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### INTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET CONCLUDES

**Shillong, May 10, 2004:** The Inter School Athletic Meet, 2004 organised by the District Sports Department West Garo hills concluded last Friday evening with a prize distribution ceremony at Tura Chandmary playground. Altogether 17 schools from Tura and surrounding areas participated in the two day meet.

The event was kicked off by the Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr Billykid Sangma on Thursday morning who exhorted the young boys and girls to keenly participate in the various field events in the true spirit of sportsmanship. He said that Garos were endowed with a fairly good physical stature and that they should use this advantage to develop themselves in the field of sports and to compete with their counterparts in other districts and states. He also informed the gathering that the government was trying its best to bring improvement to the field of sports and youth affairs in the State.

GHADC Chairman, Mr. Rikseng A Sangma attended the concluding functions as the Chief Guest. He along with Inspector of Schools, Tura P.K. Hajong, Executive engineer, PWD (Roads) Bruce P Marak and former Director Fisheries, R M Sangma gave away with medals and trophies to the winners of various events. Don Bosco School, Tura walked away with the trophy as overall winners team for both boys and girls, while St Mary's School, Tura and Garo Union School, Tura were declared as the runner-up teams for boys and girls sections respectively.

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### ONE DAY FARMERS TRAINING AT UMSIANG

**Shillong, May 10, 2004:** A one-day Farmers' Training was held at the premises of Lum Assisi School, Umsiang, Ri Bhoi District on May 7 last, where Meghalaya Minister for Soil Conservation, Mr. P W Muktieh was the Chief Guest. Organised by the District Agriculture Office, Nongpoh, farmers from around 14 villages attended the training.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Muktieh said that such programmes would help the farmers equip themselves with the required skills of modern farming and thereby increasing their products that would in turn raise their standard of living in every aspects of life. He urged that more programmes of the like be held in the villages to make the rural folks aware of the importance of modern method of farming and the dangers that traditional farming poses. "Agriculture is the backbone of the economy", he said, and therefore called upon the farmers to always attend such training and to put into practice what they have learnt.

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### DRIVE AGAINST ILLICIT LIQUOR

**Shillong, May 10, 2004:** In their continued drive against illicit liquor during the month of April, 2004, the Excise staff of East Khasi Hills District, Shillong conducted raids in restaurants/stalls in the town and its outskirts and detected 139 cases with a seizure of 366.695 litres of i/d liquor and 44.038 litres IMFL. In this connection 120 persons were arrested under Excise Act.