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CMYEP 2026 Opens in West Khasi Hills to Empower Young Talent

Nongstoiñ, September 8, 2026: The Chief Minister's Block Level Youth Engagement Programme (CMYEP) 2026, under the theme "Young Meghalaya Shaping Tomorrow," was inaugurated today at the Market Complex Hall, New Nongstoiñ, West Khasi Hills District.

The programme aims to provide young people with opportunities to participate, learn and grow, while encouraging their talents, creativity, skills and leadership.



The programme was graced by Smt. Gracefulness Sten, Principal, DIET Nongstoiñ, as the Chief Guest.

In her address, she highlighted that youth is a brief but important stage of life, marked by energy, creativity, ambition and the courage to explore new opportunities. She encouraged young people to make the most of this period by developing their skills, setting clear goals and remaining resilient in the face of setbacks.

Speaking on the theme "Young Meghalaya Shaping Tomorrow," she reflected on

when, why and what the youth should shape. She emphasised that the time to shape the future is today, as tomorrow is the result of the choices and actions taken in the present. She urged the youth not to wait for the future to arrive, but to begin preparing themselves and taking meaningful steps today.



She further explained that the future must be shaped because the youth are not merely beneficiaries of tomorrow's Meghalaya but will be its leaders, professionals, entrepreneurs, innovators and responsible citizens. Their choices, values, skills and actions will have a direct bearing on the progress of the State.



On what to shape, she encouraged the youth to shape not only their careers and ambitions but also their character, knowledge, skills, mindset and communities. She urged them to make wise choices, nurture their mental, physical and emotional well-being, and use their talents positively for the benefit of society. She reminded them that true progress comes when personal growth is combined with a commitment to building a better Meghalaya.



The District Sports Officer (DSO), West Khasi Hills, Smt B. Syiem in her welcome address, highlighted the importance of providing platforms for young people to discover and develop their talents.

The programme also featured Dr. Maxwell Lyngdoh, Counsellor and Career Expert, Shillong, who shared guidance with the youth on career development and opportunities.

Various competitions and activities were organised, including guitar and flute competitions, dance, folk song and other cultural and creative performances, providing young participants with an opportunity to showcase their talents.



The programme seeks to encourage greater youth participation and inspire young people to take an active role in shaping their own future and contributing towards a stronger, more progressive and prosperous Meghalaya.