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Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma laid the Foundation Stone for the Bhoirymbong C & RD Block Headquarter at Khapmara and also inaugurated the Bhoirymbong C & RD Block at a function held at Pynthor Shnong Market Yard, Lumdaithkhla in the presence of Minister, C & RD, Shri. Sniawbhalang Dhar on February 1.

Delivering his inaugural speech, the Chief Minister said that the inauguration of the block is an important milestone in the history of the people of Ri Bhoi as all schemes and programmes of the Government for the welfare of the people are implemented through the C & RD blocks. He also said that there are huge disparities in terms of population in different blocks thereby leading to differences and developmental gaps which needed to be corrected while also adding that the creation of new blocks in the State will help the Government reach out to the people and bring development in the State in complete totality.

The Chief Minister also stated that a turnaround in ultimate implementation of Government flagship initiatives has been created through the C & RD Blocks and urged upon the people to take advantage of the number of new Government initiatives which will be made available through the blocks.

He also informed that the Government has in the last two years reviewed the implementation of the revolutionary programme, MGNREGS and assured that the Government is committed to ensure that maximum benefit is passed on through this programme for the ultimate benefit of all stakeholders in the State. While fulfilling the legal obligation of ensuring 100 days of wages, the Government is committed to supplement the whole endeavour with funds for implementing the programme, he further said.

Meanwhile, Sohiong C & RD Block was inaugurated by the Chief Minister On February 3, at Sohiong in the presence of Minister, Home etc and Local MLA, Shri. H D R Lyngdoh, Minister, C & RD, Shri. Sniawbhalang Dhar, Mawphlang

Bhoirymbong and Sohiong C & RD Blocks inaugurated

New Blocks to bring administration closer to the people: CM



Bhoirymbong C & RD Block



Sohiong C & RD Block

MLA, Shri. Kennedy Khyriem, Secretary, NEC, Shri. Ram Muivah, and Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Shri. P S Dkhar and others.

On the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma also laid the Foundation Stone for Sohiong Rural Market, Sohiong. Speaking at the Inaugural Function, the Chief Minister said that Sohiong C & RD Block is the first block out of the newly inaugurated blocks to become functional from the day of its inauguration and expressed happiness that the beautiful asset will be utilized to serve the people more efficiently. "The agenda of development and prosperity in the state is the shared agenda of the people of Meghalaya and there is a need to ensure that no one dislocates this momentum of growth and development," he said.

The Chief Minister also said that all blocks need to work aggressively with Village Employment Councils (VECs) and that the Government has decided to spend 1000 Crores through MGNREGS through engagement with the VECs by utilizing some component of MGNREGS for livelihood programmes and activities. He further added that every village in Meghalaya is unique and exclusive and should work in convergence and partnership to ensure that the aspirations of the people are fulfilled and a sense of well being and hope prevails in the state.

The Chief Minister handed over work orders under MGNREGS to VECs of four villages under the newly inaugurated Sohiong C & RD Block on the occasion.

Dr. Mukul Sangma also took the occasion to express his gratitude to the North Eastern Council (NEC) for fast tracking the Rural Market Project at Sohiong. The Sohiong Rural Market Project is a project costing 11 Crores and 50 Lakhs, out of which 10 Crores and 35 Lakhs will receive NEC funding. The project is expected to be completed by October 2019.

CM inaugurates Suspension footbridges in South West Garo Hills



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma inaugurated two recently constructed suspension footbridges over Daru River near Ampati in the presence of Government Chief Whip Shri. W.D. Sangma, local MDC of Betasing Shri. Nripen Koch, Deputy Commissioner, Shri. C.V.D. Diengdoh, Superintendent of Police, Shri. Ramesh Singh, officials of the Border Areas Development Department, other district officials, local leaders and the people of the area on February 6.

The construction of the 110 metre-long suspension footbridge at Anangpara, and another measuring 80 m in length at Menggongpara, was sponsored under Social Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF) 2012-13 by Union Ministry of DoNER through the Border Area Development Department and were completed in a record time of six months. These footbridges are expected to provide easy connectivity to the people of these two villages who otherwise had to walk a long distance or cross the river to reach the main road leading to the district headquarter. The construction of these bridges has shortened the distance by at least 14 km.

