

CM attends Mother Teresa International Film Festival



The third day of Mother Teresa International Film Festival (MTIFF) at U Soso Tham Auditorium Shillong was opened by Chief Minister, Meghalaya, Dr. Mukul M Sangma on September 8.

The MTIFF was organized by Archdiocese of Shillong, Diocese of Jowai and Missionaries of Charity in collaboration with Department of Information & Public Relations and Department of Urban Affairs, Government of Meghalaya. The festival follows the Canonization of Mother Teresa on September 4, 2016 at Vatican City and celebrates the sainthood of Mother Teresa highlighting the life and works of Mother Teresa through films and documentaries from all over the

world. The festival also aims to motivate and inspire many into words, deeds and thoughts of mercy, love and compassion towards the less privileged.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest of the day Dr. Mukul M Sangma expressed pride and happiness on behalf of the government to be associated with the festival as Shillong is the first city to host the MTIFF post the canonization of Mother Teresa. He said that the film festival serves as an important mechanism to reach out to the people, to inspire and to motivate. He also added that as individuals in different capacities the ability to serve comes out of the ability to love, the quality that Mother Teresa has immensely demonstrated.

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NEIGRIHMS holds Graduation Day cum Lamp Lighting & Oath Taking Ceremony



The College of Nursing, NEIGRIHMS observed the 4th Graduation Day cum 7th Lamp Lighting and Oath Taking Ceremony at a function held at its Auditorium in the city on September 9 with Meghalaya Governor V. Shanmuganathan gracing the event as Chief Guest.

While the Lamp Lighting and Oath Taking Ceremony signifies the renewal of commitment not only as student nurses but also as cheer leaders to bring joy, hope and peace to the sick, needy and distressed; the Graduation Day is a moment where graduates take to the nursing profession as frontline management

personnel in the public or private sector to serve the diseased and suffering irrespective of status or disposition.

It was a moment of joy for the parents and relatives of the 45 Nursing Graduates of 2012-2016 Batch in attendance to see their wards receiving their Degree Certificates & Mementoes; and the honor for having excelled in Nursing Education. The Top Three Position holders of the Batch were also felicitated with cash awards on the occasion.

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Cabinet approves amendment bill pertaining to Parliamentary Secretaries



The Cabinet in its meeting on September 14 has approved the proposal of the Parliamentary Affairs Department for the Meghalaya Parliamentary Secretary (Appointments, Salaries, Allowances & Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Bill, 2016 and Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya (Members' Salaries & Allowances) Amendment Bill, 2016, to be brought before the House in the ongoing Assembly Session in the form of regular Amendment Bill for its consideration. It also approved the proposed amendment to the Meghalaya Service Conduct Rules, which would include the Traditional bodies among the community-based organization that fall outside the purview of the Rule.

Addressing the Presspersons after the meeting, Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma said that the Meghalaya Parliamentary Secretaries' Appointments, Salaries, Allowances & Miscellaneous Provision Amendment Bill, 2016 was proposed earlier in the form of Ordinance, but since the House was already summoned even before the Cabinet got the assent from the Governor in the promulgation of this ordinance, it had become necessary to introduce the same in the form of regular Amendment Bill. The relevant paragraphs which the amendment proposes to address are in respect of Sections 5, 6 and 6(a) and also amendment of Sec 3, and addition of Sec 6(a) and deletion of Sec. 8. The objective of this exercise is to ensure that there is complete clarity on appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries, their salaries & allowances and other provisions including perks and facilities, the Chief Minister said. The earlier Act referred the Parliamentary Secretaries equating them to the status of Ministers of State, so in order to avoid misinterpretation, this Amendment Bill is being proposed, he added.

The Chief Minister also said that in respect of salary, the Parliamentary Secretaries shall be entitled to the salaries & allowances as per the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya Members' Salaries & Allowances Act, 1972. Section 6(a) provides for the Government to provide such facilities to be indicated as their entitlement which will be notified by the Government from time to time.

In respect of the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya Members' Salaries & Allowances Amendment Bill, Minister in charge Parliamentary Affairs, M M Danggo said that in the Act of 1972, the sitting allowance of the members was

Rs. 200; now through the amendment last year it has been enhanced to Rs. 600. However, he said that was only for the sitting allowance during the sessions and the sitting allowance of the Assembly committees were not incorporated, therefore this amendment is being made in the section 4 of sub-clause 1 wherein the sitting allowance of the committee members would be at par with the sitting allowance of the Members of the Assembly, he added.

The Chief Minister also informed that the Cabinet has approved the proposal of Personnel Department for amendment of the Meghalaya Service Conduct Rules, which had ensured effective compliance of Government employees to furnish information whenever they are elected to such office as Association or any Society. Earlier, in the amendment, there was a note which says that "the term community-based organization, association, traditional body or society shall not include any faith-based and clan-based organization. Now under this proposed amendment, this will stand as "shall not include any faith-based organization, clan-based organization and the traditional bodies." And wherever along with other association or organization, the term "traditional bodies" appear, they are going to be deleted, he said. The Chief Minister also said that this amendment was the outcome of our long drawn engagements and discussions with the stakeholders including the traditional bodies and is in sync with the popular sentiments, particularly the leaders "who have for all these years effectively contributed in the overall development activities by collaborating and partnering with the government in diverse fields for the benefit and welfare of the people", he added.

