

A meeting the cabinet was conveyed on August 31 to consider a number of proposals put up by different line departments.

Briefing the media regarding the cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Dr Mukul M Sangma said that the cabinet has approved the proposal of the Education department to extend the Death Cum Retirement Gratuity (DCRG) to Deficit Non-Government Lower Primary Schools in the state. Earlier, DCRG extended only to Deficit Non-Government Upper Primary and secondary Schools but with the approval of the proposal by the Cabinet Deficit Non-Government Lower Primary Schools will be covered he added. Similarly, the extension of Provident Fund to Deficit Non-Government Lower Primary Schools has also been approved he said. The Chief Minister said that this is part of the exercise of the government to ensure that social security of the teachers of Deficit Non-Government Schools is improved.

The Cabinet also considered the Amendment to Section 106 of Meghalaya Value Added Tax (VAT) Act to consider the mechanism for realization of value added tax from private as well as public limited companies. The Chief Minister informed that this proposal is specific to sale of coal and limestone to private cement plants and other private industries to evoke the tax to be deducted at source. The companies at the time of paying credit to the suppliers will be required to deduct the prescribed amount as far as the value added tax is concerned to ensure that the realization of value added tax specifically in the sale of coal and limestone is realized effectively and there is no leakage.

The Cabinet also approved the Meghalaya Clinker Cess Act 2015 an exercise to move up additional resources and the amendment of the Meghalaya Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill which will be introduced in the forthcoming Assembly session. The amendment of Meghalaya police Service Rules in respect of Junior Grade and Senior Grade Posts, in line to the Recommendations of the Pay Commission to avoid stagnation in posts and fulfilling the policy of the state government that all non gazetted government employees are given the benefit Assured Career Progressive Scheme, the proposal of Home Police was also approved by the cabinet during the meeting.

Cabinet approves DCRG among other proposals



Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Governor of Meghalaya celebrating Raksha Bandha with members of Brahma Kumari, Shillong and children of SOS village at Raj Bhavan, Shillong on 29th August, 2015.

Agar, bamboo plantation can address climatic concerns, give sustainable livelihood:CM



Asanang



Williamnagar

As part of the Mission Green concept of the Government, Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma distributed bamboo and agar saplings to the people of the West Garo Hills District at Asanang on August 27 while launching Bamboo and Agar Cultivation Scheme under Agriculture and Horticulture departments.

Parliamentary Secretary in charge Urban Affairs, Mr. Noverfield R Marak, Chairman, Meghalaya State Development Reforms Council, Mrs. Bluebell Sangma, Deputy Commissioner West Garo Hills, Mr. Pravin Bakshi, Members of Meghalaya District Council, district officials and officials of the Agri-Horti departments besides local leaders, nokmas, school students and citizens of the district were present at the function.

While addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma expressed his sense of satisfaction for the overwhelming response of the people towards this initiative for creating sustainable ecology and regeneration of the green forest cover of the region thus making conducive environment for the future generation and also bring remunerative returns to the farmers. He also stressed on the need to engage in the agenda of global warming which were caused by human activities meant to support and provide livelihood for the people. Therefore, to reverse the adverse effects of climate change there is a need to redesign the kind of livelihood activities and make our habitations liveable, he added.

Expressing concern on the need for energy conservation, Dr. Sangma stated that power obtained from hydel project alone could not meet the present demands of power in the state and hence, the necessity to generate power from other safe and sustainable materials like bamboo, etc.

He further acknowledged that by taking up Bamboo and Agar cultivation on large scale the state would be able to reverse the trend of population migration from rural to urban areas. Dr. Sangma also explained about the cultivation of the agar plant, how and when to inoculate the plants to enhance their value and informed that a policy is being framed by the government to grow the plant legally since it has been declared as an endangered species and also to regulate marketing of agar wood.

Another value of importance of agar is the leaves from which an elixir drink can be prepared, he added. Dr. Sangma further encouraged the practice of adopting multi cropping and scientific methods for futuristic implementation and success of the scheme.

