

CM delivers convocation address to RKM computer trainees



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Chief Minister
Meghalaya

MESSAGE

On the joyous occasion of the 69th Independence Day, I, on behalf of myself and the State Government, convey my warmest greetings and good wishes to all the people of the State and the country.

On this very important occasion, we salute the valiant freedom fighters whose courage and sacrifice brought us freedom from colonial rule. We also pay tribute to the builders of our Republic for their selfless services for creating a modern, secular and democratic country.

As we commemorate this day, let us all unite and work concertedly to take our State and the Country forward on the path of peace, progress and prosperity.

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Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma along with the Home Minister Roshan Warjri attended the Convocation Programme for 62nd batch of computer trainees of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Cultural Centre at Quinton Road on August 12.

It may be mentioned that RKM Vivekananda Cultural Centre has already trained more than 32,000 youths of the region in the field of Information Technology.

Delivering the convocation address to the trainees, the Chief Minister said the youth need to equip themselves with knowledge and skill to be able look beyond their needs and contribute to the needs of the society, the State and the Nation. He said that it was the responsibility of the Government to respond to the dreams and aspirations of its people and therefore the developmental programmes have been designed in such a way that can create positive environment to open up opportunities and create the right kind of platform for the youth to realize their dreams, adding that as policy maker one cannot stick to stereotype planning.

He also stressed the need for the youths to look at opportunities on a broader spectrum. About 1200 trainee youths participated in the convocation.

Highlighting on several infrastructural development initiatives of the Government, the Chief Minister informed the gathering that 80 acres of land have been given to the IT Department for creation of ITC Park where there would be employment scope for the trained youths.

On being questioned by one of the youths on what the Government would do in case of youths who would

like to pursue their career but are restrained by their domestic responsibilities, including taking care of ailing parents, the Chief Minister briefed about Megha Health Insurance Scheme of the State Government and also announced that a new scheme called Special Assistance for those requiring critical care would soon be launched in the State.

Earlier, Home Minister Roshan Warjri in her brief address as the guest of honour, stressed on the need for the youth of today to understand the dignity of labour and urged upon young computer trainees to use their skills for the welfare of the society. She also lauded the Mission for delivery of humanitarian services to the people of the State.

Later, both the Chief Minister and the Home Minister gave away certificates and awards to the project toppers and the toppers in various modules, while a trophy was awarded to the best MS batch of trainees. A few of the deserving trainees were also presented with a set of computer each, who in turn would train others some basic computing skills that they have learnt.

Secretary, RKM, Shillong Swami Achyuteshanada and Dr. Manas Dasgupta were among others who also spoke on the occasion.

75 Meters RCC Bridge over Umngi River inaugurated



A 14/1 RCC Bridge over River Umngi including approached road under ANLCPR scheme was formally inaugurated by the Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister, Shri. Rowell Lyngdoh in presence of the Meghalaya Minister for PWD Roads Shri. S. Dhar, the MDC of the Ranikor Shri. M. Nongrem, Shri. H. Lyngdoh, MDC, Mawkyrwat, N. Syiemiong Syiem of Hima Maharam, Smt. R. Lyngdoh, Deputy Commissioner, South West Khasi Hills District, other government officials including head of offices in the District, local elders and the general public of the area at a function held at the site of the bridge on August 6.

Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest Shri. Rowell Lyngdoh, recalled the olden days in absence of proper roads and bridges, people has to go through up's and down to move or transports their goods from one place to the others. He added that, it is only after Independence the then government of Assam had constructed the semi-permanent temporary bridge (SPTBUG). The bridge

which is more than 50 years old has been serving the purpose of the people of the area. The bridge has become too old and needs frequent maintenance to keep the area connected. He also informed, that, it is on June 2011 sanctioned of Rs. 706.61 lakhs through the ministry of DONER to construct the Double Lane RCC Bridge over Umngi River has come into being.

The newly constructed bridge has given immense joy to the people of Mawkyrwat where they can travel freely and safely. He called upon the general public to keep the bridge safe and clean and feel the sense of owning the bridge which the government has constructed for the wellbeing of the people at large.

