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## RI BHOI TO CELEBRATE "YEAR OF SCIENTIFIC AWARENESS"

**Shillong, May 21, 2004:** In a meeting held recently in the office chamber of the Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, the District Organising Committee (DOC) has decided to celebrate the "Year of Scientific Awareness (YSA) 2004"in the District in a befitting manner. For the purpose, the meeting has entrusted different departments such as the ICAR, Soil Conservation, Medical and Health Department, Education and others to work out the master plan and their activities in the field of scientific development, illustrating science as a force for economic and soil change and the same be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the Chairman of the Committee.

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## ANTI-TERRORISM DAY OBSERVED

**Shillong, May 21, 2004**: Along with the rest of the country, Anti-Terrorism Day was also observed here today in the premises of the Meghalaya Civil Secretariat with a brief function presided over by the Meghalaya Chief Secretary, Mr. P J Bazeley. The Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. Donkupar Roy, being the Chief Guest, led the pledge taking ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Donkupar Roy said that terrorism of any kind should be opposed as it often inflicts sufferings upon innocent victims not only in the State or the Country but the whole world. He called upon everyone to join hands with fellow countrymen to mark the day and to shun terrorism. Dr Donkupar Roy also recalled how, thirteen years ago, the country's ex-Prime Minister became a victim of terrorism on this day and therefore urged everyone to condemn terrorism.

A similar function was held at Baghmara in the Conference Hall of the Deputy Commissioner where District officials, prominent citizens and NGOs were present on the occasion. The Deputy Commissioner, Mr. T Dkhar led the pledge taking ceremony.