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Diamond Jubilee celebrations Shillong College organises SC Datta Memorial Lecture



Dr Samit Chakrabarty, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Presidency University, Kolkata, addresses students at Shillong College on Wednesday.

By Our Reporter
SHILLONG: The Department of English, Shillong College organised the SC Datta Memorial Lecture at the college conference hall on Wednesday as part of the institution's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Prof. Samit Chakrabarty, a retired faculty of the English Department, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, and son of the founder principal of Shillong College, addressed the students at the lecture. In his address, Prof. Datta reminisced the days when Shillong College was...

of Context". In his lecture, Dr Chakrabarty pointed out that there is a need for singularity of literature and hence intuitive understanding of art. "A literary text is picked up by a reader for its literary appeal and not for being a cultural text. However, at times, reading the cultural history of the moment becomes more important than the text itself," he said. In this context, he said that the various theories and 'isms' are indeed essential towards understanding the texts but argued that such representations and stereotypes distort the text of its marginality. He, therefore, urged critics and analysts to avoid such contextualization and rather present the text in its singularity and worldliness. As part of the programme a presentation on titled "Shillong College at 60", which featured students and faculty members who were part of Shillong College during the years of its establishment, was made. The interactive session was made lively by students and faculty members from various colleges of Shillong who were present at the lecture.



Chief Secretary K S Kropha (R) launched the Meghalaya e-Samiksha at the conference room of the State Secretariat on Wednesday. The e-Samiksha is a web portal designed for monitoring and fast-tracking pending projects under various departments. The system will enhance efficiency, ensure transparency, reduce the need for protracted correspondence and improve government-to-government (G2G) communication. (DPR)

PWD assures NH repair after picketing

From Our Correspondent
TURA: Work at the PWD NH division and MeEL sub-division in East and South Garo Hills was disrupted on Wednesday when students and social organisations picketed the offices demanding better services. GSU president Chuba Marak, who was leading the agitation, met NH executive engineer A Marhaining to discuss ways to restore the dilapidated NH-62. Marhaining told the picketers that a proposal to repair and black-top the 113-km stretch from Ganaspara to Baghmara has been sent to the Centre for approval. "Work will start immediately after we get the go-ahead from Delhi," he added. Meanwhile, the NGOs in Baghmara asked MeEL to reinstall the transformer at Nangalbaria in South Garo Hills to end erratic power supply. "Even after frequent power disruptions, the department concerned did not act. This shows negligence of duty. The Baghmara NGOs will pursue a future course of action against MeEL," said a protester on condition of anonymity.

Butcher's son kidnapped

From Our Correspondent
TURA: Suspected criminals have reportedly abducted the son of a butcher who went to sell his produce in a weekly market on Saturday last. The butcher's son was missing near Khoragura market, on the Tura-Duli road, after suspected criminals took him away. So far the family has kept mum about the incident as he has refrained from filing an FIR.

WKH village gets school building after 53 years

From Our Correspondent
K.P. Pangning on Wednesday inaugurated the building of West Khasi Hills project under the Inter State Border Area Development Programme (ISADDP) 2014-15 was implemented by Border Area Development Department. The government school was housed in a small wooden hut for 53 years and did not get fund for its upkeep. Speaking on the occasion, Pangning lauded the efforts of Border Area Development Officer A Lyngdoh.

Awareness programme for police recruitment

From Our Correspondent
JOWAI: The West Jaintia Hills District Executive Force conducted an awareness programme under the Transparent Recruitment Process (TRP) for candidates who have applied for various posts in the Meghalaya Police Department. Around 30 candidates under Assam's Civil Sub-Division participated in the awareness programme. West Jaintia Hills District Police chief R. Marhu said a similar programme would be conducted at Raizang, Narsing, Dawki and Jowai in September. The recruitment is likely to start in October.

Illegal sale, consumption of liquor banned at Nawal Sangsangre

From Our Correspondent
TURA: The residents of Nawal Sangsangre, West Garo Hills have prohibited illegal sale and consumption of liquor in shops and tea stalls in the locality in the wake of rising number of drunken brawls. The decision to ban black marketing and consumption of liquor was taken in a recent meeting that was attended by Church leaders, the Naksas of Nawal Sangsangre and former GHADC Chairman Ciry Marak.