Dedicating the footbridges to the people of the area at a function held at Bandalkona, the Chief Minister expressed his happiness at being able to share the joy of the people on the occasion and said that there are more such developmental projects that need to be inaugurated and dedicated to the people. "There are visible signs of development across the state and this is the reason for the people to have more aspirations and expectations, therefore the Government is bound to respond to the needs and aspirations of the people," he said. He however said that the people too must be willing to take collective responsibility and understand the process of development. "Whenever the Government is not

able to respond to the demands of the people let it be understood that there are constraints."

Speaking about Human Capital Development project being taken up in the State not only for building infrastructure, but also for empowering the teachers and children, he stressed on the need to put in place effective system to ensure that the schools and colleges of the State are one of the best in the country. He also emphasized that in order to effectively respond to the challenges of governance one must be receptive to continuous learning.

The Chief Minister also placed on record his Government's gratitude to the President of India Shri. Pranab Mukherjee, who during his tenure as the Union Finance Minister had granted a special package known as SIDF through DoNER. He, however, said that the remaining Rs. 22 crore which is yet to be sanctioned would have been used for construction of parallel road from Dalu to Baghmara along the Indo-Bangla border, adding that he has already raised the issue with the Union Minister of State for DoNER Dr. Jitendra Singh.

Earlier, Government Chief Whip & Legislator of Salmanpara, Shri. W.D. Sangma in his brief address urged upon the people of the area to take ownership of the assets that have been dedicated to them and also called for more support and cooperation from the people so as to ensure that they can expect more of such developmental projects in the future.

Deputy Commissioner Shri. C.V.D. Diengdoh, Assistant Director, Border Area Development, E.G.R. Marak and BADO, Ampati, S.P. Marak were among others who spoke on the occasion.

Chief Minister attends interaction on Green Economy



Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma on February 3 participated in an Interactive Discussion on 'Green Economy: Promises and Pitfalls' organized by Asian Confluence and Heinrich Boll Stiftung, India at Asian Confluence Centre at Laitumkhrah, Shillong.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma said that the present generation has deviated from the time tested practices of the forefathers and deforestation with its loss of rich biodiversity is the biggest challenge today. He added that Green Economy must be in a broader concept engaging people and community to preserve and protect while formatting livelihood opportunities ensuring sustainable ecology.

The Chief Minister also highlighted on the various initiatives of the state government in promoting a greener and sustainable economy and later answered to various questions and queries at the gathering.

Meghalaya Chief Secretary Shri. K S Kropcha in his address said that Meghalaya is one of the states that has contributed in maintaining carbon emissions by improving its forest cover over the years. He added that the lifestyle and values we adopt will determine what kind of Earth we will leave behind for future generations.

The concept of Green Economy attempts at reconciling ecology and economics. The interaction while discussing the necessity for a greener cleaner economy also discussed on the impacts of the global 'brown' industrial dictates that have for so long driven the world's economy.

Discussions were also made in the context of development in the North East, the region being rich in mineral and natural resources but not yet significantly developed in heavy industries. Growing issues related to mining, deforestation and water pollution, resulting in considerable ecological destruction, climatic imbalance, social inequality, community involvement and participation formed the core points for deliberation and debate giving scope for making informed choices on the direction for the future and set the paradigm of growth for the region.

Among others who spoke on the occasion were Dr Axel Harneit-Sievers, Country Director, Heinrich Boll Stiftung Foundation (HBF) India, Smt. Barbara Unmubig, President, HBF and Shri. Sabyasachi Dutta, Executive Director, Asian Confluence.

Digi Dhan Mela held at Shillong



A one day Digi Dhan Mela organized by the State Information Technology and Communication Department in collaboration with NITI Aayog and Ministry of Electronics & IT, Government of India was held on February 7 at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong.

The Union Minister of State for Railways, Shri Rajen Gohain attended the programme as the Chief Guest and Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh, State IT& C Minister as Guest of Honour. The programme was also attended by Shri Sanjay Kumar, Director, NITI Aayog, Shri D.P. Wahlang, Commissioner and Secretary, IT&C, senior government officials, representatives from public and private sector banks, digital payment agencies among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Gohain said demonetization announced by the Prime Minister of India to fight against black money and corruption has paved the way for a new revolution in which paper currency will be replaced by digital transactions.

