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Meghalaya signs MoU with Belgium

On 8th November 2017, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the State Government of Meghalaya, Republic of India and the Wallonia Region of the Kingdom of Belgium at the Taj Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi.

The MoU was signed to promote favourable relations of partnership and beneficial cooperation between the two and to recognize the importance of the principles of equality and mutual benefit in the fields of Trade and Commerce, Training, Healthcare, Environmental areas, Science and Technology, Agro-food including breweries, Sports and leisure, Architecture and heritage, Urban development / Eco-systems management, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry and other fields that shall be mutually agreed upon.

The King and Queen of Belgium are on a visit to India and as many as 16 MoUs have been signed between different stakeholders of India and the Kingdom of Belgium during the signing ceremony. Two MoUs have been signed with the Government of Meghalaya during the occasion.



67th Foundation Day of Bharat Scouts and Guides

The Governor of Meghalaya, Shri. Ganga Prasad, who is also the newly inducted Patron of the Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides and the Chief Guest on the occasion of the Bharat Scouts and Guides' 67th Foundation Day and Bharat Scouts and Guides Flag Day gave away Rajya Puraskar Certificates to 40 Guides, 28 Scouts, 8 Rovers and 2 Rangers in a ceremony held on 7th November, 2017 at Raj Bhavan, Shillong. The Foundation Day was also attended by the President in charge, MBSG, Shri. P. S Thangkhiew, Principal Secretary to the Governor, Shri. K. N Kumar and officials of the Meghalaya Bharat Scouts and Guides.



Chief Minister lays Foundation Stone for 'Eco Resort' at Nongkhlaw



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma laid the foundation stone for the 'Eco Resort' at Nongkhlaw on 3rd November 2017 on the inaugural day of the "Krem Tirot Festival 2017" held at Madan Bir, Nongkhlaw in the presence of Parliamentary Secretary, Tourism Shri. Kennedy C Khyriem, local MLA, Shri. Metbah Lyngdoh and others.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma said that Nongkhlaw with its historical significance has a huge potential of positioning itself as a unique exclusive destination for promoting Culture Tourism. He said tourism as a sector has to be driven by all the stakeholders with the Government playing the role of a facilitator.

The Chief Minister also informed that a project called the Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Centre at Nongkhlaw has already been sanctioned by the Government, however, the process of tendering and work allotment is yet to be completed.

"Opportunity for all through sustainable tourism is the agenda of Government" he said. Dr. Sangma also stated that our traditional way of life and vibrant culture are strengths which can add value to various products in the tourism sector further stating that he looks forward towards Nongkhlaw becoming a catalyst in promoting Meghalaya as one of the most favoured destinations.

Syiem of Hima Nongkhlaw, Pa'iem Phrestar Manik Syiemlieh also submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister on the occasion.

Chief Minister inaugurates seminar on Power Conservation Techniques



On 27th October 2017, Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma inaugurated the seminar on *Power Conservation Techniques- a Roadmap to a Green Environment* organized by the Chief Engineer Shillong Zone under the aegis of HQ 101 Area at the State Convention Centre, Shillong.

Delivering the opening address, Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma while welcoming the participants of the seminar from different parts of the country expressed his appreciation to GOC 101 for having initiated the important seminar in Shillong. "We are all collectively committed to deal with the challenges of global warming and its effects. As a nation and as global citizens it is important for all to connect with this shared objective," he said. He said that conservation of energy has been an issue and conservation of energy techniques is what is needed.

He added that the Government of India has come up with a very vibrant Electricity Act 2003 to address this concern of tapping the resources to take care of the energy needs across the nation. "In sync with this, the Government of Meghalaya came up with a policy and the State Government has clearly substantiated its intent of ensuring that Meghalaya will look at all the energy requirements to be met from renewable sources even as currently Meghalaya is dependent on hydro electricity power projects," he said.

Dr. Sangma also informed that in order to tap other potential sites to further generate power the State has been trying to reach out to private investors. He further said that in energy conservation the challenge lies with the mindset and the way of life of the people. "For a government especially, the State Government, the challenge is always on how to look at the cross subsidizing of the tariff for the consumers and how energy saving mechanisms can enable us to sell the saved energy to industries at a tariff to cross subsidize the tariff passed on to the

domestic consumers," said Dr Sangma.