4 convicted & fined for drinking, driving without licence

By Our Reporter
SHILLONG: A local court on Monday the trio - Md Zafar Uddin Ahmed, Babbar Sanaar and Shiva Chhetri - were arrested on Wednesday and a non-FIR case was registered against them at Saker Police Station. The court of L. Kharsing, Judicial Magistrate First Class, convicted them on Wednesday and slapped a fine of Rs 5,000 each. In another incident, a drunken person found driving without licence was fined Rs 2,500 by a local court. System said Garland-forth Kharsing was arrested and booked under Section 180(1)(b) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, on August 10.

Mukul asks KHADC...

(Contd from P-1) "In keeping with the safety concerns, unforeseen natural calamities, some legislative measures need to be worked out and it will be done so in such a manner that the whole operation of building by-laws will segregate the municipal areas from the scheduled areas," Sangma said. "A certain relief will be given to residents who have been subjected to various constraints with regard to getting occupancy certificates and electricity and water connections, which can be easily facilitated," he added.

A day of marathon...

(Contd from P-1) Sangma then held a meeting with Agriculture students on aspects related to recruitment. The chief minister's last meeting of the day was with the FRGEP who met him with a demand for upgrading Maswaryim into a civil sub division. Sources said that after the demand for change of leadership and the subsequent reshuffle of the cabinet, there is pressure on the chief minister to perform as the ACC and his detractors are said to be closely watching every development.

Road project impasse...

(Contd from P-1) However, the State has taken a firm stand that any activity related to uranium mining would be done only after the people of the State are taken on board," the chief minister said. He further said that the stand of the government is to engage and ensure that both the groups arrive at a consensus keeping in mind the best interests of the State. KSU president Daniel Kharyn said they had taken a stand against uranium mining because the Ministry had mentioned in its documents that the road was to facilitate uranium mining. Kharyn said the KSU highlighted several issues and added that the government assured them that it would address most of the issues.

Security panel on job...

(Contd from P-1) officiating as acting DGP. According to Sangma, the SSC also decided that in the first instance, all the available officers who qualify for the post as per the norms of the State Police Act will be given the opportunity to indicate their willingness to serve the post for its full term. Meanwhile, the SSC also reviewed various issues pertaining to internal security apparatus of the State, including law and order, and the Police department's response. The meeting was also attended by Home Minister H.D.R. Lyngdoh, Chief Secretary K.S. Kropha, acting DGP S.K. Jain and other senior officials from the Police Department.

High Court defers...

(Contd from P-1) Plaintiffinell Pangating, Biding Nongsej, Methab Lyngdoh, Sanbar Shalla, IHC JHADC member Stephen Makhin and two new respondents from Gauhati High Court Momin and Brigady Marak who had resigned as JHCs. The Court also did not agree with the argument of the petitioner's counsel N. Syngdon that the Prevention of Disqualification (Members of the Legislative Assembly) (Amendment) Act, 2015 was unconstitutional. The view of the petitioner was that the Amendment Act, 2015 has been questioned because it was passed during pendency of the earlier PIL in 2014 related to the dual post, "only for the purpose of undermining the judicial pronouncement and the same is liable to be struck down as being unconstitutional, illegal, ultra vires and void". However, according to the Court, prima facie, it finds such a submission not making out a case for striking down the Amendment Act of 2015, and challenging the Amendment Act of 2015 appears to be otherwise standing in conflict and even contradictory to the other grounds sought to be taken in the petition. "Having said so, and while leaving it open to the counsel for the petitioner to consider his option, we defer consideration of this matter today. List this matter tomorrow," the Court said.

Case against Conrad...

(Contd from P-1) Both the counsels submitted that they had filed their respective applications on maintainability of the election petition as well as opposition and prayed that the matter may be fixed for hearing on September 8 to decide the maintainability.

SSA teachers'...

(Contd from P-1) The 4th charter can be shifted to the lower primary section to ease the problem. Referring to the demand for increase of salaries, Sangma informed that it will be applicable to those teachers who have fulfilled the National Council of Teachers Education (NCTE) norms. For the set of teachers who have not fulfilled NCTE norms yet, it is the Education department of the state that will enhance their salaries as approved by the Project Approval Board of the Ministry of Human Resources Development an enhancement of salary of the teachers working under Sarva Shiksha Abhyas (SSA).

