

Chief Minister attends North East Business Summit at Mumbai



The North East India Business and Cultural Integration Initiatives, organized by Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Government of India and Confederation of Indian Industry was held on June 30 at Mumbai and Chief Minister, Dr Mukul M Sangma attended the function as the Chief Guest.

Speaking to the gathering during the Inaugural Session, Dr Mukul M Sangma said that the summit is a culmination of a humble beginning to bring North East to the rest of the country. He said that the North Eastern region being a conglomeration of frontier states the growth and prosperity of this region is very important. He stated that the region has seen visible positive impact in the last few years due to

number of investments viable for the region hence there is a need to ensure that the growth and prosperity does not get dislocated.

The Chief Minister stated that the suspension of North Eastern Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy, 2007 (NEIIP) has affected industrial development in North East however there has been collective efforts by the state governments of North East to operationalize the same with few modifications and improvements as articulated by the North Eastern states. He added that North East is better governed for business prospects and there is a need to look at sustainability of business and livelihood in the rural areas of the region leveraging upon the

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Governor inaugurates New School Building of Ramakrishna Mission



A new school building of Ramakrishna Mission was inaugurated on June 4 by the Governor of Meghalaya, Shri V. Shanmuganathan at Ramakrishna Mission Secondary School, Shella, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya in presence of Dr. Donkumar Roy, local MLA, Shri P. K. Dubey, IG, BSF and Smti P. Lawai, Secretary, SPVS among others.

The construction for the school building was funded by Special Purpose Vehicle Society (SPVS), a society created by the Special Purpose Committee for implementing development schemes which include education, health, agriculture, irrigation and general economy in the area around the mining area now under

operation by the Lafarge-Umiam Mining Pvt. Ltd. The operation of the Society covers those Elakas and villages within the perimeter distance of 50 km from the mining area.

During the programme, the Governor of Meghalaya, Shri V. Shanmuganathan, local MLA, Dr. Donkumar Roy and Swami Brahmadevenendaji Maharaj distributed garments to the beneficiaries. Garments were distributed to a total of 1118 beneficiaries which included both men and women from 7 areas namely, Jatap, Pyrkan, Umphloh-Ichamati, Kalibari, Bholaganj, Kalatek and Shella.

2nd Inter State Exchange Programme of MGNREGA held in Shillong



The 2nd Inter State Exchange Programme of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was held in Shillong from 30th June to 2nd July 2016 which was attended by representatives from nine states from the country.

Attending the 3rd Day of the exchange programme at State Convention Centre, as the Chief Guest, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul M Sangma MGNREGA is a wonderful initiative not only to ensure funneling of resources for sustainable rural development but also to provide job opportunity to job seekers for the rural masses of the country. He said that MGNREGA is the largest economic stimulus and is a programme that will remain. The Chief Minister also expressed his gratitude to the Ministry of Rural Development for immediately responding to the release of fund for the wages which was the need of the state.

Stating that there was need to create an enabling environment for convergence he added that IBDLP can provide the platform to facilitate convergence with MGNREGA. The Chief Minister said that many out of box approaches come from such exchange programmes and the Black Topping of Rural Road Schemes (BTRRS) can be take away points for other states. He also informed that Meghalaya Institute of Governance will facilitate training of VECs and added that MGNREGA is not only an employment scheme but tool of economic and social change in rural areas.

Earlier, Joint Secretary, MoRD, Aparajita Sarangi said that MGNREGA is moving from social security to social entrepreneurship and the Ministry of Rural Development is bringing in simplicity in the implementation of the programme. Expressing happiness at the VECs sense of ownership over the programme she

however stressed on the need to impart technical training to the VECs in time bound manner. Talking about the activities of MGNREGA she said that Berkeley Composting method which is rapid composting method can become the National Model if it proves to be successful in Meghalaya.

While assuring of funds from the Ministry, the Joint Secretary spoke about the need to go for massive convergence and urged upon the state to have a State Convergence Plan. She also said that the 3793 youth under MGNREGA need to be given training which would also tackle the severe dearth of technical personnel in MGNREGA as these trained youth can become Bare Foot Technicians. She also gave useful suggestions and highlighted areas that needed immediate attention.

