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Kendriya Hindi Sansthan inaugurated

Shillong, 21st Nov 2021: Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma in the presence of Minister, Education, Government of India, Dharmendra Pradhan, today, inaugurated Kendriya Hindi Sansthan at Mawdiangdiang, Shillong. Also present during the inauguration was Minister, Education, Lakhmen Rymbui.



Addressing the gathering Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma said that in many States not much of due importance is given to the Hindi language. He said that the youth have taken to learning foreign languages such as Japanese, Italian or Spanish in the hope of getting attractive jobs in those countries. “If similar importance of learning foreign languages is given to learn Hindi one will be at an advantageous position,” he said. He also stated that unless we break the language barrier it will be very difficult to provide employment to the youth and added that for anyone from the North East region who wishes to work in the other economically developed states of the country knowing the Hindi language will be helpful. “I have studied in Delhi and learnt Hindi



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and we would converse in the language as today as the Chief Minister when I go to Delhi and interact with the ministers and officials, I find a different comfort level in communication,” he said. He expressed happiness in having the institution in the State and urged the youth to give due importance to Hindi.

The Chief Minister also said that as per the New Education Policy the local language should be encouraged in schools and colleges. “The North East is rich in languages, culture and heritage and we need to preserve this rich cultural heritage which is the identity of the people and many languages have become extinct,” he said. He further added that there is a need to use modern technology to preserve this cultural heritage besides preserving them in documents and books. He also urged the Minister to have a detailed research in the languages of Meghalaya.

He also said that Meghalaya will be celebrating 50 years in 21st January 2022 and it would be befitting if the Garo and the Khasi language will be included in the 8th Schedule. “The people of the State have been working very hard for the inclusion of these two languages in the 8th Scheduled and the Meghalaya assembly has also passed a resolution in this respect and if these languages are included in the 8th Schedule it would be a great gift for the people of the State,” he said.

Speaking during the occasion, Minister, Education, Government of India, Dharmendra Pradhan said that the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Shillong will cater to the needs of students wishing to learn Hindi from the states of Tripura, Mizoram and Meghalaya. He said that language cannot be imposed on anyone but learning any language other than one’s mother tongue is not harmful. “India is a country rich in Biodiversity and every language spoken in this country is my mother tongue,” he said. He also added that in modern era technology can be leveraged upon to preserve and promote this rich cultural Biodiversity not only in the world but within the country itself.

He also said that North East is a storehouse of culture, good practices and knowledge and this should be shared with other regions of the country.

Also speaking, Minister, education, Lakhmen Rymbui said that language is very important and India is blessed with many languages and dialects especially in the North East region. He added that the institute will help the people of the region in learning and understanding Hindi in a better way. He also said that Hindi can be used as the medium of communication alongside English and informed that the State government has trained teachers to help students have a basic knowledge of the Hindi language.



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The Chief Minister and other dignitaries also released books during the occasion.

