

Chief Minister inaugurates Mawphanlur water conclave 2017



As part of the Springshed Development Initiative Programme, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma on January 10 inaugurated the Mawphanlur Water Conclave 2017 at Mawphanlur, near Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District. The programme was organized by Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) in collaboration with Soil and Water Conservation Department.

Addressing the gathering the Chief Minister said that livelihood revolves around water and development initiatives of the Government have been to ensure promotion of different platforms for convergence in implementation of programmes for providing sustainable livelihood. He also called for identification of watershed and its protection with active involvement of communities.

The Chief Minister also said that places like Mawphanlur and Nongkhnun are potential tourist attractions and added that local people are the ambassadors to

urge tourists to visit these beautiful places. Stating that the Shillong-Nongstoin-Tura road has become one of the most beautiful roads in the state, he said that there is a need to look at the aesthetic and safety part of the roads not only for motorists but for tourists as well.

He also informed that work is on to upgrade the Markasa-Mawphanlur road and called upon all to partner with the government to achieve goals of various developmental programmes and agenda of the State.

Earlier, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone at Markasa for metalling and blacktopping of the 5.22 km road from Markasa to Mawphanlur. He also laid the foundation stone for a 1 km village road using plastic cell technology under Megha Livelihood and Access to Markets Projects at Umthlong Kharmuti village of West Khasi Hills.

CHIEF MINISTER LAUNCHES COMMUNITY LED ECO-SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROJECT



Meghalaya Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma, launched the Community Led Eco-system Management Project at Me•gagre village under Samanda C&RD Block in East Garo Hills, on January 9. School Education and Literacy Minister, Smti. Deborah C Marak, Parliamentary Secretaries Shri. Cherak W Momin and Shri. Sengnam M Marak was among others present on the occasion.

During his address at the programme, the Chief Minister informed that the main objective of the project is to make people self-reliant and also make them aware of how to achieve sustainable livelihood from natural resources. While dwelling on the need for adopting "Mission Organic", Dr. Sangma stressed that

scientific and organic cultivation must be aimed at by all concerned.

During the day, an agreement between the Government of Meghalaya and Nokmas of Me•gagre, Nengmandalgre, Rongrekgre, Ja•kopgre, Cherangre, Ga•ning Bibra and Gitokgre A•king was signed for promotion of solar and hydro energy.

School Education and Literacy Minister, Smti. Deborah C Marak, while addressing the gathering urged the people of the region to save Simsang river from drying up due to environmental degradation.

FOUNDATION STONE OF REGIONAL LABOUR INSTITUTE LAID



Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Labour & Employment, Government of India, Shri. Bandaru Dattatreya laid the foundation stone of the Regional Labour Institute at Shillong on January 6. Also present on the occasion was Smti M. Sathiyavathy, Secretary, Labour & Employment Government of India, Shri. Heera Lal Samariya, Additional Secretary, Labour & Employment, Government of India, Dr. Avneesh Singh, Director General, DGFASLI Shri. T. Dkhar, Commissioner & Secretary, Labour Department, Government of Meghalaya, Shri. A. Mawlong, Secretary, Labour Department, Government of Meghalaya and senior Labour Government officials from the Central Government as well as State Governments.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri. Dattatreya said that the Central Government is committed to the growth and overall development of the Northeast Region by way of setting up of industries which will boost the employment opportunities for the local populace.

He also stated that without safe, clean environment as well as in the absence of healthy working conditions, social justice and economic growth cannot be achieved and pointed out that safe and healthy working environment is recognized as a fundamental human right and said that education, training, consultation and exchange of information and good practices are essential for prevention and promotion of such measures. Ensuring safety and health of the workmen is an essential element for the sustainable growth of the industry, he added.

The Union Minister of State also said that the occupational safety and health scenario in the country is changing very fast due to technological advancement and hence urged all the stakeholders to work together with utmost sincerity to achieve the goal of ensuring holistic occupational safety and health at workplaces. He hoped that the new Regional Labour Institute being established at Shillong will be a new milestone in strengthening the safety and health movement in the north eastern region by creating more and more skilled manpower in the area of safety and health.

