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CM inaugurates 2X20 MW New Umtru Hydro Electric Project 100-Bedded Ampati Civil Hospital Inaugurated Amidst Jubilation Production facilities for weavers, manufacturing unit for herbal cosmetics launched

FEATURE:



Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma, on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017, launched the 1917 Integrated Technology Enabled Agri Management System (1917iTEAMS), a groundbreaking new initiative of the Department of Agriculture, Government of Meghalaya, aimed at easing and enabling access to remunerative markets, information, crop advisories and Agri related services for farmers, buyers, sellers and entrepreneurs of the State.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma said that the inauguration is a great moment for the Government to empower the most important sections of the society, the farmers, who take care of the food and nutritional security and people who are often not attended to in a manner as they deserved. "The programme is a beautiful concept designed and conceptualized to empower our farmers and farming will no longer be the same again," said the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister added that farming should ultimately be the most attractive option for livelihood. "This is one of the concepts of multiple interventions and is formatted in a manner that can provide comprehensive services to farmers with a broad spectrum solutions available to the farmers using the advantage of technology and integrating the emerging changes in market behavior," informed the Chief Minister.

Dr. Sangma also added that the Government has come up with a comprehensive Agriculture Management plan called CAMP, under which, a number of interventions are conceptualized. "1917 i-TEAMS will become a common name and a name which will connect with the farmers", said Dr. Sangma while adding that it is time for all to realize that Agriculture is the 'on thing' and also stated that farmers will now not be looking around for help to reach the market and they will be insulated from the exploitations and manipulations of the traders.

He further added that technology has changed our lives and it is important to leverage upon this technology in a manner that brings reasons for farmers to have hope. He also stated that success will be achieved when every farmer in the State will be reached and given the necessary support backed by a scientific team and experts and urged the farmers to take advantage of the initiative dedicated exclusively for the farmers.

The 1917iTEAMS is a first of its kind in the country, disruptive farmer centric and market oriented technology service that will offer affordable transportation, evacuation and logistics services to farmers and facilitate them to access markets, buyers and sellers of their choice through a cloud based technology driven center called the Agri Response Center (ARC) set up by the Department

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#### 9th EAST HIMALAYAN EXPO

With the aim of promoting trade & commerce of North East States, the 9<sup>th</sup> East Himalayan EXPO-2017 was inaugurated on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 by the Governor of Meghalaya, Shri. Ganga Prasad at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong, in the presence of the Meghalaya Chief Secretary, Shri. Y Tsering and Additional Chief Secretary, Shri. P W Ingty. The week long EXPO was organised in the premises of the State Central Library by the India Trade Promotion Organisation in association with the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and supported by the Government of Meghalaya, National Small Industries Corporation and Ministry of Ayush. The product profile of the EXPO which continued till 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 comprised of the organic sector, horticulture, household goods. Food items including processed food, textiles, handicraft, leather products, electrical and electronic items, jute products, textile, good living, cosmetics, herbal products, health & fitness equipments, it products, furniture, tourism, service sector etc.

Altogether 81 stalls were put up for exhibition and sale. It is hoped that through participation in such fairs, artisans, entrepreneurs, start-ups etc will get much needed exposure to further enhance their knowledge base and improve their market linkages.



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#### CM inaugurates 2X20 MW New Umtru Hydro Electric Project



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma inaugurated the 2x20 MW New Umtru Hydro Electric Project at Dehal, Byrnihat in Ri- Bhoi District on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

While addressing the gathering, Chief Minister said that the State of Meghalaya has added substantially to its power generation capacity and encouraged the Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited to further look at potential areas where small hydroelectric projects can be developed so as to improve the overall energy scenario in the State particularly the remote areas.

The Chief Minister also said that an integrated approach is the way forward in having optimum utilisation for the optimum benefit of the people. "The concept of water harvesting, water conservation can be integrated appropriately with power projects for optimum benefit" he said.

Dr. Sangma also informed that the Government is committed in bringing down the losses of MeECL and encouraged in bringing peoples' participation for timely realization of the tariff across the State. "We need to ensure that all three entities under MeECL are profit making entities" he said

It may be mentioned that the foundation stone for the 40 MW New Umtru Hydro Electric Project was laid in 2007 by the then Chief Minister Dr. D. D. Lapang.

## **Foundation for Tura Medical College laid**



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 laid the foundation for construction of Tura Medical College at an impressive function organized at Tura Civil Hospital, Tura. Sports & Youth Affairs Minister, Shri. Zenith Sangma, MLAs Shri. Noverfield Marak, Smti. Dikkanchi D. Shira, Smti. Bluebell R. Sangma and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Tura Medical College with 100 seats will be constructed on a land measuring 100 acres at Doldegre, 8 km from Tura. The project worth over 180 crores will include construction of the college at Doldegre and upgradation of Tura Civil Hospital, which according to the Chief Minister would act as a "teaching hospital".

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that it was "a proud and happiest moment" of his life that "we are achieving the much needed institution that will bring complete change in the delivery of health care system in the State". By having a medical college in the region we can now address the challenge of providing space for aspiring young medical professionals and at the same time provide access to better health care facilities for the people, he said.

Highlighting on the hurdles that led to the delay in starting the project after getting the sanction, the Chief Minister also voiced his concern over the problem of land acquisition for various developmental projects which he said has led the State Government to adopt a new policy whereby the Government reciprocates to the community who donate land by way of giving jobs. He also expressed his gratitude to the Nokmaship of Doldegre and settlers of Civil Hospital compound for the gesture shown by them for the larger interest of the people.

