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## MISSION FOOTBALL LAUNCHED BY CHIEF MINISTER



The 'Meghalaya Mission Football' was launched by Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma at a grand ceremony held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Sports Complex, Shillong on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.

Speaking during the occasion, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma while congratulating the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs for having completed the formatting of Mission Football that is dedicated to the people of Meghalaya said that the launch substantiates the realization that the Government has about the potentialities of the State in football.

The Chief Minister also said that through the mission, the future can be foreseen when Meghalaya will be connected with the rest of the world because of the people's love and passion for the game. He said that the game of football brings everyone together and the Government is focused on creating a dedicated environment to enable potential footballers to get the right kind of nurturing and hand holding to ensure that Meghalaya becomes the power house of football. "Let Meghalaya be known as a State which is capable of providing players to our great nation of over 1.2 billion population to participate in the World Cup in the years to come", said the Chief Minister.

Dr Sangma also informed that under this mission,

the Government will ensure that potential in football is captured right from the grassroots level and that infrastructure at various levels is provided in right earnest.

Vice Chairman, All India Football Federation and Chairman, Development Committee, Shri. Larsing Ming Sawian, said that Meghalaya has made small steady strides in developing football in the country. He said that there have been great developments in sports infrastructure in the State and Meghalaya, with the completion of the sixth artificial turf ground will have the maximum number of artificial turfs in the country. He assured that different football clubs and associations will work hand in

hand with the Government and said that the launch is the dawn of a new era for the development of football in Meghalaya.

It is worth mentioning that Mission Football is an initiative to help hone skills of football enthusiasts and develop young footballers for the country. It is a dedicated programme for talent identification and nurturing in order to produce national and international players. The Mission will also sustain the growing influence and participation of Meghalaya in the national football eco system. The programme is also aimed at honing the skills of young footballers in the state who see football as a viable career option. It aims at detecting talent at the grassroots level and providing support for grooming and nurturing promising children and youngsters as professional footballers. The programme will not only develop talents in the State but also sporting infrastructure and facilities in the State that will be made available for the citizens to utilize. The mission is aimed at revolutionizing the football passion of Meghalaya.

The eventful launch of Mission Football, infused by spectacular performances and drill display was followed by a friendly match between North East XI and Rest of India XI.

### MISSION FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Football will be developed to a whole new level.
- Identification of local talents and development of those talents with a robust scientific and technical approach to ensure that the State is able to produce national and international footballers.
- Vision to create an ecosystem of international excellence for the development of football in the State.
- Mission to create Meghalaya as a powerhouse of Indian football by 2022.
- The initiative will help contribute to develop the skills of football enthusiasts and develop young footballers for the country.
- It is a dedicated programme for talent identification and nurturing to develop national and international players.
- Aimed at sustaining the growing influence and participation of Meghalaya in the national footballing eco system.
- Aimed at honing the skills of young footballers in the State who see football as a viable career option.
- Aimed at detecting talent at the grassroots level and providing support for grooming and nurturing promising children and youngsters as professional footballers.
- Will also develop sporting infrastructure and facilities in the State that will be made available for the citizens to utilize.
- Initiative will also focus on the development of coaches and referees in the State.
- Mission Football team will work in association with the Meghalaya Football Association, clubs and communities of the State so that football is developed and promoted in all parts of the State.
- Will include the construction of new football infrastructure across the State at various levels and existing infrastructure will be refurbished and improved.
- The mission will also encourage and promote the setting up of academies by local teams and clubs. The Government will provide incentives so as to encourage the establishment of these academies in the State.
- Tournaments will be conducted at the State and District level for two age groups, namely Under-14 and under -17.
- Meghalaya State League: The league will provide opportunities for players to perform at the State level. The Government will promote the conduct of these local leagues across the State.



## 18<sup>TH</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF LATE CAPTAIN KEISHING CLIFFORD NONGRUM OBSERVED

To commemorate the 18<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of (Late) Captain Keishing Clifford Nongrum, Raj Bhavan, Shillong organized a series of programmes on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017, commencing with the Marathon Run flagged off by the Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Banwarilal Purohit from Madan Iewrynghep to Basketball Court, JN Sports Complex, Polo, Shillong followed by a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp and the (Late) Captain Keishing Clifford Nongrum Memorial Day Function at Raj Bhavan, Shillong.

