

Governor arrives late

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Meghalaya Governor V. Shanmuganathan arrived ten minutes late in the Assembly to deliver his maiden address on Friday.

As per practice, the Governor was to address the opening day of the Budget session at 10 am, but he arrived late leading to a visible restlessness in the House.

Though Speaker AT Mondal and Chief Minister Mukul Sangma accompanied the Governor to the House, Opposition Leader Donkupar Roy was not invited by the Speaker to accompany the Governor.

Hoping, Friday remembered

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The Assembly on Friday paid eloquent tributes to the late leaders of the state.

The members during the obituary reference recalled the contributions of late legislators from State, H S Lyngdoh, Friday Lyngdoh, Founder Cajee, Winstone Syiemiong, Miriam, Shira, Tylli Kyndiah and legislators from other parts of the country.

'Special session' for Jyndiang

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: HSPDP legislator from Nongstoin, Diosstarness Jyndiang, a novice in the political arena attended his first session of the



Diosstarness Jyndiang

State Legislative Assembly on Friday.

Speaking to *The Shillong Times* after the House was adjourned, as to how he felt after attending the Assembly for the first time, he said, "It felt better... I realize that as a legislator we ought to follow the rules and conduct of the House."

Jyndiang stepped into the shoes of late HSPDP supreme Hopping Stone Lyngdoh who passed away last year.

Pressure group slams govt approach to border dispute solution

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Expressing concern over the long pending inter-state border dispute between Meghalaya and Assam, the Meghalaya Indigenous Youth Federation (MIYF) has said that the neighboring state is not a competent authority to resolve the matter.

Drawing attention to the Chief Secretary's recent statement that talks on border dispute may resume after Assam polls, the MIYF slammed the government for submitting the "territorial documents" to Assam.

"By submitting the documents the Government has given Assam a claim over the disputed land at a time when the indigenous people of Meghalaya are being harassed by the neighboring state," the MIYF said in a recent statement. The MIYF also urged the three autonomous district councils in the state to fight for the people of the border areas.

The KHADC CEM was also urged to approach the Union government to protect the Scheduled areas within the jurisdiction of the Council.

Shanmuganathan asks outfits to abjure path of violence

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Meghalaya Governor V. Shanmuganathan gave life to his maiden address with sound modulation on the first day of the Budget session of the Assembly on Friday narrating the programmes and policies of the State Government as he asserted that for lasting peace various groups should abjure the path of violence and come to the negotiating table.

The Governor, however, did not specify the groups which are hostile to the state government.

The Governor, with his sound modulation, made attractive to the listeners in the Assembly, a speech which did not have much substance.

The Governor said, "Peace and tranquility are pre-requisites for development of the state. My Government has adopted a comprehensive strategy to address the root causes of militancy and insurgent activities so as to achieve lasting peace for the growth and prosperity of the State. Despite certain concerns and challenges, the overall internal security and law and order situation in the state has been firmly dealt with by the State security agencies with the support of the Government of India."

Guv delivers lively maiden speech in Assembly



Governor V. Shanmuganathan delivers his maiden address during the first day of the Budget Session of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on Friday. (ST)

The Governor said that festivals and national days in the State were observed in an atmosphere of gaiety and amity and commended the people of the State for defying the *bandh* calls by militant outfits which revealed their commitment to the values of peace and harmony.

He observed that peace settlements have been reached with groups who have entered into dialogue process and steps are be-

ing taken in right earnest for their rehabilitation.

In this connection, he added, "The Government reiterates its commitment to initiate negotiations with groups which are inclined towards peace dialogue, provided they abjure the path of violence and unlawful activities."

However, he maintained that the Government is equally firm in its resolve to tackle anti-national elements and their activities

with full might of the State and that the Government will continue to invest appropriately in the upgradation of security infrastructure and to this end a new battalion of specially trained and equipped commando force has been raised and is presently undergoing training.

He said, "The intensive and sustained counter-insurgency operations carried out by the security forces against the insurgent

outfits have been effective and are yielding positive results."

The Governor in his address saluted the men in uniform who made the supreme sacrifice in the call of duty and to the civilians who fell victim to the violence unleashed by the militants and other anti-national elements and stated that while eight security personnel sacrificed their lives and 16 were injured, 21 civilians lost their lives in the violence perpetuated by the insurgent groups while 30 civilians were injured.

According to him, the Government is committed to ensure a harmonious and secure environment for the people of the State by providing effective support to the State Police through augmentation of manpower and technological upgradation.

He added, "The Safe and Secure City Project currently being implemented in Shillong and Tura has brought in the required deterrence leading to improvement in the security scenario in the project areas. The project will be expanded to cover the remaining district headquarters and some important highways in the State."

According to the Governor, the situation on the inter-state border has remained (Contd on P-10)

'Lone crusader' Michael Syiem stages protest

Marriage Bill row



Mait Shaprang Movement convener, Michael Syiem stages a protest in front of the Secretariat on Friday. (ST)

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Striving for the implementation of Meghalaya Compulsory Registration of Marriage Bill, Mait Shaprang Movement convener, Michael Syiem staged a protest in front of the Secretariat here on Friday.