Commissioner & Secretary, C & RD Department, Meghalaya, Sampath Kumar earlier gave the Keynote Address on MGNREGA in Meghalaya and highlighted new initiatives and focus for 2016-17 that would focus on saturation of individual livelihood enhancement works, introduction of 18 Day Compost in the villages to promote organic agriculture in the state, focus on water harvesting and conservation works including rural and eco tourism projects, focus on convergence to leverage MGNREGA by providing technical and training support from line departments and MBDA and training and capacity building to VECs.

The function was also attended by Additional Chief Secretary & Chief Secretary In Charge, Y Tshering, Development Commissioner, Government of Meghalaya, R M Mishra, Deputy Commissioners, Block Development Officers, VECs from all districts of the state besides representatives from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

PROGRESS AND INNOVATIONS IN THE FIELD OF MGNREGS LAUDED



The Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, Smti Aparajita Sarangi visited the state on July 1 to inspect completed and ongoing MGNREGS works. The visit is part of the Inter State Exchange Programme of the MoRD which saw the participation of delegates from ten states across the country. During her visit, the Joint Secretary went to Sadew and Mawklot villages under Myllem C&RD Block, witnessing firsthand the changes that MGNREGS has brought to the lives of the people. The Joint Secretary was impressed, in particular, with the individual livelihood projects, such as piggery and poultry sheds, offered by MGNREGS enabling the villagers to supplement their income over and above the one hundred days' wages under MGNREGS. She also lauded the efforts initiated by the BDO, Shri Peter Tremi Passah to achieve Open Defecation Free status through sanctioning Individual Household Latrines to houses without toilets.

In a poignant function held in the beautiful meadows of Mawklot village, Smti Aparajita Sarangi praised the progress and the innovations in the field of MGNREGS in the state of Meghalaya. She expressed confidence that the execution of MGNREGS will move from strength to strength and continue to serve the people in rural areas while the centre ensures free flow of funds for this scheme. During the programme, she also inaugurated the BNRGSK Building, Mawklot VEC and declared Sadew village Open Defecation Free. The function was also attended by Shri P. Sampath Kumar, Commissioner and Secretary, C&RD Department, Shri P.S. Dkhar, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Shri Khurshid Ahmad, Secretary, Government of Jammu and Kashmir and also the Project Director, DRDA, East Khasi Hills District, Smti P. L. Lawai.

Online Registration System (ORS) at Shillong Civil Hospital Inaugurated

State Health and Family Welfare Minister, Shri A.L. Hek inaugurated the Online Registration System (ORS) at Shillong Civil Hospital, Shillong on June 4 in the presence of Shri K.W. Marbaniang, Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Dr. R. Wankhar, DHS (MI), Dr. R.O. Budnah, DHS (R), Dr. B. Mawlong, Medical Superintendent, Shillong Civil Hospital among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Hek appreciate the Civil Hospital Shillong for being the first hospital in the State to start the online registration system for providing online services to patients for facilities like outdoor patient department appointment, lab reports etc.

To facilitate for online registration, the minister informed that a help desk will be set up in the Hospital premises. He expressed hope that the online registration will reduce the waiting time of patients and help the hospital to deliver health care services promptly and effectively.

Shri T. Dkhar, SIO, NIC, Shillong in his speech said that the Shillong Civil Hospital is the first Health institution in the State to join the eHospital platform which provide national platform framework to link hospitals across the country which was launched by the Prime Minister of India on 1st July, 2015 during the observation of Digital India Week.

He also informed that the common patient portal of eHospital platform developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) is easily accessible over internet at <http://ors.gov.in> and is hosted at MeghRaj cloud facility at National Data Centre, Delhi which aids hospitals to provide various online services to patients such as online OPD appointment, viewing of lab reports, status of availability of blood in blood banks etc.

The portal make it easy for online OPD appointments using eKYC data provided by UIDAI if patient's mobile is registered with UIDAI and incase mobile number of the patient is not registered with UIDAI, patient's name has to be provided. New patients without Aadhar number can also make online appointments but should have a mobile number and such patients will get confirmation of appointment through SMS on registered mobile number, added Shri Dkhar.