During the function at Raj Bhavan, the Governor launched the film titled, "At the feet of Motherland: Life of Captain Clifford Nongrum" and also felicitated the parents of (Late) Captain Keishing Clifford Nongrum. Prizes to the winners of various competitions held during the month of June, 2017 as part of the commemoration of the Death Anniversary of (Late) Captain Keishing Clifford Nongrum and also to the winners of the Marathon Run were distributed during the programme by the Governor.

Shri Y. Tsering, Chief Secretary, Col. (Retd) Virendra Singh Bhalotia, Lt. Gen. Satish Dua, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman, COSC and Colonel of the J. K. Light Infantry Regiment, Defence personnel and senior State Government officials and students were also present at the function.





## Chief Minister Launches LIFE Flagship Programme

*LIFE TO BRIDGE ECONOMIC DISPARITY & ENSURE PROGRESS: CM*

Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr Mukul Sangma on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 launched the State's ambitious flagship programme "Livelihood Intervention and Facilitation of Entrepreneurship" (LIFE) programme at Songsak in East Garo Hills and dedicated the project to the people. On the day, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the new Songsak Kasturbha Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) School at St. Francis Secondary School premises, Songsak, East Garo Hills.

Speaking at the launch of LIFE, Dr Sangma said that the programme is "most inclusive" catering to all sections of the society. He said that the Government has been making efforts to reach out to the people with different sustainable livelihood programmes to empower and enable them to achieve economic prosperity. "I have been designing programmes to include everybody in the State of Meghalaya, so that each one of us benefits from the schemes", he said.

Dr. Sangma urged the people to form SHGs in their respective areas and under LIFE, different activities would be started to ensure that people are able to generate income and eradicate poverty. "We will ensure that people can generate income in their own backward by providing them assistance to do plantation and other income generating activities through different livelihood missions of the State", he said.

He said that the main idea of LIFE was



to ensure that the trend is reversed, where people would migrate from urban areas to rural areas for taking up activities, which revolves on agriculture, horticulture and other allied sectors.

He said that there were rich natural resources in Garo hills and people should take advantage of the resources and judiciously use them for their prosperity. "To bridge the economic disparity and ensure progress, LIFE will be implemented across the State, so that there is inclusive development", the Chief Minister asserted, while informing the people of the slew of initiatives taken up by the Government to meet their aspirations.

Earlier, Commissioner and Secretary, Community & Rural Development Department Shri. Sampath Kumar termed the launch of LIFE as an important milestone in taking forward the SHG movement in Meghalaya. He informed that the Government envisages reducing poverty through capacity building and linking of SHGs to different financial institutions. "LIFE

will give support to every Block in the State and supplement the efforts of NRLM and encourage NGOs and Village Employment Councils (VECs) to further organise women into SHGs".

Informing that LIFE will focus on capacity building, he said that under the programme every 10 SHGs will be motivated to function like a bank and help each other, even as he informed that the Government would be encouraging formation of thrift

societies for credit flow to farmers and women members.

It may be mentioned that the LIFE Project aims to bring all the poor and vulnerable women into the SHG movement, by emphasizing on reviving the inactive functional ones and include them within the ongoing LIFE project. It will also motivate and encourage women having MNREGA job cards from every household to form SHGs.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of North Garo Hills District

Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma said that it was a bounden duty of the Government and all people concerned to provide necessary hand-holding support to the new districts and urged upon the officers of line Departments to give focused attention to the requirements of the districts in different sectors of development.

The Chief Minister said this in his address during the celebration of the 5<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of North Garo Hills District at Resubelpara on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Local MLA & State Planning Board Chairman Shri. Salseng C. Marak, three other MLAs from the District & Parliamentary Secretaries, Shri. Brigady Marak, Shri. Cherak W. Momin and Shri. Marthon Sangma; and Chairperson State Development Reforms Commission Smti. Bluebell R. Sangma were among others who joined the District administration and the people of the District in the day-long celebration.

Recalling the background and conditions that led to the creation of North Garo Hills District, the Chief Minister said that the State had gone through a lot of challenging times and therefore cautioned the officers serving in the District saying that if focused attention is not given, "we will all be confronted by a situation where everyone will suffer".

Stating that there has never been a time when the State has not been faced with financial crunch, the Chief Minister said that despite the fund constraints the Government has tried to respond to the needs of the people in line with the spirit of democracy so as to generate hope among the people.

