Together with the rest of the nation, Sadbhavana Diwas 2016, was observed at the Main Secretariat Building, on August 19 where the State Government employees of all ranks and file came together to take the pledge to promote national integration and communal harmony among the of all religions, language and regions.

Sadbhavana Diwas is observed every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Late Rajiv Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India, whose dream was to make India a developed country.

Speaking on the occasion briefly before administering the pledge, Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma fondly recalled Late Rajiv Gandhi as an illustrious leader who was instrumental in placing the country in the highest pedestal of modernity. His comprehensive development agenda and inclusive approach to governance gave a platform to the youth to realize their dreams and facilitated active participation of women in the otherwise male-dominated nation, he said.

The Chief Minister also said that coming together of all the people is indispensable to counter the forces inimical for the growth of the nation and spoke of the need to pool all our resources to thwart such forces indulging in unlawful activities and the need to engage regionally and internationally to understand the ramifications of such activities from the geo-political perspective.

He was of the view that the celebration of Sadbhavana Diwas should not be confined only to the Secretariat but also observed in all the districts and blocks of the State “so that the message that we are trying to disseminate percolates down to all the people at the grassroots”, he added.

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The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Shri P. S. Dkhar posing for a photograph with the winners and runners up of the Annual Inter Office Indoor Games, 2016 at U Tirot Sing Indoor Stadium, Shillong on 19th August, 2016. The tournament which was held from 16th-19th was organised by the Sports Committee Meghalaya State Government Employees Federation, Shillong.

The Chairperson of Meghalaya Human Rights Commission (MHRC), Dr. Justice A.H. Saikia accompanied by Shri P.J.P. Haneman, non judicial member MHRC calling on Meghalaya Governor, Shri V. Shanmuganathan at Raj Bhavan on August 24.

With the prime objective of promoting young Tennis players from the grass root level, the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs is starting a Grass Root Tennis Coaching Centre at Tennis Court Centre, JNS Complex, Polo, Shillong. The Coaching programme is being initiated under the replication programme of the award winning initiative ‘Hum Chuyeenge Aasman’.

For this, an invitation is extended to young boys and girls in the age group of 7 to 12 years old who are interested in joining the Coaching Centre. Players who have already attained some standard may also enrol at the Tennis Coaching Centre for regular coaching. The coaching will be imparted from Monday-Saturday from 3PM-6 PM.

The coaching is absolutely free but rackets, personal clothing and shoes will have to be arranged by the parents/guardians including dropping and picking up after practice. Registration Form is available in the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, JNS Complex, Shillong and last date for submission of registration form is on the 29th August, 2016. For any queries, parents and players can contact 0364-2592077 during office hours.
Shri. D iengdoh who graced the function as Chief Guest spoke on the need for teachers to motivate their students and through talks, banner competition and exhibition. 

The programme was organized by North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Ministry of Culture, Government of India in collaboration with the Department of Art and Culture, Government of Meghalaya and Dokakku Art and Culture Association, Tura. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Pravin Bakshi acknowledged the endurance of the differently abled students and their teachers, adding that they are different and special which are brilliantly reflected in various forms of art showcased befitting the occasion. Further, he asserted the need for a state of mind to connect with these children, understand them better and discover the creativity portrayed in their lives.

Programme Officer, NEZCC, Oliver T Pongen while delivering his keynote address highlighted about the functions of NEZCC and informed that it also conducts various programmes for the differently abled students including National Cultural Exchange Programme, Discover North East, Border Area Programme, Theatre Workshop amongst others.

It may be mentioned that the NEZCC with its headquarters at Dimapur, Nagaland has been working throughout the years with concerted effort towards achieving its objectives by vigorously implementing various schemes and programmes of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India by organizing various types of Folk Song & Dance Festivals, Craft Fairs & Exhibitions, Workshops & Seminars, etc especially for the Persons With Disabilities.

Specially abled students from Shiyyaka School, Assam, Gilead Special School, Mizoram, Monfort Centre of Education, Tura and different schools from in and around Tura participated and presented songs and dances along with a display of Taekwondo tactics during the cultural programme. 

Earlier, in the programme cultural interaction and exchange programme was conducted for the students participating at the fest. The cultural troupes from North Eastern States also perform at Super Market Shopping Complex, Tura.

Teachers should not only teach syllabi but rather emphasize on motivating their students to discover their true potential. Stating this at a Career Exhibition organized for Secondary and Higher Secondary School students at Ampati Government Higher Secondary School by the Guidance and Counseling Unit of the Directorate of Educational Research and Training, Shillong. The programme aimed at disseminating career information to students through talks, banner competition and exhibition.

Shri. D Diengdoh stressed on the need to inculcate in students values that would bring about the best in them thereby enabling teachers to gauge their potential. 

