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WORKSHOP ON TOTAL SANITATION CAMPAIGN HELD AT TURA

Shillong, May 11, 2004: The District Workshop on implementation of the Total Sanitation Campaign under the theme "*Health & Sanitation – The First Step*" was organised by the District Water Sanitation Mission (DWSM), West Garo Hills at the Tura Circuit House Conference Hall on May 10, 2004. The workshop was attended by the officials of the participatory departments besides the other District officials and members of various NGOs.

Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is a programme under Central Rural Sanitation Programme on the line of Total Literacy Campaign, which was started in 1999 with a view to uplift the sanitation facilities in the rural villages of India. It is a unique, demand-driven, responsive and participatory approach. Its main objectives are improvement in quality of life and to accelerate sanitation in rural areas; generates demand for sanitation facilities through intensive awareness and education, promote sanitation in schools and to reduce and eliminate water-borne diseases caused by sewage contamination.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, DWSM, Mr. S Jagannathan who chaired the workshop gave a brief introduction about the project and informed the participatory departments regarding the sanitation of grant-in-aid by the Central Government towards the first installment for West Garo Hills under TSC.

The Project Director, DRDA, Mrs. I R Sangma briefed the gathering on how the survey for total sanitation was to be done.

It may be mentioned that the project plan is for two years. In the first year start up activities, like house to house enumeration of all the villages in the District and information, education and communication (IEC) activities will be carried out. The DRDA will take up the survey works through block machinery and detailed training will be given for all enumeration at all block headquarters by IFAD Project Manager, TSC Secretary and Project Director, DRDA. The date for completion of all such training has been tentatively fixed for May 26, 2004. After that the survey work will begin from June 1 to July 15, 2004. The progress report of the survey is to be given on June 15 and July 1, 2004. The date for completion of data entry is fixed for September 15 and the data processing for the District is to be completed by September 30, 2004.

Earlier, the Secretary DWSM, Mr. W D Sangma, EAC, gave a power point presentation on the need for total sanitation campaign in the District.

THE 18TH INTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET 2004

Shillong, May 11, 2004: The 18th Inter School Sports Meet 2004 organised by the District Sports Office, Jowai, was inaugurated on Monday last by the Superintendent of Police, Jaintia Hills District, Mr. M K Dkhar at the JDSA Stadium, Jowai. Altogether 24 schools from the District participated in the meet.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Dkhar underline the importance of discipline and sportsmanship and urged upon the students to have a balanced routine that will enable them to pursue their studies as well as to involve themselves in extra curricular activities, thereby develop themselves mentally physically.

Earlier, Mr. H Shangpliang, DSO, Jaintia Hills delivered the welcome address.