"We took the first step five years back, this is just a beginning and there is much more to be done. There should be no room for complacency and as we move ahead we have to plan with scientific approach and in line with people's aspirations and potentialities", he added. He also stressed on the need to have continuous training for all officers to improve their levels of efficiency. He also told the gathering that if they want to be served by the best amongst people, they must persuade their children to do well in studies and take up coaching programmes being given by the Government.

Responding to the demands of the people of the District including construction of a 100-bedded hospital and setting up of Navodaya Vidyalaya, the Chief Minister gave his assurance that all requirements of the District would be fulfilled in due course of time, adding that construction of Integrated Government Staff Quarters was already in the process of completion. The Chief Minister and dignitaries present also planted trees to commemorate the occasion.

It may be recalled that Resubelpara Civil Sub-Division was upgraded to a full-fledged District and inaugurated by the Chief Minister on July 27, 2012 after nearly two decades of movement for a separate district by the North Garo Hills District Demand Committee which began sometime in the year 1995.





## Newly Created Civil Sub-Division, C&RD Blocks inaugurated by the Chief Minister

Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma in the month of July, 2017 inaugurated the newly created C & RD Blocks, Viz Mawlai and Mawpat C & RD Blocks, and the Mawshynrut Civil Sub-Division. While Mawlai Block was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Mawpat Block on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Mawshynrut Civil Sub-Division was inaugurated on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

In his address at the inauguration of Mawlai C & RD Block on 20<sup>th</sup> July, the Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma said that the achievement is another milestone in the pursuit of creating access by the people to the Government's developmental programmes. "This unit of Government is important for initiating various important programmes of the State and the Union Government," he said.

Dr Sangma said that there was a need to look at the existing blocks that needed to be bifurcated to remove imbalances in development and growth. He also informed that the creation of Mawlai C & RD Block is the outcome of the collective endeavor of all. "The creation of the block is a humble beginning and I hope that people will be able to connect with the initiatives of the Government in a better way," he said.

The Chief Minister also informed that the State has improved in various sectors in the last few years and the Government has been able to respond to the dreams and aspirations of the people. He urged the people not to be pessimists through engaging in activities that will infuse a sense of insecurity amongst the people. "Though it is still a challenge to respond to the higher expectations of the people especially the youth, the Government is focused on creating livelihood opportunities and access to quality Education on a sustainable basis," said Dr Sangma.

On the day, the Chief Minister also handed

over the first work order of Rs 25 lakhs to the Rangbah Shnong of Mawtar and also unveiled the commemorative stone for the permanent office building and also inaugurated the Temporary Mawlai C & RD Block Office. Mawlai C & RD Block is bifurcated from Myllem Block and the newly inaugurated block has 24 villages under it with its Headquarter at Mawtar.

On 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma inaugurated the Mawpat C & RD Block at Mawpat in the presence of Minister, C & RD, Shri. Sniawbhalang Dhar, MLA, Pynthorumkhrah, Shri. A. L Hek, MLA, Nongthymmai, Dr Jemino Mawthoh and MLA, Mawryngkneng, Shri. David Nongrum. Mawpat C & RD Block is the 45<sup>th</sup> Block of the State, it having been carved out of Myllem C & RD Block. The newly created block will cover three assembly constituencies, and through its creation, it will be easier for the people to have better access to the developmental programmes of the Government in a more systematic manner. Mawpat Dorbar has donated land free of cost at Mawpat Pyllun for establishment of the permanent Block campus.

On 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017, over five thousand people comprising of villagers, students and Government officials attended the function held at the premises of Christ King School, Bangla Pluh, Mawshynrut to witness the inauguration of Mawshynrut Civil Sub-Division by the Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma in the presence of Minister, Home & Political Department, Shri. H D R Lyngdoh, Local MLA, Shri. W. Mawror MLA, Mawkyrwat, Shri. Rowell Lyngdoh, MLA, Rambrai Jyngam, Shri. Phlatingwell Pangniang, MLA, Nongstoin, Shri. D Jyndiang, MLA, Rongjeng, Shri. Sengnam Marak and others. The newly created civil subdivision will function from the old PHC until a permanent office is created.