On the same day the Chief Minister also launched the programme at Rongrenggiri Playground, Williamnagar in the presence of Parliamentary Secretary, Shri. Rophul S. Marak, Deputy Commissioner Shri. C.V.D. Diengdoh, IG (Western Range), Shri. L.B. Sangma, Superintendent of Police, Shri. Davis Nestell Marak and officials of Horticulture & Agriculture departments.

Commendation for Best Para Legal Volunteers Held

The District Legal Services Authority, South West Khasi Hills District Mawkyrwat, in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority felicitated Shri. Diningroy Marwein as the best Para Legal Volunteer 2015 at a function held on August 27 at the Multipurpose Hall D.C. Complex, Mawkyrwat.

Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, Shri Rowell Lyngdoh, Deputy Chief Minister of Meghalaya expressed his happiness to associate himself in a programme and he lauded the awardee for bringing legal awareness and legal aid to all section of society in the areas through his hard work, sincerity and dedication.

Others who spoke were Smt. R Lyngdoh, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman District Legal Authority, Smt. R Iangrai, ADC. Shri Dinningroy Marwein, Awardee, and Smt. S.Ch. Momin, EAC.





Outstanding Sports Persons of the State felicitated

A felicitation function for sports achievers in the National and Regional Tournament was held on August 29 at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong. The programme was organized by the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Meghalaya. Meghalaya Home Minister, Smti Roshan Warjri graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion Smti Roshan Warjri lauded the sportspersons for bringing laurels to the State. Smti Warjri, while highlighting the sports scenario said that there is no lack of sportspersons in the State and hoped that in years to come more infrastructure will be set up to cater to the needs of the emerging sports enthusiasts. She also said that more coaches need to be inducted to train the emerging talents so as to enable them to represent the State of Meghalaya not only in the regional and national level but also at the International level. Sport is one of such areas which can bring people together and promote communal peace and harmony. Smti Warjri also highlighted briefly on the life and achievements of the greatest hockey player of India, Major Dhyand Chand Singh and added that hockey should also be started in the State of Meghalaya.

The felicitation programme coincides with the birth anniversary of the legendary hockey player of India, Major Dhyand Chand Singh on whose honor the National Sports Day is celebrated every year throughout the country.

During the programme, a total of 112 sportspersons from 11 sports disciplines who have excelled in both the national and regional competitions were felicitated with cash awards. Shri Edward Mawthoh who won a Bronze medal at the World Kickboxing Championship held at Italy in the year, 2014 was presented with a citation and a cash award of Rs. 1 lakh.

Besides the Vice President, Meghalaya State Olympics Association, Shri John F. Kharshiing and the Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri F. M. Dophth, other officials from the State Government, sportspersons, coaches and school children were also present at the function.

Deputy Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri J. R. Marak delivered the welcome address while the Assistant Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri C. W. Dunai offered the vote of thanks.

Shortage Of LPG Supply

The Deputy Commissioner (Supply), West Garo Hills has through a communiqué informed that due to technical snags there could be shortage and scarcity of LPG supply for a week or so.

The statement issued cited that there were technical problems at the LPG bottling plants, BRPL, Bongaigaon, Assam making it impossible on the part of LPG distributors to supply the commodity. The Deputy Commissioner (supply) has urged all consumers to extend their cooperation during the shortage and asked the people to notify his office if any problem arises. Efforts are being made to bring back the normal supply of LPG as early as possible the statement added.

Prohibition On Sale & Use Of Plastic Bags

In compliance with directions by the Central Pollution Control Board regarding restriction/ban on stocking, selling and use of any plastic carry bag having thickness of less than 40 microns under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Tura Municipal Board has prohibited the stocking, sale and use of such impermissible plastic carry bags within Tura Municipality area with immediate effect. The use of such plastic bags violates the provisions of the Plastic Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2011, the Board said and informed that its Enforcement staff have been authorized and deployed to take necessary action in this regard, adding that anyone found violating the ban/restriction would be caught and prosecuted as per the relevant provisions of the Act and Rules.