Shri Gohain also emphasized on the need to educate the masses on how to use mobile phones for making purchases and also to promote digital payment methods to encourage consumers and merchants to increasingly shift to digital payment modes.

Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh in her address informed that the Mela will go a long

way in establishing a digital payment eco-system in the State which will lead to a cashless society. The Mela provides an opportunity for the general public and makes them aware on the digital payment process and its benefits which would remove any fears from doing money transaction through mobile phones.

Lamenting on poor network connectivity in the State, Dr. Lyngdoh stressed on having more telecom towers and equipments to increase coverage and also urged the BSNL and private sector players to come forward in this endeavour.

During the programme, the Union MoS launched the BSNL Mobicash, an e-wallet application and distributed prizes to the winners of various competition held during the day.

The State IT& C Minister also handed over awards to four local taxi drivers, Shri Bankular Kharkongor, Shri Imran Khan, Shri Subash Thapa and Bablu Kumar with Digital Taxi Award and Shri Manosh Kumar Rai, a cobbler by profession with the Digital Vendor Award for successfully carrying out digital transactions in their day to day business.

The day long Digi Dhan Mela saw huge public participation thronging different stalls put up by various banking institutions, mobile operators and different departments of the State Government to gather firsthand information about various Digital Schemes of the Government of India.

Feature

A BEEKEEPER'S Story



At Nongthymmai, a village located at Bhoirymbong, beekeeping is an activity that has been practiced for generations. The people of Nongthymmai believe that a house with bees is an active and healthy household. Earlier people would take up beekeeping as a hobby, but now it has become a key income generating activity for many households in the area.

One Shri. Stevenson Shadap of the village started beekeeping out of passion but soon realised its economic potential. He registered himself at the Umsning EFC to get accurate technical knowledge on beekeeping and was given training at RRTC in Umran. Upon completion, Shri. Shadap expanded his bee colonies and started extracting more honey than before. He also began packaging his honey and selling them at markets in Nongpoh and Shillong.

Today Shri. Shadap earns at least ₹1,00,000 and up to ₹2,00,000 annually through the sale of honey. In fact, he states that the demand for good quality honey is so high that he is not even able to meet his own local market demands. This year he plans to increase his number of bee colonies by 10 or 20 boxes.

The community at Nongthymmai is trying to strengthen its beekeeping activities as a collective endeavour by establishing a beekeepers' society through which it aims to scale up honey production, improve packaging and marketing of honey, and even start producing honey-based value added products. Shri. Shadap himself is hopeful that with the launch of the Apiculture Mission in the State, he and his community members will be able to access a wider platform on which to market and sell their honey, and profitably carry on this livelihood activity that was passed down through generations.

(Courtesy: www.mbd.gov.in)

Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan observed at Pynursla



Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) was observed on February 9 at a function held at Pynursla CHC where Shri P. Tynsong, District Council Affairs Minister and local MLA graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Shri H. M. Shangpliang, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Cum Mission Director, NHM as Guest of Honour.

The programme was also attended by Smti Sweety Pala, State Brand Ambassador, PMSMA, Dr. (Mrs) J. B. Ranee, District MCH Officer, East Khasi Hills, Shri A. Lyngdoh, Rangbah Shnong, Urksew- Wahpathaw, Pynursla, Shri Present Stone Tynsong, BDO Cum Chairman, Pynursla CHC Hospital Management Society among others.

In his inaugural speech, Shri Tynsong urged pregnant women of the area to avail health care facilities under the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan which aimed to provide assured, comprehensive and quality antenatal care, free of cost to all pregnant women on the 9th of every month in all Government health centres and hospitals.

Shri Shangpliang in his brief address informed that the scheme was launched by the Central Government with an objective of boosting health care facilities for pregnant women, especially the poor to ensure that every pregnant woman receives at least one checkup in the 2nd or 3rd trimester of pregnancy to reduce the maternity mortality rate.

During the day, a free medical camp for pregnant women was organized where a team of Gynaecologists from Ganesh Das Hospital and NEIGRIHMS conducted the camp.

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DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (DDMA)
NORTH GARO HILLS DISTRICT, RESUBELPARA,
UNDER NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NDMA) SCHEME.
No. NGH/DDM/44/2017/ Dated Resubelpara the 1st February, 2017.

