

## CM lays base for Parking Bays in Garo Hills



Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma laid the foundation stones for Parking Bays in Williamnagar, Tura and Agia-Medhipara-Phulbari-Tura (AMPT) Road under the Liveable Towns Scheme of the State Government in the presence of PWD Minister Shri. M.M. Danggo, Parliamentary Secretaries, PWD officials and host of other dignitaries at an impressive function held at Parade Ground, Williamnagar on October 12.

Under the scheme, these parking bays will be constructed in 12 identified locations in Williamnagar, 8 in Tura and three along the AMPT Road, in order to reduce the problems of traffic congestion as well as for beautification purpose. Unlike the parking lots, a parking bay is a brief layover for vehicular traffic, including embarkment and disembarkment points of passengers, etc.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Chief Minister highlighting the different initiatives under the Most Livable Towns & Cities – an ambitious programme of the Government, said that these initiatives were an outcome of a

long drawn diligence of what the Government would like to achieve for the State and its people. It may be recalled the Government had already launched CCTV projects across the State and very recently, Highway Patrol vehicles have also been flagged off for the most vulnerable areas of the State to provide safety and security to the citizens under the scheme.

While emphasizing on the importance of safety aspects and right of way in the construction of roads, the Chief Minister spoke of how he receives reports of road mishaps from across the State almost on a daily basis and said that such problems would continue unless there is traffic regulation. He therefore stressed the need for the District Transport Authorities in every district to have workshops and trainings to create awareness on traffic rules and regulations and road safety so as to have self-regulating citizens and a civilized society.

With God-given natural beauty, the Government's efforts to promote Meghalaya as one of the most sought after destination in the world is possible only if we

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## Aids & assistive devices distributed to PWDs in city



Up to 1000 Aids and Assistive devices costing about Rs. 15 lakh were distributed to the assessed Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), free of cost, at the Samajik Adhikarita Shivar and distribution programme under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organized by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) in collaboration with Health Department, Meghalaya and office of the MP, Rajya Sabha, Shillong at Shillong Club on October 6.

Chief Minister Dr. Mukul

Sangma attended the programme and distributed the aids to the PWDs as the chief guest, in the presence of MP, Rajya Sabha Smti. Wansuk Syiem as Guest of Honour, Secretary, Health Shri. H.M. Shangpliang and several other officials, leaders of NGOs, agencies and institutions working for the welfare of the PWDs and family members of the PWDs.

In his address on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the approach of the State Government has always been inclusive and its intention is to empower all sections of the citizens in the truest sense of the term and give the sense of

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general well-being. It has embarked upon new legislative measures, in sync with the nation and come up with support system in the form of social assistance, not confining only to PWDs but also

the infirm, single mothers and widows, he added.

He expressed a sense of gratitude to those who work tirelessly to improve the aids and assistive

devices for the PWDs with new and innovative designs, adding that only those families having members with disabilities would understand the value of these updated aids and equipments.

On the complaints and hassles of issuing medical certificates for these vulnerable group of people, the Chief Minister stressed on the need to have a mechanism in place for the PWDs to avail such certificates without hindrance. He suggested that the Social Welfare department come up with a single window system and make the system simple in such a way that the certificates can be delivered to the PWDs directly to their homes.

Rajya Sabha MP Smti. Wansuk Syiem, in her brief address, said that the Government has been implementing several schemes for the welfare of PWDs by using aids and appliances manufactured by ALIMCO, which is operating across the country and the North East as well in collaboration with various and NGOs and agencies. She informed that very soon similar camps would also be organized in Garo Hills for distribution of such aids to PWDs.

Earlier, P&O Officer ALIMCO, Shri. Rajesh Das, in his welcome address, informed that the whole State of Meghalaya would be covered by them in assessment of PWDs and distribution of assistive devices for them and if some of them have been left out, they would come back again and hold similar camps for them. He also said that updated aids like smart canes and smart phones were being distributed for the first time in Meghalaya.

Later, the Chief Minister and other dignitaries personally handed over the aids and assistive devices to the beneficiaries.

## IV Dirt Endeavour Extreme 2016 concludes



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma on October 8 flagged off the final stage motocross of the three-day IV Dirt Endeavour Extreme, 2016, organized by the Garo Hills Adventure Moto-sports Association (GAMA) which concluded at Danakgre, Tura.

Altogether there were 35 participants, including 5 from Shillong in the event this year, which was tougher and bigger than previous years. It included two days of Stage Rally which was flagged off from Tura, Danakgre in West Garo Hills on October 6, wherein the riders covered Bokmagre, Danak Dopgre, Okkapara-Mellim, Salmanpara, Dombagre and Zikzak in an off-road competition before halting at Ampati, South West Garo Hills. On October 7 morning, the riders were flagged off from Ampati who traversed through Jongchetpara, Gildinggre, Okkapara, Dengnakpara, Dengasi and Asibra on their way back to Tura.

