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#### **NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNAL HARMONY AWARD 2004**

**Shillong, May 19, 2004:** Nominations are invited from suitable and eligible individuals of the State for the National Foundation For Communal Harmony Award (NFCH) 2004.

The NHCH, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Home Affairs, provides financial assistance for the physical, educational and psychological rehabilitation of the child victims of communal, caste, ethnic and terrorist violence and their families besides promotion of communal harmony, fraternity and national integration. Till date 4088 children have been benefited from the programme. Financial assistance is given till a child attains the age of 18 years. Each identified child is provided assistance at the rate of Rs. 650/-per month in class A&B cities and Rs. 600/- per month at other places.

The Foundation has also instituted two national communal harmony awards- one for an individual; and another for an organisation to be given every year for outstanding contribution for promotion of communal harmony and national integration. The award consists of a citation and cash prize of Rs. 2 lakhs in the individual category and a citation and cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs in the organisation category.

For further details, interested individuals/parties can log on to official Website of the NFCH at [www.nfch.nic.in](http://www.nfch.nic.in) for more information.

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#### **LOK ADALAT TO BE HELD**

**Shillong, May 19, 2004:** The office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority will hold the Lok Adalat (People's Court) on May 29, 2004 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Jail Road Shillong.

All litigants, interested parties are invited to the Lok Adalat for quick disposal of cases by means of settlement of disputes.

**YEAR OF SCIENTIFIC AWARENESS LAUNCHED**

**Shillong, May 19, 2004:** With a view to mould the tender minds with the power of science and technology, Member Secretary of SCSTE, Mr R D West, while celebrating the National Science Day, 2004 at Baghmara Rangku Memorial Girls Secondary School, launched the "Year of Scientific Awareness" on May 18, 2004 in the presence of district administrative heads, officials from the education department and the heads of educational institutions of South Garo Hills.

On the day, essay, quiz, sit and draw competitions were also held as part of the programme.

While launching the programme, Mr West delivered lectures on the life and works of C V Raman, lectures on earthquake preparedness and demonstrated the works of science behind magic.

Earlier, the function was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner of South Garo Hills District, Mr T Dkhar who inspired the students to grow up for a better future of the society. Mr R S Sangma, DPO welcomed the District officials, resource persons , invitees and students to the inaugural function while Mr P K Hajong, DI of Schools presided over the function.