Stating that many a times people surrender to diseases as they cannot afford medical treatment in hospitals outside the State, Dr. Sangma also said that a medical college is necessary not just for the benefit of aspiring medical students but because we need to take care of the gap in supply and demand in health care facilities and put in place a comprehensive health care system that can be accessed by the people.

Sports & Youth Affairs Minister, Shri. Zenith Sangma, West Garo Hills Deputy Commissioner, Shri. Ram Singh, Retd. Pro-Vice Chancellor, NEHU Tura Campus, Dr. Milton S. Sangma and DHS, Garo Hills Division, Dr. Shemphang Lyngdoh, were among others who also spoke on the occasion.

Later, the Chief Minister also inspected some of the wards of the civil hospital and interacted with the patients inquiring about their welfare.

Chief Minister Launches Integrated Technology enabled Agri Management Enabled System



in the top floor of the new District Agriculture Office complex, Laitumkhrah, Shillong and linked, through the cloud, to a fleet of dedicated Agri Response Vehicles (ARV) spread out across the state.

The ARC which is essentially a customized 31 seater call center, will host an omnibus IT platform comprising of an Interactive Information Dissemination System (IIDS), Fleet Management Application and a User Fee Management System that will receive and collate produce evacuation and logistics demand of farmers, VECs, FPOs, SHGs, Cooperatives etc on the supply side based on calls made to the 1917 toll free number allotted to Meghalaya and the requirement for agri produce / products from buyers on the demand side and pass this information on through a demand supply matrix that will be made available to registered farmers and buyers initially over the phone or SMS and later on in an easy to read format via an app that will be made available to users on their mobile phones.

In addition the ARC will also have a content dissemination section and knowledge management system that will push out expert advisories on crop, weather, animal health, input dealers, market price, plant protection etc based upon content generated by the 1917iTEAMS ecosystem and through the app driven interface of the 1917iTEAMS. By leveraging on the outreach of the app and market information generated by the 1917iTEAMS platform, both buyers and sellers will be able to make informed marketing choices. Unlike other online trading platforms, the 1917iTEAMS platform is not a place where trade or buying and selling will happen. It is simply a cloud based level playing field where buyer and sellers are made aware of each other's needs and prices and decide on whom to shake hands with. Once the deal is done the farmer / buyer places the call to the ARC on the toll free 1917 number for lifting and transportation of the produce.

The 1917iTEAMS will also have a fleet of dedicated ARVs leased out from local entrepreneurs and aggregators across the State which will move out, under the direction and tracking of the ARC, to lift farmer's produce / livestock from aggregation sites and transport the produce directly to the farmers' choice of markets based on calls requests made to the ARC and on payment of a minimal user fee. It is anticipated that this initiative will result in significant employment generation as service providers for many entrepreneurs / unemployed youths across the State.

The 1917iTEAMS is an IT backed ecosystem that leverages upon the convergence initiatives and framework of the IBDLP and brings together the Department of Agriculture, the Meghalaya Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (MgSFAC), Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Department of IT & Communications, Department of Water Resources, the Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship (MIG), the Central Agriculture University, Imphal, the College of Post Graduate Studies, Umiam, the College of Home Sciences, Tura and the Digital India Corporation, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India for the benefit of the farming community of the State.

The launch of 1917iTEAMS comes exactly one hundred years after the Champaran Satyagraha, the first pro farmer agitation launched by Mohandas Gandhi in India which sparked the non violence movement that won India its Independence and which saw him first emerge as the "Mahatma".

As part of the launch, the Chief Minister inaugurated and dedicated the Agri Response Center to the farmers of the State and also flagged off the Agri Response Vehicles (ARVs).

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# **100-Bedded Ampati Civil Hospital Inaugurated Amidst Jubilation**



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma inaugurated the Ampati Civil Hospital at Ampati, South West Garo Hills District on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 and dedicated the "crucial facility" to the people of the region saying, "let this centre of healing ensure the well being of every citizen of this part of the country". The foundation stone for construction of the hospital was laid by the Chief Minister himself on May 12, 2012 and was completed in 2016.

The inaugural programme was attended by members of GHADC from the District, officials of the District Administration, other District officials, medical officers and staff of the hospital, members of the hospital management society and a large number of people from across the District.

In his address, the Chief Minister spoke of the shortage of doctors across the State although there are many aspirants for medical profession and said that the lack of medical professionals and specialists in the State as well as the challenge of providing space for competent young men and women who want to become

medical professionals would be addressed with the upcoming medical colleges and at the same time ensure access to better health care facilities for the people.

He also added that many such developmental projects failed to take off due to non-availability of land and expressed his gratitude to the Nokma and residents of Banduraja A'king in Ampati for their generosity in donating their land for construction of the hospital. Stating that regular health check up is crucial to ensure good health of the citizens, the Chief Minister said that the State Government was going forward with the spirit of prevention of diseases rather than spending so much on treatment and cure.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for construction of Integrated Housing Complex at Bolsalgre, Ampati and also launched the e-Services in the district for issuing certificates in a digitalized system.

# **CM** inaugurates Farmers' Markets



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma inaugurated the Integrated Farmers' Market Complex at Ampati and also the Farmers' Market at Betasing in South West Garo Hills on  $22^{\rm nd}$  December 2017.