Mawlai



Mawpat



Mawshynrut

## Base laid for Rural Entrepreneurship Centre at Nangapa



As part of its initiative of promoting rural entrepreneurship, the State Government, through the Department of Commerce & Industries has conceived a Scheme of Rural Entrepreneurship Centres to be set up in different blocks across the State of Meghalaya. The first of such centre will be set up at Nangapa under Songsak C&RD Block, East Garo Hills District for which the Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma laid the foundation stone in the presence of Minister for School Literacy and Education Smti. Deborah C. Marak and others on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The main objective of this scheme is to provide farmers and rural entrepreneurs with necessary industrial and social infrastructure to attract them towards starting up various small scale industries. The centre will include facilities like industrial shed, common facility centre, labour shed, creche for women entrepreneurs, chowkidar's quarter and toilets for workers among others with a total project cost of Rs. 305.79 lakh.

In his address the Chief Minister said that the Rural Entrepreneurship Centre will be the first of its kind in the whole country, adding that the Scheme was conceived to empower the people and make them capable of becoming big entrepreneurs at par with other businessmen of the country. He also justified the selection of Nangapa for setting up of the centre saying that the farmers of the area are hard working and have done considerably better than others while taking up schemes provided by Agriculture and Horticulture Departments. He also informed about the Incubation Centres that would be set up across the State which would provide handholding support to new entrepreneurs, adding that the potential entrepreneurs can identify what business they want to take up leveraging on the resources available around them and they will be trained accordingly and given all necessary support so they do have to depend on middlemen for marketing their products.

Indicating that the pace of development has picked up in recent times, he highlighted on a number of projects that are progressing fast including the construction of PMGSY roads and informed that the Government has already approved 181 roads across the State to be funded by World Bank.

## Awareness Programme on NFSA



On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Deputy Chief Minister, Prof. R. C. Laloo inaugurated an awareness programme on National Food Security Act (NFSA) at District Library Auditorium, Mynthong, Jowai in the presence of Shri. B. K. Verma, (Rtd) IAS, Chairman, State Food Commission, Government officials, Headmen, Fair Shop Dealers, Whole Sellers, Teachers and others.

The programme was organized by the Meghalaya State Food Commission in collaboration with the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (Supply), West Jaintia Hills for the citizens of West & East Jaintia Hills Districts.

Prof. R. C. Laloo, in his address said the Government has implemented the National Food Security Act to ensure food security in the State further stating that the State Food Commission has been set up with an objective to keep a close watch on the proper implementation of the National Food Security Act to ensure that food and nutritional security is being accessed by the people of the State.

The Deputy Chief Minister further informed that the Commission also takes up the grievances faced by the public with regards to the implementation of the Act, distribution of Midday Meals in schools, Special Nutritional Programme of ICDS, etc while also informing that grievance redressal officers have also been set up in all Districts and Sub-Divisions of the State with toll free number 1967 having been put in place in case of complaints.

Prof. Laloo also said that the NFSA has been a success in the State because of the active support of 278 Wholesellers and 4716 Fair Price Shop Dealers in the fair distribution of PDS to 21.50 lakh beneficiaries of the State.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Open Air Amphitheatre inaugurated



The 1<sup>st</sup> Open Air Amphitheatre was officially inaugurated on 21st July 2017 by Meghalaya Minister in-charge Arts and Culture, etc, Shri. R. V Lyngdoh at the Tribal Research Institute Campus, Mawlai Nongkwar, Shillong, at a function which was attended by local MLA, Shri Embhahlang Syiemlieh, local MDC, Shri P. T Sawkmie, Additional Chief Secretary, Shri P. W Ingty, Vice President of Mawlai Town Dorbar, Shri. Kynsai M Lyngdoh, Headman of Mawlai Nongkwar, Shri. R. R Thangkhiew and students of different schools of Mawlai.

Dedicating the amphitheatre to the people, the Minister said that with the presence of many talented artists in the State, there is a felt need for good infrastructure and facilities so as to enable them to showcase their talents. Stating that lack of platform has hampered the growth of young talents in the State, the Minister said that with the construction of this facility, talents can be nurtured and promoted in a big way. The Minister also called upon the people especially the youth to uphold their culture and tradition and promote their own traditional dance and music which is the essence of tribal people.

Giving a brief report on the project, Director Arts & Culture, Smti. Matsiewdor War Nongbri, informed that the Government of Meghalaya had sanctioned Rs. 5.88 crores for construction of amphitheatres at Shillong, Jowai and Tura. The Amphitheatre at Shillong was constructed by the Meghalaya Government Construction Corporation (MGCC) Limited at a total cost of Rs. 1.96 crores.



