

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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Republic Day, 2018 celebrated across the State

Shillong, January 26, 2018: At Tura, Deputy Commissioner, Ram Singh unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of 12 Parade Contingents at Dikki Bandi Stadium, West Garo Hills Tura. The parade contingents comprised of State Police, DEF, Home Guards and Civil Defence, Girl Guides and Boys Scout Company and Band Party from 2nd MLP Battalion, Goeragre led by parade commander, Mr. S Bamania.

The other highlights of the day's celebration were colourful dances and patriotic songs performed by school students and College of Home Science including a tableau presentation by Deputy Commissioner, Election showcasing EVM-VVPAT awareness, which would be used for the first time during State Legislative Assembly Elections on February 27, 2018.

During the function, the Chief Guest presented the Kayakalp Awards to Babadam Public Health Centre and Selsella Community Health Centre for promoting cleanliness and enhancing the quality of public health facilities in the district.

Further, on the occasion the Chief Guest presented the Special Award to (Late) Rev. Father Antony Buccieri posthumously for his outstanding contribution in the field of Social Service, Community Development, Education, Literature and Religious Brotherhood, and Rev. Frithing D Sangma for his contribution towards Peace, Social Development, Religious Brotherhood and Youth Inspiration.

Later in the afternoon games and sports were organised for children.

At Williamnagar, Deputy Commissioner, Shri Ram Kumar S. unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of the 12 marching contingents comprising of Meghalaya Police, school students, Scouts and

Guides and NCC at Rongrenggre Government Higher Secondary School playground.

Rongrenggre Govt. Higher Secondary School in boys category and Educere Secondary School in girls category respectively were adjudged the best marching contingents.

Other highlights of the day included the cultural program, children's sports, distribution of fruits to the inmates of Williamnagar Jail and patients of the Civil Hospital, friendly football match, etc.

At Ampati, Deputy Commissioner, Cyril Darlong Diengdoh, unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of nine marching contingents comprising of the State Police and various schools at Ampati in South West Garo Hills.

The highlights of the day's celebration were colourful traditional dances and patriotic songs performed by school students and, sports and games, cultural troupes including a tableau presentation showcasing EVM-VVPAT awareness and the State's election mascots, Mark and Markor.

At Resubelpara, Deputy Commissioner, Shri S. C. Sadhu took the Rashtriya Salute of the 9 Parade contingents at Mini Stadium, Resubelpara.

The Kayakalp Award for cleanliness and hygiene was awarded to Wageasi PHC. From the nine Parade Contingents, North Garo Hills Scouts & Guides bagged the award for the Best March Past. Other highlights of the day include cultural programme, sports & games and others.

At Baghmara, Deputy Commissioner, Smti S. N. Marak took the Rashtriya salute of the marching contingents comprising of BSF Jawans, DEF, Baghmara, SF-10 and school students at Government Higher Secondary School Playground, Baghmara.

During the celebration, Kolapara village under Gasuapara C&RD Block received the Cleanest Village Award with Trophy, certificates and cash of Rs 25,000/- . Awards for Swachhta Champion was also being presented to Shri Santi M Marak of Donigre village, Shri Nellison A

Sangma of Sasatgre village under Chokpot C & RD Block and Shri Barthline R Marak of Kolapara village for their active participation and valuable service towards achieving community cleanliness. The best Tableau Display Award was bagged by District Commerce & Industries Centre and the second best Tableau Display award was bagged by Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), Baghmara.

Other highlights of the celebration include sports and games and community sports like Tug of war, Rongma Chilsusaa etc.

At Jowai, Deputy Commissioner, Shri R. Rapthap unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of the 25 marching contingents comprising District Executive Force, 3rd MLP Battalion, District Home Guards, Bharat Scouts & Guides and students from various schools at Jrisalein Playground.

Best PHC was awarded to Shangpung PHC with a cash prize of Rs 2,00,000/-

At Khliehriat, Deputy Commissioner Shri M. S. Lhuid took the Rashtriya Salute of the nine marching contingents at Khliehriat Higher Secondary School playground.

Little Star Secondary School was awarded the best parade contingent while Rymbai Presbyterian Higher Secondary School bagged the second runners up. During the day Tableau were presented by various Departments of the District. District Commerce & Industries Centre Department bagged the first prize.

At Nongstoin Deputy Commissioner, Shri Arun Kumar Kembhavi unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of 18 Parade contingent comprising of the District Police, NCC, Scout & Guide and school students at New Nongstoin playground.

Others highlight of the Day were Tableau presentation, presentation of Kayakalp Award 2018 was given to Kynrud PHC and Riangdo PHC. Cultural programme, sports and games, friendly Football match, distribution of sweet and food packages to patients of Civil Hospital, S.