Informing the gathering that these markets were sanctioned through the Department of Agriculture for the benefit of the farmers, the Chief Minister in his address said that a market is a meeting point of buyers and sellers and there is a need to beautify the markets to attract the customers.

Giving tips on business and wealth creation to the farmers of the area, the Chief Minister said, "We can be considered a wealthy society only when our farmers do proper business. We need to build markets as special products and ensure that our farmers make good business".

Stating that markets can be a revenue generating resource which can be supported by the State government, he urged upon the market committees as well as the public to keep their markets clean as markets can be a centre of attraction for the people as well as the visitors from outside.

At Betasing, as the Chief Minister invited the elated crowd to join the inauguration along with him, as they cheered and followed him around during his inspection of the market and the stalls in the market complex.

Deputy Commissioner in-charge Shri. H. D. B. Sangma and District Horticulture Officer, Ampati Shri. N. Ch, Momin, was among others who also spoke on the occasion.

# **Damas & Manikganj PHCs inaugurated**







On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma inaugurated the Primary Health Centers (PHCs) of Damas and Manikganj at Damas. Present on the occasion were Local MLA, Shri. Marthon Sangma, Local MDC, Dolly Sangma, Additional Deputy Commissioner, P. K. Boro, Extra Assistant Commissioners, J. R. T. Sangma, Daplin Sangma, Medical Officers and Staff and the District Officers of various Line Departments.

The Chief Minister in his inaugural address said that the State Government has been spending huge sums of money in setting up infrastructures in the health sector but as in other parts of the country, they are being under-utilized due to scarcity of doctors and specialists. "We create assets and assets must be optimally utilized", said Dr Sangma and apprised the gathering of the need of medical colleges in the State to counter the gap in the demand and supply of medical practitioners which will eventually meet the healthcare requirement of the people.

Emphasizing on the importance of health, Dr. Sangma added that the Megha Health Insurance Scheme (MHIS) is one of the most innovative schemes and urged the people to enroll themselves in the Scheme and take advantage of it. He further called on the medical fraternity to be more compassionate in rendering service to the people. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also called for the need of providing compulsory annual health checkups for the masses, as health is important for the well-being of the people and the overall development of the State.

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# Production facilities for weavers, manufacturing unit for herbal cosmetics launched



Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma launched the Production Facilities for handloom weavers being set up in different locations across South West Garo Hills District and a Manufacturing Unit for Herbal Cosmetics to support rural livelihood in a combined programme organized at Ampati Mini Stadium on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

It may be mentioned that the training programmes were facilitated by IBDLP and District Commerce & Industries Centre for as many as 800 partner women in Zardozi craft and 200 in souvenir making under the supervision of VASU and SLRD in the last couple of years and the cheques were distributed to the trained partners as "seed money" to start their own enterprises by the Chief Minister during the programme.

The Multi-Facility Centres constructed under Border Areas Development Programme in various parts of the District would function as production facilities for handloom weavers and manufacturing unit for herbal cosmetology.

In his address, the Chief Minister said that the Government came up with various programmes to provide livelihood opportunities to rural poor after identifying various challenges faced by them in terms of income generation. As such, several training programmes were initiated in various skills including zardozi craft,

herbal cosmetology and state-specific souvenir making. Once they complete the training, seed money is given to facilitate them to open up small and micro enterprises, he said, adding that marketing linkage and buy back arrangement for their products were also being made.

"This is a step towards true empowerment of the weavers and will motivate them to become entrepreneurs. If there are production centres close to their homes they will not be forced to leave their homes and families in search of opportunities. It will also create a chain of economic activities and open up many collateral business opportunities," he said. He also asserted the need for having trained workforce so as to ensure that the production centres flourish.

He also expressed his gratitude to the training partners – VASU and SLRD – for having been persistent in their efforts and ensuring the success of these programmes.

The Chief Minister along with Mahendraganj MLA, Smti. Dikkanchi D. Shira, also distributed building materials like CGI sheets to the beneficiaries under Chief Minister's Housing Assistance Programme and cheques were also distributed as 'seed money' to provide support to the partners under Livestock Mission for making their livelihood in the livestock sector.

# Meghalaya signs Host City Contract for National Games 2022



The Host City Contract for the 39<sup>th</sup> National Games in 2022 was successfully signed on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at Yojana Bhavan Auditorium between the Indian Olympic Association represented by Shri. Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association, the Government of Meghalaya represented by Shri P. W. Ingty, Additional Chief Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs and the Meghalaya State Olympic Association represented by Shri. John F. Kharshiing, Working President, Meghalaya State Olympic Association and Shri. Chiranjib Choudhury, General Secretary, Meghalaya State Olympic Association.

A banker's cheque amounting to Rs. 4.5 crores was also handed over to Shri. Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association.

Speaking at the event, Urban Affairs Minister, Shri. R.V Lyngdoh urged upon all the stakeholders and the people of the State to work together with the Government of Meghalaya in making the  $39^{\rm th}$  National Games 2022 a grand success.

Others present at the event were Shri. Pravin Bakshi, Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs, Smti. Matsiewdor War Nongbri, Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, and other senior officials from various Departments.

### Laptops awarded to meritorious students



In her speech, the Minister said that it is a proud moment for parents to see that their children have excelled in the academic pursuit of merit while adding that it is also a proud moment for her that the Government has taken the initiative to acknowledge the efforts of the young minds in facing the challenges of this competitive world. She said that parents should be the strong support system for their children and not pressurize them into doing something they are not interested and passionate about but rather allow and support them in the pursuit of their dreams.

