

Meghalaya Governor calls on President



Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Governor of Meghalaya meeting the President of India Shri. Pranab Mukherjee, in New Delhi on October 21.

Stipends awarded under Chief Minister's Career Guidance & Counseling Scheme



Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma awarded stipends to 110 student beneficiaries under the Chief Minister's Career Guidance & Counseling Scheme, Government of Meghalaya through the Ministry of Minorities, Government of India at a function held at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong on October 26. The programme was also attended by Minister, Sports & Youth Affairs, Shri. Zenith M Sangma as the Guest of Honour.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma said that the Chief Minister's Career Guidance & Counseling Scheme, which goes beyond the ambit of only coaching, is dedicated to the youth to realize their dreams of building their career based on their potential and skills. He added that the challenge of fulfilling the aspirations of the youth and the people can be addressed by bringing about a change in the system through the empowerment of the people.

The Chief Minister also said that the programme creates an enabling environment provoking the youth to dare to dream big while providing the guidance to enable the youth to make the right career decision based on their potential. He also stressed on the importance of looking

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CM addresses International Seminar on Border Trade



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma stressed on the sustainability of trade and commerce along the borders with neighbouring countries and called for regulating border trade, saying that absence of legal trade would lead to illegal trade across the borders, the fallout of which, can be dangerous to the country as a whole.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the Two-Day International Seminar on "Border Trade in North East India: A Politico-Economic Perspective", organized by Women's College, Shillong, on October 21.

The Chief Minister referred to pre-Independence days when trade flourished in the so-called remotest and most difficult border areas of the country and regretted that post-Independence border trade was not taken advantage of and the borders have become areas of conflict and poverty. However, with the long drawn engagements by successive governments of the Northeastern states with the Centre and the governments of neighbouring countries to make the international borders the borders of friendship and prosperity, things have started happening he said, but we need to move faster and that is why such seminars are important to look at the opportunities and challenges of border trade from politico-economic perspective.

He said that the opening of the two border haats in 2012-one at Kalaichar in South West Garo Hills and another at Balat, East Khasi Hills-was a humble step of the Government to promote the age-old trade relations with Bangladesh, which not only brought economic benefit but also promoted social bonding of

the people across the border. After seeing the success of these border haats, he informed that the State has given a proposal for 22 more border haats, out of which four have already been sanctioned.

Highlighting the bottlenecks and challenges that come in the way of promoting border trade, the Chief Minister said that the whole integration and convergence of all stakeholders was crucial and expressed hope that the discussions and deliberations in the seminar would culminate with suggestions for the policy makers.

He also called for having such seminars on a larger scale so as to reach out to the youth and motivate them towards entrepreneurship, adding that there cannot be sustainability of trade and commerce without entrepreneurs.

Earlier, the Chairman, Board of Governors, RGIIM, Shillong, Shri. Falguni Rajkumar in his keynote address termed South East Asia as a divided family broken down by politics of states and stressed on the need to restore the dynamics of exchange across the borders.

President of Education India Trust, Shri. J.B.Bhattacharya and former MP Rajya Sabha and President Governing Body, Women's College, Shillong, Prof.B.B.Dutta also addressed the inaugural session.

Delegates from Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal, besides hosts of academicians and students from various institutions including those from beyond the borders, attended the seminar.



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1. Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Governor of Meghalaya in a meeting with Shri Rajnath Singh, Home Affairs Minister, Government of India in New Delhi on October 26, at New Delhi.

2. Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Governor of Meghalaya in a meeting with Shri Ashok Ganapathi Raju, Aviation Minister, Government of India in New Delhi on October 21, at New Delhi.

3. Governor of Meghalaya, Shri V. Shanmuganathan meeting the Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Shri Jayant Sinha on October 25, at New Delhi.

Meghalaya Youth Exchange Programme 2016 inaugurated



A weeklong Meghalaya Youth Exchange Programme, 2016 organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs Department under the theme: “Empowering the Youth, Powering the Nation” was inaugurated by the Meghalaya Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri Zenith M. Sangma on October 26 at the J. N. Sports Complex, Shillong.

The Meghalaya Youth Exchange Programme is being organised with a view of empowering the youth in building the future of the nation. Youths from all the 11 Districts of the State are participating in the programme.

Meghalaya Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri Zenith M. Sangma in his inaugural address said that the programme will not only enable the youth to know each other, share knowledge and exchange ideas among themselves but it will also act as a platform for them to build friendly relationships among the fellow citizens. Stating that the Government has been making an effort to give maximum focus on youth development, the Minister said, “if youth are empowered, their future will be secured which in turn will make the nation stronger. Every youth is an asset to the nation; they are the future of the nation.” The Minister called upon all the youth to hone their skills and to work on

their weaknesses and further urged them to invest more time in learning and interactions and to be more productive so as to enable the nation to grow.

Smti M. W. Nongbri, Director, Sports and Youth Affairs and Member Secretary, Organising Committee, Meghalaya Youth Exchange Programme while briefing on the Meghalaya Youth Exchange Programmes held in the previous years, said that such programmes will bring about a positive vibe and environment, and through interactions there will be an exchange of ideas among the youth.

Commissioner and Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs and Chairman, Organising Committee, Meghalaya Youth Exchange Programme, Shri F. R. Kharkongor delivered the welcome address while Dr. C. Varghese, Member, Organising Committee, Meghalaya Youth Exchange Programme proposed the vote of thanks. Working President, MSOA, Shri John F. Kharshiing and officials from the Sports Department were also present during the inaugural programme.

Other highlights of the programme included felicitation of the actress, Kum. Andrea Tariatang by the Minister. Songs and dances were also presented by the students of the Institute of Arts and Culture and Geetanjali Dance Academy respectively.