Syiem, who has been campaigning for the cause for the last 30 years, stood alone with a placard at the main gate of the Secretariat from 1 pm to 4 pm protesting against the delay in framing of rules for the Meghalaya Compulsory Registration of Marriage Act, 2012.

Syiem added that the MSM will intensify the agitation if the government

fails to respond on the matter.

He said that as part of the 30th year of the campaign the movement had also put up banners across the city but many of them have been torn down.

Campaigning for the implementation of the Act since 1986, Syiem recollected that the Act was passed in the State Assembly in 2012 without any debate. He said that the rules of the Act have to be approved by the State Cabinet.

The Act envisages compulsory registration of all marriages between people belonging to any caste, tribe or religion and it would also include registration of re-marriages and live-in relationships.

Keep traditional bodies out of Service Rules ambit: Reiterates Synjuk

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The Synjuk ki Nongsynshar Shnong ka Bri U Hynniewtrep (SKN-SKBH) has reiterated its demand for making the Service Rules inapplicable to traditional institutions.

Stating this here on Friday, SKNSKBH president WR Kharshiing said that the organization will hold its general body meeting on Saturday to discuss the future course of action on the issue.

It may be mentioned that barely 20 days after the State Government debarred government servants from holding office in community based organizations, associations, traditional bodies or societies, the State

Cabinet made a U-turn on the issue and amended the Meghalaya Services (Conduct) Rules, 2015, directing government servants to furnish information on holding such offices.

However, this move did not satisfy the Synjuk.

Members of the SKNSKBH had staged a walk-out from their last meeting on the issue with Chief Minister Mukul Sangma protesting against the government's alleged adamant attitude.

Reacting to a query on whether the SKNSKBH members had threatened to teach the Government a lesson in the 2018 Assembly elections, Kharshiing said the statement was made in a lighter vein.

HNLC overground workers arrested

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Shillong police on Friday arrested two persons for circulating HNLC demand notes in the city.

East Khasi Hills SP M Kharkrang informed that on getting information about demand notes being circulated in Shillong and its suburbs by the proscribed HNLC, the District Police swung into action and arrested one Vincent Khyriem on Friday.

According to Kharkrang, on interrogation, Khyriem admitted to have circulated the demand notes sent to him from Bangladesh.

Later in the evening his accomplice, one Wankarleng Rynjah (22) of Demseiniang was also picked up.

"Police investigation will reveal if any of the people served with the demand notes have actually paid and if there are more people involved (with the proscribed outfit)," he said.

Two mobile phones and 10 SIM cards of different service providers were seized from their possession.

Kharkrang assured that the District Police is taking all possible steps to ensure that no militant outfit makes inroads into the district. Earlier, BSF had claimed that the HNLC is making efforts to revive itself by recruiting youths in Bangladesh.

Fair price shop dealers call on DC

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: The Fair Price Shop Dealers' Association on Friday met the East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner apprising him of the problems faced by the dealers in the wake of the implementation of National Food Security Act.

They also felt that the entire population of the State should be covered by the food security act. The DC assured to look into the matter. A number of residents have complained of their names not featuring in the beneficiaries list for receipt of ration cards under the food act.

OBITUARY

Rodolfstar Syiem, an employee of PWD, passed away on March 4. His funeral will be held on March 6 at 2 pm at Presbyterian Church Nongrah

More local reports on Page-10

Summer Leadership Programme at The Doon School, June 2016

Registration is also opened for 'Open Morning Programme' and Bespoke Individual Tutors for Prospective Parents and their Sons



Monday, 22nd February 2016 – The Doon School, India's pre eminent boarding school and alma mater of stalwarts like Rajiv Gandhi and Amitav Ghosh amongst many others has announced its Residential 'Summer at Doon Leadership Programme' from 1st June to 15th June, 2016 at The Doon School's beautiful estate in Dehradun, India. The programme is open for all aspiring young boys and girls in grades 9-12 who are passionate about making a positive impact on the world around them. Applications for this programme closes on April 15, 2016.

The Doon School is also delighted to welcome prospective parents and their sons to see the school and meet the admissions department and tour the school either as part of a small group, a bespoke tour or as part of the Open Morning programme which was successfully piloted in November 2015. The school has two entry points at Class 7 and Class 8 only.

Benchmarked with the world's leading youth leadership programmes, this dynamic and thought provoking course will be a blend of Socratic dialogues, leadership case studies, creative experiential learning, motivational lectures, outdoor adventures, self-reflection and group interaction. A critically important element will be social service and social responsibility, and their relationship with leadership. This programme will ensure that boys and girls receive a profound understanding of what successful leadership is all about and what is required to demonstrate it in the twenty-first century in the context to developing society and an increasingly globalized world. The course will be taught by specialist staff from *Aspire*, in conjunction with the teaching community from The Doon School.