Guest in the presence of Principal Secretary, IT&C, Shri. D P Wahlang, Secretary IT&C,

Shri. M R Synrem and Principal Consultant

SeMT, IT & C, Shri. E Lyngwa.



The Minister spoke of the importance of physical fitness and health in general which determines the overall development of a child. She called upon the students to ride upon their accomplishments and continue to strive forward in pursuit of their dreams with the same dedication and commitment so that they can be valuable citizens of the State and the Country. The Minister also said that the technology is just a tool for the students to advance in their studies and called upon the awardees to shape their own design so that they can be profitable to the State and the economy.

Shri. D P Wahlang in his speech said that parents should be cautious about their children's ambitions and what they want in life. "The parents know that their kids have high IQ and EQ and it is also pertinent that they know about their child's HQ that is the Happiness Quotient. "Give your children the liberty to pursue their own goals," he said. Shri. Wahlang also talked about the importance of maintaining a good life balance. If the students are physically fit, they are also mentally fit, he said, and urged the students to manage their time between studies and co-curricular activities.

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# Feature

#### **Urban Affairs Department**

PROJECT UNDER 10% LUMPSUM FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN STATES:

- Construction of Parking Lot apposite Rikman Hotel of Tura was implemented by NBCC and the Project was completed during the year 2013-14 at a total cost of Rs 1675 00 lakes
- Improvement of road within Sohra Town was implemented by M.P.W.D at an estimated cost of Rs.90.74 lakhs, out of which an amount of Rs.63.32 lakhs has been released by Govt. of India upto 31.03.2015. The work was completed during the year 2013-14.
- Commercial Complex cum Parking Lot at Nongpoh was implemented by NBCC and the work was completed during the year 2014-15 at the total cost of Rs.1670.00 lakhs.
- Construction of Inter State Bus Terminus at Tura was implemented by NBCC at an estimated cost of Rs. 4532.44 lakhs, so far an amount of Rs.3937.04 lakhs has been released by the Govt. of India. The Project was completed during the year 2015-16, but releasing of the remaining installment amounting Rs.595.40 lakhs by the Govt. of India is still awaited for payment of the outstanding bills etc.
- Re-development of Parking Lot at Akhonggre, Tura was implemented by NBCC at the estimated cost of Rs.481.44 lakhs, so far an amount of Rs.337.00 lakhs has been released by the Govt. of India. The Progress of work is 49%. However, releasing of the remaining installment amounting Rs.144.44 lakhs by the Govt. of India is still awaited for making payment of outstanding bill etc.
- Improvement of road including MBT at Paham Syiem, Nongpoh Town is being implemented by M.P.W.D at an approved cost of Rs.94.74 lakhs, and Rs.59.68lakhs has been released by Govt. of India so far and the work is in progress with 75% completion.
- Improvement of Mairang Town road is being implemented by M.P.W.D at an
  estimated cost of Rs.73.30 lakhs, and out of which an amount of Rs.54.97 lakhs
  has been released by Govt. of India, the work is in progress with 44% completion
  and releasing of the balance installment amounting Rs.18.33 lakhs by the Govt. of
  India is awaited.
- Construction of missing RCC bridge to connect Gandrak Dare at Tura is being implemented by M.P.W.D at an approved cost of Rs.249.00 lakhs, out of which an amount of Rs.168.07 lakhs has been released by Govt. of India and the work is in progress with 70% completion.
- Construction of road from Shamshanghat to Reservegittim in Tura Town is being implemented by M.P.W.D at an approved cost of Rs.996.88 lakhs, and Rs.628.02 lakhs has been released by Govt. of India so far and the work is in progress with 60% completion.
- Shopping infrastructure for migrating rural Vendor-Cum-Parking infrastructure at Nazing Bazar Tura is being implemented by NBCC at an estimated cost of Rs.2277.53 lakhs, so far an amount of Rs.911.01 lakhs has been released by Govt. of India and the work is in progress with 74% completion.
- Re-development of Polo market for rehabilitation of Hawkers and roadside Vendor at Shillong is being implemented by NBCC at an estimated cost of Rs.2141.00 lakhs. Out of which an amount of Rs.535.00 lakhs has been released by Govt. of India so far and the work is in progress with 45% completion.

#### PROJECT UNDER JNNURM

- Storm Water Drainage Master Plan for Shillong:
- Under this project 105939.96 RM of drain was constructed and completed during the year 2014-15 at the total cost of Rs.2528.60 lakhs and the MUDA is the implementing Agency for the project.
- Augmentation of Water Supply in Shillong (GSWSS Ph III) is being implemented by PHE Department at the total project cost of Rs.19349.72 lakhs, till date an amount of Rs.18966.02 lakhs has been release. The project is likely to be completed shortly.
- Ancillary infrastructure (Depots for 240 additional Buses) for GSPA is being
  implemented by NBCC through Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA)
  at the total estimated cost of Rs.434.00 lakhs, an amount of Rs.217.00 lakhs has
  been released so far. There are three (3) nos of bus depot. The Construction of bus
  depot at Mawblei has been completed, the construction of bus depot at Mawiong
  100% of work has been completed, and the progress of work for the construction of
  bus depot at Upper Shillong is 20%.
- Procurement of 240 buses under the New Bus Funding Project for GSPA was sanctioned by the Govt. of India at an approved cost of Rs.6420.00 Lakhs and out of which an amount of Rs. 5078.00 Lakhs has been released so far. 136 no. of buses was delivered and supply of the remaining 104 buses in under process.
- Construction of 600 Housing Unit for Urban Poor at Nongmynsong Phase-I & II:
- The Project is being implemented by HPL and Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA) at the total estimated cost of Rs.3044.09 lakhs, against which an amount of Rs.3044.08 lakhs has been released, out of the total 600 Dwelling