The objective of establishing the Regional Labour Institute, Shillong is to strengthen the industrial safety and health in the North Eastern States coming under the jurisdiction of the Institute. This institute will impart training and consultancy services and also run long - term educational courses and professional programmes in safety and health.

It may be mentioned that this will be the Sixth Labour Institute under the Directorate General, Factory Advice service & Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India. The other five Institutes are located at Mumbai, Chennai, Kanpur, Kolkata and Faridabad.

The DGFASLI is an attached office of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India and serves as a technical arm to assist the Ministry in formulating National policies on occupational safety and health in factories and docks.

The jurisdiction of the new Regional Labour Institute which is being setup by DGFASLI at Shillong will cover the North East States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

The land for construction of the Institute has been made available by the Government of Meghalaya. The Institute will have a four storey building comprising of Office and Hostel Block. The Regional Labour Institute Shillong will have Industrial safety, Industrial Hygiene, Industrial Medicine, Industrial Physiology/Ergonomics, Major Hazard Control & Chemical Safety and Safety, Health & Environment Exhibition Center divisions.

The Institute will be equipped with modern classrooms, a library- cum- information center and a webinar center. Besides, the Institute hostel will have a 50 bedded executive hostel comprising 22 double and triple bedrooms. The construction of the Institute Building has been entrusted to CPWD Shillong at an estimated cost of Rs.17.40 crore, and the Institute will start functioning in 2020.

Observance of PMSMA day at Nartiang PHC



The office of the District Medical & Health Officer, West Jaintia Hills Hills observed the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) at the Nartiang PHC on January 9 in which Shri. S. Dhar, Minister of Power, C&RD was the chief Guest and Shri. H. M Shangpliang, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare cum Mission Director, NHM, Meghalaya was the Guest of Honour. Dr. D. Lyngdoh, Director of Health Services (MCH& FW), Smti. Sweety Pala, Brand Ambassador of PMSMA, Shri. T. Shiwo, CEM Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Dr. M. Talang, DM&HO, Jowai Doctors from NEIGRIHMS were among others present at the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri. S. Dhar stated that the Scheme is aimed at providing free ante-natal care for all pregnant mothers and therefore, urged upon them to take the opportunity available to them and visit hospitals for check-up for the safety of the mother and the child at the time of delivery.

Shri. H. M Shangpliang informed that PMSMA day will be observed regularly on the 9th of every month to make people aware of the need for routine health check-ups especially in the early stages of pregnancy to avoid maternity complications.

Presiding over the programme Dr. M Talang, District Medical & Health Officer, Jowai, informed that with the launching of the Scheme delivery at the institutional level has raised to 52 with home delivery instances at 48 and expressed hope that in the days and months to come more mothers will go to the hospitals for delivery of their children.

Workshop on the Front End Processes on the GSTN (Goods and Services Tax Network) Portal held



The Office of the Commissioner of Taxes, Meghalaya in collaboration with the Goods and Services Tax Network, New Delhi conducted a One Day Workshop on Front end Processes at the GSTN Portal on January 11 at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong. The Workshop was held for officials of the Department and various stakeholders consisting of Taxpayers, Chartered Accountants, Tax Consultants etc. to enlighten them on the online processes for Registration, Return Filing, Tax Payment and Helpdesk in the GST Regime. More than 500 (Five hundred) participants attended the Workshop.

The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, I/c Excise, Registration, Taxation & Stamps Department, Shri P. W. Ingty graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Shri Bhagwan Patil, Vice President GSTN, New Delhi was the Resource Person. The Workshop was extremely beneficial to all participants. More such Workshop will be conducted in Shillong and other District Headquarters in the month of March, 2017.

Arts

The North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Dimapur, invites application from eligible candidates within the age group of 18-30 years for awarding Young Talented Artists Award 2016-17 in the field of Folk Music/Song, Folk Dance, Theatre and Creative Arts/Painting & Handicraft. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- and citation. Candidates should be an indigenous inhabitant of North East India.

Interested candidates may collect the application form from the office of the Director, Arts & Culture, Meghalaya and submit the same latest by January 13.