A Review Meeting on the National Health Mission was held on October 24 at the Conference Hall, Shillong Club, here Smti Roshan Warjri, Meghalaya Health and Family Welfare Minister graced the inaugural function as Chief Guest.

Smti Roshan Warjri in her inaugural address dwelt at length on the alarming rise in the IMR and MMR rate in the State and the need to have the right mechanism and the right strategy to effectively address the issue. “In order to serve people better, it is imperative upon us all to work hand in hand as a team,” she added. She also urged upon the participants to freely put forward their experiences and suggestions during the discussions so that issues pertaining to the overall health scenario of the State can be improved. She also informed that in future such review meetings will be held in all the Districts so that the problems can be dealt with effectively from the grassroot level.

Additional Chief Secretary, Shri Y. Tsering while highlighting the various issues that hamper the smooth delivery of health services to the people, said that the main concern and problem lies with the scarcity of manpower and the

constraints in human resources. He also stressed on the need for maximum use of the available resources for the benefit of the people.

Shri H. M. Shangpliang, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Cum Mission Director, NHM in his welcome address informed that the objective of the meeting is to discuss the key issues with regards to the functioning and the problems and also to review the various programmes of the NHM, while Dr. R. O. Budnah, Director of Health Services (MCH & FW) Cum Joint Mission Director, NHM gave a power point presentation on the Maternal and Child Health and also on various health issues.

Shri K. W. Marbaniang, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. R. Wankhar, Director of Health Services (MI), Dr. D. Lyngdoh, Director of Health Services (R) and Dr. B. Mawthoh, Joint Director of Health Services (MCH & FW) were among others present during the inaugural programme.

The inaugural programme was followed by the presentations by Nodal Officers, State Programme Manager, Consultants, Programme Officer and the State Finance Manager and culminated with discussions.

Digital India Outreach Campaign in WJHs



In order to create and spread awareness about the Digital India Outreach Campaign and the services provided, the Government has equipped vans with audio-visual facilities to inform and educate the citizens in rural areas. The outreach campaign in West Jaintia Hills scheduled from 24th October to 12th November, 2016 will cover upto 20 villages in the District. The digital outreach campaign in the District was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Kambhavi on October 24, in the presence of P. Mawlong, E-District Manager, Technology Department, I. Rymbai, District Informatics Officer, NIC along with various departments in front of District Office, Jowai. On 'Border Trade in North East India: A Politico-Economic Perspective', organised by Wansund College, Shillong. The outreach campaign will be travelling to Shangpung, Raliang, Sahnsiang, Laskein, Mowkaiaw, Myonso, Nongtalang, Dawki, Sohka, Mukta, Juala, Jumbong, having such a long history of trade and commerce. The Chief Minister referred to pre-independence days, when trade flourished in the so-called remotest and most difficult border areas of the country and Digital India giving information about services by Government, Digital Locker, Aadhar, MyGov, etc. Earlier, the Chairman, Board of Governors, RGIIM, Shillong, Shri. Falguni Marak in his keynote address termed South East Asia as a divided family broken down by politics of states and stressed on the need to restore the dynamics of exchange across the borders.

Death Anniversary of Capt. Williamson A. Sangma observed

The 26th Death Anniversary of the first Chief Minister of Meghalaya (L) Capt. Williamson A. Sangma was observed at his native place at Siju, South Garo Hills on October 24. The programme was jointly organised by the Capt. Williamson A. Sangma Welfare Committee, Siju and his nearest kith and kin at the Capt Williamson A. Sangma Memorial Park, near Siju cave where hundreds of people from all walks of life gathered at the Memorial service as a mark of respect to the great leader.

Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, the Local MLA and Parliamentary Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya Shri. Rophul S. Marak while recalling the good works of Capt. Sangma said that as a mark of respect to the great leader, his death anniversary deserved to be a State Holiday and opined that different types of programmes should be organised to mark the day.

In a different function, the death anniversary of (L) Capt. W. A. Sangma, was observed in a park situated on the banks of mighty Simsang river and named after him in a befitting manner. Besides soulful hymns and prayers, wreaths and floral tributes were laid on the bust erected in his memory by the Chief Guest Shri. Samuel M. Sangma, local MLA and Deputy Commissioner, Smti. S. N. Marak and other officials from the district administration.

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The programme aimed at creating awareness to human resource development through various skill development programmes under MSSE and especially the training and placement of candidates for housekeeping and security guards.

Addressing the gathering as Chief Guest South West Garo Hills Deputy Commissioner C. V. D. Diengdoh urged the youth to grab the opportunity with both hands. He stated that the government had undertaken the initiative to fill the gap in human resource development through the MSSE. Speaking on skill development the Deputy Commissioner informed that the district administration would be training and placing them in the coming years to enhance their skill-sets and improve employability in various sectors. Lauding the efforts of the government in bringing such an opportunity to the doorsteps of the youth of the region, Shri. Diengdoh urged the youth not to shy away from dignity of labour.

Shri. Diengdoh later instructed the Employment Exchange Officer I. A. Sangma to mobilize the youth to attend such skill development programmes.

During the day, resource person instructor Mr. Sher Singh Yadav demonstrated the use of walkie-talkers, handsets, radios, fire extinguishers and frisking methods to the youth. He also spoke on the history and aims and objectives of the Peregrine Guarding Pvt Ltd.

A power point presentation on various training activities of Peregrine Guarding Pvt Ltd was also shown for the benefit of the participants in the programme.

Among others who spoke at the occasion were EAC P. A. Sangma, Superintendent of Police Shri. Ramesh Singh and Ampati Basin Development Unit Programme Assistant Shri. Silgrak Sangma.