Unit 256 Dwelling Unit was completed and construction of 112 Dwelling Unit are in progress, whereas for construction of the remaining 232 Dwelling Unit proposal to allot the quarters to beneficiaries in as-is where-is condition with extension of loan assistance to beneficiaries is under consideration of the Department.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF 168 HOUSING UNIT FOR URBAN POOR AT MAWPREM:

- The Project was implemented by HPL at the total project cost of Rs.2129.73 lakhs and out of which an amount of Rs.1597.32 lakhs has been released. However, following the failure of the implementing agency (HPL) in executing the work and subsequent surrendering of the project in September 2013, the Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has taken over the project and executing the work departmentally in which 48 Dwelling Units at Mawprem was completed. As regard, for the balance 120 Dwelling unit the project was dropped due to non-availability of land.
- Construction of 456 Housing Unit for Urban Poor at Tura was implemented by NBCC through Meghalaya Urban Development Agency (MUDA) at the total project cost of Rs.2181.73 lakhs. The construction of 456 Dwelling Units was completed which includes of 48 dwelling units at Mondaltilla and 408 dwelling units at Dakopgre.
- Construction of 240 Housing Unit for Urban Poor at Nongpoh is being implemented by NBCC through Meghalaya Urban Development Agency (MUDA) at the total project cost of Rs.918.15 lakhs and an amount of Rs.459.07 lakhs has been released. The work was awarded in July 2010, but the work was stopped due to objection by people and construction was initiated at the alternate site at Umbuda during June 2011. Out of 240 Dwelling Unit 112 Dwelling Unit were dropped due to non-availability of land. However, for completion of the remaining work for another 128 Dwelling Unit proposal to allot the quarters to beneficiaries in as-is where-is condition with extension of loan assistance to beneficiaries is under consideration of the Department.
- Solid Waste Management Project at Nongpoh is being implemented by NBCC through Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA) at an estimated cost of Rs.600.16 lakhs, and an amount of Rs.569.09 lakhs has been released so far. An amount of Rs.53.38 lakhs was sanctioned by the State Government during the year 2016-17 being an additional requirement along with a shortfall in funding from Govt. of India and release of which is under process. The project is expected to be completed shortly.
- Solid Waste Management Project at Tura is being implemented by NBCC through Meghalaya Urban Development Authority (MUDA) at an estimated cost of Rs.833.10 lakhs, and an amount of Rs.786.48 lakhs has been released so far. An amount of Rs.46.62 lakhs was sanctioned by the State Govt. during the year 2016-17 being a shortfall in funding from Govt. of India and release of which is under process. The project is expected to be completed shortly.

#### PROJECT UNDER SPECIAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE:

 The project for construction of Multi-Purpose utility Centre at Old Khasi Jaintia National School Premises at Mawkhar, Shillong was completed at the total cost of Rs.168.00 lakhs and it was inaugurated on the 9th August 2017.

#### PROJECT UNDER SPECIAL PLAN ASSISTANCE:

Road Project for New Shillong Township:

- (a) Construction of road from PWD to Diengpasoh opposite Home Guard, passing near the gate of NIFT Campus upto PWD road to Umsawli at Mawdiangdiang is being implemented by MGCC through NSTDA at an estimated cost of Rs.2555.26 lakhs, of which an amount of Rs.2044.21 lakhs has been released to the executing agency, and the progress is works is 63.19%.
- Improvement, widening including blacktopping of Shillong Deingpasoh road from Nongmynsong to Itshyrwat is being implemented by PWD through NSTDA at an estimated cost of Rs.1600.22 lakhs, of which an amount of Rs.1494.48 lakhs has been released to the executing agency and the progress of work is 40%.

#### PROJECT UNDER ADB FUNDING:

 Under ADB Funding, short Term Scientific Land-Fill site work at marten was completed recently. Procurement of primary and secondary vehicles is in progress and is expected to be completed shortly, and the work for SWM Programme in GSPA covering areas outside Shillong Municipal Jurisdiction is likely to be completed shortly.

#### AMRUT:

Under the newly launched programme of AMRUT major task is preparation of State Level Improvement Plan (SLIP) and State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) for the State of Meghalaya. Accordingly the Plan has been prepared with thrust in Water Supply, Sewerage, Drainage, Urban Transport and Green Space and Park.

#### SWACHH BHARAT MISSION:

Under Swacch Bharat Mission, 10 statutory towns in the State have been included under the programme. Beneficiaries under the Individual Household Latrine component have been identified and construction of some toilets was completed while some others are still in progress. These are part of the efforts taken up by the towns in achieving ODF, with the towns of Shillong Municipal area and Shillong

Cantonment area expected to declare themselves as ODF by December 2017.IEC activities have also been carried out throughout the State. In the case of Shillong, intensive community awareness and participation campaign at locality levels has been launched for sensitizing people on segregation of waste, proper disposal of garbage both at the household and community level. 30,000 households in the Municipal area have been provided with two garbage bin of 20 litres capacity for segregation of bio-degradable and non-degradable waste. Through such efforts, it is estimated that approximately 50% of the collected waste is being segregated at source. The Solid Waste Management System in the city is also aided by the indigenous compost plant at Marten that was started under the Mission. These efforts are being taken up to achieve a clean and open defecation free India within the Mission period.