Coaching Classes For Clerical Grade Examinations

The District Administration, West Jaintia Hills District, in collaboration with North East Career Academy, Shillong will conduct coaching classes for Clerical Grade Examinations (MPSC, DSC and others), which will commence from 3rd September, 2015, under Chief Minister's Career Guidance Program at Thomas Jones College, Jowai.

District panel on crime against women meets at Ampati



The District level Coordination Committee on Crime against Women, South West Garo Hills met for the first time in the office chamber of the Deputy Commissioner, Shri. Ram Singh, at Ampati on August 28.

It may be mentioned that a district level committee was constituted in all the four newly created districts of the State in the month of June, last year with the Deputy Commissioner as Chairman, District Social Welfare Officer as Member Secretary and Superintendent of Police, District Medical & Health Officer, District Public Relations Officer, District School Education Officer and to prominent NGOs of the district as members.

The function of the Committee is to review report on cases arising out of crimes against women in the district; to send monthly report on cases pertaining to crimes against women; to ensure effective coordination between officers concerned on programmes and measures to combat crimes against women and to chalk out appropriate interventions to fight the menace of crimes against women.

Expressing serious concern over the number of pending cases of crimes against women and children, the Deputy Commissioner & Chairman of the Committee, Ram Singh urged upon the District Police to speed up investigation process into the pending cases so that the victims are not subjected to undue harassment by neighbours or threats by perpetrators.

During the meeting the District Social Welfare Officer and the Police presented their reports on cases pertaining to crimes against women. It was informed that three cases of crime against women, including sexual molestation and domestic violence, have been brought to the notice of DSWO although there may be many more unreported cases. It was also said that the delay in certain cases was due to the fact that they have to be referred to the District Council court and as a result concerned departments are unable to submit timely reports.

The Committee therefore decided to have a monthly meeting so as to have better monitoring and review of the pending cases of crimes against women.

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A State Climate Change Cell for Meghalaya is being set up at Shillong with funding support from the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India under National Mission on Sustainable Himalayan Eco System (NMSHE). This cell would function under the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA), which is implementing the Integrated Basin Development and Livelihood Promotion Programme (IBDLP) – a flagship livelihoods programme of the Government of Meghalaya. MBDA invites application in prescribed form from eligible candidates for the post of Project Scientist.

Name of the Post	Project Scientist (BLevel)
Essential Qualifications	Ph.D in Environmental Sciences / Remote Sensing & GIS / Geoinformatics / Earth and Atmospheric Sciences or related fields with significant work in the field of Climate Change. Preference will be given to candidates with knowledge in project design, good coordination of multidisciplinary project team, and computational skills.
Experience	Three (3) year of experience in handling climate change issues /modelling of climate change / climate change analysis / spatial analysis and ecological modelling / vulnerability assessment /adaptation or mitigation projects.
Location	Shillong (will involve extensive touring within the State).
Monthly Emolument	Rs. 50,000 /-(Consolidated)
No. of Post	2

1. Notification and prescribed application form can be downloaded from the website, www.mbda.gov.in or can be obtained free of cost from any of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, Basin Development Unit at the 11 (eleven) district headquarters.
2. All positions are being offered on contract. Details in this regard may be seen in the notification.
3. Application forms duly filled along with credentials can be submitted to Human Resource Section, Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) Head Office, C/o Meghalaya Housing Financing Cooperative Society Ltd. Campus, Nongrim – 793003 up to 5:00 PM on 28th September 2015, the last date for submission of application form.

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
58 GTC, HAPPY VALLEY, SHILLONG-7

Applications are invited from Indian Nationals for the following post by 23 Sep 2015 to QM Office, 58 GTC, Happy Valley, Shillong-7.