## Yarns and looms distributed at Dalu

On 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017, Minister for Sericulture and Weaving, Shri. Clement Marak and Shri. Kenethson R Sangma, Local MLA jointly distributed yarns and looms to the weavers of Dalu areas at a function organised by the Department of Sericulture and Weaving at Dalu, Salbari L P School, West Garo Hills.

During his address, Shri. Clement Marak said that the Government is committed to promote the weaving sector in the State by creating viable opportunities to women weavers through technology and skill upgradation. He further urged upon the weavers to preserve the age-old tradition of weaving and pass it to the future generations while also pitching for improvement in the quality of their products with latest designs and technology.



Shri. Kenethson R Sangma meanwhile expressed hope that through such Income Generation Programmes, the weavers of the area, while preserving the tradition can also have better livelihood opportunities thus resulting in overall improvement of their standard of living. He called upon the weavers to form groups and register themselves to avail the handloom sets so that they can start their own small production units.

It may be mentioned that the scheme for distribution of yarns and looms under Income Generation Programme for Weavers was sanctioned in 2016 in order to revive the age-old tradition of weaving by women-folk in the State.



Meghalaya Information & Technology Minister, Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh inaugurated the One Day State Level Seminar on Integrated Health Care Services on the theme "Holistic Healthcare" on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong. The Seminar was organized by the Bio-Resources Development Centre, in collaboration with Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA), North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homeopathy (NEIAH), Meghalaya State Medicinal Plants Board (MSMPB) and Directorate of Health Services.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Lyngdoh lauded the organizers for holding the seminar on integrated health care services to provide an opportunity for the traditional healers of the State to interact with professional medical practitioners in the field of Allopathy, Ayurveda and Homoeopathy drawn from different parts of the country.

## State Level Seminar on Integrated Health Care Services



To ensure that the State of Meghalaya joins with the rest of the country in providing holistic healthcare benefits to the people, Dr. Lyngdoh stressed on the need to have a closer coordination between traditional healers and professional health practitioners.

The programme was also attended by Dr. B. D. R. Tiwari, Secretary Planning Department, Dr. R. O. Budnah, DHS, MI, Shri A. S. Tiwari, Managing Director, Traditional Health Care & Research Centre, Kanpur, Dr. Vansh Raj Maurya, Nadee Rashayan Vishesgya and Naturopath Physician, Kanpur, Shri Ram Mahesh Mishra, Director, Vishva Jagriti Mishan Anand Dharm, New Delhi, Prof. Sandra Albert, MD, Indian Institute of Public Health, Shillong, Dr. Amul Bahl, Therapist, New Delhi, Shri A. S. Suting, OSD, BRDC, Senior Health Officers and traditional health practitioners.



## Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

As part of the observation of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2017 on the theme “Listen First- Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe”, the Office of the District Social Welfare Officer, East Khasi Hills in collaboration with Meghalaya AIDS Control Society (MACS) organized an awareness programme at Madanrting, Shillong on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Meghalaya, Smti M. Kharkongor, graced the occasion as Chief Guest in the presence of Smti C. Lyngwa, Spl. SP, CID, Smti Z. J. Lyngdoh, District Social Welfare Officer, East Khasi Hills, Shri W. A. Kharkongor, Assistant Director, MACS, Shri B. Kharkongor, Rangbah Shnong, Madanrting, Executive Members Dorbar Shnong Madanrting, Members of VHAM, VDP, NGOs, Church organisation, teachers and students of Madanrting area.

Speaking on the occasion, Smti Kharkongor stressed on the effectiveness of such programmes as means of reaching out to the youth in order to educate them about the menace of alcohol, drugs and substance abuse. She also said that drug abuse has become a major social concern with students being vulnerable to fall into its trap, even as she urged the school management and teachers to pay more attention to children and take proactive steps to prevent them from falling victims to grave disasters of drug addiction. On the occasion, Smti Kharkongor also appealed to the civil society to come forward and help eradicate the social menace of drug addiction.

Other highlights of the awareness programme included an awareness rally, prize distribution to winners of the slogan competition, technical sessions on HIV & Drugs, Role of the Community in combating drug abuse, Role of the Police in combating Drug Trafficking followed by an interactive session.



## DIPR FEATURE : Amlaye Fish Sanctuary

Amlarem Civil Sub-Division, endowed with abundant scenic beauty, is a popular itinerary for tourists visiting the eastern part of Meghalaya. The undulating landscape and wet climatic condition gives the region its distinctive topography. As a result, the region is dotted with numerous natural water bodies. These pristine rivers and lakes form natural repositories teeming with aquatic life which is of great economic importance as they provide an alternative source of livelihood to the people living in these parts.

