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VANDE MATARAM SCHEME LAUNCHED

Shillong, February 9, 2004: The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, in collaboration with The Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecological Society of India, today launched the Vande Mataram Scheme at the Milliona Hall, Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong. Doctors from various private institutions, Headmen and Non-Governmental Organisations were present at the function being presided over by Mr. D P Wahlang, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District. Dr. O P Agarwal, DHS (MCH & FW) was the Chief Guest on the occasion, while Dr. I Rynjah, Director of Health Services (MI) was the Guest of Honour.

While stating that Vande Mataram is a Sanskrit word, which means 'I salute my mother most respectfully', Dr. Agarwal said that this programme, started by the Government of India envisages free treatment for pregnant women on every 9th of the month at specified centres. He said that this scheme, specially meant for mothers cannot be achieved by Government institutions because they do not have sufficient experts. He added that the scheme will be made possible only if there is an integration between Government and Private Institutions and also the involvement of non-governmental organisations.

Lamenting that in India, 400 out of 1 lakh mothers died post delivery, Dr. I Rynjah, in her speech as the Guest of Honour, said that the aim of the Central Government in launching this scheme is to provide free Ante-natal and Post-natal check-ups, free distribution of medicines, injections, oral pills and other contraceptives to the expectant mothers desiring Family Planning services. Dr. Rynjah appeal to the mothers to avail this opportunity for their well being and also for the benefit of the family

Mr. D P Wahlang, DC, in his speech, appeal to all private sectors to kindly volunteer and join the Vande Mataram Scheme and cooperate with the Government in this matter. He also urged upon Headmen and NGOs to cooperate with the Government, by creating awareness about this scheme. He inform that his office together with the Office of the District Medical & Family Welfare will provide free consultation, medicines etc.

The Deputy Commissioner also informs that this scheme will be implemented on March 9, 2004, where a team of doctors from Ganesh Das Hospital will provide free Ante-natal and Post-natal check-ups, free medicines and free consultation at Mawsynram Community Health Centre. The service will cover Weilo, Tyrsad, Mawsynram, Balat and adjoining areas.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Dr. S Nongpiur, Incharge Superintendent, Ganesh Das Hospital, who gave the welcome speech, Dr. R Wankhar, Gynaecologist and Dr. R Dkhar, District Maternal & Child Health Officer who deliver the vote of thanks.

Elsewhere, the Vande Mataram Scheme was also launched in Ri Bhoi District in a public function held at the premises of the Nongpoh CHC. The function was attended by mothers, NGOs, teachers, doctors and health workers under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Mr. W L Lyngdoh.

While speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner called upon the people to take full advantage of the scheme, which has been designed for the maximum benefit and is free of cost.

While the District Medical and Health Officer, Ri Bhoi District, Dr. T Swer informed the gathering about the facilities provided under this new scheme launched by the Central Government, others who spoke on the occasion included Dr. M S Mawrie, M & HO, Nongpoh, Mrs. B Sweetly, Representative of the NAAWA, Mr. D Nongshli, Headman of Saiden and Mr. S B Shimroy, Headmaster, Christian School, Nongpoh.

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CONSTITUTION OF VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

Shillong, February 9, 2004: The Government of Meghalaya has stressed on the need of constituting Vigilance Committee both in the Urban and Rural areas, at every Fair Price Shop Level and SK Oil Retailer Level. The functions of the Vigilance Committee are to keep watch on the arrival of P.D.S Commodities, to supervise the distribution of P.D.S Commodities to the consumers and to report to the authority any suspected case of malpractice by the dealers.

Therefore all Headman/Sirdars are requested to submit the lists of the Vigilance Committee approved by the Durbar to the office of the Deputy Commissioner (Supply). East Khasi Hills District Shillong before February 20, 2004 through their respective Fair Price Shop Dealers/SK Oil Retailers.

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PROHIBITION OF CARRYING OF ARMS

Shillong, February 9, 2004: Under section 134(B) of Representation of People Act 1951 and as inserted by the Representation of People (Amendment) Act 1996, the Deputy Commissioner (Election), Ri Bhoi District has issued an order prohibiting carrying of arms by persons other than an authorized person on a Polling Day.

Any person found violating the order shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 2 years or with fine or with both.

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FEBRUARY 12 DECLARED A HOLIDAY

Shillong, February 9, 2004: All State Government offices, educational institutions and Government establishments governed by the NI Act 1881 shall remain close on February 12, 2004 being the Polling date to the three Autonomous District Council in the State. This was informed by the Commissioner and Secretary, to the Government of Meghalaya, GAD.

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NOTIFICATION

Shillong, February 9, 2004: The Sub-Divisional Officer, PWD (Roads) has informed that due to the presence of several weak timer bridges on Mawsynram-Hatmawdon Ryingku road, the maximum permissible load, is restricted to 9.00 M.T. The above restriction will continue to be effective till further notice.

FOUNDATION STONE OF THE CHECK DAM AT MYNTDU RIVER LAID

Shillong, February 9, 2004: The Meghalaya Minister for Forest, Mr. S Mulieh, laid down the foundation stone of the check dam over the Myntdu river at a place called Treiongriang recently. The said function was organised by the Jaintia Fishing Association (JFA). In this context, a public meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. J K Passah, President JFA.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mulieh lauded the efforts of the JFA for its endeavour in constructing the check dam over the Myntdu river. While lamenting the lost of the original charm and splendour of the river Myntdu due to exploitative acts, such as quarrying for stones and sand from the riverbed by unscrupulous individuals, he called upon the members of the JFA to labour hard to eliminate those culprits who tried to destroy the environment.

Voicing his concern over the contamination of the river, he informed that the Planning Department has prepared a project wherein pipes from latrines will carry waste to a far off place without causing any contamination to the said river. He also informed that work in the river Myngngat is in progress in order to provide water supply to Jowai town at about 1200 litres per capita.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Mrs. E Gatphoh, President of the Rotary Club, Jowai, Mr. W Pakyntein, General Secretary JFA and Mr. N K Lamare, Assistant Secretary JFA.

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 CrPC

Shillong, February 9, 2004: In view of the road blockade in the whole of the East Khasi Hills District on February 10, 2004, the District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District, has promulgated Section 144 CrPC, prohibiting road blockade/causing obstruction to the movement of vehicles in the District with immediate effect until further orders. This order has been enforced to maintain law and order and to prevent any disruption to the normal activities of the Government Departments/Offices/Banks and the public in general.