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Chief Minister inaugurates Dialysis Unit in Shillong Civil Hospital

Chief Minister, Dr. Mukul Sangma inaugurated the Dialysis Unit in Shillong Civil Hospital on March 10 in the presence of Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Smti. Roshan Warjri.

Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma in his inaugural address expressed joy in dedicating the much needed service to the people and felt the need for upscaling the facilities in the health sector so that people look at government hospitals as favoured destinations for health services. He also said that patients need to have access to facilities from diagnosis to treatment under one centre. He also informed that health facilities and infrastructures are being created all over the State so that Shillong Civil Hospital and other hospitals in the district headquarters are not the only referral centres thus enabling the people to access health care facilities without having to travel far.

While thanking North Eastern Council (NEC) which funded the Dialysis Unit, Dr Mukul Sangma said that North East is privileged to have the NEC dedicated to the people of North East to take care of various developmental programmes in the region.

The Chief Minister said that



government hospitals in the state should keep pace with the advancements in medical sciences and technologies and urged the medical fraternity to render their services with sincerity, commitment and compassion.

Earlier, Secretary, NEC, Shri. Ram Muivah informed that

NEC has funded a total of Rs. 4 crores 98 lakhs for four components in Shillong Civil Hospital namely, Dialysis Unit, Endoscopic Unit, Major Operation Theatre Unit and Establishment of 10 Bedded Emergency and Casualty Ward and further informed that 3 components have been completed.

Nartiang Police Station Inaugurated

Nartiang Police Station in West Jaintia Hills under Thadlaskein C & RD Block was inaugurated on March 11 by Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma in the presence of Minister, Home, Shri. H D R Lyngdoh and Minister, Power etc & Local MLA, Shri. S Dhar.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister, Dr Mukul Sangma said the inauguration of the police

station is an important extension of the institution of governance to ensure effective, accountable and inclusive government. He said that the government in responding to the needs and aspirations of the people is also trying to take care of the developmental disparities across the state. He also added that to sustain the momentum of growth there is a need to

have visible law enforcing agencies in the state that will generate within the people a sense of safe and secure environment besides creating a deterrence to crime and lawlessness.

“Nartiang with its beautiful and rich culture, its unique and exclusive history can be leveraged upon for future growth and prosperity for the whole

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Budget Session



Meghalaya CM, Dr. Mukul Sangma presenting the Budget for the year 2017-18 during the Budget Session on March 15, 2017.

Two Day North East Regional Workshop on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities concludes



A two day North East Regional Workshop on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities which was inaugurated by Shri H. Marwein, Additional Chief Secretary in-charge Social Welfare Department on March 8, came to the conclusion on March 9 at Moreau Institute of Integral Training, Shillong.

The Regional Workshop was organized by Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai, under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India in collaboration with the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Meghalaya, the State Resource Centre on Disability Affairs and Bethany Society, Shillong.

The objective of the Regional Workshop was to familiarize the participants on the latest technology in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities with special focus on the subjects of Clinical Services, Educational Services and Skill Development programmes.

In his inaugural address, Shri. Marwein expressed hope that the deliberations and presentations in the workshop would provide an opportunity to all

the participants to understand the importance of the issues pertaining to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. He expressed hope that the two day workshop would come up with decisions and strategies to enhance the skills of the workers in the field to help persons with disabilities.

"To empower persons with disabilities", Shri. Marwein opined that all stakeholders need to come together in providing opportunities for persons with disabilities in the educational field, vocational training and employment assistance.

The inauguration was also attended by Dr. A. K. Sinha, Director, AYJNISHD, Mumbai, Smti C. Kharkongor, Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Dr. (Mrs) B. Mawlong, Project Director and State Coordinator, State Resource Center on Disability Affairs, Civil Hospital, Shillong and participants drawn from the State Government, NGOs working for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities from the north eastern region.

It may be mentioned that the workshop in addition to theoretical presentations also included practical exposure and brainstorming sessions on early identification of and intervention for persons with disabilities.

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eastern part of the state," said the Chief Minister. He added that Tourism can bring transformative changes in the socio-economic landscape of the area.