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Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), proposal for carrying out preliminary activities related to preparation of Housing for All Plan of Action for 10 cities in Meghalaya and for establishment of one State Level Technical Cell and Three City Level Technical Cell has been approved by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India. A demand assessment has been made in the towns of the State where there were 5586 applicants, out of which 5068 were found to be eligible. 2048 beneficiaries are eligible under the component of Beneficiary led Construction and 3020 beneficiaries are eligible under the component of Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme.

#### **Community & Rural Development**

#### NATIONAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (NSAP):

- NSAP, a flagship programme of the Government of India, has (4) four components, viz: Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) and National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS). Beneficiaries under the scheme belong to BPL families. Under IGNOAPS, financial assistance is provided to persons who have attained the age of 60 years and above @ Rs.250/- per month per beneficiary and for those who have attained the age of 80 years and above @ Rs. 550/- per month per beneficiary. IGNWPS provides assistance to widows between 40-79 years of age and the ceiling for assistance is Rs.300/- per month per beneficiary. Under IGNDPS, Rs.300/- per month per beneficiary is provided to persons with severe or multiple disabilities between the age of 18-79 years. NFBS provides a onetime assistance for extending financial assistance to families on the death of the primary bread winner between the age of 18-59 years for Rs.20,000/-.
- Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) under NSAP was implemented for West Khasi Hills District on pilot basis. The system was launched on the 16th October, 2017 at DC's Office, Nongstoin. The DBT covered the three pension components of the Scheme, viz, IGNOAPS, IGNWPS and INGDPS. On the day of launching of the system, pension for one month was paid to 4239 Nos. of IGNOAPS beneficiaries, 558 Nos. of IGNWPS and 102 Nos. of IGNDPS beneficiaries. An amount of Rs.11.975 lakhs for IGNOAPS beneficiaries, Rs.1.674 lakhs for IGNWPS beneficiaries and Rs.0.306 lakhs was directly credited to the beneficiaries account from the State Nodal Account at the State level on the launching of the DBT in this particular District.

#### CREATION OF C&RD BLOCKS:

To reach the unreached for achieving equitable growth and development is the aim of the Government. For this purpose, new C&RD blocks were created from time to time. During 2016-17, 4 (four) new blocks viz, Damalgre C&RD Block in South West Garo Hills District, Demdema C&RD Block in West Garo Hills District, Bhoirymbong C&RD Block in Ribhoi District and Sohiong C&RD Block in East Khasi Hills District were created. Subsequently, 3 (three) new blocks viz, Bajengdoba C&RD Block in North Garo Hills District, Mawpat C&RD Block and Mawlai C&RD Block in East Khasi Hills District were created during 2017-18. All these blocks have started functioning.

#### NATIONAL RURAL LIVELIHOOD MISSION (NRLM):

- Till September 2017 about 2537 numbers of Female Self Help Groups (SHG) were formed and registered in MIS and 25370 Households are being mobilized under the mission.
- About 1220 SHGs have received Revolving Fund (RF) amounting to Rs.180.52 lakhs.
- About 153 SHGs received Community Investment Funds (CIF) amounting to Rs. 113.25 lakhs and 44 Village Organisation amounting to Rs. 204.43 lakhs.
- Through RSETIs 8004 youth were trained on various domains such as piggery, poultry, goat rearing, beauty parlour, beekeeping etc.
- A total number of 1161 SHGs were formed under Livelihood Intervention and Facilitation of Entrepreneurship (LIFE) project. The Project was launched by Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma on 11th July 2017 at Songsak C&RD Block, East Garo Hills District.



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#### COMPLETED STATE CONSTRUCTION SCHEMES:

- Khatarshnong PHC, East Khasi Hills District: The PHC was made functional in August 2013
- Mawsiatkhnam PHC, East Khasi Hills District: The PHC was made functional in January 2014
- Mawkliaw PHC, East Khasi Hills District: The PHC was made functional in November 2014
- Mawkynrew PHC, East Khasi Hills District: The PHC was made functional in June 2016
- 100 bedded Civil Hospital at Ampati, South West Garo Hills District: The Hospital was inaugurated on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017
- Mawphlang CHC, East Khasi Hills District: The CHC was inaugurated on 20th December 2017
- Damas PHC, North Garo Hills District: The PHC was inaugurated on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017
- Manikganj PHC in North Garo Hills District. The PHC was inaugurated on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

#### OTHER COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- The Dialysis Unit Civil Hospital, Shillong, funded by NEC was inaugurated on 10th March, 2017
- The AMRIT (Affordable Medicine and Reliable Implant Treatment) Pharmacy of the Government of India at the campus of Civil Hospital, Shillong was inaugurated on 21st September, 2017

- The ICU unit at Ganesh Das Government MCH Hospital was commissioned on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011
- The ICU unit at Tura Civil Hospital was commissioned on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2014
- Early Diagnostic and Intervention Centre for the assessment of hearing handicapped persons was inaugurated on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at Civil Hospital Shillong

