

CM inaugurates Production Centre for Spices near Ampati



Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma inaugurated the Collection-cum-Production Centre for Spices under Horticulture department at Boro Latri near Ampati in the presence of MDC Betasing, Shri. Nripendra Koch, Deputy Commissioner, Shri. Ram Singh, Superintendent of Police Shri. Aditya Goenka and officials of the line departments on August 5.

To promote and encourage farmers, seven such centres have been selected and identified in South West Garo Hills by the Horticulture department for assistance to set up of collection cum production centre for spices and this was the first among them.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Chief Minister said that the Government has envisaged an initiative to promote Agriculture and Horticulture products by setting up scientific cold storage centres across the state which will be linked between farmers and entrepreneurs.

He said that agriculture and horticulture products will open up market prospects, adding, "We are encouraging farmers to set up processing units by providing assistance, so that we can demonstrate the success stories".

Assuring necessary support and market linkage to attract buyers and investors, the Chief Minister said that local products would be branded and marketed globally.

"The processing unit should act as a game changer to reverse the trend, so that people from rural areas do not migrate seeking better opportunities to cities", he said and asked the department to provide necessary handholding support to the unit to ensure quality and hygienic production.

Governor Releases Book On Anthropology



The Governor of Meghalaya Shri V. Shanmuganthan released a new journal "Anthropology Today: An International Peer Reviewed NEIRA Journal" on August 2 at the Raj Bhavan, Shillong.

The governor received a copy of the new journal from Fr. Joseph Puthenpurakal, Director of DBCIC (Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures). Copies were presented to Shri MS Rao, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Governor and Fr. James Poonthuruthil, Professor of Moral Theology at Sacred Heart Theological College, Mawlai.

The anthropological journal, published by DBCIC, Mawlai popularly known as Don Bosco Museum is a biannual publication and will appear in February and August each year. The first issue of the journal consists of 13 scholarly articles.

In his foreword, former governor of Meghalaya Shri K.K. Paul wrote, "I can confidently say that the new journal will make commendable contribution to research in the region, particularly enhancing an in-depth understanding of the many tribes and sub-tribes of the North East in the light of studies from other parts of the world."

The journal welcomes the submission of manuscript, books reviews, and other materials for publication in keeping with the nature of the journal which is "indigenous peoples, heritage domains, sustainable development and inclusive programmes."

GHADC to come under DC's administration from Aug 18



The State Cabinet has decided not to further extend the term of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC) and also get the approval of the Governor for handing over the administration of the District Council to an Administrator paving the way for the much-awaited elections.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the State Cabinet on August 3 where certain proposals including the Government's recommendations on illegal migrants, Judicial Service Rules, MBOSE Service Regulation and MBOSE Conduct Regulation, 2015 were also taken up for consideration.

Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma said that since the elections to the GHADC could not be held during the extended period before August 17, there is a need to further extend the term and get the approval of the Governor for taking over the administration of the District Council for two month with effect from August 18 to October 21, next. The Cabinet also decided to recommend the Deputy Commissioner of West Garo Hills as the administrator of the District Council for the period.

According to the Minister for District Council Affairs, Shri. H D R Lyngdoh, the Department had prepared to hold the elections well within the extended period that is, before August 17, but due to the by-election at Chokpot, the Election department had advised that the elections be held only after the completion of Chokpot by-election.

The date for holding elections would also be notified by the department during the period.

It may be mentioned that the Government had earlier decided to proceed with the election in the beginning of the year but subsequent to the intimation from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs that the proposal for amending the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution should in line with the provisions which was part of the Text Settlement between the Government and the ANVC, they had requested for considering further extension of the term of the GHADC for another six months so that the Union Government can take all necessary measures for consideration of the Parliament in the last session. "Based on that State Government honoured their suggestion for further extension of the term of

GHADC", the Chief Minister said.

However, Union Government has said that the actual amendment of the relevant provisions of the Sixth Schedule would take more time and the State Government may therefore not wait further and consider holding the election as and when it deemed fit.

The Cabinet has also ordered fast tracking the process of land acquisition for setting up the entry/exit points as it approved the proposal for introducing the draft bills on benami trade and tenancy in the forthcoming Assembly session.

The Cabinet has also approved the constitution of a task force to ensure that the implementation of the comprehensive mechanism in dealing with the issue of influx and illegal immigration is completed within a fixed timeline.

The task force proposed by the political department will be headed by the Additional Chief Secretary of Political as the Chariman with officers of other relevant departments as members.

Mobilization Programme on Skill Development



A day-long Mobilization Programme on Skill Development for various trades like masonry, weaving, tailoring, security guard, housekeeping, etc was organized by Keertika Academy Pvt. Ltd in collaboration with Basin Development Unit, Ampati at Betasing on August 5 where the Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma gave motivational talk to the youth as the chief guest.

