Sohra Civil Sub-division, with immediate effect . Samples of low density plastic bags may be inspected in the Notice board of the Deputy Commissioner's office, Shillong.

Any contravention of the act would be dealt as per the rules framed under the Act.