#### NEWLY INAUGURATED HEALTH CENTRES:

- Chockpot CHC, South Garo Hills District: inaugurated on 24th June, 2014
- Mawkynrew PHC, East Khasi Hills District: inaugurated on 4th June, 2016
- Mawroh PHC, East Khasi Hills District: inaugurated on 17th June, 2016
- Umrynjah s/c, East Khasi Hills District: inaugurated on 17th June, 2016
- Thadrang s/c, Ri Bhoi District: inaugurated on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016
- Wahkaji PHC, South West Khasi Hills: inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017

#### **NEW PROJECTS:**

- Laying of foundation stone of Shillong Medical College on 6th December, 2017
- Laying of foundation stone of 50 bedded MCH Hospital at Umniangbyrnai Parila, Umsning, Ri Bhoi on 11th October, 2017
- Laying of foundation stone of 50 bedded MCH Hospital, Mahendraganj on 27th November, 2017
- Laying of foundation stone of Umsaw Nongbri PHC, Ri Bhoi District on 21st July, 2017.



INAUGURATION OF SHILONG MEDICAL COLLEGE, SHILLONG



INAUGURATION OF 50 BEDDED MATERNITY & CHILDREN HOSPITAL, UMSNING, RI- BHOI DISTRICT





INAUGURATION OF AMRIT PHARMACY AT CIVIL HOSPITAL SHILLONG

#### **HOME (POLICE)**

- New Forensic Science Laboratory has started functioning from its new complex at Mawdiangdiang from 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.
- The Government created SF-10 with the sanction of 1795 Nos. of manpower in different ranks to fight insurgency and deal with riots.
- CCTV Projects under "Safe secure city Programme" was inaugurated by the Chief Minister
  of Meghalaya, Dr. Mukul Sangma on 26th February, 2015 under which 30 strategic locations
  in the Shillong city and 14 locations in Tura town have been brought under the surveillance
  and citizen assistance.
- Significant achievements have been made in terms of modernizing Meghalaya Police for which
  under the MPF scheme, the Department received Rs 16.40 Crores from the Government of
  India and Rs 17.67 Crores from the State Government in improving its crime prevention,
  detection and investigation capabilities, improvement of fleet of vehicles, accommodation,
  administrative buildings, weaponry, FSL and Special Branch, CID and F&ES.
- In the last Five years, 99 Nos. of officers and men have been awarded with different medals which includes 1 No. of the President Police Medal for Gallantry (PPM), 1 No. of President Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPM), 30 Nos. of the Police Medal for Gallantry (PM), 20 Nos. of Police Medal for Meritorious Service (PM), 39 Nos. of State Governors Medal and 8 Nos. of Fire Service Medals for Meritorious Service.

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- In the last five years, 2,441Nos. of Posts, both in the gazetted and non-gazetted ranks have been created. (A total of 442 Posts were also created for the new Sub-Divisions, Police Stations which includes the post Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Sub-Inspector, Head Constable, Havildar, Constables etc)
- During the year 2016 -17 and 2017 18, 4 (four) Nos. of Police Sub divisions were created, 18 (Sixteen) Nos. of New Police Stations were created out of which 2 (two) Nos. were by way of up-gradation of the existing Police Out-Posts.
- On 12 05 2015, the 'Visiting My Police Station' programme was launched at Sadar Police Station, Shillong where students were invited to visit the police station and interact with the police officers on issues relating to law enforcement. Similarly on the 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking', an interaction between the police officers and members of the public to spread awareness about drug abuse and its prevention was held.
- Special Highway patrol vehicles: Chief Minister Meghalaya, Dr. Mukul Sangma flagged off 13 nos. of Special Highway Patrol Vehicles at the Police Headquarters on 15th September, 2016.
- Achievements of Meghalaya Police against Militancy: From the year 2012 to 2017, the achievements made in insurgency operations have been of highest order. 1404 Nos. of

- incidents were reported, 218 Nos. of Encounters, 1033 Nos. of Arrests, 405 Nos. of Surrenders, 155 Nos. Killed with the recovery of 7584 Nos. of ammo, 2566 Nos. of Detonators, 119 Nos. of hand Grenades, 92 Nos. of IEDs and 1717 Nos. of Gelatin Sticks.
- Ascent of the Mount Everest: Smti. Wansuk Myrthong of  $1^{\rm st}$  MLP Bn was awarded a cash award of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs and was promoted to the rank of Asstt. Sub-Inspector out of turn from the rank of constable by the Government of Meghalaya for her outstanding achievement in climbing the highest peak in the world, Mount Everest on 18th May, 2013.
- Achievement Shri. Badon Sing Tham, Fireman of Meghalaya Fire and Emergency Services: Shri. Badon Sing Tham Fireman of Meghalaya Fire and Emergency Services and runner of Meghalaya Police participated at the Kolkata 25K Maratton on 28th December, 2014 and was placed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the age group of 35 - 45 Years. He also excelled at the International Mumbai Marathon held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 and was placed in 6<sup>th</sup> Position in the age group of 40-45 Years category and overall net rank of 28 out of 3,667 participants. He was also placed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position of the IDBI Federal Life Insurance full marathon held at Kolkata on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. He was also successful in the toughest Ladakh Marathon and was placed in 4<sup>th</sup> position in the open category held at Leh on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 where 29 Nations participated.