The Chief Minister added that the Government has embarked upon stand alone projects for villages and habitations which are far away from the generating stations. The mode of transmission and distribution is also crucial for saving energy he said. He said that the whole of aggregate commercial and technical losses in transmission and distribution of energy remains a challenge for the Government. "How this challenge can be addressed by adopting techniques and by policy interventions is something which I am sure will emanate from this kind of seminar," said Dr Sangma.

Dr Sangma urged upon all gathered to utilize the knowledge derived from the seminar and to look at new technologies that can replace the conventional power generation methods to increase the efficiency of power generation and consumption to make energy sustainable and environment friendly.

Earlier, giving the Welcome Address, GOC 101 Area, Lieutenant General, Dipender Singh Ahuja said the armed forces in India have taken major initiatives towards energy conservation and at Shillong a special drive has been undertaken to convert all luminaries into LED. He informed that in the backdrop of the concerns in power and energy the seminar is an effort on spearheading and spreading the dictum, 'Energy Conserved is Energy Produced'.

The technical sessions included discussions on Enhanced Production and Reduced Consumption of Energy and Conservation of Energy with Dr. Sukumar Mishra, IIT Delhi, Shri. Rajat Chandra Sarmah, Executive Director, NEEPCO, Dr Samrat Paul, NEHU, B L Ram, Advisor to GOI, Dr. Praveen Tripathy, IIT, Guwahati, Dr. Gayadhar Panda, NIT, Meghalaya, Shri. Mukesh Gupta, Director, (E/M), E-in-C Branch and Col Anuj srivastav (Retd) as panellists.

Cherra Teachers' Training Centre celebrates Sesquicentennial Celebration



The closing ceremony of Sesquicentennial Celebrations of Cherra Teachers' Training Centre (CTTC) was held on 17th October 2017 at Sohra which was attended by Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma as Chief Guest while Principal Secretary Education Department, Shri. D. P. Wahlang was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

Speaking to the gathering, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma while congratulating the management for its long innings of service in the education scenario in the region and in the State said that it would be difficult to evaluate the quantum of services rendered by the institution in the long period of 150 years. "Given the History of the State, the seed of education has been planted in Sohra and it has borne fruits across the State", said Dr Mukul Sangma.

Dr. Sangma also informed that the Government has tried to align different programmes and interventions to live up to the name and fame of the State as the centre of education. "The State has for long missed on leveraging upon the legacy of being the hub of education and the opportunities that could have been generated out of it," he added. He further said that the Government has to facilitate and create an enabling environment for education to promote quality and higher education to equip children to ultimately become members of the global community capable of competing at the global scale.

The Chief Minister also placed on record his deep sense of gratitude to the missionaries who had been instrumental in setting a high benchmark in imparting quality education in the State. He further stated that though there is a need of setting more teachers' training institutions in the State, the Government

has embarked upon a number of initiatives to encourage genuinely aspiring youths who want to become teachers by choice and not by default.

"There is a need to motivate the youth to look at teaching and the education sector as a viable sustainable space not only for imparting quality education but also for creating entrepreneurship and job opportunities", said Dr. Sangma. He also said that the approach to education needs to be revisited and education centers need to look at other associated courses and go beyond the normal courses so that the children are groomed and moulded into productive citizens. Further, he urged centers of learning to be capable of identifying the capabilities and capacities of every student and providing them the guidance to pursue their career based on their potentialities.

The Chief Minister also released the celebration Souvenir during the occasion.

Among others who spoke during the function were Guest of Honour, Shri. D. P. Wahlang, Rev N. S Phawa, Senior Administrative Secretary K.J.P. Assembly and Smti. M. B Nongbri, Principal, CTTC, Sohra who delivered the Welcome Address.

It may be mentioned that CTCC established at Nongsawlia, Sohra is one of the oldest teachers' training institutes in the State. Its origin can be traced back to the days when the present North Eastern States were a part of the then East Bengal Province. CTTC is the project of the Khasi-Jaintia Presbyterian Assembly. As the sponsoring body, the Assembly constitutes the Managing Committee through the Human Resource Department and approved by the Directorate of Education Research and Training (DERT), Government of Meghalaya.