Trade unions, TUR to join protest rally

By Our Reporter
SHILLONG: The city-based, Meghalaya Joint Council of Trade Unions and Associations (MJCTUA) and its associated organisations will join the workers' rally at Parking Lot, opposite the CTO building on Vivekananda Road at 11.30am on Friday. In a press communique, TUR said the Centre failed to control spiralling prices of essential commodities and could not guarantee employment or increase minimum wages. "It is moving fast towards demolishing the existing labour laws, thereby empowering employers with unfettered rights to hire and fire". "The anti-worker and authoritarian attitude of the government is also reflected in their refusal to implement rights such as the anti-discrimination and the TUR release stated. In Meghalaya, TUR has led the way for the working class struggle and it believes that cooperation and unity among the working class is the only way to take back power from the ruling elites to ensure a truly democratic and egalitarian society. As part of the solidarity programme, TUR, NHBU and MGPSPVA have called upon all work-

Coal-laden trucks seized in WJH

From Our Correspondent
JOWAI: Illegal transportation of coal from Jaintia Hills District to Assam continues unabated despite the ban imposed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT). West Jaintia Hills Police seized two coal-laden trucks on Wednesday morning. The police said the owner of the truck has been identified as Konesh Lyngdoh Sobhahpoh of Pohkar village in the district. The drivers were identified as Wandobh Lyngdoh of Pohkar village and Gibernald Lyngdoh of Bhuai village. West Jaintia Hills Police chief R. Marhu said a case has been lodged against Konesh Lyngdoh Sobhahpoh and his drivers.

Agriculture students...

(Contd from P-1) Maswaryim & RD Block to a Civil Sub-Division, Sangma agreed to convene a meeting on the issue. The FRGEP also demanded the state government to start a cable car network from Sohra to Maswaryim.

BSF seizes...

(Contd from P-1) of local goats, being the cattle to the forested areas and look for the right time to take these animals through the unfenced border. BSF has been pursuing the local forest dwellers for their support in rearing the miscreants, said a BSF junior. The forces seized 28 animals on Wednesday.

Meghalaya Crime Update

Fire breaks out at labour camp
On August 30 around 2.45 pm, fire broke out in a labour camp at 1st Ground, Pole, Shillong. As a result, utensils, clothes and documents belonging to the labourers occupying the labour camp were destroyed. Cause of fire is reportedly due to burning of charcoal 'chullah' by the labourers. Manter is under enquiry.

Cattle lifters held
On August 30 evening, residents of Lintar village under Nongpoh PS (Ri-Bibi) apprehended two persons Shain Lyrim (22) and Bhaban S. Sangma (23) accusing them of cattle lifting and handed them over to Police at Nongpoh PS.

Truck fatally injures handyman
In a freak accident, a handyman of the truck was killed after he was run over by the same truck. On August 30 at around 7 am, the handyman Nazam Bhaman (22), accidentally fell down from the running truck (MH-65C-2155) and was fatally run over by the same truck.

Car tapes recovered
On August 30 at around 9.15 am, one Winky Masoth (13) of Mowbi under Mandlaoting police station was apprehended from Nongphymptam, and two car tapes were recovered from his possession.

Four fake birth certificates detected
Dr. J.K. Marak, DM & HO, East Garo Hills lodged a complaint (August 29), that four persons, Sangma Ch Marak, Rangrang K. Marak, Selang R. Marak, and Korral N. Sangma submitted fake birth certificates in his office at Williamsnagar (East Garo Hills).

House burgled
One Arki Daroi Langstang lodged a complaint that on August 29 between 8 am and 8 pm, miscreants broke into his house at Lomshoph Spring, Shillong and stole one laptop computer and one mobile phone.

Mentally ill shifted to MIHMANS
On August 29 at around 8.30 pm, one mentally ill person named Palu Biswa was found loitering at Marauli Nongkhar-IV. He was shifted to MIHMANS.

Woman knocked down
On August 29 at around 8.30 pm, one motorcycle (MH-65H-291) ridden by Enka Baisaki knocked down a woman identified as Newfired Lyngdoh Nongait at Mawing. Victim sustained injuries and was removed to Civil Hospital.

NGT ban violation
On August 30 at about 6 pm, Police detected one truck (AS-1AC-8018) driven by Sidang Nongdoh (28 yrs) at Unsiang. East Jaintia Hills illegally transporting coal in violation of NGT order.