He also said that in the wake of the NGT ban there has been a dislocation of livelihood in West and East Jaintia Hills and there is a need to find new and alternative means of livelihood that is sustainable and remunerative. He informed that areas that have been depleted because of mining will be reclaimed for farming activities. He also urged upon the people to look at other attractive options of livelihood.

The Chief Minister in his address also urged on all to collectively come together to fight crimes against women and children and sought the cooperation of all to address the concerns of rising road accidents and drug menace.

It may be mentioned that the Nartiang Police Station will cover 110 villages with Siatsama Police Outpost and Khanduli Battalion Outpost under its jurisdiction. The area of this police station spreads from boundaries of Ri Bhoi District in the North, West Hamrem District, Assam on its East, Jowai Police Station jurisdiction on its South and East Khasi Hills on its West.

Nartiang Police Investigation Centre was sanctioned in the year 1972 and started functioning from an old barrack of PWD (R) office with one Sub Inspector, one head constable and six constables. In the year 1995 Nartiang PIC shifted to its present location and continues to function from there.

With the limited staff and resources for the past 44 years, the PIC catered policing services to 60 villages. The services include crime prevention, crime investigation, law and order maintenance, area domination, anti-militancy operation, various verifications, grievance redressal and bestowal of a feeling of peace and security to all.

Due to the increase in population and vast area that Nartiang PIC has to cover, it was felt that the PIC should be upgraded to a full fledged Police Station and a proposal was sent to the Police Station in the year 2014.

Youth Leadership and Community Development Camp concluded

The five day Youth Leadership and Community Development Camp on the theme "Growing your dreams together" sponsored by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Shillong concluded on March 15. The Camp was held at the Bharat Scouts and Guides Campus, Shillong.

The leadership camp was attended by members of the Youth Red Cross, NYK, SOS village, Rovers and Rangers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and students from different colleges. The activities of the camp include orienteering soft skills, personality development, first aid and disaster management and youth entrepreneurship. Besides the World Advocacy Projects like "Free Being Me", "Messengers of Peace", "Stop Violence against Women", "Surf Smart" were also taken up.

Other highlight of the camp included social evenings for cultural awareness and preservation and field trip to RRTC, Umran where the participants witnessed the different trades, creating interest in them for starting their own business.

Feature

RITALIS LYNGKHOI

A Tenacious Entrepreneur

Kong Ritalis Lyngkhoi a widow, who is 48 years old, lives in Umsumbah village with her seven children. Engaged in agricultural activities, her life began to change after 2014 when she started accessing WEEFI Loan. She received Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) and started constructing a poultry shed with 50 chicks to begin with. The chickens were growing very fast, after which she bought another 100 chicks; however 10 chicks died due to sickness.

When a chicken attains 3kg, Smti. Ritalis sells the meat in her shop at Rambrai. She further purchased 200 chicks; but unfortunately all the 200 chickens died due to sickness. She had informed the Rambrai Branch Manager about the death of her chickens, for which the Branch Manager came to personally inspect the incident. Despite the loss, Smti. Ritalis was determined to expand her poultry farm. Taking a risk, she took another loan of Rs. 90,000/- (Rupees Ninety Thousand Only). With the loan, she started construction of two new sheds with 100 chicks. After two weeks, she ordered another 100 chicks, and followed that with another 150 chicks the following week. The demand for chicken was so high in the market that despite the financial loss incurred due to the death of her chickens she could still meet the cost and gained profit as well. At the same time, Smti. Lyngkhoi was able to repay her loan regularly. To improve her poultry farm Smti. Ritalis attended a training programme on Poultry farming at Bethany society in the year 2016.

Smti. Ritalis also has a kitchen garden near her house where she cultivates different varieties of vegetables, using chicken waste as manure. Her vegetables are growing very well and along with the chickens, she sells her vegetables in the market. She also rears fishes in her pond with the help of her children.

Smti. Ritalis faced innumerable challenges but she never gave up. Instead she took the hiccups as lessons learnt, and that has paved the way for her to become a successful entrepreneur. She has a strong vision to expand her activities to other areas, among which includes aquaculture.