Sl No.	Particulars	DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY NORTH GARO HILLS DISTRICT, RESUBELPARA,
1.	No. of Posts	2(Two)
2.	Name of the Post	DM Professionals at DDMA's
3.	Nature of work	Drawing Composite Annual Action Plan Preparation/ Updation of DDMP/Review of Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) profile of Districts
4.	Educational Qualification	Post Graduate degree in Social Science
5.	Other Desired Qualification	Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management
6.	Experience	1 year experience in the field of Disaster Management and Social Development related work/Conducting Training Programmes/ Knowledge in MS Office etc.
7.	Age Limit	35 years
8.	Language	Fluent in English and knowledge in Hindi
9.	Remuneration	Consolidated fee of Rs. 14, 000/- per month
10.	Tenure	6 months may be extended to 1 year

Last date for duly filled form submission along with all the relevant documents is 17th February 2017 during office hours.

*The names of short listed candidates will be uploaded in the District website.

*No TA/DA will be paid for appearing in the interview.

For details information and Application Forms Contact:
O/o. Office of the Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority,
North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara.

Or
Download the Application format from the District Website: www.northgarohills.gov.in

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
District Disaster Management Authority,
North Garo Hills District,
Resubelpara.

MISSION INDRADHANUSH PHASE IV

The four rounds of Mission Indradhanush Phase IV will be observed for a period of seven working days from 7th February, 2017, 7th March, 2017, 7th April, 2017 and 8th May, 2017 at fixed vaccination sites in selected District across the state of Meghalaya, namely, East Khasi Hills, South West Khasi Hills, East Jaintia Hills, West Jaintia Hills, North Garo Hills, West Garo Hills and South West Garo Hills. With Phase IV, it is hoped that partly protected and unprotected children and pregnant women will be covered and ultimately reach the goal of full immunization for every child.

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

Public can get detailed information from ANM/AWW/ASHA in their respective villages or they can visit a Government Health Centre nearby.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

The Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has informed that Hopkinson Road, Jacob's Ladder and Boyce Road will be opened in reverse direction, i.e. "No Entry" from Don Bosco towards St. Stephan Hall and Jacob's Ladder Road. All vehicles will be plying in reverse order from Lower Lachumiere near DIPR towards Hopkinson Road and exit at Don Bosco Square. Vehicles coming from St. Anthony's College can climb up Jacob's Ladder Road and exit at Don Bosco.

"No Entry" at Shillong Commerce College towards St. Mary's College and all vehicles will exit from Don Bosco Square towards St. Mary's College - Shillong College - Shillong Commerce College through Boyce Road.

Vehicles coming from Laitumkhrach and Upland Road can exit through Don Bosco Square - St. Mary's College - Shillong Commerce College Road.

There will be "NO RIGHT TURN" for vehicles coming through Jacob's Ladder Road and Hopkinson Road towards Dhankheti and all vehicles will have to proceed straight towards Laitumkhrach.

All vehicles coming from B. K. Bajoria side and wanting to go to Laitumkhrach will have to use the Jacob's Ladder Road to Don Bosco.

The aim is to reduce the traffic congestion between Raj Bhavan - Lower Lachumiere - Barik - Malki - Dhankheti areas and open the link roads which have not been put to full use.

In view of the necessity and in the interest of public safety and convenience, the traffic restrictions on the above mentioned roads has been imposed with immediate effect from 8th February, 2017.

PROHIBITORY ORDER

The District Magistrate, Ri Bhoi District has imposed a Prohibitory Order under Section 144CrPC prohibiting all unauthorized persons along with their private vehicles from stationing in an around the 13th Mile, Tamulkuchi weigh-bridge for diversion of coal laden trucks away from the designated route, National Highway - 6.

The Order has been issued in view of the fact that certain unscrupulous elements manifesting as "Middlemen" have been found loitering and operating in and around the 13th Mile, Tamulkuchi weigh-bridge with an ulterior motive of diverting the ongoing traffic of coal laden trucks from the mandatory weighment at weigh-bridge and payment of other taxes as may be the case and such causing huge loss of revenue to the Government.

This order has come into force with immediate effect and will continue to remain so until further orders.