Specialized Training Programme on Seismic Safety Assessment

On 24th October, 2017, Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister, Prof. R. C. Laloo, attended the inaugural function of the 3 Day Specialized Training Programme on "Seismic Safety Assessment of Building in Rapid Visual Screening and Retrofitting" for Engineers, Architects and Town Planners of various State Departments held at Shillong Club in the city. The programme was organized by the Meghalaya State Disaster Management Authority (MSDMA) in collaboration with the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

The inaugural programme was also attended by Shri P. W. Ingty, Additional Chief Secretary in charge Revenue and Disaster Management, Shri. H. B. Marak, Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management, Smti. I. Mawlong, Executive Director, SDMA, Prof. Chandan Ghosh and Dr. Amir Ali Khan from National Institute of Disaster Management among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Laloo said the State of Meghalaya has experienced several earthquakes in the past, it being in the Zone V of the seismic map of India. Stating that the threat of earthquakes of big and small magnitudes always looms large, Prof. Laloo said that resilience building practices such as Rapid Visual Screening and Retrofitting has become the need of the hour.

Prof. Laloo stressed on the urgent need to assess the seismic vulnerability of buildings in urban areas of Meghalaya as an essential component of a comprehensive earthquake disaster risk management policy.

Informing that the results from Rapid Visual Screening can be used for a variety of applications ranging from increasing awareness among city residents regarding seismic vulnerability of buildings to identifying simplified retrofitting requirements for vulnerable buildings, Prof. Laloo said that recent earthquakes have shown that many such buildings are seismically vulnerable and should be considered for retrofitting to increase the strength or ductility of reinforced and un reinforced concrete structures.

MBSG Organises Cultural Programme Cum Food Fest

The Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides, (MBSG), East Khasi Hills District organised the 2nd Cultural Programme and 1st Food Fest on 13th October 2017 at U Soso Tham Auditorium in the city. The programme, sponsored by the Government of Meghalaya under the Chief Minister's Youth Development Scheme through the office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills was inaugurated by Meghalaya Minister of I & PR, Labour, etc, Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh in the presence of Secretary, MBSG, Smti. A Swer, Scouts and Guides, officials and students of different schools of the District.

In her speech on the occasion, the Chief Guest said that the vision of the founder of Scouts and Guides was inspiring and praise-worthy because the movement prepares young boys and girls to take on the responsibility to serve the society in a selfless manner. She said that herself being a girl guide during her student life, she has been equipped with various life skills which have proved beneficial for her in her dealings with day to day life activities as a public representative and a human being. She urged the school and college managements to encourage students to join the Bharat Scouts and Guides, a movement that works towards character building and life skills and prepares them to deal with the challenges in life. She expressed hoped that the principles laid down by its founder is inculcated in our daily life so that we can grow in character, strength and be role models to the society at large.



18 Degrees Festival, 2017 Enthralled Festival Visitors

The 18 Degrees Festival under the theme “*Converge, Create, Experience and Coalesce*” – a multifaceted festival of art, culture, music etc., under the aegis of Arts and Culture Department, Government of Meghalaya was held from 16 to 21st October at U Soso Tham Auditorium premises, Shillong.

The Festival was inaugurated by Meghalaya Arts & Culture Minister, Shri R. V. Lyngdoh on 16th October 2017.

Addressing the gathering during the inaugural programme, Shri R. V. Lyngdoh said that the Festival was a platform for the youth to showcase their talents and share their experiences. Stating that arts and music brings unity and national

integration, Shri. Lyngdoh hoped that the festival brings the youth of the State together on one platform and help them to further enhance their abilities and skills.

Director, Arts & Culture, Smti. M. W. Nongbri and author, Shri Mukul Deva also spoke at the inaugural function.

The six-day Festival featured various activities like Arts & Cultural programmes, Short Film Contest and Workshop, Cosplay, Photography workshop & exhibition, Literature Fest & Writing workshop with author Shri. Mukul Deva, Guitar Fest & Live Music, B-Boying & Popping Battle (Solo), Beatbox Battle, BMX & Skateboarding Show, Freestyle Motorcycling Show among others.