(Source: www.mbd.gov.in)

COACHING CLASS FOR POLICE ASPIRANTS



South West Garo Hills District Police in collaboration with the District Administration is conducting free coaching classes for the candidates appearing for the Meghalaya Police Recruitment 2017 under the Chief Minister's Career Guidance Programme at Ampati.

A brief function to kick off the coaching classes was held on March 12, where the Deputy Commissioner Shri. C.V.D. Diengdoh and Superintendent of Police Shri. Ramesh Singh addressed the aspirants with inspirational talks and useful tips for their upcoming examination.

As many as 300 aspirants were given exposure on filling up the OMR sheets and basic knowledge of the syllabus and course content by resource persons drawn from leading schools of the district.

RTI Week celebration concludes in South West Garo Hills



The celebration of Right to Information (RTI) Week in South West Garo Hills concluded with an awareness programme at Betasing C&RD Block headquarters on March 17, where presentations on the salient features of RTI Act, 2005 and RTI filing exercise were conducted by the resource persons for the benefit of the participants.

Besides the resource persons, Block Development Officer, Betasing, Shri. A.G. Momin, EAC, Ampati Shri. M.R. Marak and Betasing Block Development Committee Chairman, Shri. D.A. Sangma were among others who also gave motivational talks on the occasion.

Earlier on March 16, similar awareness programme was also conducted at Zikzak C&RD Block headquarters which was also attended by BDO, Zikzak, Shri. Reuben Momin, Gaonbura of Zikzak, Shri. Prabir Hajong and other block functionaries besides hundreds of participants from the area.

As part of the celebration, copies of the handbook on RTI Act, 2005 in English and Garo were distributed to the participants and the presentations by resource persons were followed by discussions and interactions on both the days.

South West Garo Hills DCC meeting held

In order to facilitate inter-departmental coordination for good governance in the district, the South West Garo Hills District Coordination Committee (DCC) meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Shri. C.V.D. Diengdoh at Ampati on March 8.

The Deputy Commissioner was also assisted by ADC & PD, DRDA, Shri. H.D.B. Sangma and ADC in-charge Revenue, etc Shri. M.T. Sangma in reviewing the departmental achievements, departmental and inter-departmental problems as well as projects and proposals from the line departments.

Capacity building trainings for government employees, Digital India awareness campaign, preparation of disaster management plan, functioning of Emergency Operations Centre, environmental matters relating to waste management, land acquisition matters security advisory for all line departments and safe custody of government vehicles were among many other issues discussed during the meeting.

The meeting urged upon all the departments having allotted lands to put up boundary pillars either with the help of PWD Buildings or with their own resources to prevent encroachment. The District School Education Officer was also asked to make a list of schools having damaged or dilapidated buildings so that assessment can be made for construction of new buildings where necessary.

The District Medical & Health Officer was asked to prepare a comprehensive action plan to reduce Infant Mortality Rate in the district, while the PHE, Water Resources and other line departments were asked to come up with Integrated District Plan for conservation and management of water.

The Deputy Commissioner also called the district heads of departments that there was a need to have more of such meetings to ensure better coordination among the departments for better service delivery in the district.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, (TAP) CUM CHAIRMAN, CRB, MEGHALAYA SHILLONG

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Dated Shillong the 5th March, 2017

PRESS RELEASE

This is for general information that the Central Recruitment Board, Meghalaya Police, will conduct the Written Examination for posts under SF-10 on the 24th & 25th March, 2017 and for posts under AB/UB Group on the 31st March, 2017 & 1st April, 2017 respectively as per the timetable below. Candidates should bring their own clipboard, blue or black ball pen etc. along with Written Examination Admit Cards.