Others who spoke were Shri. S. Dhar, Meghalaya Minister for PWD and Smt. R. Lyngdoh, Deputy Commissioner, South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat.

Elections to GHADC notified

The Commissioner and Secretary, District Council Affairs has released the approved programme for holding of the General Election, 2015 of every constituency of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council for the purpose of re-constitution of the GHADC on the expiration of the present duration.

The calendar for publication of draft Electoral Roll, rule 129 (1) is on 12.8.2015, last date for filing of claims and objections, rule 129 (3) is on 27.8.2015, disposal of claim and objections, rule 129 (3) is on 10.9.2015, publication of final electoral roll, rule 129 (3) (4) is on 12.9.2015, date for calling the constituencies to elect their representatives, rule 124 (2) is on 14.9.2015, last date for filing nomination, rule 133 (2) (a) is on 21.9.2015 before 3:00 pm, date of scrutiny of nomination paper, rule 135 (1) is on 21.9.2015 after 3:00 pm, last date for withdrawal of nomination papers, rule 133 (9) is on 24.9.2015, date of finalization and publication of valid nomination and allocation of symbol, rule 135 (4) is on 26.9.2015, date of poll, rule 133 9b) is on 12.10.2015, hours of commencement and close of poll, rule 140(1) from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm and date of counting is on 15.10.2015.

TURA LEAGUE 2015 Concludes



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma awards the winning trophy to Boca Juniors after the final match of Tura League 2015, organized by District Football Association in collaboration with various sponsors, at Dikki-Bandi Stadium on August 5.

Boca Juniors beat Druma Sandruma 3-2, the former scoring the winning goal during the last leg of the match. The final match saw a record gathering of 10,000-odd spectators, exceeding the stadium's sitting capacity of 6000.

Health Minister launches 2nd phase of MHIS



Meghalaya Health Minister, Mr. A. L. Hek launched the second phase of Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme (MHIS-II) for Pynthorumkrah area at a function held at Golfink Community Hall, Shillong on August 10.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Hek informed that during the first phase of MHIS launched in the year 2012, the scheme has provided insurance benefits to 766 patients from the areas with a total claim of more than Rs.30 lakhs.

Urging the people to act as ambassador of the scheme to spread awareness about the second phase of MHIS, Mr. Hek appeal to the people to come forward and enroll themselves to enable them to avail the benefits as provided in the scheme. He also informed that the scheme is available to all the people of the State except state and central government employees.

Elaborating that the Scheme aims at providing financial aid at the time of hospitalization and treatment and reduce the out-of-pocket expenses of the beneficiaries, Mr. Hek informed that the MHIS-II would provide insurance cover

for hospitalization and treatment for a wide range of diseases which include cost related for MRI and CT scan in all government hospitals, NEIGHRIMS, empanelled private hospitals in the State and outside the State which are located in Guwahati, Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai.

Mr. M. R. Synrem, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare and CEO, MHIS, informed that under the scheme, beneficiaries will be entitled up to Rs. 2 lakh coverage at the time of hospitalization on a floater basis and it is extendable up to five members of a family, where each household has to pay Rs. 30 annually at the time of enrollment. The department target to achieve 100 percent enrolment in the second phase, added Mr. Synrem. He also informed that the government has signed an agreement with New India Assurance Company Ltd for the implementation of the second phase of the scheme.

Earlier in the day, the Minister along with other dignitaries distributed Smart Cards to the beneficiaries who have enrolled for the scheme.



Class XI Arts inaugurated in Garo Union Higher Secondary School, Tura

Chairperson, Meghalaya Resource Mobilization and Employment Generation Council, Mrs. Dikkanchi D. Shira today inaugurated the Class XI Arts in Garo Union Higher Secondary School, Tura on August 12.

Joint Director of School Education and Literacy East, West and South Garo Hills, Mr. Satterson D Sangma, Chairman Tura Municipal Board, Mr. D. N. Sangma, Deputy Chairman, State Planning Board and Member, School Managing Committee, Mr. Grithalson Areng, Managing Committee members, staff and students were also present at the function.

Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Mrs. Dikkanchi D. Shira expressed her happiness to be a part of this historic landmark and lauded the effort and dedication of the managing committee as well as the teachers and staff of the school. She also announced that the Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma has donated a plot of land at Rongbakgre near Tura for the school complex. Pointing at the presence of negative forces in the region, Mrs. Shira urged the students to focus on their studies and shape the future of the society. Stating that the time period during class XI and XII are crucial for making decisions in life, she said that continuing their studies in the same school yields better results since the teachers can provide proper guidance and discipline unlike the liberty availed in colleges which is often misused by some students.

Mr. Satterson D Sangma, the Guest of Honour at the function

termed it as historic since the long cherish dream have been fulfilled and that it will be able to solve the problem of non availability of seats in colleges around the town. He also advised the teachers to guide the students properly in their studies and make extra effort while teaching core subjects like Science and Mathematics. Moreover, he urged them to make use of their creative talent in order to create interest among the students.

It may be mentioned that the Garo Union Secondary School was established in the year, 1987 and the school celebrated its Silver Jubilee during the year, 2012 wherein Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma sanctioned an amount of Rs. Ten lakhs from the Chief Minister's Scheme for the extension and upgradation of the Class XI Arts building of the Garo Union Higher Secondary School, Tura. The strength of the staff has increased to 27 with 21 teachers, 2 office assistant, 2 4th grade staff and 2 cook. The school has been providing special opportunity to the students of the area by providing quality education with nominal fees.

Others who spoke on the occasion include Mr. Gipson R Marak, President of the School and Mr. G Areng, Member, School Managing Committee.

Mr. Stanley Ch. Momin, Principal of the School welcomed the gathering and gave the introductory speech while Mrs. B. A. Sangma, Vice-Principal proposed the vote of thanks.

ACHIEVEMENT

The Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District has informed that the combined Jaintia Hills District has achieved the Prime Minister's dream of having 100% toilets in SSA run Schools.

The four Agencies: the State PHE Department, Meghalaya Government Construction Company (MGCC), Meghalaya Electricity Corporation Ltd (MeECL), Mahindra Private Limited has constructed altogether 1700 toilets in the Jaintia Hills District. The target was completed before the deadline of 10th August, 2015 as set by the Government. The State PHE Department has built 832, MGCC has built 363 toilets, MeECL has built 503 toilets and Mahindra Private Limited has built 2 toilets.

The Task was carried out on a war footing. During last month alone, the 4 agencies have built close to 700 toilets in the East and West Jaintia Hills District.

Environmental Rally held at Khliehriat



Mr. Hopeful Bamon, MLA, Sutnga-Saipung Constituency on August 8 flagged off the Environmental Rally from DC' Office Complex, East Jaintia Hills District which culminated at Little Flowers Secondary School, Khliehriat.

The programme 'Youth for Green Campaign' was organized by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District under the Chief Minister's Youth Development Scheme on the theme "A New Challenge for a New Decade Development without Destruction".

The programme was attended by Mr. Justine Dkhar, Parliamentary Secretary, Education and Social Welfare who is the local MLA, Mr. W. R. Lyngdoh, Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills, Shri K. L. Nongbri, Project Director DRDA, school and college students of the areas among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Justine Dkhar lauded the students for taking part in the environmental rally and appealed to the participants to keep the environment and its surrounding clean and green for the benefit of present and future generation.

Mr. Hopeful Bamon, in his speech urged the people not to throw waste on the road side and to separate the bio-degradable wastes and non bio-degradable wastes at source. He stressed the need to plant trees in our home and schools so that we can make our Jaintia Hills green and clean.

The other highlights of the day include Environmental pledge led by Father Paul Passah, Principal, St. Anthony's College (Extension), Byndihati, theme song presented by Ridalin Nongtdu, Rimika Dkhar and skit by Khliehriat Presbyterian Higher Secondary School.

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