Wolling Children's Home, Nongpyndeng etc and distribution of prizes to the winners of the March past.

At Mawkyrwat, Deputy Commissioner, Kum. Isawanda Laloo unfurled the National Flag and took the salute of the March past contingents comprising of 13 schools, Police and NCC at Maharam Higher Secondary School, Mawkyrwat.

Other highlights of the day include cultural programmes, sports and games, distribution of sweets and food packages to the inmates of CHC, Mawkyrwat and Hope Orphanage.

Mawthawpdah PHC is felicitated with a cheque of Rs 2 lac while Rangthong PHC was felicitated with a cheque of Rs 50,000/- as commendation for the services rendered in maintenance of sanitation and infection control practices in public healthcare facilities

At Nongpoh, Deputy Commissioner, Shri C. P. Gotmare unfurled the National flag and took the Rashtriya salute of the 17 contingents comprising of the Meghalaya Police, NCC, Scouts & Guides, School Students from different schools and a Band from St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Nongpoh at NSCA Mini Stadium, Pahamsyiem Nongpoh.

Umden PHC bagged the Best PHC award, Commendation Award for CHC and PHC was bagged by Patharkhmah CHC, Marngar and Mawhati PHCs respectively.

The day was also marked by cultural programmes and distribution of food packages to the inmates of Leprosy Colony, Nongpoh Civil Hospital, Orphanage Mawtnum, Children'S Homes at Saiden and Umlyngkdait.

At Sohra Civil Sub-Division, Shri. Shantanu Sharma, Sub-Divisional Officer, Sohra Civil Sub-Division unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of the marching contingents comprising of Meghalaya Police, NCC and School contingents at Sohra Sports Stadium, Saitsohpen, Sohra.

St. John Bosco Boys Hr. Sec. School, Maraikaphon, Sohra bagged the 1st Prize among the Marching Contingents.

The other highlights of the day were cultural programmes, distribution of Gift Packages to the patients of Sohra N.R.M Hospital, St. John Orphanage Home, Maraikaphon, Sohra, Borsing Syiem Children's Home, Mawsmat and Penial Orphanage, Mawjrong.

At Mairang Civil Sub Division Shri H. S. Diengdoh in-charge SDO (C) Mairang Sub-Division took the Rashtriya Salute of fifteen marching contingents.

At Dadenggre Civil Sub-Division, SDO (C) Dadenggre, Swapnil Tembe unfurled the National flag and took the Rashtriya salute of 13 marching contingents.

Other highlights of the day include cultural program.

At Amlarem Civil Sub-Division, Smti D. M. Suja, SDO (Civil) Amlarem, unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute at Amlarem Government Primary School Playground.

The celebration was marked by songs, cultural items and dances presented by students of various schools and cultural troupes from the Sub-Division. Tableaus were also presented by Soil and Water Conservation, P.H.E, Agriculture and AH and Veterinary Department.

Prizes and certificates were distributed to the various participants. Nongtalang Government Secondary School was adjudged the best parade contingent. The prize for the 1st Runners up went to Amlarem Secondary School while Amwi Jarain Secondary School was awarded the prize for the 2nd Runners up.

The Department of Soil & Water Conservation was given the award for the best tableau presentation. The AH & Veterinary Department was given the award for the 1st Runners up while the Department of Agriculture took the prize for the 2nd Runners up.

At Pynursla Civil Sub-Division, D. Hynniewta, SDO (C), Pynursla Civil Sub-Division, unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of the 13 parade contingents comprising of the police and school students at Urksew Umkor Pynursla Sport Club Stadium.

At Mawshynrut Civil Sub Division Shri K. L. Nongbri in-charge SDO (Civil) Mawshynrut Sub-Division took the Rashtriya Salute of seven parade contingents.

At Raksamgre Civil Sub-Division, Leben Ch Mark, ADC, Raksamgre Civil Sub-division unfurled the Tricolor and took the Rashtriya Salute of the 6 marching contingents, comprising of 2nd MLP Battalion and students of various schools at Raksamgre public playground.

The daylong celebration included songs and cultural programmes performed by school students and local church choir. Other highlights of the day include distribution of sweets, sports for children and a friendly football match.

At Chokpot Civil Sub-Division, Shri Zenithsky Sangma, SDO (C), Chokpot Civil Sub-Division unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of the marching contingents comprising of BSF, DEF, Scouts & Guides at Govt. U. P. School Playground.

At Ranikor Administrative Unit Shri L.G. Kharmih, BDO, Ranikor Administrative Unit hoisted the National Flag and took the salute of the marching contingents at Nolikata playground, Ranikor.