Programme for Written Examinations for various posts under Police Department

Sl No	Date	Posts	Paper	Time
1	24/3/17	Signal/Communication staff SF10	Paper I	9-10 AM
2	24/3/17	Armourer/Buglers SF10	Paper I	11-12 Noon
3	24/3/17	Drivers/Mechanics SF10	Paper I	1-2 PM
4	25/3/17	Commandos Constable SF10	Paper I	9-10 AM
5	25/3/17	ABSI SF10	Paper I	11 AM-1 PM
6	25/3/17	ABSI SF10	Paper 2&3	2 PM-4:15 PM
7	31/3/17	Driver Constable/Handyman (AB/UB Group)	Paper I	10:30-11:30 AM
8	31/3/17	UBSI (AB/UB Group)	Paper I	12:30-2 PM
9	31/3/17	UBSI (AB/UB Group)	Paper 2&3	2:30-4 PM
10	1/4/17	ABC/BNC/IRBN Constable/Rider Constable /MPRO GD Constable /Mechanic/ Armourer/ Buglers (AB/UB Group)	Paper I	9-10 AM
11	1/4/17	ABSI (AB/UB Group)	Paper I	11-12 Noon
12	1/4/17	ABSI (AB/UB Group)	Paper 2&3	12:30-1:45 PM
13	1/4/17	UBC/FM/DEM/MPRO operator/Mechanic Constable/ WPC (AB/UB Group)	Paper 1,2&3	2:30-4:15 PM

Candidates should report one hour before commencement of the examination

Sd/-
Shri H. Nongpluh, IPS
Inspector General of Police, (TAP)
Cum Chairman, CRB

MTC TO INTRODUCE MORNING BUS SERVICE

The Managing Director, Meghalaya Transport Corporation (MTC) has informed that the MTC will introduce a morning bus service daily from Shillong to Rongjeng via Nongstoin and from Rongjeng to Shillong via Nongstoin with effect from 13th March, 2017. The bus will depart from Shillong from MUDA Parking Lot, opposite Anjalee Cinema Hall at 6:30 AM. It will depart from Rongjeng from Main Market Area at 6:30 AM. The bus fare is Rs. 205/- per head.

WOMEN OF OVER 60 YEARS CAN TRAVEL FREE OF COST IN MTC BUSES

The Managing Director, Meghalaya Transport Corporation (MTC) has informed that all women over 60 years of age will be allowed to travel free of cost in buses run by the Meghalaya Transport Corporation. They can approach the office of the Managing Director, MTC for passes in this regard, along with documents to support their claims.

NEET NECESSARY FOR BHMS/BAMS STUDIES

In order to bring meritorious students to the AYUSH systems of medicine in the country through National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), a decision has been taken that the entrance exams being conducted by the private association may be stopped from the academic session 2017-18 and all UG seats may be filled by considering the merit list of NEET. This was informed by the Director of Health Services (MI), Meghalaya, Shillong.

Interested persons/students from the State aspiring to undergo BHMS/BAMS study are requested to take note of the above examination.

UJALA SCHEME LAUNCHED

The Inspectorate of Electricity which is the State Designated Agency on Energy Conservation in collaboration with EESL, New Delhi, has launched the UJALA Scheme in the State of Meghalaya, whereby, LED bulbs of 9 Watt are sold at the rate of Rs. 70.00 each with 3 years warranty and LED tube lights of 20 Watt are sold at the rate of Rs. 230.00 each with 2.5 years warranty in all the outlets setup by EESL across the State of Meghalaya.

The Inspectorate of Electricity appeals the people to avail the scheme to lower their electricity bill and make the State more energy efficient.

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 CRPC

After receipt of information that some miscreants have been rampantly killing fishes along the stretch of the river Umngi which passes through Kenbah, Kenmynsaw, Phlangwanbroi, Mawrapat, Mawkasain, Kynrang, Mawpdai, Jyllep, Khiehriat, Pomblang, Laitumsaw, Dangar, Umsawrang, Photstein, Lalpani and Dangardop and the adjoining areas by using poisonous chemicals and explosive substances, the District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District has promulgated an Order under Section 144 CrPC prohibiting illegal killing of fishes in the above rivers.

The Order shall come into force with immediate effect and remains in force till further orders.

WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY

The office of the Deputy Commissioner (Supply) West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin celebrated World Consumer Rights Day on the theme "Consumer Rights in the Digital Age" at TRYSEM hall DC Office, Nongstoin on March 15.

On the occasion Km. B. Rane, EAC, West Khasi Hills District highlighted the Consumer Rights and Protection Act, whereas Shri. A. Synrem District Informatics Officer West Khasi Hills District briefed on Consumer Rights in the Digital Age.

The celebration was attended by Principals, college and school students, headmen, sordar and the local people.