In his brief address, the Chief Minister congratulated the members of GAMA for their wonderful initiative and expressed his happiness to see this event in Garo Hills becoming bigger and better. "Such sporting events give us the opportunity to connect with the rest of the world and tell them of the positive and good things happening here", he said, adding that participants who come from outside can become the ambassadors who can connect the State with the rest of the world. It is important to have such events, not only to provide a platform for the young talents in various fields, but also help to spread positive stories about the region, he added.

He also informed the gathering that the State Government has earmarked dedicated funds for such activities for every district, be it culture or sporting events, and encouraged youth organizations to make use of these funds to motivate the youth and showcase their potentialities. He also announced of his plan to have this event in a much bigger way in the coming years.

Later, the Chief Minister gave away the trophies and prizes to the winners of the event. Pauminthang Vaiphei of Shillong was the champion of the motocross, while Chau Naglin Chowhin and Balbo P Marak bagged the second and third prizes, respectively. In the Stage Rally also Pauminthang Vaiphei bagged the first prize, Balbo P. Marak got the second prize and Chau Naglin Chowhin won the third prize.

Earlier, South Tura Legislator, Shri. John Leslee Sangma in his welcome address, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Minister for his support which enabled the Association to make the event bigger this year. The event on the final day was witnessed by a huge crowd and officials and leaders of the district.

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can project the State as safe, secure and the most liveable one, the Chief Minister said and informed that the Government has already sanctioned Rs. 15 crore for community-based Rural Tourism Resort on the other side of Simsang River. He also said that the sanction for the total road length from Williamnagar to Chokpot would be sanctioned this year itself and this would become a booster to promote Shillong-Nongstoin-Williamnagar Road as a tourism circuit.

Earlier, PWD Minister Shri. M. M. Danggo, in his brief address, highlighted on the deplorable road conditions in and around the West Khasi Hills and South Garo Hills region and said it used to take two days and two nights to travel from Ranikor in West Khasi Hills to Baghmara in South Garo Hills. He put on record his gratitude to the Chief Minister under whose leadership a sanction of Rs.113 crore has been accorded for development of road connectivity across this region.



## Raj Bhawan and Mawlynnong awarded



Raj Bhawan Shillong and Mawlynnong village have been awarded by The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for having successfully achieved the Green Building Standards required for the level of certification under IGBC for Green Existing Buildings O & M Rating System and also for Green Village Rating System.

The awards were received by Shri. K M Momin, Joint Director, Tourism, Govt of Meghalaya at the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition Green Building Congress 2016 held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at The Grand Hyatt, Mumbai.

## Regional Orientation Workshop held



The Directorate of Field Publicity, Regional Office, MMT Region, Shillong organised a one day Regional Orientation Workshop for Field Officers on RMNCH+A with special focus on Mission Indradhanush, Population Stabilisation, Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao and Anaemia among Adolescent girls here at PCI, Lower Lachumiere, Shillong on October 6.

Shri Y. Tsering, Additional Chief Secretary graced the inaugural function as Chief Guest.

Congratulating the Directorate of Field Publicity (DFP) for carrying out awareness programmes and dissemination of information on various important schemes and initiatives of the Government to the remotest villages of the North east, the Additional Chief Secretary said that the special media campaign on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A) initiated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India will not only reduce the IMR and MMR but will also help people from the remotest villages in accessing and utilising the various health care services.

The Additional Chief Secretary, while highlighting various problems faced by women and children in accessing health care services and certain social practices

prevalent in the society that may hamper the dissemination of information for the overall utilisation and implementation of the schemes, urged the Field Officers to overcome those challenges and work together in bringing about difference in the lives of the people.

Dr. Engam Pame, IIS, Regional Director, DFP, Shillong said that the DFP will carry out the intensive media campaigns in three phases commencing from October 2016 to March 2017. He also informed that the campaign activities of the DFP will be organised in collaboration with the Central Government, State Governments, Peoples Representatives, Local governments, local NGOs and also with other institutions working to facilitate various developmental and social welfare programmes of the Government.

Shri T. Hynniewta, IBES, Station Director, Doordarshan Kendra, Shillong and Shri Ratul Barua, Editor, Meghalaya Guardian also spoke at the inaugural programme. Smti I. Warjri, Mission Director, SRCW, Shillong and Dr. P. D. Chyne, Joint Director of Health Services (MCH&FW), Meghalaya, Shillong were the resource persons for the technical session.



## Awareness campaign under SVEEP kick-starts in Ampati



A District Level Awareness Campaign under Systematic Voter's Education & Enrollment Participation (SVEEP) kick started at Ampati on October 7, with a slogan writing and drawing competition. The campaign is being organized by the office of the Deputy Commissioner (Election), South West Garo Hills, Ampati and aims at maximizing enrollment and electoral participation of all enrolled and eligible voters in the district. The campaign themed "No voter to be left behind" will lay special emphasis on the participation of the differently abled.

The inaugural session was followed by a drawing competition for the general public, school students and the differently abled. A slogan writing competition was also held for school students and the participants who attended the gathering.