Interactive awareness program on drug abuse held Police taking strong exception to substance abuse in Ampati



There is an alarming use of cough syrups as intoxicants amongst youngsters in Ampati nowadays and the police are taking strong exception to it. Informing this at an interactive awareness programme held for target groups at Ampati on July 1 Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) O Massar stated that the police would take stern action on anyone found indulging in substance abuse.

The programme was organized by the Police department in collaboration with the Medical and Social Welfare departments for target groups as part of the International Day against Drugs Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Massar while elaborating on substance abuse said that South West Garo Hills being a new district was susceptible to the evils of drugs abuse and as such the police would be vigilant against such activities. He cautioned the participants not to fall prey to peer pressure and urged them to immediately inform their elders if they found anyone indulging in substance abuse.

DSP H Kharkongor and DSP B Jyrwa also spoke on the occasion shedding light on different topics. While kharkongor elaborated on militancy and urged the

gathering not to be taken in by false propaganda of militants, Jyrwa dwelt on new age crimes, like cyber crime, etc.

Kharkongor maintained that militants would always try to lure in new recruits by creating fake ideals and promises. He urged the youth not to be tempted but concentrate on their studies and become able leaders. Jyrwa cautioned the youth against cyber criminals who thrived by stealing personal information and misuse it. He urged the youth to be careful while sharing information with anyone and told them never to trust messages that announced winning of lotteries etc.

Later, Medical Officer, Ampati CHC, Dr Norimchi Marak spoke on the ill effects of substance abuse and urged the youth not to be tempted into the vicious habit. Speaking on youth related problems leading to substance abuse she informed that a youth clinic manned by two dedicated counselors has been set up at the Ampati CHC to cater to their needs.

Amongst others who interacted with the gathering were District Social Welfare Officer Linda J Sangma and Sub Divisional Medical Officer Calvaryn Sangma.

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resources. "North East needs to be seen as an alternative destination for high end tourists," he said.

The Chief Minister also informed that to achieve economic growth and development while promoting inclusive growth on a sustainable basis the government of Meghalaya has embarked upon a number of initiatives. He stated that Meghalaya being blessed with great human and rich renewable natural resources has a potential of investments in Agriculture, Horticulture, Tourism, Education, Health and Forest Based Industries. He added that government is embarking upon creating Meghalaya as a destination with its rich virgin areas with immense wonders of nature leveraging upon the culture, nature and biodiversity of the state. Meghalaya can be state for investment on a sustainable model he said.

North East India Business & Cultural Integration Initiatives aims at promoting North East India as business and Tourism destination. As a part of this initiative, 'Make in North East' summit is a part of Government of India's Make in India.

The day long summit was attended by Chandra Mohan Patowary, Minister, Industry & Commerce, Transport & Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Assam, Joint Secretary, DoNER, A M Singh, Chairman, CII North East Council, Sandipan Chakravorty among others. Various corporate houses gave presentations of their success stories in North East region.

Stray Dog Menace

The District Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Officer, West Jaintia Hills has informed all pet and dog owners to vaccinate their dog against rabies at their nearest Veterinary Hospital, Dispensary, aid center and to confine their dog as far as possible from the dreadful disease.

It has also been informed that the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) will provide financial Assistant under Regular Grant for the year 2015-2016 to the Animal Welfare Organization(AWOs) recognized by the Board. The scheme under Regular Grant are Shelter House for looking after animals, Animal Birth Control& Immunization of stray Dogs, Ambulance service for animal in distress, natural Calamity relief to animals and maintenance of reserve cattle grant.

The Board has also directed the Animal Welfare organizations (AWOs) to submit their application in the prescribed format along with the required documents containing Animal verification Certificate, Inspection Report Certified by the Animal Husbandry Official with endorsement of the District Magistrate.

The filled up application will be forwarded to the board through respective Animal Welfare Board, Animal Husbandry Department.

Surrender of PHH Ration Cards

The Deputy Commissioner (Supply), West Garo Hills Tura has informed that under the Provision of National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 no government servants are entitled to get the benefit of the scheme as it is strictly meant for the households belonging to the poorest of the poor and other weaker sections of the society. It has come to the knowledge of the authority that the names of some government officials are included in the existing list of beneficiaries as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011.

Therefore, in order to implement NFSA, 2013 successfully, all government officials who possessed the Priority Household (PHH) under NFSA, 2013 are hereby requested to surrender their PHH cards so that the poor and the needy beneficiaries can be facilitated under this Act. Likewise, the Fair Price shop dealer and vigilance committee of respective centres are also directed to surrender the same if such cases are detected in their respective centres.

NOTICE

The District Magistrate of West Jaintia Hills has directed all people involving in illegal collection of money from the truck drivers carrying limestone plying towards Tamabil Land Custom Station on the stretch of NH-40 (E) near Khar Lamin and Sokha Villagers to immediately stop collecting money on the road side without proper sanction from the Government.

People indulging in such activities should stopped immediately, falling which necessary action under Law will be taken and as under Section 383/384 of the IPC.

APPLICATION INVITED FOR NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL BOOK GRANT AND STIPEND

Applications in prescribed format are invited from General, SC/ST students who are permanent residents of Meghalaya studying in vocational/technical courses within and outside the State for the year 2016-17 for the North Eastern Council Book Grant and Stipend. Students who secure 60% marks and above for Scheduled Tribe/Scheduled Caste and 75% above for General are eligible to apply for this scholarship

The students should produce PRC obtained from the Deputy Commissioner of the District in which the candidate is a permanent resident along with their relevant documents.

Students studying within the State are to collect the forms (Fresh & Renewal) from their respective institutions, whereas students studying outside the State may collect the forms from the office of the Director of Higher & Technical Education, Room No. 206 (A), Meghalaya, Shillong.

All Principals submitting the application forms should submit a list of applicants along with the soft copy of the same. The last date of submission of application forms is the 30th November, 2016.

Training on Basic Disaster Management and Cyclone Mitigation

The office of the Deputy Commissioner, South West Khasi Hills District in collaboration with the Meghalaya Administrative Training institute (MATI) Shillong organized a two day Programme for Field Workers on Basic Disaster Management Concept and on Cyclone Mitigation on the 29th & 30th June 29, 2016 at the Multi Purpose Hall, Deputy Commissioner's office, Mawkyrwat.

The resource persons were Shri. P. Marbaniang, Retd. DDIPR, Smti. M. Langstieh, Faculty member, MATI, Smti. A. Sangma, Senior Lecturer, Shillong Polytechnic and Smti. D. L. Kharkongor, ADPO, Mawkyrwat. The topics covered during the two day programme includes Concept of Disaster Management, Disaster Management Act 2005, Ethics of Disaster Management, Roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in Disaster Management, Dos and Dents for various Hazards, Mitigation Measures for Cyclones, Dos and Dents and Best Practices for Cyclone Mitigation etc.

National Electoral Roll Purification

The Deputy Commissioner (Elections), East Khasi Hills District has informed that the Election Commission of India has launched a comprehensive programme, the National Electoral Roll Purification (NERP), 2016 with the objective of bringing a totally error free and healthy electoral rolls.

The Deputy Commissioner requested all eligible citizens particularly 18-19 year's age to enroll himself/herself through the Booth Level Officers during the programme. All electors/family members are also requested to come forward voluntarily to disclose their multiple entries, shifted, dead, errors and inaccuracies by filing Form 7 for deletion and Form 8 for correction. The DC also appealed the Electors to come forward on their own and voluntarily furnish the contact number (mobile/landline) of self or the family members and Email ID if available.

Physical (run) test for the post of Soil & Water Conservation Demonstrator

The Chairman, District Selection Committee, West Jaintia Hills District has informed that the Physical (Run) Test for the post of Soil & Water Conservation Demonstrator (Jr-I) will be conducted on the 15th July, 2016. Candidates who have not yet received their call letters may contact the office of the District Selection Committee Branch, Jowai on 14th July, 2016 during office hours.

Gratuitous Relief Released

The Deputy Commissioner of West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 2, 85,600/- (Rupees two lakh eighty five thousand six hundred) only for the payment of gratuitous relief to affected beneficiaries under Amlarem Block.

Local Holiday

The Deputy Commissioner of East Jaintia Hills District has informed that all State Government Offices, Revenue, Judicial Court and Educational Institutions in East Jaintia Hills District will remain closed on 21st July, 2016 on account of Behdeinkhlam Festival at Tuber Kmaishnong, East Jaintia Hills District.