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KHADC ELECTIONS

Shillong, February 5, 2004: The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District has informed that all public and all voters in the East Khasi Hills District who have been issued with EPIC, shall have to produce this Card to exercise their franchise when they go to the Polling Station for voting at the current Election to the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, the poll which is scheduled to take place on February 12, 2004.

Those electors who have not been issued with the EPIC by the Election Commission of India will have to produce some documentary evidence such as Passports, Driving license, Income Tax Identity (PAN) Cards, Service Identity Cards issued to its employees by State/Central Government/Public Sector Undertakings/Local Bodies or other Private Industrial Houses, Bank/Kisan/Post Office Passbooks (Account opened on or before December 31, 2002), Ration Cards issued on or before December 31, 2003, SC/ST/OBC Certificates issued by competent authority, Student Identity Cards, Property Documents such as Pattas, Registered Deeds etc, Arms Licenses, Conductor Licenses such as Ex-Servicemen's Pension book/Pension Payment order, Ex-Servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificates, Railway/Bus Passes, Certificate of Physical Handicap, Freedom Fighter Identity Cards, Domicile Certificates issued by the Government, for establishing their identity.

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LAPANG LAUNCHED CELL ONE MOBILE SERVICE

Shillong, February 5, 2004: The BSNL post paid mobile service, Cell One, was launched today at Hotel Polo Towers by the Meghalaya Chief Minister, Dr. D D Lapang.

In his inaugural address, Dr Lapang congratulated BSNL for enabling the people of North East in general and Meghalaya in particular to meet their long cherished dream. Saying that Meghalaya being a remote place in the country, the launch of Cell One mobile service would enhance communication facilities and would pave the way for other developmental activities in the region. He further appealed to the people to maintain a peaceful atmosphere, which is necessary to attract investors, which in turn would bring socio-economic development in the State. He also expressed hope that the Cell One mobile service would benefit the people by providing better facilities.

The Meghalaya Minister for Home (Police) and IPR, Mr R G Lyngdoh speaking on the occasion said that with the Cell One Service having been launched, the people of the State now have the luxury of choosing. Communication linkage upgraded in the State would benefit the people and make them more productive, he added.

Mr. R Purushotaman, Chief General Manager (Telephone), North East – I Circle informed that at present 7300 connection lines have been earmarked for Meghalaya of which 4000 will be for Shillong. He added that 5 base Stations have been set up for Cell One in Shillong and 2 more will be set up. National Highways Base Station too would be set up for better communication facilities, he added.

Others speaking on the occasion were Mr. K Manohar, GMTD, Mr, D R Nongrum, GM (Finance) and Mr. K Narayanan, GM (Mobile).

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BOURNVITA QUIZ CONTEST HELD AT UMIAM

Shillong, February 5, 2004: The Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, today visited Orchid Lake Resort, Umiam, to witness the Bournvita Quiz Contest, conducted by noted Delhi based Quiz Master, Derek O'Brian. The Quiz is being held from January 27 to February 7 where two schools from each North Eastern State and one each from Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Goa and Rajasthan participated in the contest. The participating schools from Meghalaya are the St. Edmund's School and Kendra Vidyalaya, Upper Primary School, both from Shillong.

The Deputy Commissioner hoped that the contest would immensely benefit the participating students and also showcase the beauty of the State to the outside world.

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74 WIDOWS AVAIL NFBS AT NONGPOH

Shillong, February 5, 2004: A total of 74 beneficiaries of Ri Bhoi District, including 33 from Umsning C & RD, 25 from Umling C & RD and 16 from Jirang C & RD availed the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) of Rs. 10,000 each from the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. W L Lyngdoh, today in his office chamber.

It may be noted that the NFBS, a Centrally sponsored Scheme, which was recently converted to a State Scheme, is aimed at helping the widows below the poverty line. The selection of the beneficiaries was based on their applications, duly identified and verified by the BDOs concerned.

While addressing the beneficiaries, Mr. Lyngdoh urged upon them to utilise the scheme by setting up businesses which would be a source of income thereby enabling to stand on their own feet and lead a self sufficient life.