Wildlife Week Celebrated



The weeklong observation of Wildlife Week, 2017 concluded on 31st October 2017 at a Valedictory Function held at All Saint's Hall, IGP Point, Shillong. Organised by the Wildlife Wing of the Forest & Environment Department, Government of Meghalaya, the programme was graced by Forest & Environment Minister, Shri. Clement Marak as Chief Guest.

In his address, the Minister stated that wildlife plays a vital role in our lives as it helps in maintaining and balancing the eco-system. It is imperative that we as human beings adopt the principle of mutual co-existence to preserve and protect it, he added. He also urged upon the gathering to volunteer and work together in preserving the rich bio-diversity of the State.

During the function, the Chief Guest distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions held as part of the weeklong celebration and also handed over the Wildlife Samaritan Award, 2017 to wildlife rescuers who helped and rescued the wild animals in distress.

Earlier, the Chief Guest along with other dignitaries released a poster on “Butterflies of Nongkhyllem”.

2nd India International Cherry Blossom Festival



The 2nd India International Cherry Blossom Festival kick started at 5th Ground, Polo Grounds, Shillong on 8th November, 2017 wherein Meghalaya Minister for Forests & Environment, Shri. Clement Marak attended as Chief Guest. Present at the inaugural function were Chief Secretary in charge, Shri. P. S Thangkhiew, Principal Secretary, Tourism, etc, Smti. R.V Suchiang and a host of other dignitaries. The Festival is being held in association with the Institute of Bioresources & Sustainable Development (IBSD), Government of India and Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Government of India.

In his inaugural address, Shri. Marak said that the State Government is focusing on promoting tourism potential of the State by organising such festivals which not only boost tourism but also project the positive image of the State. Stating that Cherry Blossom Festivals celebrated in countries like Japan, USA, Switzerland and Korea have established intercontinental friendship, he expressed hoped that in a few years, the State can get international recognition with the active participation of Government Departments and stakeholders.

Shri. Marak also said that the festival will further the commitment of the Government to promote tourism in the State by showcasing the rich cultural and natural resources the State can offer. ‘By celebrating Cherry Blossom we are celebrating nature’ said Shri. Marak and therefore it is our moral obligation to preserve this rich biodiversity, he said further

On the day, the Chief Guest also released the special cover of the 2nd India International Cherry Blossom Festival Postage Stamp.

Wahkaji PHC Inaugurated

Wahkaji PHC was formally inaugurated on 3rd November 2017 by Health & Family Welfare Minister, Smti. Roshan Warjri in the campus of the PHC at Wahkaji, in presence of the Minister for PWD (R) Shri. M. M. Danggo, Government officials and people of the area.

Speaking on the occasion, the Health Minister expressed her happiness at being able to finally inaugurate the PHC which will cater to the needs and requirements of the people of the area even as she called on the general public to come forward and avail the services of the PHC.

Shri. Martin. M Danggo, in his speech recalled and expressed his gratitude to former local MLA, (L) Shri. P.K Raswai and former Health Minister (L) Shri. Kitdor Syiem for the vision to construct the PHC at Wahkaji in the interest of the people of the area. He called upon the Doctors and Staff of the PHC to dedicate themselves in serving the rural people. On the day, Shri. Danggo also laid the foundation stone for black toping of the existing road at Wahkaji.



SUCCESS STORY

Fish Farming A New Trend of Livelihood

Motivated by the assistance from the Department of Fisheries, North Garo Hills, Shri. Pollindro Sangma of Lower Sualmari village of Bajengdoba area under North Garo Hills is now known as the most successful progressive fish farmer of the area. Despite trying his hands at several small businesses, luck was never on his side until the idea of fish farming struck his mind. With the intervention of the Fisheries Department and his "never give up attitude" Shri. Pollindro is the living inspiration for hundreds of fish farmers in the village. Through sheer perseverance, dint of hard work, good farm planning and management, ably supported by the Department, he attained this status.

