CM inaugurates Citizen Portal under CCTNS, flags off Highway Patrols

Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma launched the Citizen Portal under Crime & Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) project and also flagged off the Highway Patrols along with Minister for Home (Police) etc H.D.R Lyngdoh at an impressive programme held at the Police Headquarters, here on September 15.

Chief Secretary K.S.Kropha, Director-General, NCRB, New Delhi, Radhakrishna Kini, DGP I/C, Meghalaya S. K. Jain and other Police officials of various ranks and file were present on the occasion besides many others.

The Citizen Portal would enable the citizens to register their complaints or send information over the internet and they will also be able to modify or view

Chief Secretary K.S.Kropha.

CM promotes spices cultivation in Garo Hills

Chief Minister, Dr Mukul M Sangma has encouraged the cultivation of spices in Garo Hills as an alternate means of cultivation and livelihood.

Attending the Promotion of Black Pepper Cultivation at Rongjeng Government Aided Higher Secondary School, East Garo Hills, organized by District Horticulture Officer, East Garo Hills Williamnagar on September 17 Dr Mukul M Sangma said the cultivation of spices will enhance livelihood opportunities in the rural areas. Pointing out that spices like pepper, cinnamon and cardamom are used for cooking and medicinal purposes all over the world, resilient means of livelihood infused with scientific approach will bring in higher returns to cultivators and also reverse the ill effects of climatic change as planting of certain condiments like pepper also increases the vegetative cover.

Urging the villagers to start the cultivation of spices in a humble way he said the cultivation of pepper known to be king of spices, is highly profitable with India being the largest exporter of black pepper. He also said that black pepper cultivation is inter cropping with the focus being the tree of the crop like coconut and areca nut tree both of which are grown extensively in Garo Hills.

Saplings of high yielding varieties of black pepper were distributed to 84 villages. Also present at the function were MLA, Rongjeng, Sengnam Marak and MLA, Kharkutta, Cherak Momin and district officials.
The launch of Citizen Portal will be an effective mechanism for expeditious self-regulated society with a strong deterrence to crime and fear of the law. Safety and security to the citizens. He added that there is also a need to create an enabling environment to meet the challenges of providing technology backed solutions and support will enable the police department to further achieve its objectives and responsibilities effectively. Saying that there is a necessity for continuous auditing of the capacity and commitment level, he urged the gathering to respond to the call of duty with utmost sincerity, commitment and honesty.

Home Minister H.D.R. Lyngdoh, who also spoke on the occasion applauded the role the State police saying that Meghalaya Police was one of the best and most capable forces in the country and called greater cooperation of all to regain the reputation of being one of the most peaceful states in the country.

The Highway Patrols would help to strengthen police units located along the National Highways to ensure quick and effective response particularly in the high crime prone areas and accident prone areas. These highway patrols, strategically placed along the vulnerable stretches can enable quick response by authorities to assist commuters in distress on account of accidents or crimes or medical emergencies. Six of such highway patrols for Garo Hills and another six for Khasi and Jaintia Hills were flagged off on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul M Sangma said that the demand of the time is for modern and technology backed policing. Stating that Meghalaya is a state where the citizens are vigilant and alert there is a need to ensure policing is transparent and people friendly and that government has also been able to create an enabling environment to meet the challenges of providing safety and security to the citizens. He added that there is also a need to create a self-regulated society with a strong deterrence to crime and fear of the law.

“The launch of Citizen Portal will be an effective mechanism for expeditious investigation and charge sheeting by police to ensure that justice is nor denied or delayed,” he said. The Chief Minister also felt the need to strengthen the internal security apparatus both at the state and the national level and such technology backed solutions and support will enable the police department to further achieve its objectives and responsibilities effectively. Saying that there is a necessity for continuous auditing of the capacity and commitment level, he urged the gathering to respond to the call of duty with utmost sincerity, commitment and honesty.

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A n Awareness Programme on Child Adoption was organized by the District Legal Service Authority in collaboration with the Child Welfare Committee, South West Garo Hills at Ampati on September 15. Held at the Deputy Commissioner’s Conference Hall this is the first time that such a programme is being held in the district.

The programme which was attended by the medical fraternity, officers from the Police, Social Welfare department, senior citizens and stakeholders from all walks of life aimed at sensitizing the participants on the legal aspects of child adoption and also shed light on the guidelines governing the adoption of children 2015.

Addressing the gathering as Chief Guest at the inaugural session, South West Garo Hills ADC and Deputy Commissioner in charge H D B Sangma spoke briefly on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000. Stating that it was important as stakeholders to know all the aspects of legally adopting a child she urged the gathering to disseminate the information learnt at the programme.

During the awareness session East Garo Hills District Child Protection Officer Junichi K Marak who was the resource person for the day long programme stated that in order to be familiar with the child adoption guidelines one should first know about the Integrated Child Protection Scheme. Stating that people often confused ICPS with ICDS She informed that ICPS was a governmental program implemented by the Government of India to help secure the safety of children, with a special emphasis on children in need of care and protection, juveniles in conflict or contact with the law and other vulnerable children. Its primary purpose is to create a central structure to provide oversight and standardization for pre-existing and evolving child protection schemes in India she informed and added that the ICPS is administered at the state level by state child protection committees and societies and at the district level by district child protection societies, among other institutions.

She later elaborated on the salient features of the guidelines governing the Adoption of Children 2015 with the aid of PowerPoint presentations.

Among others who spoke at the occasion were District Social Welfare Officer & Child Welfare Committee, Member Secretary Linda J Sangma and Ampati Government Higher Secondary School Principal & Child Welfare Committee Chairman E G Momin.