During the course of the media briefing, it was informed that the High Court on Wednesday has accepted the proposal by the State Government for holding the by-elections to the seven seats in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Councils. Informing this, the District Council Affairs Minister Prestone Tynsong said that the Government had filed the affidavit in the High Court after the Cabinet in its last meeting decided on proceeding with the by-election to these vacant seats, six in KHADC and one in JHADC. The High Court had once again sought for the affidavit from the Government, which was accordingly filed by the Government on September 12 last and the High Court on Wednesday has accepted the proposal of the Government to hold the by-elections.



Induction Ceremony

An Induction Ceremony of the Chief Secretary of Meghalaya, Shri K. S. Kropha as the new President of the Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides (MBSG) was held on September 7 at Raj Bhavan, Shillong in presence of the Governor of Meghalaya and Patron of the MBSG, Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Meghalaya Chief Information Commissioner and former President, MBSG, Shri P. B. O. Warjri, Principal Secretary, Shri M. S. Rao, Commissioner Secretary, Shri D. P. Wahlang, Commissioner Secretary and State Chief Commissioner, MBSG, Shri F. R. Kharkongor, Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, Meghalaya State Branch, Shri W. R. Marbaniang, Vice Patrons, Life Members and senior officials.

During the programme, prizes were also distributed to winners of the essay writing competition on the three Heroes of the State - U Tirot Sing Syiem, U Kiang Nangbah and Pa Togan Sangma. Miss Larisa Blah, Umpling Presbyterian Secondary School, Miss Kimkime R. Sangma, Seven Set Higher Secondary School and Miss Saphi Badondor W. Makdoh, Church of God bagged the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize respectively. Miss Ibpaka Khongjee, Umpling Presbyterian Secondary School and Miss Imatti Warimi Thabah, Seven Set Higher Secondary School got the consolation prizes.

Foundation Stone laid for Schools laid at **Danakgre and Garobadha**



The Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs etc. Shri. Zenith M. Sangma laid the foundation stone for construction of Najing Memorial Secondary School, Danakgre, on the outskirts of Tura on September 7 in the presence of Shri W. D. Sangma, Parliamentary Secretary for Education & Home, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills District, Shri Pravin Bakshi, Shri Polendro A. Sangma, President of SMC, Najing Memorial Secondary School and other elders of the locality.

On the following day, September 8, the Minister also laid the foundation stone for construction of new school building for Garobadha Higher Secondary School, Garobadha, in the presence of South West Garo Hills Deputy Commissioner, C.V.D. Diengdoh, officials of the Education department and other local leaders

on Wednesday afternoon.

It may be mentioned the construction of the school buildings is being funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the project, Supporting Human Capital Development in Meghalaya. Under the project, scores of government-aided private schools in the State are in the process of being upgraded to meet the national standards, improve the overall learning environment for the students and provide training for under-qualified teachers. It is expected that project, which is the first and only one of its kind in the country, will improve the quality, delivery and access to secondary and higher secondary school education and facilitate results oriented technical and vocational skills training in the State.

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The Chief Minister also proposed to have the MTIFF every year in different places across the state and said that the government has different departments for the welfare of the less privileged and differently abled and the Missionaries of Charity homes can be effectively utilized by these departments to give internship to people to acclimatize them before being inducted into government service so that they can serve with better understanding and love.

Among others who spoke at the Opening Session were Fr Jacob, Missionaries of Charity (MC) who gave the Welcome Address, Sr Grace Mary, Superior, MC, Fr Joseph, Director, Don Bosco Museum, Mawlai, Mr Gautam Lewis fondly referred to as Mother's son, a polio inflicted who was sheltered by Mother Teresa, who eventually went on to become a pilot and Fr Stephen Francis, Festival Director. The short documentary, 'Love Till It Hurts' by Pauline Productions opened the festival for the day.

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In his address to the Nursing Graduates and all gathered at the function, the Governor called on the Nurses to be not averse towards working in the remotest and farthest corners of the state. "Do not hesitate to work in the far flung villages where there is poverty and diseases" he said while impressing upon them to serve the neediest who reside in the remotest parts of the state.

The Governor also urged upon the Graduates to be sympathetic towards the sick and suffering while rendering their services, further calling on them to serve with kindness and sans prejudice.

"Treat patients without any prejudice or discrimination. Every life is precious, whether poor or abundant, educated or ignorant", he further said.

NEIGRIHMS Director, Prof. (Dr) P.Bhattacharya meanwhile impressed upon the Graduates to emulate the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale who resolved to do something for humanity, further stating that the sky is the limit for the graduates if they show respect towards the profession that they have chosen.