It is a natural tendency for people to take for granted the very things that are freely available to them. Like any other, the waters here also face the danger of over exploitation. Along with consumption, conservation is of utmost importance to achieve balance in the natural order of things. Perhaps no one understands this concept better than the people of Nongbareh and surrounding villages.

Situated about 21 Kms from Amlarem market, Nongbareh village is home to the Amlaye fish sanctuary. Unknown to most including some local residents of Amlarem, the village practices a unique conservation method. Fishing of any kind is prohibited strictly in the sanctuary. However, the village council reserves the right to grant permission to fish, to those families whose earning member is unable to go to work as a result of an illness or a physical ailment. A majority of the people in these villages earn their livelihood through farming, by working in the fields or as daily wage earners. This thoughtful system in place allows people from the community to tide over their unexpected hardships and provide for their families until such time as they are able to work again. This tradition of ameliorating the suffering and helping another in times of need epitomizes the very concept of community living in this

part of the State.

The sanctuary is located on the Amlaye River and is maintained jointly by the three villages of Nongbareh Rim, Khonglah and Amkoi. The river due to its rocky bottom forms a natural basin for the fishes to thrive in. The sanctuary is populated with fish endemic to the river and no attempt has been made by the residents to introduce or populate the sanctuary with foreign species. Attempts to ascertain the origin of the fish sanctuary remained futile as no one from the village seem to remember the exact timeline of its inception. ‘It has been there since I was a little boy’ the village Headman of Nongbareh Rim, Ma Kun Pohlong says.

In the year 2002, a foot bridge was constructed at the site with grants from Border Area Development Department giving the sanctuary a much needed support. Subsequently a dyke was constructed by the Soil and Water Conservation Department and a waiting shed cum viewpoint was constructed with financial assistance from the Department of Fisheries.

Apart from the natural fishing spots, Amlarem region is scattered with a number of riverine systems, ponds and lakes which are maintained by different private parties and even individuals. These are opened to the public at suitable times of the year in the form of fishing competitions which attract a lot of recreational ‘fishermen’. In contrast to these numerous ‘commercial enterprises’ the Amlaye fish sanctuary is one of a kind in the manner in which it still proudly preserves the traditional method of sharing in the community and usage of the available resources judiciously, for which the villages and their unique conservation practice deserve appreciation.





**CITIZEN PORTAL SERVICE**

In assisting the Police in prevention and detection of crime, the service of CCTNS project enables the citizens to send their requests for services to Police through online citizen service portal (over internet) and track status of registered service requests.

Complaint Registration in Citizen Portal: Citizens can register their complaints directly via the internet in case they choose not to visit the concerned police station initially. Citizens will also be able to modify/view the registered complaint and track its status online. On registering a complaint in Citizen Portal, registration number is automatically generated and acknowledgement will be received. Simultaneously, the Officer-in-Charge of the Police Station will be alerted by the system to initiate action on the complaint. Thereafter, a police Officer will contact the complainant and inquire into the matter.

Information to Police: Citizens can also share information to police without registry to the portal. In addition to the above service, Citizen Portal (CP) which is implemented under Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) and was inaugurated by the Chief Minister on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, four new services have been launched.

The four new services which have now been enabled under Citizen Centric Services in Citizen Portal are:

1. Domestic Help Verification Request: For domestic help, citizen can raise a request through online portal and can get the complete status of the verification done.
2. Tenant/Paying Guest (PG) Verification Request: Citizen (Owner) of the flat/house/shop etc will get a facility to verify their tenant/PG details.
3. Employee Verification: Employer can apply for an employee verification request for background verification check to verify the individual's authenticity before employment and also can get the status of verification online.
4. Certificate Request: Most of the government/overseas employers need a candidate's police character certificate. However, one needs to collect the certificate manually.

Citizens are requested to visit the Portal under URL: <http://citizenportal.meghpolic.nic.in/> in order to avail the service mentioned above. Feedback may kindly be sent to email ID: [hd.cctns-meg@gov.in](mailto:hd.cctns-meg@gov.in).

This was informed by the Additional Director General of Police (CID) Cum Nodal Officer, CCTNS Project, Meghalaya, Shillong.