S/No	Post	No. of Post	Hearing Handicapped (HH)	Pay Scale
1.	Gardener	01	01	5200-20200 + 1800

- (i) Qualification - Matriculation or equivalent examination of any recognized University/Board.
- (ii) Desirable - Must have knowledge of the Gardening.
- (ii) Age - 18 to 25 years (+10 years for Hearing Handicapped Candidates).

GENERAL INSTRUCTION

1. Application completed in all respect along with attested copies of Educational Certificate, Disability Certificate, Caste Certificate and other relevant certificate should be sent to the QM Office, 58 GTC, Happy Valley,Shillong-7.
2. Only those applicants will be considered as hearing handicapped who have lost sixty decibels or more in the better ear in the conversational range of frequencies. Disability certificate is mandatory.
3. Two self addressed envelopes to be sent alongwith application affixing five rupees postal stamp each.
4. Copy of Employment Exchange Registration Card, if held, also to be sent alongwith the application.
5. Application received after the due date i.e 23 Sep 2015, will be summarily rejected.
6. Incomplete application(s) shall not be entertained.
7. No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.
8. No TA/DA for recruitment test/interview will be paid. Candidates will make their own boarding and lodging arrangements for test/interview.
9. The candidates will be informed for the written test/interview with call letter, if application is accepted.

Local Holiday

The Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District has declared 18th September, 2015 as a local holiday on account of Unitarian Anniversary Day. All State Government Offices, Revenue and Magisterial Court and Educational Institutions located in West Jaintia Hills District shall remain closed on 18th September, 2015.

Rice and ISS Sugar Released

The Deputy Commissioner (Supply), West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai has informed that that the APL, Additional APL, BPL Additional BPL & AAY quota of Rice for the month of August, 2015 and ISS sugar for the month of May, 2015 are being released from all wholesalers and made available in all F.P Shops.

APL quota of rice will be distributed at the scale of 15.136.Kgs per family per month for both rural and urban areas at the rate of Rs. 9.70 per kg in the urban areas while in rural areas the selling rate is at the rate fixed in their respective centre.

Additional APL quota of rice at the scale of 7.56 Kgs per card for both rural and urban areas and the selling rate is at Rs. 9.70 per kg while in rural areas the selling rate is fixed in their respective centre.

BPL quota of rice at the scale of 35 kgs per card at the rate of 6.15 per kg for both rural and town areas and additional BPL quota of rice at the Scale of 9.34 kgs per card at the rate of Rs.6.15 for both rural and town areas. AAY quota of rice at the scale of 35 Kgs per AAY card at the rate of Rs.3.00 per Kg for both rural and urban areas. ISS Sugar at the scale of 599 grams per head per month at the rate of Rs.20.00 per kg for both rural and urban areas.

Sugar Released

The Deputy Commissioner (Supply), West Garo Hills, has informed that ISS-grade sugar for month of April, 2015 has been released to the consumers within Tura Sadar Division through their respective retail dealers at the scale of 3 kg per card per month. All family identity card holders have been asked to avail their entitled quota from their respective centers.

SAN-KER
to organise
Cycle Rally



Together with the rest of the world, SAN-KER will observe World Suicide Prevention Day by organising a 17 Km Cycle Rally on 10th September, 2015 that would begin from Mawroh Community Hall at 10:00 AM and culminate at SAN-KER. There will also be a seminar on the theme‘Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives’ on the same day at the KJP Assembly Conference Centre, Shillong at 2:00 PM.

Registration of participants will begin at the starting point at 9:00 AM. Participants will also be given an official participant label, a certificate of completion and the distance they cycled will be added on to the total distance recorded by IASP globally.

The aim of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) to host the 2nd Cycle around the Globe challenge this year is to encourage individuals on every continent to collectively cycle the circumference of the globe, with the intention of raising awareness globally about the importance of suicide prevention.

Globally, suicide is the 4th leading cause of death among young males and 3rd among young females. In India, more than one lakh lives are lost every year due to suicide. With the intention of reducing the incidence of suicide and raise community awareness, every year the 10th September is observed as the “World Suicide Prevention Day”.

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