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ITI TOPPERS AWARDED

Shillong, November 1, 2004: The Distribution of Incentive Grant-in-aid to the Industrial Training Institutes Passed-Out Trainees and inauguration of DIAL-A-SERVICE was jointly held today at the Industrial Training Institute, Rynjah, Shillong. The Commissioner & Secretary, Labour Department, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Altogether 15 toppers from various Training Institutes were awarded with a cash award and equipments.

Informing that ITI plays an important role in imparting vocational training, Mr. Kumar in his speech urged upon the passed-out trainees to look for employment opportunities which are not only limited to the Government. While praising the initiatives taken by the members of Dial-A-Service, Mr. Kumar urged upon them to accept the modest beginning as a challenge and to work hard thereby setting an example for future trainees.

It may be mentioned that a number of passed out trainees have come up with the innovative idea of Dial-A-Service, with an aim to provide gainful employment to themselves and to provide services to the people in the field of House Wiring, Radio and TV Repairing, Plumbing, Motor Wiring and Repairing of all kinds of domestic appliances/consumer electronics. People in the look out for such services may contact the office of the "Dial-a-Service", located at Industrial Training Institute, Rynjah, Shillong, Dial-A- Service at 98630-65787 and 98630-24511.

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NOVEMBER 5 DECLARED A HOLIDAY

Shillong, November 1, 2004: In a notification issued here today, the Government of Meghalaya has declared that all State Government Offices, revenue and magisterial courts and educational institutions in the East Khasi Hills will remain closed on November 5, 2004 on account of Nongkrem Dance.

WATER STORAGE TANK INAUGURATED AT MAWLAI

Shillong, November 1, 2004: The Water Storage Tank was inaugurated today by the Co-Chairman, Meghalaya State Planning Board, Mr. P.T. Sawkmie at Mawlai Mawdatbaki, Pata, Shillong. Among others who were present at the inaugural function were the Block Development Officer, Myllem Block, Ms. W. Booth, Headman and Deputy Headman of Mawlai Mawdatbaki and Executive Members of the Dorbar Shnong.

In his speech as the Chief Guest, Mr. P.T. Sawkmie, who is also the local MLA, thanked the family of (L) Shak Kharmujai, in whose memory, the required plot of land was provided for construction of the said tank. Stating that water is one of the most important basic necessities of man, he said that apart from 8 public taps available, 6 more such taps will be earmarked for the locality. Regarding the memorandum submitted by the locality, Mr. Sawkmie said that he will look into the matter and do the needful.

It may be mentioned that the 18,000 litres water storage tank has been constructed under the SGRY II (2003-2004) of the MLA Scheme at the total cost of Rs. 1,50,000/-.

Regarding developmental activities in the Constituency, Mr. Sawkmie said that, apart from other construction works like roads, footpaths, etc., Rs. 50 lakhs, under the MLA Scheme, has been earmarked for the construction of the overbridge between Mawlai Iewrynghep and Mawlai Nonglum for the benefit of pedestrians, particularly school students.

NATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION

Shillong, November 1, 2004: The National Disaster Reduction 2004 was held at the Science Hall, Nongpoh by the District Administration, Ri Bhoi District on October 29, 2004. Seven schools of the District participated in the drawing and painting competitions depicting ways of reduction of havoc and disaster caused to life, property and environment during calamities. The Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh Mr. W. L. Lyngdoh was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Lyngdoh congratulated the participating school, particularly the winners who took part in the competitions inspite of the short notice given to them. Citing the example of the recent helicopter crash in Kyrdekulai, Mr. Lyngdoh informed that the main aim of the programme is to generate awareness on the importance of preparedness while dealing with calamities. Further, he also urged upon the students to be alert to such situations and never given to panic.

The function was presided over by the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Mr. M. K. Thabah while the Assistant Project Officer (DRDA) delivered the vote of thanks.

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MEGHALAYA POCKET STATISTICAL HANDBOOK 2003 ON SALE

Shillong, November 1, 2004: The Directorate of Economics and Statistics has brought out a priced publication entitled Meghalaya Pocket Statistical handbook 2003. Interested scholars, individuals and researchers may contact the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Lower Lachumiere, Meghalaya, Shillong for the same. The price of the Handbook is Rs. 25/- per copy.

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HOUSE TO HOUSE ENUMERATION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS

Shillong, November 1, 2004: The District Election Officer, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh, has informed that a "House to House" enumeration of the Electoral Roll has already been started from October 5, 2004. He therefore, requested the Headmen of Ri Bhoi District to inform his office or the Electoral Registration Officer/Assistant Electoral Registration Officer, if enumeration in their village has not started till date by the enumerators.

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FAREWELL HELD FOR MTC VRS AVAILER

Shillong, November 1, 2004: 206 employees of the Meghalaya Transport Corporation (MTC), who will retire under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), were given a farewell today at the MTC Complex, Police Bazar, Shillong. The total amount sanctioned for implementation of the Scheme in MTC is Rs. 14 crores. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. J.M. Mauskar, Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mauskar said that when the Corporation was set up three decades ago, the economic scenario of the State was different, and during those time, MTC had a monopoly of transportation service. Gradually, the emergence of private transportation has posed a challenge to the Corporation, he added. Mr. Mauskar said that VRS is a revival package for the beneficiaries who have undertaken the scheme and hoped that they would be able to carry new ventures with the scheme they availed, and thus contribute to their family and to the society. He wished all the beneficiaries a good and bright tomorrow.

Mr. D. Nongbet, one of the VRS availer, speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, thanked the Government for the Scheme, although he added that most of them would have like to continue with their service . The meeting was chaired by MD, MTC.