**ADVISORY ON PURCHASE OF STOLEN MOBILE PHONES**

This is inform the general public that of late there have been many instances where people are buying second hand mobile phones from unknown people at cheaper rates without verifying the purchase receipt and credentials of the seller.

In most of such cases, it is found that the mobile phones so purchased are stolen. It is also observed that people are randomly using pre-activated/black SIM cards in their mobile phones intentionally/unintentionally which is illegal.

General public are hereby advised that if they found any mobile phones anywhere, the same may be handed over to the nearest police station. In case of second hand mobile phones, they should first insist on Purchase Receipt as the person buying stolen mobile phones are liable U/S 411 of the Indian Penal Code and may face imprisonment for a period up to 3 years.

This was informed by the Additional Director General of Police (CID), Meghalaya, Shillong

**DISTRICT MAGISTRATE ISSUES DIRECTIVES TO ENSURE CLEANLINESS**

On receiving notice that unabated littering is taking place in Golf Links and Police Bazar areas, the District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills has under Section 133 CrPC, directed all persons and concerned agencies to maintain cleanliness in and around the vicinity of the areas mentioned above and also around the respective areas of business in these areas. The District Magistrate also directed the public to ensure segregation of waste and proper disposal during and after business hours and ensure that no indiscriminate dumping of garbage around the vicinity of these areas takes place.

The order is to be complied with immediately failing which stern action shall be initiated against the defaulters.

**REGISTRATION OF PET DOGS**

Under Section 128 of the M.M. Act, all residents within the Shillong Municipal Area are required to register their pet dogs with the Shillong Municipal Board and to obtain dog tags on payment of fees of Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred) only. All pet owners are to ensure that their dogs are not straying in public places/roads. Dogs found without tags will be treated as strays and necessary action will be taken as per Municipal Act.

This was informed by the Chief Executive Officer, Shillong Municipal Board.

**FISH FARMER AWARDED**

The Director of Fisheries, Meghalaya has informed that Shri. Pyrkhatjngai Syngkli of Mawkangi village, Ri Bhoi District was awarded as the Best Fish Farmer for the year 2017 by the College of Fisheries, CAU (I), Lembucherra, Tripura, in recognition of his significant contribution and commendable achievements in augmenting fish production in the State of Meghalaya. The award was announced on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> National Fish Farmers Day.

In may be mentioned that Shri. Syngkli started his fish farming venture during the year 2000 through construction of 4 fish ponds with a total water spread area of 0.16 hectare. Subsequently, he took up seed production with the assistance of the State Fishery Department in the year 2014. At present, with the water spread of 1.1 hectare, he produces about 1600 kgs of fish in his farm.

**SECTION 144 CRPC**

The District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has promulgated an Order under Section 144 CrPC prohibiting washing of sands and boulders and vehicles along the stretch of Wah Lyngiong, East Khasi Hills District.

The Order has been issued in view that some people are engaged in washing of sands and boulders and vehicles, all along the stretch of Wah Lyngiong, East Khasi Hills District and on the reports received from the Members of the Dorbar Shnong Phanniewlah Rum, that the said activities are going on, inspite of various steps taken by the Dorbar to curtail the menace and that if such act of polluting the river is allowed to continue it is likely to cause health hazards and also affect the environment of the areas around.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect throughout the entire areas specified above and until further orders.

**'MIIS' - A TWO WAY INFORMATION SYSTEM**

The Meghalaya Integrated Information System (MIIS) has been conceptualized to empower the citizen with the knowledge on various schemes and policies of the State Government and also to receive constructive feedback from the citizens on the implementation and formulation of new policies and programmes. The system is intended to be citizen centric and a citizen will be able to receive the information through mass information dissemination system and to provide feedback and log in their grievances through the grievances redressal system.

The project has been established in a two-way communication for dissemination of information on Government policies, programmes and various welfare schemes particularly at the grass-root level and also provides a mechanism for obtaining regular constructive feedback from the people about the initiatives of the Government.

The services currently has 357 units of Public Address System, 10 LED text panels in 129 locations which is operational across 5 (five) Districts in the State which were included in the pilot phase of the project. Today, a two-seater call centre and the front desk set-up at the Central Control Centre caters to the public grievance redressal and monitoring system as the information hub to process the grievances and direct the citizen to the respective concerned departments.

The Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department has placed 2 (two) call centre operators to attend to calls relating to the Public Distribution System at the Central Control Centre set up under the MIIS office.