Delivering the key note address, Addl Deputy

Commissioner & Project Director DRDA Smti. H D B Sangma stated that the campaign was being held to encourage participation of voters in the electoral process. She informed that programmes under SVEEP are held every year during the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls. Urging eligible voters to enroll in the electoral roll, she instructed them to fill up form number 6 and submit it to Booth Level Officer of respective polling stations for enrollment. She also focused on various problems faced by the Deputy Commissioner (Election) during hearings on various election related verification of electorates and shed light on how to mitigate it.

Later, Assistant Systems Engineer, DC (Election), Shri. Swarupananda Banai went through the various facets of enrollment into the electoral roll through the aid of a power point presentation to illuminate the gathering on the process.

### ELECTORAL DRAFT ROLL PUBLISHED FOR NONGKREM, LABAN & NONGSPUNG-SOHIONG

The Returning Officer & Deputy Commissioner, District Council Election, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has informed that the Electoral Roll in Draft of 8-Nongkrem, 15-Laban and 22-Nongspung-Sohiong District Council Constituencies have been prepared in accordance with Rule 129 (3) of the Assam Meghalaya Autonomous District (Constitution of District Councils) Rule 1951 (Parts I, II & III), as amended by the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council. A copy thereof is available for inspection at the office of the Returning Officer & Deputy Commissioner, District Council Election, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong at the office of the Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Smit, the office of the Officer In-Charge, Riblong Police Beat House and the office of the Block Development Officer, Mawphlang C & RD Block respectively on all working days during office hours.

### ISS GRADE SUGAR 30 UNDER TPDS RELEASED

The Deputy Commissioner (Supply), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has informed that ISS Grade Sugar 30 under TPDS for the month of April 2016 quota has been released and will be distributed through the respective Fair Price Shops at the scale of 3 kg per card at Rs 30/- per kg.

All Fair Price Shop dealers of the District are requested to lift the allotted quota of ISS Grade Sugar 30 immediately and to arrange the distribution to the beneficiaries.

Any non-supply or overcharging of rate and supply of inferior quality of ISS Grade Sugar 30 by the Fair Price Shop dealers should be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner (Supply), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong

### MEGHALAYA COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE

The Meghalaya Compulsory Registration of Marriages Rules, 2015 has been notified by the Government of Meghalaya vide ERTS(R)/2011/366 dated 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015. This was informed by the Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Excise, Registration, Taxation & Stamps Department. As per provision under the Rules, the Registrars of Marriages have also been duly appointed for East and West Khasi Hills Districts, East and West Jaintia Hills Districts, Ri Bhoi District, East and West Garo Hills Districts and Mairang and Sohra Civil Sub-Divisions. Registrar of Marriages for the remaining Districts and Sub Divisions will be notified in due course.

Under the rules, the parties to a marriage solemnized after the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 are to submit a memorandum (application form costing Rs. 10/- as registration fee are available with the Registrar of Marriage in the office of the Deputy Commissioner of the Districts) along with their passport size photographs to the Registrar of Marriage within a period of 60 days from the date of solemnization of marriage. However, the Act does not debar the registration of such marriages which were solemnized before 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

Upon completion, the Registrar of Marriage shall issue a certificate of Registration of Marriage, free of cost, to the parties of marriage as proof of registration.

Marriages solemnized after the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 in respect of which no memorandum of registration is filed within sixty days of its solemnization shall be liable to pay a fine of Rs. 100/- for each month's delay after 60 days upto 120 days, and Rs. 50/- subject to a maximum of Rs. 1000/- for each month's delay after 120 days.

For any enquiry or information, the general public may contact the Registrar of Marriages of their District/Sub-Division.

## Awareness Programme on Social Networking and Cyber Crime held

An Awareness Programme on Social Networking and Cyber Crime for the Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges was organized by District Child Protection Unit, West Garo Hills, Tura in collaboration with State Child Protection Society, ICPS, Shillong under Integrated Child Protection Scheme, Social Welfare Department on October 6 at District Auditorium, West Garo Hills Tura.

Speaking at the inaugural function, Additional Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Shri. D D Shira expressed hope that the awareness programme on crimes associated with internet based technology would prove beneficial, especially to the student community of the region. Emphasizing on the role and responsibilities of teachers and parents he stated that children's behavior should be monitored carefully and proper guidance should be given to them always and whenever necessary. Further, he advised the students to learn their lessons with determination and dedication and also directed them to use social networking sites cautiously in order to prevent themselves from falling prey to the

ill-effects of internet related activities in their future career.

In the technical session, Shri. B P D Marak, Inspector, Shri. D Marak, Sub-Inspector and Shri. I Jyrwa, Sub-Inspector, resource persons from CID Branch, Meghalaya Police, Shillong explained in detailed about cyber crime, different types of cyber crime, guidelines and safety measures to the students present. During the power point presentation by the resource persons, the statistics of registered cyber crime cases in Meghalaya reflected as 17 cases in 2012, 32 cases in 2013, 80 cases in 2014, 64 cases in 2015 and 29 cases in 2016. After the interaction with the resource persons it was revealed that even though cyber crime is increasing rapidly, people are reluctant to come forward to file complaints to the police. It was also informed that school and college students are common victims to these attacks.

Other highlights of the day included role play related to cyber crime performed by students of Masters of Social Work from Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong and Mason Phillips Academy, Tura