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RAID IAPNGAR DURBAR HALL INAUGURATED

Shillong, May 24, 2004: The Durbar Hall of the Synjuk Ki Rangbah Shnong, Raid Iapngar, constructed under SGRYI Scheme, was inaugurated by the Minister of State, Mr. S W Rymbai at Thadnongiaiw on May 22 last. The programme was attended by Headmen of different villages and people at large.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Rymbai, while congratulating the Durbar Shnong for this achievement, urged upon the Synjuk Ki Rangbah Shnong to cooperate and work in tandem with the Raid for overall development.

Mr. Rymbai strongly urged the Rangbah Shnongs to preserve the sacred and village forests and meanwhile assured that saplings for plantation in the area would be made available to them. He also called upon the land owners to cooperate with the PWD in the construction of roads for the benefit and interest of the public.

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MUKTIEH VISITS PAMLABAN VILLAGE

Shillong, May 24, 2004: Meghalaya Minister for Soil Conservation and local MLA, Mr. P W Muktieh, visited Pamlaban village under Mawhati Constituency on May 22, 2004. He was accompanied by host of Officers from Ri Bhoi District.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Muktieh lamented upon the diminishing forest cover in the area and therefore urged upon the people to preserve the forest so as to prevent erosion. He informed that the existing watershed development in the area would continue for the benefit of the people. With regards to electrification and improvement of road communication, he informed that these are ongoing projects, which he hoped would be completed within the year.

While appreciating the role played by the Catholic Mission in spreading education in rural areas, he urged upon parents and students alike to take this aspect of life seriously as education is the tool to fight against poverty and diseases.

Others speaking on the occasion were the Executive Engineer, MeSEB, Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Sub-Divisional Officer PWD, Mr. B Rani, President RAWA, Mrs. V Kharnaor and Mr. E Wahphlang. The meeting was presided over by Mr. C Sujai, Headman.

SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE UNDER MINISTRY OF HRD

Shillong, May 24, 2004: With the aim of strengthening human value inputs in the entire educational process at all levels of education from school system to higher education including technical and management level, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has implemented a scheme of Assistance for strengthening of culture and values in Education.

The scheme aims at providing financial assistance for any activity, which is considered by the Government to be in furtherance of and in fulfillment of the objectives of the scheme directly or indirectly, i.e implementation of the value of education component of National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and its Programme of Action (POA) 1992 and values inherent in the Indian Constitution.

Interested parties may contact the Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Education Department, at room No. 221, Myntdu Building, Shillong for application forms and other relevant details.

MR. PAUL LYNDOH SEEKS STATUS REPORT

Shillong, May 24, 2004: Meghalaya Sports and Youth Affairs Minister, Mr. Paul Lyngdoh, today has directed the Chief Engineer, State Sports Council of Meghalaya, to prepare a detailed report on the status of various projects undertaken by the Council in the past.

In the letter, sent to the CE, the Minister stated that the Council has taken up a number of projects to strengthen the sports infrastructure in the State. With a view to ensuing complete transparency, the Minister desires that the report include the names and locations of the projects, progress of each, names of contractors and amount pending against each which would help in facilitating a better appraisal of the preparedness in terms of infrastructure to compete in and host various sports events in the State.

The Minister desires that the report should be submitted to him within June 7 next.