#### **SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS**

TOURNAMENTS/ SPORTING EVENTS

- In the year 2013 the State U-17 years boys Subroto team represented by O.M. Roy Memorial Higher Secondary School, Shillong won the National championship in New Delhi.
- Chief Minister's Inter School Athletic Meet, an annual event to promote athletic competitions and to promote excellence in athletics through short listing of talented athletes and focus training, diet and equipment support are organized annually with over a thousand children taking part in the competition.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> South Asian Games 2016 was successfully co-hosted by Assam and Meghalaya in February, 2016 participated by Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India. Eight disciplines were hosted in Shillong Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Women Football, Judo, Table Tennis, Taekwondo and Wushu. India emerged as the 200 Still Cook of the Cook of power house by winning both the Men's and Women's championship with 188 Gold, 90 Silver and 30 Bronze Medals.
- The State is also awarded the National Games by the Indian Olympic Association to be hosted in the year 2022 and the Host City Contract has been signed.
- Outstanding achievements by young people in sports and adventures are recognized and rewarded as follows:

Name of the recipient	Achievement		
Shri. Gary Jarman Lamare	First man from the State to successfully climb Mount Everest in 2012 was awarded Rs. 1.00 lakhs as a special award		
Smti. Wansuk Myrthong	First woman from the State to successfully climb Mount Everest in 2013 was awarded Rs. 2.00 lakhs as a special award		
Shri. Edward Mawthoh	Awarded State award in 2014 for securing bronze medal in U-16 years 48 Kg category at the World Kickboxing Championship held in Rimini, Italy in 2014.		
Smti. Bansaralin Dhar	Awarded State award in 2014 for her outstanding achievements as an archer at the national and international tournaments.		
Shri. Eugeneson Lyngdoh	Awarded State award in 2015 for his outstanding achievements as a Footballer with the national team and national football league/ISL		
Smti. Dolyne Kharbih	Second woman from the State to successfully climb Mount Everest in 2016 was awarded Rs. 2.00 lakhs as a special award.		

- The Draft State Sports Policy 2017 was prepared by IIM, Shillong and submitted to the Sports & Youth Affairs Department in June, 2017. The Policy will become operational once it is approved by the State Government.
- The State Youth Policy, 2017 prepared by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development Chandigarh (RGNIYD) after a Consultative Workshop in April, 2017 submitted the draft State Youth Policy on 16th May, 2017. The Policy will become operational once it is approved by the State Government
- Mission Football, an initiative to help develop the skills of football enthusiasts and develop young footballers for the country was launched by Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma on 22nd July 2017 at Polo Grounds, Shillong. The Mission is a dedicated programme for talent identification and nurturing to develop national and international players. Mission Football 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 talent in the State but also develop sporting infrastructure and facilities in the State that will be made available for the citizens to utilize. The initiative will also focus on the development of coaches and referees in the State. The Mission is aimed at revolutionizing the football passion in the State of Meghalaya.

#### Completed Sports Infrastructures in the State.

SI	Sports Facility	Location	District	Funded by	Amount
1	Flood lighting	JNSC Polo	East Khasi Hills	N. E. C	4.99 Cr
2	Synthetic Track	JNSC Polo	East Khasi Hills	MYAS	5.50 Cr
3	Artificial Football Turf	Mawlai	East Khasi Hills	S. P. A	4.00 Cr
		Jowai	East Khasi Hills		4.00 Cr
		Mawkyrwat	S.W.K Hills		4.00 Cr
4	Futsal Ground	Khliehriat	East Jaintia Hills	S. C. A	0.50 Cr
		Laitumkhrah	East Khasi Hills		0.50 Cr
		JNSC Polo	East Khasi Hills		0.50 Cr
		Resubelpara	North Garo Hills		0.50 Cr
5	Football playground	Mawsmai	East Khasi Hills	State plan	0.25 Cr
		Nongkhlaw	West Khasi Hills		0.41 Cr
		Mawkyllei	West Khasi Hills		0.55 Cr
		Mawthawiang	S.W.K. Hills		0.61 Cr
		Mawkyrdang	West Khasi Hills		0.40 Cr
		Laskein	West Jaintia Hills		0.73 Cr
6	Football mini Stadium	Rabukong	SW Garo Hills	S. P. A	1.70 Cr
		Munabari	SW Garo Hills		0.91 Cr
		Jirang	Ri-Bhoi	S. C. A	1.60 Cr
7	Football playground under Mission Football	49 playfields	All Districts	S. P. A	5.00 Cr
8	Indoor Stadium	Laban,Shillong	East Khasi Hills	S. C. A	1.99 Cr
		Tpeppale Jowai	W.Jaintia Hills	N. E. C	2.01 Cr
		Ladthalaboh	W.Jaintia Hills	State plan	1.56 Cr
		Mawsynram	East Khasi Hills	State plan	0.64 Cr
		Mawngap	East Khasi Hills	State plan	1.20 Cr
		Jaiaw Laitdom	East Khasi Hills	State plan	0.87 Cr
		Mawlai Mawroh	East Khasi Hills	State plan	0.46 Cr
		Malki	East Khasi Hills	State plan	0.78 Cr
7	Basket Ball Court	51 Numbers	Different Districts	S. P. A	2.22 Cr
8	Swimming Pool Renovation	Crinoline pool	East Khasi Hills	State plan	1.70 Cr
9	Sports Cafeteria	JNSC Polo	East Khasi	State plan	1.29 Cr
				Total	Rs. 51.37 Cr

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