IT

The Government of Meghalaya will be awarding laptops to meritorious students who have passed MBOSE, SSLC, HSSLC, ICSE, CBSE, ISC and Specially -abled students during 2016. The IT Award Ceremony will be held at Yojana Bhavan Auditorium, Main Secretariat Building, Shillong on January 20 from 4:00 PM onwards wherein the Meghalaya Minister in-charge of ITC, Dr. M Ampareen Lyngdoh will be the Chief Guest.

All the awardees eligible for the awards are to report to the reception at the venue by 2:00 PM.

The Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District has informed the general public that only owners of taxable vehicle in possession of a public service were permitted to offer their vehicles on hire for cash, deferred payment or any valuable consideration, as defined under Sub Section (8) and (12) of Section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and provision of the Meghalaya Passengers and Goods Taxation Act (as adapted from Assam Act).

Therefore, the public should desist from hiring private vehicles for the purpose of transportation of passengers and goods and if any owner of private vehicles is found violating the said Acts, it will be dealt with accordingly.

'Gramoday' Watershed Football Tournament underway in SWGH



As part of the Gramoday Initiative of Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) in the State, the District Basin Development Unit (BDU), South West Garo Hills in collaboration with the District Soil & Water Conservation Office and District Sports Office, is organizing Gramoday Sub-Watershed Football Tournament across the district which got underway on January 11 with the first four matches being played simultaneously at Okkapara and Gandhipara under Betasing Block and Gopinathkilla and Anangpara under Zikzak Block, respectively.

It may be mentioned that Gramoday Initiative is aimed at mobilizing community participation in various initiatives of the MBDA under IBDLP with football match as the main mobilizing activity and including various events like exhibition, vegetable & flower shows, food stalls, etc as side attractions. As watershed is an important unit for IBDLP, the football matches and competitions are being conducted sub-watershed wise under the respective blocks.

The winners of the block level final matches would qualify to play at the District Level Final Match to be held on January 26 and the best sub-watershed team would

represent the district at the State Level Grand Finale to be held in February 2017. At one of the first football matches played at Okkapara, the BDO, Betasing Block Shri. A.G. Momin attending as the chief guest, spoke on the various initiatives of the Government under IBDLP as well as the MGNREGS, while DPM, BDU, South West Garo Hills, Shri. B. Ch. Sangma welcomed the gathering and explained the objectives of Gramoday Initiative and called upon the villagers to come forward and partner with the BDU in various missions under IBDLP. A help desk for registration of partners and Green Volunteers under IBDLP was also set up on the sidelines of all the matches played at different venues.

Participating in the event, the Horticulture Department led by its District Officer Shri. B. R. Marak organized a vegetable show in which the first three winners for the best vegetable products were given cash prizes. The officials of AH & Veterinary Department also distributed medicines and pamphlets on livestock to the farmers while the District Commerce & Industries Centre (DCIC) represented by Functional Manager Shri. D. F. R. Marak highlighted on PMEGP scheme and how it can be availed.



ROAD SAFETY WEEK



An awareness programme on Road Safety Week was organised for the benefit of Taxi Drivers/ Owners and the general public at Motphran Taxi Stand, Motphran, Shillong on January 11.

The programme was organised by the Office of the District Transport Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong in collaboration with the Superintendent of Police (Traffic).

NOTIFICATION

After careful consideration on the matter of adoption of the provisions of “self-attestation” in lieu of “attestation by Gazetted Officers and others” and “self-declaration” in lieu of “affidavit”, the State Government has notified the adoption of “self-attestation” and “self-declaration” in lieu of affidavits of various services. This was informed by the Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Personnel & Administrative Reforms Cell.

The services for replacement by self attestation include documents required for admission of students in Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary level, migration certificate in Secondary and Higher Secondary level, correction of certificate/ marksheet/ admit card at Secondary and Higher Secondary level, issuance of duplicate certificate/ marksheet/ admit card at Secondary and Higher Secondary level, copy relating to non-marriage certificate/non-employment certificate for grant of family pension due to death of the employee, copy of life certificate for pensioners/family pensioners to be submitted before Pension Disbursing Authority/Branch Manager of pension disbursing bank and copy of documents required in case of loss of original vouchers in connection with reimbursement of admissible medical expenses.

