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32ND MEGHALAYA DAY CELEBRATION

Shillong, January 8, 2004: The Meghalaya Chief Minister, Mr D D Lapang will inaugurate the Meghalaya Day celebration in a function which will be held on January 15, 2004 at Polo Ground.

It may be mentioned that the 7 days celebration, which will culminate on January 21, 2004 will see a variety of programmes, including a Trade Fair and an All India Crafts Fair with participation from countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

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MS. SYRPAILIN KHONGLAH APPOINTED AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE DEVELOPMENT REFORMS COMMISSION

Shillong, January 8, 2004: The Governor of Meghalaya has appointed Ms. Syrpailin Khonglah, as Deputy Chairman, State Development Reforms Commission, Meghalaya with the rank and status of a Minister of State, with effect from the date of assumption of charge and until further orders. This was informed by the Additional Chief Secretary, Programme Implementation Department.

Press Release No. 021/04

DUMPING OF GARBAGE PROHIBITED

Shillong, January 8, 2004: The District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills, Shillong has promulgated an order prohibiting dumping of garbage along the National Highway, G S Road leading from Mawlai to Barapani.

This order will come into force with immediate effect. Anyone who desires to file objections to this order may do so by January 15, 2004.

Press Release No. 022/04

CHIEF MINISTER CONFERRED WITH HONORARY DOCTORATE OF DIVINITY

Shillong, January 8, 2004: The Meghalaya Chief Minister, Mr D D Lapang was conferred with a Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Divinity (DD) at Bangalore on January 7, 2004 by ACTS Ministries. The award is instituted by the International Council of Higher Education.

Also present on the occasion were leaders of the Presbyterian Church of India and the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Assembly.

While in Bangalore, Mr Lapang accompanied by Mr Friday Lyngdoh, Minister Urban Affairs, Meghalaya also met the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr S M Krishna and had discussion with him about several development programmes such as Information technologies, industries and training of Youth in Vocational Courses.