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## MEGHALAYA BAGS 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE IN THE N.E EXPO 2004

**Shillong, March 25, 2004:** Meghalaya stall, showcasing the investment opportunities and potentials of the State bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for overall decoration, presentation and range of product profile, in the North East Expo 2004 held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Inaugurated on March 18, 2004, this four days programme offered an exclusive platform to all the eight states of the region to showcase their unique products and also highlight their vast potential for growth and development to a national and international audience.

The Department of Agriculture and Horticulture, the Directorate of Mineral Resources, Sericulture and Weaving, Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Tourism and Industries represented the State of Meghalaya under the coordination of the MIDC.

Meghalaya also received a special commendation for the California variety of strawberry grown in the State, the size of a single piece (60 gm) being much bigger than the original Californian one (30gm).

It may be mentioned that the N.E Expo 2004 was organised by the department of DONER (Development of North East Region) in association with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), Government of India undertaking under the Ministry of Commerce.

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## **FILING OF NOMINATIONS**

**Shillong, March 25, 2004:** The Secretary to the Election Commission of India in a notification issued today in the Meghalaya Gazette has informed that with respect to the Lok Sabha Elections 2004, the last date for filing of nominations is March 31, 2004. The date for scrutiny of nominations is scheduled for April 2,2004. The last date of withdrawal of candidature is April 5, 2004. In the event of the election being contested, the Poll for both Shillong and Tura Parliamentary Constituency will be taken on April 20, 2004 between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM.