

Gov inaugurates Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis Development of the NE region should be put on top priority



To commemorate the 85th birth anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the Governor of Meghalaya, Shri V. Shanmuganathan, on October 15, inaugurated the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Center for Policy Research and Analysis at RGIIM Campus, Shillong in the presence of Dr. Mukul Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri Naveen Verma, Secretary, DoNER, Shri R. Muivah, Secretary, NEC, Shri K. S. Kropha, Chief Secretary, Shri Falguni Rajkumar, Chairman, BoG, IIM, Shillong, Prof. Amitabha De, Director, RGIIM, Shillong among others.

In his inaugural address, the Governor said that the Centre will provide opportunities for the holistic development of the northeastern region and also facilitate networking with other centers of excellence within the northeastern states. Stating that the potentiality and creativity of the youth should not go wasted, the Governor also stressed on the need to put North East on top priority as far as developmental activities are concerned. The Governor urged the Centre to focus on the potential and creativity of the people especially in the bamboo and cane sector which is the USP of the region.

Dr. Mukul Sangma in his speech said that many policy decisions which are developed on the strength of the region based on the whole research and analysis, will be guided by this Centre. Many a times we end up rolling ambitious programmes but the way we do it becomes a reason for dislocation of good programmes and therefore the whole support system and the institution partners available around us must be exploited to the fullest potential for the effective implementations of those programmes and for the benefit of the people of the region, he added.

Dwelling at length on the issues of the NE region's disconnect from the other parts of the country, the Chief Minister said that institutions and centres of learning can bridge those gaps and create new possible ways of connectivity. He informed that the State Government will have all the possible collaborative exercise with (Contd. in Pg. 2)

Mawryngkneng Higher Secondary School celebrates Golden Jubilee



Mawryngkneng Higher Secondary School on October 20, celebrated its Golden Jubilee in the school premises which was attended by Chief Minister, Dr Mukul M Sangma as the Chief Guest and Shri. David A Nongrum, MLA, Mawryngkneng as the Guest of Honour.

During his address, Dr Mukul M Sangma congratulating the school on the occasion said that the establishment of the school and its journey of 50 glorious years in the educational services to the people of Mawryngkneng is the outcome of love and compassion of the founding members for the next generation. He also said that the milestone that the school has achieved reassures the fact that the best schools are those which are run and managed by the community.

Stating that it is the onus of all to prepare the children and the generation next to be capable of overcoming the challenges of the future, the Chief Minister called for concerted and collective efforts of all to provide access to quality education to the children. The Chief Minister also said that the developmental programmes of the state have always been inclusive with priority being given to social sectors like Health and Education and skills and talents inherent to the youth.

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Workshop on National Knowledge Network kick starts in City



The Two Day North Eastern Regional National Knowledge Network (NKN) Workshop carrying the theme "Awareness and Knowledge Sharing" got underway at the NEHU Convention Hall in the City on October 20, organised by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) in collaboration with the North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), the workshop brings together academicians, researchers, students and IT experts from all the Eight North Eastern States; providing them with a platform for mutual sharing and learning through experiences of latest technologies and applications which would pave way for upgradation of their knowledge and skills.

Addressing the inaugural programme as Chief Guest, Meghalaya Governor, Shri. V. Shanmuganathan lauded the efforts of the National Knowledge Network (NKN) for providing a digital bedrock to member institutes of the region, further adding that NKN initiatives help provide an enabling environment for students, researchers and scientists in the region to make a foray into the arena of vast multimedia resources.

The Governor took the occasion to call upon all attendees to look beyond operational issues during their deliberations and discussions at the workshop but to also think of means and ways to address the myriad of issues afflicting the North Eastern region considering the fact that the region is critical to the propagation of the Act East Policy of the country. "There is a growing disparity in North East India where the gap between the rich and the poor is getting wider leading to restlessness among the people especially the youth who may be influenced by negative things", he said while urging upon all to try and understand the pain of the poor and deprived sections of the society further calling on them to use their mind and heart in order to help fellowmen.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh, Minister in charge IT etc meanwhile lauded the National Knowledge Network (NKN) for extending its services of providing high speed internet in the state of Meghalaya, whereby institutes like NEHU, NEIGRIHMS, RGIIM,NIFT and others have benefited immensely.

She also expressed hope that more institutes in the state would be covered by NKN for the benefit of students, further appealing NKN to reach to the interiors of the state so as to propel forward the Digital India initiative in order to make it a grand success.

Other speakers at the programme included NEHU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.K Srivastava, Director General NIC, Smti. Neeta Verma, and State Informatics Officer, NIC Meghalaya, T. Dkhar.

It may be mentioned that the National Knowledge Network (NKN), a state of the art pan-India network, helps to facilitate the development of India's information infrastructure, to simulate research and to also create next generation applications and services. NKN is designed to provide high availability of service, security and reliability. It has steadily evolved as the National Research and Education Network (NREN) of India with the project having made significant progress by connecting over 1500 institutes in the country, of which 119 belong to North East India, with a high bandwith internet speed. National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been designated as the implementing agency for NKN.

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the IIM in the implementation of the various programmes and initiatives of the Government. He also urged the institute to collaborate with scientific communities and look at the possibilities as to how the Government can leverage upon some of the programmes that have been initiated and implemented.

During the programme, a MoU was signed and exchanged between the IIM, Shillong, DoNER and the NEC.

The Governor and the Chief Minister along with the students of various schools also released balloons to mark the 85th birthday anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

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It may be mentioned that Mawryngkneng is located along the Shillong-Jowai Road of the National Highway 44. The village falls under the Khyrim State. Till 1966, majority of the people living in the village were illiterate. On 5th February 1966 the Mawryngkneng Proceeding High School came into existence. The school at present has been upgraded to Higher Secondary with 783 students from Mawryngkneng and adjoining villages producing commendable results at the Secondary and Higher Secondary examinations.

On the occassion, The Chief Minister also unveiled the Golden Jubilee Monument and released the Golden Jubilee Souvenir and also felicitated the founding members, former presidents of the Managing Committee, former principals and outstanding students of the school.

Songs, dances and cultural items by students and teachers and former students were the other highlights of the Jubilee Celebration. The President, Managing Committee, Shri. Klinton Kharsati presented the memorandum of the school to the Chief Guest, Dr Mukul M Sangma.

Among others who spoke at the function were Guest of Honour, Shri. David Nongrum, MLA, Mawryngkneng, Shri. Pyniaidsing Syiem, MDC, Sohryngkham, Shri. Banshanlang Lawai, Secretary, Managing Committee who gave the keynote address on the journey and future prospect of the school, Shri. David Kharsati, Ex Student of the school, Shri. Peter J Lawai, Sordar Mawryngkneng and Wealthy Nongpluh, Principal of the school who delivered the welcome and introductory speech.

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Career guidance & training for police aspirants at Ampati



With barely two weeks left for the Physical Efficiency Test (PET) for recruitment to various posts in the SF-10 (Meghalaya Police), the District Police of South West Garo Hills in collaboration with the District Administration, yet again conducted a day-long career guidance and training programme for the young aspirants of the district under the Chief Minister's Career Guidance & Counselling Scheme at Ampati on October 14.

It may be mentioned that PET for candidates in the Western Range has been scheduled to begin on October 26, 2016 at 2^{nd} MLP Battalion, Goeragre. Distribution of Admit Cards has already begun for over 700 applicants from the district. A series of such career guidance & training programmes have been organized in different parts of the district in the past two months to prepare the candidates for the exams and ensure that maximum numbers get enlisted into the police force.

In the opening session, the District Police Chief, Shri. Ramesh Singh, gave a

brief motivational talk to the young aspirants as well as certain instructions to be followed during the recruitment tests. He enthused the young boys and girls about the dignity and identity of the police uniform, which he said required a lot of hard work and perseverance. He expressed hope to see the young candidates in the uniform soon, serving the state and the nation. He also said that if the candidates had any doubts or queries they could call the Helpline No. 0364 2591238 put up by the Central Recruitment Board, Shillong.

Asstt. Commandant, BSF, Shri. Ashish Kumar and Addl. Superintendent of Police, Shri. B.R. Marak, were among others who also addressed the candidates on the occasion.

The day-long programme consisted of two sessions of guidance on physical and written tests and concluded with a counseling session for the young aspirants by the district police officials.

MSCW organises Training of Trainers

Meghalaya State Commission for Women (MSCW) in collaboration with North East Network and Grassroots conducted a two days Training of Trainers for Women leaders who are representatives of Seng Kynthei from in and around Shillong on October 20 and 21, at Moreau Institute of Integral Training and Research Society, Brookdene, Shillong. The training was attended by representatives of the Seng Kynthei from different localities of the city.

The objective of the training was to strengthen their leadership skills, sensitizing them on various women related issues, empowering them with information of their rights, legislations and responsibilities to enable them to be trainers and to educate and sensitize men and women in the community.

Underlining the importance of Seng Kynthei in the welfare of the community,

the Chairperson of the MSCW, Smti. Theilin Phanbuh said that such training needs to be organised from time to time to empower the women in terms of knowledge and skills on how to deal with cases of violence and abuse against women and children. She said that the Commission is committed to work with the Dorbar Shnongs, Seng Kynthei, Seng Samla and line departments to curb this menace which has plagued the society at large. She called upon the women representatives to convey the message and knowledge they gained from this training it in their respective localities.

Information on subjects ranging from violence against women and preventive strategies to fundamental rights and entitlements was imparted to the trainees by the resource persons drawn from the government and NGOs.

DRAFT ELECTORAL ROLLS PUBLISHED

The Electoral Registration Officers (ERO) of 53-Ampati (ST), 54-Mahendraganj (ST) and 55-Salmanpara (ST) Assembly Constituencies have informed that the Draft Electoral Rolls have been prepared with reference to 1.1.2017 as the qualifying date and in accordance with the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 and are available for inspection at the ERO offices and polling stations.

If there be any claim for the inclusion of names in the Electoral Roll or any objection to the inclusion of names or any objections to particulars in any entry, it should be lodged till the 31.10.2016 in form 6, 6A, 7, 8 and 8A as may be appropriate. Every such claim and objection should either be presented in the Electoral Registration offices or to the Booth Level Officers in polling stations or sent by post to the respective Electoral Registration Offices.

RELEASE OF FOOD GRAINS (RICE) UNDER Mid-day meal scheme.

The Sub-Divisional School Education Officer, West Garo Hills, Tura, has informed that the Food grains (rice) under Mid-day Meal Scheme for the months of July, August and September 2016 has been released through the Head Teachers cum Conveners (Secretaries) or the SMC Conveners (Secretaries) for the purpose of delivery to the doorsteps of respective Lower Primary Schools @ 124.403 gms, per day per child for 62 days for each student and Upper Primary Schools @ 154.048 gms, per day per child for 62 days for each student within Tura Sadar areas.

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MARTYRS REMEMBERED ON POLICE Commemoration day at Ampati



Along with the rest of the nation Police Commemoration Day was observed on October 21 at Ampati, South West Garo Hills with a solemn but large gathering at Ampati Police Station.

South West Garo Hills Superintendent of Police Shri. Ramesh Singh accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Smti. Mary T Sangma led the wreath laying ceremony at a commemorative in remembrance of all police personnel killed in the line of duty.

Later Shri. Singh addressing the gathering informed that on October 21, 1959, a group of Indian policemen led by Karam Singh was attacked by the Chinese Army at Hot Springs in North Eastern Ladakh where ten policemen were killed and seven taken prisoners. The day has since been remembered and all Indian police units hold commemoration parades to pay tribute to the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for service to the society and security of the nation, he said.

The gathering was attended by officers from both the South West Garo Hills district Police and the BSF stationed there.

COMPETITION FOR DESIGNING STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY LOGO

The Meghalaya State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) will be holding a state level competition for designing Meghalaya SDMA Logo on 29th October 2016. This was informed by the Chief Executive Officer, District Disaster Management Authority, West Garo Hills, Tura, in a communiqué. In this connection, a District level competition for logo designing will be organized by the District Disaster Management Authority, West Garo Hills, Tura, on 21st October 2016 at Tura Government College Auditorium from 11 AM to 1:00 PM. The competition is open to all the students of higher secondary schools up to Degree level of all streams. For details, interested participants are requested to contact CEO, DDMA, Tura. In West Jaintia Hills District, the District level competition will be held on 24th October, 2016 from 1.00 PM to 3.00 PM. Students from Class-XI to Degree level of any stream can participate.

For further details & registration, students of West Jaintia Hills can contact the DC's Office, Room No. 144, 3rd Floor, West Jaintia Hills from 17th October to 21st October, 2016 or call 03652-220993/lyngchiangbormi@gmail.com along with ID cards.

The three top participants who emerged out of the District level competition will be eligible to participate in the State level competition on 29th October 2016 at Shillong.

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DISTRIBUTION OF ADMIT CARDS FOR SF-10

The Principal, Police Training School Cum Member Secretary, CRB, Meghalaya, Shillong has informed that admit cards for the candidates who have applied for the various posts in SF-10 will be available from 27th September, 2016 at the respective centres where the application forms were submitted.

The Physical Measurement Test (PMT) and Physical Efficiency Test (PET) for all the posts of SF-10 (Meghalaya Police) will start in Eastern range at 1st MLP Bn, Mawiong with effect from 22-10-2016 and in Western Range at 2nd MLP Bn, Goeragre with effect from 26-10-2016.

DRAFT ELECTORAL ROLL PUBLISHED For Rambrai Jyrngam

The Returning Officer & Deputy Commissioner, District Council Election, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin has informed that the Draft Electoral Roll of 28 - Rambrai - Jyrngam District Council Constituency have been prepared in accordance with rule 129 (3) of the Assam Meghalaya Autonomous District (Constitution of District Council) rule 1951 (Part I, II, III), as amended by Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council. The events of publication of draft electoral roll {(Rule)12(I)} will be on the 10th October, 2016, last date for filing of claims and objections {(Rule 129 (3)} will be on the 25th October, 2016, disposal of claims and objections {(Rule129)(3)} will be on the 15th November, 2016 and publication of final electoral rolls {(Rule 129 (4)) will be on the 21st November, 2016.

The Draft Electoral Roll is available for inspection at the office of the Block Development Officer, Nongstoin Block at the office of the officer in charge Aradonga Police Out Post and also in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Nongstoin.

Claims and objections if any may be submitted to the Electoral Registration Officer and the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers on or before 25th October, 2016.

ALL INDIA SAINIK SCHOOL ENTRANCE Examination for Session 2017-18

The Principal, Sainik School, Goalpara has informed that the All India Sainik School Entrance Examination (AISSEE) for 2017-18 Session for admission to Class VI and IX in Sainik School, Goalpara, Assam will be conducted on January 15, 2017.

The sale of prospectus and application form at Sainik School, Goalpara and online will be from 17th October to 18th November, 2016 and last date of submission of application form will be on the 30th November, 2016. The date of publication of Merit List for Interview and Medical Examination on 8th February, 2017, Interview and Medical Examination from 20th February, 2017, publication of Final Merit List on 13th March, 2017 and admission based on Merit List by first week of April, 2017.

For detailed information, contact the Principal, Sainik School, Goalpara, PO - Rajapara, Dist -Goalpara, Pin - 783133 (Assam). Telephone No. 03663 - 287076 / 287118. School website: *www. sainikschoolgoalpara.org.*

LIST OF POLLING STATION

The Returning Officer & Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, has provided and published for 28-Rambrai Jyrngam District Council, Constituency of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council the Polling Stations specified in the list appended for the sections and group of voters noted against each. The list can be inspected in the office of the Returning Officer & Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District and Block Development Officer, Nongstoin.

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman (SSA).