For reporting a problem, filing complaints, queries and related information on how to avail various Government schemes and services etc, citizens can visit the Citizen's Help Desk or call at the toll free No: 1800 3453644 or they can login to the website: [www.megpgrams.gov.in/](http://www.megpgrams.gov.in/) [www.mii.nic.in](http://www.mii.nic.in).

**UJALA SCHEME**

UJALA Scheme aims at promoting the use of energy efficient lighting solutions in India through sale of LED bulbs to domestic consumers. LEDs (Light emitting diode) have many advantages over the conventional incandescent bulbs and CFL bulbs. A 9W EESL LED bulb costs only Rs.70 whereas the market price is Rs.200-300 while 20 W LED tube light costs just Rs. 220 which sells in market for more than Rs. 500. Life Expectancy is 50000 hrs as opposed to just 1200 hrs in case of incandescent bulbs. They are 10 times energy efficient and are unbreakable, have zero mercury and environmentally safe. The bulbs carry a technical warranty of 3 years against any manufacturing defect. Consumers will be able to obtain replacement bulbs in exchange of non – functioning bulbs during the warranty period. Each consumer of MePDCL will be provided with a maximum of 10 bulbs during the distribution period upon production of valid Government ID/electricity bill.

Total no. of bulbs distributed all over India till date is 25, 17,03,757 resulting in presumptive savings of Rs. 13075 crore per year and 6544 MW energy. A Kiosk at DC Office, Nongstoin has been set up for easy availability of LED bulbs. Many more kiosks are planned in the coming days at block level including one at Nongstoin MePDCL bill collection center. This was informed by the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin.



# PHOTO SPEAK



Shri. P J Bazeley, Chairman, Meghalaya Fifth Pay Commission, submitting the Report of the Commission to Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma at his Office Chamber on 02-08-2017



CM Dr Mukul Sangma distributes high yielding Holstein Friesian cows to partners at Ampati on 24 -07-2017



Dr. Celestine Lyngdoh being sworn-in as Cabinet Minister by Meghalaya Governor Shri. Banwarilal Purohit at Raj Bhavan on 04-08-2017



Shri. Comingone Ymbon being sworn-in as Cabinet Minister by Meghalaya Governor Shri. Banwarilal Purohit at Raj Bhavan on 04-08-2017



CM Dr Mukul Sangma inaugurates the Tribal Girl's Hostel at Tura on 03-07-2017



CM Dr Mukul Sangma during the Investiture Ceremony held at Police Headquarters, Shillong on 17-07-2017



# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

## FACTS

**The first country to consume sugar:**  
India was the first country to develop extraction and purifying techniques of sugar. Many visitors from abroad learnt the refining and cultivation of sugar from us.

## FACTS

**Floating Post Office:**  
India has the largest number of Post Offices in the world. It also has a floating post office in Dal Lake, Srinagar, which was inaugurated in August 2011.

## FUN

**Patient:** "Doctor, I get heartburn every time I eat birthday cake."  
**Doctor:** "Next time, take off the candles."

## FACTS

**Shampooing is an Indian concept:**  
Shampoo was invented in India, the word 'shampoo' itself has been derived from the Sanskrit word champu, which means to massage.

## FACTS

**A special polling station for a lone voter:**  
Mahant Bharatdas Darshandas has been voting since 2004 and during every election since then, a special polling booth is set up exclusively for him as he is the only voter from Banej in Gir forest.

## FUN

*Waking up this morning was an eye-opening experience.*



**In bed, it's 6AM.**  
You close your eyes for 5 minutes, it's 7:45

**At work, it's 1:30.**  
Close your eyes for 5 minutes, it's 1:31.

## FACTS

**Freddie Mercury and Ben Kingsley are both of Indian descent**

Freddie Mercury, the legendary singer of the rock band 'Queen' was born a Parsi with the name Farrokh Bulsara while the famous Oscar winning Hollywood star Ben Kingsley was born Krishna Pandit Bhanji.

**BOSS to an employee:**  
Do you believe in life after Death?

**EMPLOYEE:**  
Certainly not, there's no proof of it

**BOSS:** Well, there is now  
After you left early yesterday to go to your uncle's funeral, he came here looking for you



## FUN

**I always tell new employees, don't think of me as your boss, think of me as a friend who can fire you.**



## FUN

*A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.*

## FUN

**hard work never killed anyone but why take the chance?**