The services for replacement by self declaration include issuance of duplicate certificate/marksheet/admit card at Secondary/Higher Secondary level and submission of information regarding family income in case of scholarship schemes.

Any candidate or persons falsely certifying documents/declaration are liable to be criminally prosecuted in the court of law.

Draft Electoral Roll published for West Khasi Hills

The Electoral Registration Officer, West Khasi Hills District, has informed that the lists of amendment to the draft Electoral Roll for 32-Nongstoin (ST) Assembly Constituency, 33-Rambrai Jyrngam (ST) Assembly Constituency and 34-Mawshynrut (ST) Assembly Constituency has been prepared with reference to 01-01-2017 as the qualifying date and in accordance with the Registration of Electoral Rule, 1960. A copy of the said Roll together with the said list of amendments has been published and available for inspection at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin.

Final Publication of Electoral Rolls for West Garo Hills

The Deputy Commissioner (Election), West Garo Hills District, Tura has informed that the Final Publication of Photo Electoral Rolls of Assembly Constituencies under West Garo Hills District has been prepared with reference to 01-01-2017 as qualifying date and in accordance with the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 for 46-Phulbari, 47-Rajabala, 48-Selsela (ST), 50-North Tura (ST), 51-South Tura (ST), 52-Rangsakona (ST), 56-Gambegre (ST), 57-Dalu (ST) Assembly Constituencies.

A copy of the said roll together with the list of additions is available for inspection at Electoral Registration office or at their respective blocks in the District.

Final Publication of Photo Electoral Rolls for East Khasi Hills

The District Election Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has informed that the list of amendment to the draft photo electoral roll for the 13-Mawryngkneng (ST), 14-Pynthorumkhrach (GEN), 15-Mawlai (ST), 16-East Shillong (ST), 17-North Shillong (ST), 18-West Shillong (GEN), 19-South Shillong (GEN), 20-Mylliem (ST), 21-Nongthymmai (ST), 22-Nongkrem (ST), 23-Sohiong (ST), 24-Mawphlang (ST), 25-Mawsynram (ST), 27-Pynursla (ST) and 29-Mawkyntrew (ST) Assembly Constituencies has been prepared with reference to 1st January, 2017 as qualifying date and in accordance with the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

A copy of the said list of amendments has been published and will be available for inspection at the office of the Deputy Commissioner (Election), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong and at the office of all Block Development Officers concerned during office hours.

AAY, PHH rice released

The Deputy Commissioner (Supply), West Garo Hills District, Tura has informed that AAY, PHH Rice for the month of January, 2017 for Tura urban and rural based Fair Price Shop Dealers has been released.

All the Fair Price Shop Dealers are directed to issue rice as per Government prescribed scale of 5.00 Kg per head per month for PHH beneficiaries and 35 Kg per Card per month for AAY beneficiaries under NFSA, 2013.

All the beneficiaries of NFSA and AAY categories are requested to purchase their quota from their respective Fair Price Shop centres.

Draft electoral rolls available for inspection

The Electoral Registration Officer of 30-Mairang (ST), 31-Mawthadraishan (ST), 35-Ranikor (ST) and 36-Mawkyrwat (ST) Assembly Constituencies has informed that the list of amendments to the draft electoral rolls for the said constituencies have been prepared with reference to 1st January, 2017 as the qualifying date and in accordance with the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960. A copy of the rolls together with the said list of amendments is available for inspection at the office of the respective Electoral Registration Officer during office hours.

National Voters' Day

The office of the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Mairang Civil Sub Division will organise National Voters' Day from January 20-25 in the office premises and at Madan Dommawlum Pyndengumiong. As part of the programme, various competitions will be conducted including peh mawsan, quiz, essay writing, extempore speech, painting and singing (solo & group).

Other programmes will include a Public Rally Slogan March on January 18 and an Auto-rickshaw rally on January 24.

Interested persons may submit their names to the office of the SDO (Civil), Mairang Civil Sub-Division, Mairang by January 19.