

January 7, 2004

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### **SCHEME ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS INAUGURATED**

**Shillong, January 7, 2003:** The Scheme on Capacity Building for Service Providers was inaugurated today at Hotel Pine Wood by the Meghalaya Minister for Tourism, Mr. T C Lyngdoh. The Scheme implemented both by the Central and State Government will be implemented through the Institute of Hotel Management and India Tourism. The Scheme aimed at achieving quality services to domestic and international tourist by way of imparting training to the service providers right at the grass root level.

In his inaugural address, Mr. T C Lyngdoh said that Tourism is one of the biggest contributors to the Gross Domestic Product. He said that our State has the required tourism potential which can be boost up by having more trained manpower, both in the organised sector and unorganized sector. The training intended through the scheme would include subjects like basic health, personal hygiene, cooking technique, manners and etiquette, he added. He added that the training would endeavour to sensitize the service providers and would enhance the understanding of the importance of tourism as a major contributor to the economy.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Mr. H Marwein, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Tourism and Mr. H Shangpliang, MD, MTDC. The function was chaired by Mr. M Sooting, OSD, IHM.

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### **32<sup>ND</sup> MEGHALAYA DAY CELEBRATION**

**Shillong, January 7, 2004:** To commemorate the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the attainment of Statehood, Meghalaya Day will be celebrated on January 21, 2004. To mark the occasion, the Government of Meghalaya has chalked out an elaborate 7 days programme, starting from January 15-21, 2004. Preparations are underway to ensure the smooth running and grand success of the celebration.

The programme to be held at Polo Ground, Shillong includes an International Trade Fair. Invitation has been extended to Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal for participation. All State of the North East have also been invited to participate in the Fair. Another highlight of the celebration is the All India Craft Fair, which will be a perfect platform to showcase the talent of the indigenous craftsmen. Furthermore, cultural programmes will also be organised to display the rich cultural diversity of the region.

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### **POLLING HOURS FOR DISTRICT COUNCILS ELECTIONS FIXED**

**Shillong, January 7, 2004:** The Government of Meghalaya has notified that Polling hours for all Constituencies of the Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills and Garo Hills Autonomous District Councils, scheduled for February 12, 2004 have been fixed from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**PRESS NOTE**

**Shillong, January 7, 2004:** The District Level Committee to ease traffic congestion in its last meeting had passed a resolution that it is imperative to reduce the traffic jam at Motphran Point, identified as a bottleneck area, and therefore, proposed that the fenced area of the Motphran monument be reduced in area by approximately 6 feet in radius

Any objections to the above proposals may be filed to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, Shillong by January 31, 2004.

If no objections are filed within the aforesaid date, the notified department would execute the job of implementing the work with immediate effect.