"The Doon School has long been associated with innovative thinking and leadership and is passionate about being at the forefront of educational opportunity for its students. The Summer at Doon leadership programme builds naturally on The Doon School's mission since its founding in 1935, which is 'to attract and develop exceptional students and teachers from all backgrounds to serve a meritocratic India; inspire them to be just and ethical citizens; train them to be wise and principled leaders; and prepare them to enter one of the strongest fraternities – for life.' said Dr Peter McLaughlin, Headmaster, The Doon School.

The course opened in 2014 and received rave reviews. A past parent has said, "My daughter was overwhelmed with emotion, when they took part in a community service project to a village adopted by the school. She participated in building a brick house and toilet for an old widow living alone with her granddaughter in a thatched hut without a toilet. It is not just about teaching them to fulfill their aspirations, but about them developing a sense of gratitude for what they have. No words can thank you for your initiative and vision."

Pictures from Summer at Doon (2015)



For more details about the Summer Leadership programme, email Ms Abia Qezilbash -summer.doon@doonschool.com or Tel. +91-(0)135-2526516 or view the website www.doonschool.com/summer.doon/leadership

For further details about the Open Morning Programme and bespoke individual tours as well as all admissions enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Madan Kothari at admissions@doonschool.com or telephone him at: +91 135 2526406 or mobile: +91 8979639477

ABOUT THE DOON SCHOOL

The Doon School offers the Indian School Certificate and the IB at Class 11 and 12. Indian boys apply from all over India and from outside of the country. The school specializes in being an all boys' boarding school and boys apply to top universities in India as well as Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada as well as Russell Group universities in the UK and Ivy League and well known liberal arts and colleges in the US.

Boys also take part in an extensive student exchange programme with schools from Australia and Singapore to the UK and US.

The school has a whole school approach to social service and leadership within its curriculum. Its alumni feature past pupils who have made their mark in all areas of professional life, from politics to the arts. The school launched its 'Summer at Doon Leadership' programme in June 2014.

The Doon School is in membership of HMC and the International Boys School Coalition.

Please view the school website www.doonschool.com

North Eastern Hill University

NEHU Campus, Shillong- 793 022 (Meghalaya)

No:EX/S/Disp/Ans/QP/13-14/475 Dated Shillong the 29/02/2016

QUOTATION NOTICE

Quotations under sealed cover are invited for disposal of old used answer scripts and old question papers. The last date of submission of quotations is 22.03.2016 up to 1:00 PM. For further details login to University official website i.e. www.nehu.ac.in

Deputy Registrar (Exams)

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

For the temporary post of Project Assistant under the REDD+ Pilot Project being implemented by working Plan Officer, Forests & Environment Department, Meghalaya, Shillong will be held at 11.30 a.m. on 15th March, 2016. For details please see the Notice Board of Working Plan Officer, Forest Colony, Shillong. Phone no. 9436999192 & 8575326203.

Working Plan Officer
Working Plan Division
Meghalaya, Shillong

OBSERVATION OF GLAUCOMA WEEK FROM 6TH TO 12TH MARCH 2016

The Meghalaya Blindness Control Society and District Blindness Control Society, East Khasi Hills is organizing a free checkup of Glaucoma Patient daily from 7th, 9th and 10th March 2016 above OPD complex Civil Hospital Shillong from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THE SHILLONG LAW COLLEGE

DHANKHETI-MALKI, SHILLONG-793001

Ph: 0364-2224044

Fax: 0364-2224044

Email: shillonglawcollege@yahoo.com

No.Lc.20/Moot Court/Corres/2014-15/14 Dated Shillong, the 04/03/2016

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Tender with Court Fees Stamp of Rs20/- (not-refundable) is hereby invited for construction/furnishing of the Moot Court.

The details and specifications may be had from the Office of the undersigned during working days upto 3:00 pm. The last date for submission of Tender is 15th March 2016 and will be opened on the above date at 3:30 pm. The Tenderers or their Representatives may be present.

The College Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender.

(Dr. Sharif Uddin)
Principal
Shillong Law College

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, AFS, LAITKOR PEAK, SHILLONG

केंद्रीय विद्यालय वायु सेना स्थल, लैटकोर पीक, शिल्लोण - ७९३०१० (मेघालय)

विद्यालय संबंधी आवृत्तित व निर्माण, सुरक्षा,सफाई, सेवा आदि निम्नादि कार्य हेतु अनुबंध के लिए प्रतिलिप्त व पंजीकृत कंपनियों अथवा पंजीकरण विद्यालय में विद्यालय प्रकाशित होने के 20 दिनों के भीतर डाक द्वारा अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में पहुंच जाना चाहिए। अधिक जानकारी के लिए विद्यालय वेबसाइट www.kvlpk.org देखें

K.V. Laitkor Peak, Shillong requires various services-supply of goods, Security and Conservancy and others. Firms can register themselves by submitting the Registration form available in the Vidyalyaya website www.kvlpk.org. The forms should be sent by Speedpost within 20 days of the publication of the advertisement.

PRINCIPAL