Among others who spoke at the occasion was Joint Director, School Education and Literacy Smti. S Ch Marak during her keynote address encouraged teachers to focus on child education rather than concentrating on finishing the syllabi. Self discovery should be encouraged she affirmed and urged the students to set a goal and move towards it one in accordance with one’s aptitude or interests.

Later the Deputy Commissioner inaugurated the career exhibits and handed out participation certificates to all the school present at the gathering. He also gave out trophies to winners of the banner writing competition which was held as part of the career exhibition.

Under Section 128 of the M.M. Act, all residents within the Shillong Municipal Area are required to register their pet dogs with the Shillong Municipal Board and to obtain dog tags on payment of fees of Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred) only. All pet owners are to ensure that their dogs are not straying in public places/roads. Dogs found without Tags will be treated as stray dogs and necessary action to catch such dogs will be taken.

Registration of Pets

DC Issues advisory on enrolment of Aadhaar by unauthorized person

In view of report received that some unscrupulous persons are doing enrolment of Aadhaar number in different areas of East Khasi Hills District namely Umpling, MES, Ribbong, Laban, etc. on payment, the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District has informed that the enrolment for the same will be done free of cost through NPR process.

The Deputy Commissioner further advised the general public to report to the District administration or the police if money is demanded for the generation of Aadhaar.

Speaking on career choices Shri. Diengdoh cautioned the students not to choose a particular profession just because of sheer pressure from peers or relatives but to choose one in accordance with one’s aptitude or interests.

The Deputy Commissioner also requested the DERT to organize a workshop in collaboration with the district administration to teach teachers counseling in order to motivate students discover their potential.

DERT Lecturer and Programme Coordinator Smti. S Ch Marak during her keynote address stated that it was imperative for students to make career choices early in life to maintain a goal. She urged teachers to focus on child education rather than concentrating on finishing the syllabi. Self discovery should be encouraged she affirmed and urged the students to set a goal and move towards it unflinchingly.

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Coaching Programme

The Coaching cum Guidance Centre for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Shillong located at Groove Side Building, opposite Civil Hospital, Keating Road will be conducting a 25 (twenty five) days common coaching programme for the unemployed SC/ST candidates appearing or are preparing to appear in any non-technical and graduate level competitive exams this year, with effect from 22.08.2016 to 23.09.2016. The coaching will be conducted on all weekdays from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM with a 30 minutes recess at 12:30 PM.

Competent resource persons from reputed institutions of Shillong will be part of the training and will give lectures on subjects commonly adopted by recruiting agencies (MPSC, SSC, DSC, etc), viz, General Awareness, General Intelligence, Reasoning, Quantitative Aptitude, English Comprehension and on miscellaneous subjects.

Candidates who have registered to sit for the coaching at the office of the Employment Officer, Coaching Cum Guidance Centre for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Shillong, are requested to attend the coaching programme positively.

Shillong Science Centre will be closed every 2nd Monday of the month

Due to the monthly maintenance of the exhibits of the Shillong Science Centre, NEHU Campus, every 2nd Monday of the month will be declared as maintenance day and during this day the Centre will be closed to all the visitors. Further, if the particular day happens to be a holiday, the following working day will be declared as maintenance day. This was informed by the OSD, Science and Technology Cell, incharge Shillong Science Centre, NEHU Campus.

Release of Rice under AAY, NFSA (PHH) and NON-NFSA

The Sub Divisional Officer (Supply), Amlarem Sub Division has informed the public that AAY rice, NFSA (PHH) and Non-NFSA for the month of August 2016 will be released to the Fair Price Shop Dealers on the 23rd and 24th August, 2016. Besides, Mid-day meal for April, May and June 2016 quota will also be released.

AAY rice will be issued at the scale of 35 kgs per household @ Rs. 3/- per kg, NFSA (PHH) at the scale of 5 kgs per head @ Rs. 3/- per kg and Non-NFSA at the rate not exceeding Rs. 13/- per kg.

Any complaint of non-receipt or overcharges of the above items may be given in writing immediately to the office of the Sub Divisional Officer (Supply), Amlarem Sub Division by indicating their names and the village they belong to so that strict action can be taken against any defaulter.

S.K OIL PRICE REVISED

The Deputy Commissioner (Supply), West Jaintia District has informed that the price of S.K Oil has been revised and fixed with immediate effect.

The wholesale price from Jowai and Thadlaskein depot will be at Rs.16.20 per litre and wholesale price from Shangpung outlet will be at Rs.18.15 per litre. The retail price in retail centres from Jowai and Thadlaskein S.K Oil depot will be at Rs.18.35 per litre. While the retail price in retail centres from Shangpung S.K oil outlet is at Rs.20.50 per litre.