Keertika Academy from Kolkata is the partner in the training programme. The academy is a Vocational Training Provider established in 2006 and is recognized by the National Skill Development Corporation in multi sector such as plumbing, power and working under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

Stressing on the need for imparting training beyond Industrial Training Institute (ITI) and Polytechnic institution, the Chief Minister said, "The government's

endeavour has been to reach out to the people at the village level to provide maximum benefits, as everybody will not have the luxury to move out of their village to avail such trainings".

Terming that masonry has a lot of scope for self-employment, he said, "works related to building infrastructure is coming up in a big way in Meghalaya, our trained youths can be engaged in the construction as we have huge shortage of skilled labour". Referring to the labour crisis which has been a major hurdle for building infrastructure projects, he said, "Considering the gap in initiating the infrastructure projects, the government has launched the training for the benefit of the people".

Deputy Commissioner South West Garo Hills Ram Singh and Director Keertika Academy D. Chowdhury were among others who also spoke on the occasion.

CM undertakes avenue plantation at Tura



Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma undertook avenue plantation of date palms along the road leading to Circuit House, Tura on August 5. This was one of the series of plantations being taken up by the Chief Minister in various parts of the State as part of the Mission Green initiative.

Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Pravin

Bakshi, local leaders and senior citizens, officials of the Horticulture and Agriculture department and the students also participated in the plantation.

The Chief Minister while planting the trees instructed the district administration to coordinate with Green Ambassadors selected from educational institutions of the district to adopt and look after the

plantations. The Chief Minister also laid emphasis on keeping the immediate vicinity of the plantations neat, clean and garbage free by setting up a task force.

Later in the evening the Chief Minister also planted a few saplings at the departmental land of Horticulture at Ampati

Sensitization Workshop on Earthquake Hazard and Safety Essential



In view of the fact that the North Eastern Region including Meghalaya is considered a high risk area to earthquakes falling under Seismic Zone-V, a one day School Children Sensitization Workshop on "Earthquake Hazard and Safety Essential" was organized on July 31 at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong with an aim to inculcate the habit of earthquake safety in young minds.

The sensitization workshop was organized jointly by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST), Jorhat, State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), Meghalaya and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), East Khasi Hills District which was sponsored by the National Disaster Management Authority, Government of India.

State Principal Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Mr. P. K. Srivastava, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest which was also attended by

Mr. P.S. Dkhar, Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, Mr. H. B. Marak, Executive Officer, SDMA, official from DDMA, SDMA and students drawn from 80 schools from the District.

"Earthquakes don't kill, buildings kill" said Mr. Srivastava while speaking as the Chief Guest and underscoring the need for the people of the region especially the children which are our future generation to be aware that the North Eastern Region lies in a high risk earthquake zone.

He expressed hope that the sensitization workshop conducted by the expert will help students gain new knowledge about earthquake hazards and basic awareness on preparedness, mitigation and response measures and precautions to equip them better to minimize damage during occurrence of earthquake and other disasters.

During the day power point presentation were made on the topics of Science of Earthquake & NER Seismicity and Earthquake & Essential of Safety by Mr. R. S. Saxena, former team coordinator, NDMA and Dr. H.K. Vinayak, Professor, NIT, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh. Mr. S. Bordalo, Consultant, SDMA give a power point presentation on Disaster Management in Meghalaya.

Later on the day, practical demonstration session on Fire Safety, Search and Rescue, First Aid was conducted by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) followed by question and answer session

Order under Section 144 CrPC

The District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has promulgated an order under Section 144 CrPC restraining dumping of garbage along the forested areas leading to the Shillong Peak from 5th mile junction.

This order has been issued in view of the reports received that there is an indiscriminate and rampant dumping of garbage along the forest areas of the road leading to Shillong Peak View Point and upon investigation conducted by the District authorities of the East Khasi Hills District Administration along with officials of the PHE, PWD, Soil and Water Conservation Department and Forest and Environment Department and Village authorities of Upper Shillong area, it was found that apart from the garbage thrown in this forested area, there was also bulk dumping of disposable diapers and medicines on the slopes of the forest area.

This order shall take immediate effect and will remain in force until further orders.

Electoral Rolls Published

The District Election Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong has informed all the Electoral Registration Officers of the Assembly Constituencies of, 13-Mawryngkneng (ST), 14-Pynthorunkhrah (GEN), 15-Mawlai (ST), 16-East Shillong (ST), 17-North Shillong (ST), 18-West Shillong (GEN), 19-South Shillong (GEN), 20-Mylliem (ST), 21-Nongthymmai (ST), 22-Nongkrem (ST), 23-Sohiong (ST), 24-Mawphlang (ST), 25-Mawsynram (ST), 27-Pynursla (ST) and 29-Mawkyntse (ST) that the Final of the Last Part of Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2015 as qualifying date and in accordance with Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 has been published and is available for inspection at their offices and Record Offices/Authorities during working hours on all working days.