Shri. Pollindro Sangma, a father of 3 children was earlier engaged in small local business with the sole aim to make a livelihood but the income generated from this business was barely sufficient to support his family. Having heard about fish farming, he then decided to construct a fish pond of 0.1 hectare. Initial production from this pond was so scarce, that he was almost at the verge of giving up fish farming. However things changed when the Department assisted him with intensive training which inspired Shri. Pollindro to start learning scientific management practices. He now understood that Pisciculture is a scientific process and good management is essential.

The project of Shri. Pollindro Sangma has been taken up under the "State Aquaculture Mission" in the year 2011-12. In the beginning, with much difficulties and financial hardships he managed to construct his pond covering an area of 0.1 hectare with his own capital. Later, upon receiving Departmental assistance he extended his pond to an area of 0.3 hectare with a required depth of 1.5-2 m. He extended his intensive fish farming with high expected returns and visible economic upliftment. Braving all odds to become a successful fish farmer, Shri. Pollindro is



Shri. Pollindro Sangma at his newly constructed Pond.

now a happy farmer and is taking care of his family from the income generated from his fish farming venture.

During the "Aqua Fest" 2013 held at Tura, West Garo Hills, he sold 75 kgs of fish @ Rs 150/Kg making an income of Rs 11,250/-. The total fish production from this project is about 300-350 kgs of fish per annum which he sold @ Rs 200/kg generating an income of Rs 60,000-70,000. The success story of Shri. Pollindro Sangma is an eye-opener to many of the farmers for adopting fish farming as a means of livelihood.



"Farming is fascinating. The only thing is that it requires continuous hard work and devotion", says Smti. Enitha Marak, a woman entrepreneur who started fish farming few years ago. A resident of Reking Village under Resubelpara C&RD Block, Smti. Enitha paved the way for herself by earning a respectable livelihood out of fish farming.

Her project was assisted by the Department of Fisheries in the year 2010-11 under the Scheme "Special Plan Assistance". Her dedication and contribution to the fishery sector has gained her the Excellence Award conferred by the Fishery Department during the A'we Winter Festival cum Aqua Fest 2015.

Her yearly production of table size fish is approximately 200-250 kgs from her 0.1 hectare pond. She is one of the active farmers of her area with her project being well managed and looked after.

Smti. Enitha has also motivated other fellow farmers in her village and neighbouring villages also. The key to her success lies in her eagerness to learn, work hard and the adoption of a positive attitude

The success stories of Shri. Pollindro Sangma and Smti. Enitha Sangma in fish farming has inspired many other enthusiasts to partake in fish revolution which would help curb unemployment for scores of people and produce higher supply of white meat (Fish) at reasonable price.

SP ISSUES DIRECTIVES FOR KEEPING ORDER IN PUBLIC PLACES

The Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has under Section 101 of the Meghalaya Police Act, 2010 issued instructions, outlining the role, functions and duties of the owners, promoters of all Hotels, Guest Houses and Resorts operating in East Khasi Hills District.

The role, functions and duties of the owners/promoters/concerned company shall broadly be to ensure that all people employed in management of hotels, guest houses and resorts are free from criminal records; bio-data with photographs of all employees are to be maintained and sent to the concerned Police Station and also to maintain such records properly and provide the same to Police within short notice, details of all customers staying in the hotels, guest houses and resorts to be sent to the PS daily under the signature of the owner or in his absence any other person duly authorized by him. The CCTV status needs to be reflected in the daily report and in case it is not functioning due to technical snags, the same needs to be mentioned and the efforts taken to get the same rectified. The CCTV footage after compilation for a period of one month needs to be converted in CD's and given to the PS for record and usage in case there is no back up for a longer period. Photos of all visitors need to be taken at the time of check in and sent on daily basis to the Police Station, identity proof of all staffs with their name should be worn while on duty, sufficient well trained Private Securities Personnel should be engaged by the management from the registered Private Securities Agencies; no one is allotted rooms without any identity proof, no drink should be served inside the Hotels unless Bar license issued by the competent authority has been obtained, cleanliness and hygiene should be maintained, segregation of areas for smoking and non-smoking. No juveniles as defined in the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, shall be given accommodation unless the same is verified by the concerned Police Station. No illegal activities as defined in POCSO/Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act and other Acts prevalent shall be carried out in the hotel, guest houses and resorts and no occupants shall be allowed to use the hotels for residential purposes and reside for a long period of time.