Meeting of the Indo-Bangla Border Grievances Committee held



A meeting of the Indo-Bangla Border Grievances Committee was held on September 3 at Rongara Multi Facility Centre, Rongara, South Garo Hills. The meeting was chaired by Local MLA and Parliamentary Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Shri Rophul S. Marak. Various agendas relating to the problems faced by the people of the area were discussed during the meeting.

CC Weir Filtration cum installation of diesel water pump Inaugurated



Parliamentary Secretary i.c. Home, Education etc, Shri. W D Sangma inaugurated the CC Weir Filtration cum installation of diesel water pump sponsored by SCA (BADP) 2015-16 under Border Areas Development at Salmanpara, South West Garo Hills on 7th September 2016.

Awareness programme on NPR Biometric Enrolment



An awareness programme on NPR Biometric Enrolment/Aadhaar was held on September 3 in the community hall of Lawsohtun, Block-II. The programme was organized by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District in collaboration with the Directorate of Census Operation, Meghalaya which was attended by Smti P. L. Lawai, Project Director, DRDA, Shri S. S. Syiemlieh, ADC, Headman and residents of Lawsohtun census town.

The resource person, Shri J. Swer, Statistical Investigator presented and highlighted about NPR and how Aadhaar is generated for the residents of Meghalaya through Biometric Enrolment under NPR. He also stressed on the benefit of having an Aadhaar number and clarified all the doubts and queries raised by the participants with regard to NPR and Aadhaar.

MEMA elects its first Office bearers

Meghalaya Electronic Media Association (MEMA) which has recently been instituted for the welfare of Video Journalist fraternity of the State has elected the first office bearers of the Association.

The House has unanimously elected Kyrmenlang Uriah as their President, Working President – Elmar War, Vice Presidents - Badap K. Lyngdoh, Chaphrang Passah, Ruhi Phawa, Rapbor Rynshiang, General Secretary – Martin Nongkhaw, Joint Secretaries – Mebanker Lapang, Bhabok Laloo, Treasurer – Savio Diengdoh, Organising Secretary – Marcus Lyngdoh, Office Secretary – Deepak Var-

ma and also elected B.R Blah, Raphael Warjri and Larry Lyngdoh as the Adviser of the Association.

MEMA is an association of the electronic media house based from Shillong, Jowai and Nongstoin.

The meeting was convened on the 9th September, 2016 at the Shillong Press Club and attended by representatives from different Electronic Media or the Cable News Channel - Peitngor Cable News, Ri Khasi Channel, Media Plus, T7 News, Batesi TV, UNN Channel, Riluk Channel and Myntoilang Cable News from Jowai and KNB Channel from Nongstoin.

Admission in JNV, Niangbari

The Principal of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Niangbari, Ri Bhoi District has informed that the last date of submission of JNVST/2017 would be on 16-09-2016 to the concerned BEOs. Therefore parents of the candidates applying for the JNVST 2017 are requested to submit the applications in time so as to reach the Principal JNV Niangbari for scrutiny and further action.

Vice Chairman of the SDRC appointed

The Government of Meghalaya has appointed Shri Vijay Raj as Vice-Chairman of the Meghalaya State Development Reforms Commission (SDRC) with effect from the date of assumption of charge and until further orders under Category B. This was informed by the Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Programme Implementation & Evaluation Department.

In view of the Government of India instruction and as per Rule 84 of Explosive Rules, 2008, the District Magistrate East Khasi Hills District has informed that the application forms for fresh fire work license is available in the Office of the District Magistrate East Khasi Hills District, Shillong. The form will be issued till the 10th September, 2016 and the last date for receipt of application forms will be on the 15th September, 2016. Application submitted after the above date will not be entertained.

For renewal of firework licenses, the licenses are hereby directed to renew their licenses 30 days before Diwali.

Order under Section 144 CrPC

The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sohra Civil Sub Division, Sohra has promulgated an Order under Section 144 CrPC prohibiting all heavy vehicles (trucks and lorries) carrying goods and stones more than the permissible weight.

The order has been passed in view of the reports received that goods and stone laden heavy vehicles plying via the Umjapuh Bridge daily are at times carrying load exceeding the permissible weight of 9 (nine) tons and as per the report of the Executive Engineer, PWD (Roads) Sohra Sub Division, the bridge is in a dilapidated condition and needs major repairing.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect upto a period of 6 (six) month or until further orders.

Monthly National Lok Adalat

The District & Sessions Judge/District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh will organize a "MONTHLY NATIONAL LOK ADALAT" on Criminal compoundable matters at the office of the District & Sessions Judge, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh on 10th September, 2016 from 10:00 AM onwards.

All parties concerned are requested to participate in the upcoming National Lok Adalat.

Notice

The Deputy Commissioner (Supply), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has informed the general public that food grains is to be distributed to PHH beneficiaries with 5 kgs of rice per head/per month at the rate of Rs. 3/- only per kg and for AAY beneficiaries with the scale of 35 kgs per household at the rate of Rs 3/- only per kg which is as per provisions under NFSA, 2013.

Any violation or non-compliance of these provisions, appropriate action will be taken as per provision of the law.