Participants present at the gathering included DM&HO Dr Koma Sangma, SDM&HO, Dr Calvaryn Sangma, Ampati Circle Inspector W R Marak, CWC Member D Hajong and members of various child care institution, NGOs and leaders from religious institutions amongst others.
Mock drill simulating earthquake disaster held at Ampati

A mock drill simulating a 6.8 magnitude earthquake disaster was held on September 20 at Ampati in South West Garo Hills. Organized by the District Disaster Management Authority, the exercise was aimed at gauging the disaster preparedness of the staff of the medical and the Fire & Emergency Services who would be the first responders if such an emergency arises in the future. The mock drill was also held keeping in mind the fact that the area falls under the zone five category of the earthquake prone area.

The exercise which was staged at Ampati Community Health Centre simulated a 6.8 magnitude earthquake that damaged Ampati CHC wherein the male and female ward and the antenatal ward had collapsed. Teams from the Fire & Emergency Services were deployed to evacuate the injured that were tagged according to the severity of their injuries then treated by medical teams stationed at makeshift tents at the EOC.

ADPO, DDMA Debojit Koch was deployed as the observer aided by SDM&HO Dr Calvaryn Sangma while Ampati CHC in charge Dr Lydia M Marak was the Incident Commander.

After the mock drill an assessment session was held at the CHC premises wherein all the participants shared their experience during the exercise and gave their recommendations to make their respective teams more efficient in dealing with disaster in the future.

Community Awareness and Sensitization Programme held

The office of the District Medical & Health Officer West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin organized a one day Community Awareness and Sensitization on various health programmes under the department of Health and Family Welfare, National Health Mission at TRYSEM Hall, Deputy Commissioner's Office on September 14, 2016. The programme was attended by religious leaders, headmen, Anganwadi Health Supervisor and Workers, as well as ASHAs of the District.

The resource persons at the programme included doctors from Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills and medical experts from Shillong. The objective of the awareness programme was to sensitize the public on the various health programmes under the National Health Mission, Government of India, that would in turn aim to bring about a positive change in the health seeking behavior of the community with the support of various line departments of the government.
With a view to change and transform the society through human motive and behavior, a two day innovative and state of the art training programme on Ethics and Development was organized for the district officials, heads of the institutions, NGOs, etc. for West and South West Garo Hills on September 15 at SMELC Conference Hall, Dapogpe, Tura.

The programme was organized by Government of Meghalaya and Meghalaya Institute of Governance (MIG), Shillong under the aegis of state’s innovative livelihood promotion programme IDBLP and supported by the District Administration, West Garo Hills Tura. Initiatives of Change (IoC), Panchgani, Maharashtra was the Resource organization for this programme.

The main objective of this two day training programme is to motivate and inspire individuals through the change initiative process and behavioural sciences. The training programme was designed in a special way for the officials and heads of the institutions wherein an individual is exposed to various working ethics, changing work environment, managing change, peer pressure, social change, target achievements, etc.

It may be mentioned that Initiative of Change Panchgani, Maharashtra is a worldwide movement of people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, who are committed to the transformation of society through changes in human motives and behavior, starting with their own.

The training methodology included classroom session, case studies, role plays, group dynamics, simulation, joint activities and interactive sessions for better understanding of the practical situations.

A
n awareness programme on NPR Biometric Enrolment/Aadhaar was held on September 17, at H. Elias Higher Secondary School, Nongthymmai. 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 members of the Synuk Ki Ringbha Shnong, Nongthymmai Pyllun, Seng Samla and Seng Longkmie from each of the Dorbar Shnongs of the 13 Dorbars within Nongthymmai census town.

Resource person, J. Swer, Statistical Investigator presented and highlighted about NPR and Aadhaar. 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.

The District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills has promulgated an Order under Section 144 CrPC prohibiting illegal killing of fishes at the Borhil and Lyngkhat rivers around Nongtyngur and the adjoining areas by using poisonous chemicals and explosive substances.

This Order was necessitated following reports that miscreants have rampantly killed fishes at the above mentioned rivers endangering the lives of the people living in the surrounding areas. This Order comes into immediate effect and shall remain in force until further orders.

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The Departmental Selection Committee under Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), Ri-Bhoi District Nongphoh invites application from eligible candidates who are citizens of India for the following post mention below on purely contractual basis in the Juvenile Justice Board, Ri-Bhoi District Nongphoh.

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1. Application in Standard Form to be submitted to the office of the District Social Welfare Officer, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongphoh.
2. Last date of submission of application is on 6th October, 2016.
3. Application duly filled in should be accompanied by the attached copies of all testimonials.
4. Two recent passport size photographs of the applicants should be attached in the application form.
5. The self-stamped envelope containing the application form should clearly be marked as “Application for the Post of (Name of Post)…”

District Social Welfare Officer, 
Member Secretary, 
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The Director of Health Services (MCH&FW) cum Joint Mission Director, Meghalaya has informed that in Meghalaya, PMSMA was launched on July 9, 2016 and Mrs. Sweety Pala, renowned Khasi Film actress and mother is the official Brand Ambassador.

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**PMSMA launched in the State**

To reduce Maternal Mortality Rate and Infant Mortality Rate in the country, the Government of India has launched a new initiative, the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA), under the National Health Mission. Through this programme, at least one Ante Natal check-up of a pregnant woman by a doctor/ gynaecologist will be provided during the 2nd and 3rd trimester until further orders.

To know more about PMSMA and its benefits, contact the nearest District Employment Exchange, Tura.