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UNDIHAR VILLAGE AUDITORIUM INAUGURATED

Shillong, December 21, 2003: Meghalaya Chief Minister, Mr D D Lapang, yesterday inaugurated the newly constructed Umdihar Village Auditorium at Umdihar village, Ri Bhoi District about 45 kms from here. Meghalaya Taxation Minister, Mr J D Rymbai was also present. The meeting was presided over by Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Mr W L Lyngdoh.

The Umdihar village Auditorium was constructed by the Umsning C&RD Block 2001 and the Umling C&RD Block 2002-2003 under the SGRY I & II scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.10.00 Lakhs with the building area of 3000sqft.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Lapang lauded the efforts of the village dorbar who have worked hard to achieve the goal. He said the completion of the building clearly reflects the judicious utilisation of the fund that has been allocated for the purpose by the village dorbar. He said that the auditorium would benefit the people of the village as it can be used as a place to hold government functions, social gatherings and the like. He stressed that the auditorium should be well maintained by the people and they should treat it as their own property. He also urged upon the people of the village to cooperate with the village leaders so that developmental works of the village is not affected.

Mr Lapang appealed to the NGOs to be positive and constructive. He said that constructive criticisms are welcome but negative and destructive attitude is not appreciated. He pointed out that constructive NGOs should always be ready to come to the table for any problem but not to go to the streets and agitate. "We need peace and the cooperation," he added.

Referring to the Economic potential of Ri Bhoi District as a whole, Mr Lapang urged upon the people of the district to work hard and make use of the natural resources available so that the economy of the district is uplifted. He said that many people from different parts of the State have come to settle in Ri Bhoi District in a number of villages which clearly indicate that the district have remarkable economic potential. He called upon the people of Ri Bhoi district to also make an effort to utilise the potential of the district that has attracted other people from other places to come and settle there.

Mr Lapang expressed his pleasure about the constitution of a body called 'Ri Bhoi District Economic Development Committee' which was recently constituted by the Deputy Commissioner. He felt that the committee would serve as a forum to discuss issues relating the economic development of the district and also make people aware of the schemes and plans of the government which are being implemented by different departments so that the people can avail the economic development opportunities.

Taxation Minister, Mr J D Rymbai while speaking as the guest of honour on the occasion appreciated the leaders of the village of their vision and desire to develop the village in all aspects. He said that Umdihar village can be a good example to others to promote all round development. Assuring full cooperation to the people, he called upon all the people of Ri Bhoi District to work together toward the development of Ri Bhoi District as a whole.

Earlier the headman of Umdihar village, Mr R B Shadap delivered the welcome address.