Anyone found violating the aforesaid instructions may be arrested and on conviction by a court of law, shall be liable to a fine of Rs. 5000/- as per Section 102 of the Meghalaya Police Act, 2010. This Order shall be applicable with immediate effect.

AWARENESS CUM HEALTH CAMP ON TRADITIONAL HEALING SYSTEM

The Traditional Healers of Thadlaskein Block, West Jaintia Hills in collaboration with the Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein, State Council of Science, Technology and Environment (SCSTE) Meghalaya, EFC Thadlaskein Block, CoRP Shillong and Grass root Shillong organised a one day Block Level awareness programme cum Health Camp on Traditional Healing System at Thadlaskein Block on 18th October 2017. Over 35 traditional practitioners attended the awareness programme.

Smt. B. Blah, BDO of Thadlaskein in her speech at the programme said that documentation of the indigenous knowledge of medicinal plants used by the healers is necessary and such programmes help preserve the knowledge of the traditional healers.

FINANCIAL LITERACY CAMP

As a part of the financial inclusion agenda of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) a Financial Literacy Camp was held at Seijlieh Presbyterian Higher Secondary School, West Khasi Hills District on 25th October 2017. Shri. L. Hangmuanthang, Assistant General Manager, and Shri. Anirban. Chakraborty, Assistant GM RBI Shillong addressed the students on various aspects and benefits of formal banking and financial inclusion, financial planning and budgeting, precaution from fraudulent e-mails, SMS, phone calls and precaution from fraudulent deposits, accepting companies and unincorporated bodies, grievance redressal mechanism in the banking system, features of genuine currency notes, new developments in the field of digital transaction viz UPI, BHIM, USSD, etc. Around eighty students including the Principal and teachers of the school participated in the programme.

STATE LEVEL MEDIA CERTIFICATION AND MONITORING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED

To ensure free and fair conduct of the upcoming Legislative Assembly Election 2018 in Meghalaya, the State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) is constituted with the Chief Electoral Officer, Meghalaya as the Chairman. The members of the Committee include Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Meghalaya, Expenditure Observer (to be nominated by CEO), Director, Information and Public Relations, Meghalaya, Deputy Director of Field Publicity, Shillong and Shri. W. Rapheal Warjri, Media Plus, Media Representative. The Joint Chief Electoral Officer will be the Member Secretary.

The functions of the Committee is to decide on appeals against orders of the MCMC headed by the Additional CEO/District Election Officers on Certification of Advertisement as per ECI's instructions, to examine all cases of paid news on appeal against the decision of District MCMCs and to take up suo moto action and direct the concerned DEO/ROs to issue notice to the candidates or political parties.

WORKING HOURS TIMING REVISED

The Managing Director, Meghalaya Transport Corporation has informed that the working hours of the Shillong Railway Booking Counters have been revised.

During the month of March to October, the working hours will be from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM and from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Recess from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM. During the month of November to February, the working hours will be from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM and from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Recess from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM. During Sundays and National Holidays, the timing will be from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The revised timing will come into effect from 15th November, 2017.

NATIONAL DISASTER REDUCTION DAY

The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Nongstoin in collaboration with the District Administration, West Khasi Hills District observed the National Disaster Reduction Day through a Mock exercise on earthquake preparedness at Mawkhlam – Nongpyndeng village and Nongstoin College on 27th October 2017. The Mock Exercise, which witnessed active participation of incidence response teams, State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF), local youth, villagers, college students, NCC and the police force was organized with the aim of preparing the villagers in case of disasters.

SECOND ROUND OF INTENSIFIED MISSION INDRADHANUSH

The second round of Intensified Mission Indradhanush will commence from 7th November, 2017 for 7 working days in the State in selected districts namely East Khasi Hills, East Jaintia Hills, West Jaintia Hills, South West Khasi Hills, North Garo Hills, West Garo Hills, South West Garo Hills and only in the urban areas in West Khasi Hills.

To accelerate the immunization coverage, Mission Indradhanush was envisaged and implemented since 2015 to rapidly increase the full immunization coverage to 90 per cent.

