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### **AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ISO-9000 ORGANISED**

**Shillong, January 30, 2004:** A one-day awareness programme on ISO-9000/Total Quality Management was organised by the Branch Small Industries Service Institute (Br.SISI), Tura, in association with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Guwahati, and District Industries Centre, Tura, at Dakopgre on January 29, 2004. The programme, which was the first of its kind in Garo Hills, was organised, keeping in mind the world wide movement for quality management at the entrepreneurial level, as a prerequisite for being competitive in global markets and to help the perspective entrepreneurs and small scale industrial units to face the challenges in the marketing world.

About 50 perspective entrepreneurs as well as students participated in the day long programme.

Speaking as the Chief Guest at the inaugural function, the Joint Director of Industries, Tura, Mrs. C B Sangma, observed that most people take up entrepreneurship blindly not out of choice but out of necessity to survive without any knowledge or skill. Therefore, stressing on the importance of quality management and the need to develop industrial activities in Garo Hills, Mrs. Sangma urged upon the participants to make use of the wonderful opportunity for their well being.

Later, during the training sessions, the Lead Assessor, ISO-9000, Guwahati, Mr. Sanjeev Kakoty, gave a talk on the importance of ISO (Organisation for International Standard) and quality management, while the Joint Director, BIS Guwahati, Mr. P K Kanoi, briefed the participants on how to get ISO Certification. This was followed by interaction among the participants and the faculty members.

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### **NOTIFICATION**

**Shillong, January 30, 2004:** The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Transport Department, has notified that the revised rate of compensation for requisition of vehicle Accent can be classified as that of Ambassador/Maruti/Other vehicles at Item 9(a) of the Notification and the rate of Bolero's as that of Armada/Commander Jeep at Item 9(b) with immediate effect.

### MARTYR'S DAY OBSERVED IN THE STATE

**Shillong, January 30, 2004:** In memory of those who laid down their lives for the freedom of the country, Martyr's Day was observed today throughout the State.

At Raj Bhavan, Shillong, the Governor of Meghalaya, Shri. M M Jacob and the Officers and staff attended the simple but solemn observation.

Paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi, the Governor spoke about the relevance of non-violence (Ahimsa) to the present world. He also said that Gandhi's life and work is more relevant for the nation today than ever before. Gandhi's considered non-violence as a mean of resolution of political, social, economic and ethnic conflicts. The Governor further said that the present society is getting more violent and this must be stopped. Only Gandhi's message of tolerance and non-violence can help the growth of a healthy society.

The Governor, the Officers and staff of the Raj Bhavan, paid floral tributes to the portrait of Gandhi on this Martyrs' Day.

A two minutes silence was also observed at the lawns of the Main Secretariat Building, Shillong. Among the Officers and staff who laid floral tributes at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi included the Meghalaya Chief Secretary, Mr. J Tayeng and Meghalaya Minister for Home and IPR, Mr. R G Lyngdoh.

Two-minutes silence, led by Mr. R S Sangma, Deputy Commissioner, South Garo Hills District, was also observed at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Baghmara.

### AH & VETY SEMINAR INAUGURATED

**Shillong, January 30, 2004:** As part of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Meghalaya Veterinary Services Association, a Seminar was held today at the Veterinary Campus, Lumdiengjri, Shillong. The Governor of Meghalaya, Mr. M M Jacob, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Among others, also present on the occasion were the Meghalaya Minister of AH & Vety, Mr. D P Iangjuh, Additional Chief Secretary of Meghalaya, Mr. P J Bazeley, Commissioner & Secretary, AH & Vety, Mr. P Kharkongor, President MVSA, Dr. E Bareh.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Jacob said that the State of Meghalaya has a great potential of livestock and poultry development. Lamenting upon the fact that over 34.06 crores of livestock are imported annually, he said that a huge amount of money has been drained outside the State. Therefore, he felt that the time has come for everyone to think of ways and means to overcome the problems of low production of livestock from within the State so that the outflow of wealth to other regions can be stopped.

Stating that the livestock industry is making rapid progress at national level, Mr. Jacob hoped that the deliberations of the Seminar on the theme **"Improvement in productivity of Pigs and Pork production"** will go a long way in benefiting the Officers of the AH & Vety Department and the knowledge acquired by them will be transmitted to the persons engaged in the production, particularly, in the remote areas of the State.

### D D LAPANG FELICITATED

**Shillong, January 30, 2004:** The Meghalaya Chief Minister, Dr. D D Lapang, was today felicitated by different Church denominations, including the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Full Gospel Fellowship, Church of Christ, the Catholic Church and the Presbyterian Church, at Nongpoh Circuit House. Dr. Lapang was felicitated upon being conferred the Doctorate of Divinity by the ACTS Academy of Higher Education, Bangalore, on January 7, 2004.

It may be mentioned that ACTS, founded in 1979, by Dr. Ken Gnanakon, is recognised by Governments and Universities and is affiliated to the International Council of Higher Education (ICHE), which is a global body engaging in educational programmes. ICHE also grants academic degrees to qualifying individuals in various fields.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Lapang expressed thankfulness to everyone for their words of appreciation and the honour bestowed upon him. Stating that he accepted the honour with humility, he said that "*Christianity in Action*", which is the doctrine of the ACTS Institute tries to serve God beyond the four walls of the Church. Recalling his struggle-filled early days, he said that it was sad to remember the past pleasure but it was happy to remember the past pains.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Mr. P W Muktieh, Minister for Soil Conservation, Mr. J D Rymbai, Minister for Taxation and Parliamentary Affairs and Mrs. M N Nampui, ADC, who gave the felicitation speech.

The function was chaired by Mr. W L Lyngdoh, Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District.