NICRA Project Launched at Umjalasiaw Village



The National Innovation on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) Project was launched at Umjalasiaw Village of Thadlaskein Block, West Jaintia Hills on August 4 by Smti. D.Syiemiong, Director of Agriculture, Meghalaya. Also present were Dr. S V Nagachan, Director of ICAR-RC for NEHR, Umiam, Dr. A.K Tripathi, Director, Zonal Project Directorate, ZPD Zone III, Umiam, Shri. N S Nongbri, Joint Director of Agriculture (R&T) cum State Nodal Officer KVK, Shillong, Officers of ICAR, Umiam, Officers and Staffs of KVK Jaintia Hills and others.

Speaking at the launch of the project, Smt. D. Syiemiong, Director of Agriculture, Meghalaya informed that the NICRA project is sponsored by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research with KVK, Jaintia Hills as the nodal agency. She said that the project was taken up at Umjalasiaw village to enhance resilience of agriculture production as the village falls under the rain shadow area and the climate vulnerabilities have affected the cultivation of the farmers in winter months.

Dr. S V Nagachan, Director of ICAR-RC for NEHR, Umiam while encouraging the farmers to take up integrated farming also encouraged them to start vertical farming that will help productive utilization of the land and upholding the heritage handed down by forefathers.

Dr. A.K Tripathi, Zonal Project Director, ZPD Zone, III explained on the objectives of the NICRA Project and the four modules of the project–Natural resources management, Crop production livestock and fisheries and community involvement.

Shri. N.S Nongbri, Joint Director of Agriculture explained on the activities undertaken by the KVK. Pamphlets were also distributed to the farmers.

Skill fest cum Mela held

The Jowai Municipal Board, Jowai in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Skills Development Society (MS-SDS) organized a Skill Fest Cum Mela under the scheme, Employment through Skill Training and Placement (EST&P) of National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) at District Library Auditorium, Mynthong, Jowai on July 31.

Four Project Implementation Agencies -S.S Net.Com, Shillong, Don Bosco Technical Society, Shillong, Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (ILFS) Shillong and North Eastern Security Agency (NESA) Shillong participated in the Mela with presentations on the various courses offered by them. 55 unemployed youths participated in the Skill Fest Mela.

Shri. B.J Kharshandi, EAC, Executive Officer of Jowai Municipal Board and Skill Development Officer, West Jaintia Hills while briefing on the Guidelines of the National Urban Livelihood Mission informed that the efforts taken by the Mu-

nicipal Board is to help the youth under the Municipal areas to avail the opportunity provided by the Government on the Skill developments offered by the Project Implemented Agencies free of cost and to get themselves a job after undergoing the training. He also informed that the NULM also provide assistance for development and upgrading the skills of the educated unemployed youths. He encouraged the youths to be mentally prepared to take up a job anywhere after the training.

Smt. Audrey Khonglam, Skill Development Officer of Meghalaya State Skill Development Society highlighted the objectives of the Society. She said, the purpose for organising the Skill Mela was to promote awareness to the educated unemployed youths on the skill development services provided by the Project Implemented Agencies funded by the Government for undergoing the training.

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Financial assistance to authors

Applications are invited from authors of East, South West and West Khasi Hills, East, West, South, North, South West Garo Hills, West, East Jaintia Hills and Ri Bhoi District for giving financial assistance for production of books on Children, Literature, General Literature and on Science & Technology in Tribal Language as recognized by Education Department under the Scheme “Grant to Authors and Publishers in the State” for 2015-2016. Applications must reach the office of the Director of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong on or before the 1st September, 2015.

Guidelines and detailed information can be obtained from the office of the Director of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, Shillong.

Appointment of staff on contract basis.

The office of the Meghalaya AIDS Control Society, Shillong invites application from eligible candidates who are citizens of India for appointment for following staffs on contract basis for a period of 1(one) year (which is extendable as per performance)

No.	Post	No. of post	Qualification	Upper Age Limit	Remuneration
1.	Asst. Director (Care Support Treatment)	1	University degree in Medicine or Nursing or Pharmacy/ Masters in Public Health or Health Management or Social Work or in any other relevant field with minimum 3 years of experience in Health Sector	27 years (5 years relaxation for ST/SC)	Rs. 25,000/ pm
2.	Vehicle Attendant	1	Class VIII pass. Knowledge in vehicle repairing and maintenance	27 years (5 years relaxation for ST/SC)	Rs. 7,000/ pm
3.	Staff Nurse	1	B.Sc Nursing or GNM. Experience in the care of PLHA will be preferred	27 years (5 years relaxation for ST/SC)	Rs. 10,000/ pm

- * Candidates fulfilling the above criteria may apply in standard form along with attested copies of all testimonials.
- * Candidates are to submit one passport size photo alongwith one self-addressed envelope and Rs. 5/- stamp.
- * Complete Application for the post of Asst. Director (CST) & Vehcile Attendant should reach the office of the Meghalaya AIDS Control Society, Ideal Lodge, Oakland, Shillong-1 on or before August 14, 2015.
- * For the post of Staff Nurse, application should be addressed to the Jt. Director of Health Services (SS), Civil Hospital Shillong and complete application forms should be submitted to ART Plus Centre, Civil Hospital Shillong on or before the August 14, 2015.

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