The National Health Mission and State Health Department, Meghalaya urge all parents of children less than 2 years of age and pregnant women who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated to come forward and avail the services especially provided for them.

ANMs/AWWs/ASHAs in respective villages may be contacted or the closest Government Health Center may be visited for more information, This was informed by the Director of Health Services (MCH&FW) Cum Jt. Mission Director, NHM, Meghalaya, Shillong.

BSNL OFFER

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched a new, 'Loot Lo' offer for its postpaid mobile customers giving up to 60% discount under mobile services. This offer is applicable to seven postpaid plans i.e. Rs. 225, Rs. 325, Rs. 525, Rs. 725, Rs. 799, Rs.1125 and Rs. 1525. The offer is effective from 1st November, 2017 on PAN India Basis.

BSNL is also giving up to 500% more data in all postpaid plans starting from 1st November, 2017. All postpaid plans having Fixed Monthly Charges in Rs. 99, 149, 225, 325, 525, 725, 799, 1125 and 1525 shall have Free Data Usage of 500 MB, 500 MB, 3 GB, 7 GB, 15 GB, 30 GB, 60 GB, and 90 GB and unlimited without speed restriction respectively. Details in this regard can be obtained from the website: www.bsnl.co.in.

This was informed by the Assistant General Manager (Mktg), O/o the CGMT, NE-I Circle, BSNL, Shillong.

SDRC HOLDS REVIEW MEETING AT TURA

On 7th November 2017, Co-Chairman, State Development Reforms Commission (SDRC), Government of Meghalaya and former MLA Shri. Sengman R Marak along with other members of the Commission reviewed the issues pertaining to various District Offices at Circuit House, West Garo Hills Tura in the presence of Shri. Saleng A Sangma, MLA, Gambegre. The issues include budget provision for the current financial year, functioning, programmes and activities and implementation of State and Central schemes in the District.

During the meeting, various Departments comprising of Public Works Department (National Highways), District Soil and Water Conservation, District Medical and Health Officer were among others who presented their programmes and activities in the District. While reviewing the schemes, Shri. Marak said that reviewing of these schemes is necessary in order to ensure proper implementation of the schemes and accelerate growth and development in the District.

Photo Speak



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma felicitating a former Principal of Don Bosco Secondary School on the occasion of the school's Diamond Jubilee celebration on 18-10-2017.



Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma meeting the newly appointed Chairman of Social Audit Council Shri.Toki Blah in the former's office chamber on 01-11-2017.



CM, Dr. Mukul Sangma inaugurating the building to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of St. Francis Institute, Mawkasiang on 27-10-2017.



CM, Dr. Mukul Sangma speaking during the one-Day 'Focus Group Workshop' on 1917- Integrated Technology Enabled Agri-Management System(iTEAMS) held at IATC, Upper Shillong on 17-10-2017.



Health & Family Welfare Minister, Smti. Roshan Warjri administering the pledge on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) at Main Secretariat, Shillong on 31-10-2017.



Participants of Tug of War competition organised during the inaugural Day of Wangala Festival at Asanang on 08-11-2017.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

**THE DOT OVER
THE LETTER "i" IS
CALLED TÍTLE.**



**A SENTENCE WHICH
CONTAINS ALL 26
LETTERS OF THE
ENGLISH ALPHABET
IS CALLED A
PANGRAM. A
FAMOUS PANGRAM
IS: "THE QUICK
BROWN FOX JUMPS
OVER THE LAZY
DOG." BUT THERE
ARE EVEN SHORTER
ONES SUCH AS:
"PACK MY BOX WITH
VE DOZEN LIQUOR
JUGS."**

**A group of
12 engineers
designed IBM PC
and they were
called as "The
Dirty Dozen".**

**The word 'SWIMS'
will be ,SWIMS, even
when turned upside down.**

**HP, Microsoft and
Apple have one
very interesting
thing in common
– they were all
started in a garage.**



**the first five
days after
the weekend
are always
the hardest**

**A banana
ripens quickly
(overnight),
when you put
it into a brown
paper bag with
an apple or
tomato**



**Work,
Really?
Again?
Didn't I just
Do that
Yesterday?**



**Pineapples
are berries,
just like
strawberries
and
blueberries.**



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