

72nd Republic Day celebrated across the State

Shillong, January 27, 2021: Together with the rest of the country, 72nd Republic Day was celebrated across the Districts and Sub-Divisions of Meghalaya on January 26, 2021.

In **Ri Bhoi**, the celebration was held at NSCA Stadium, Pahamsyiem, Nongpoh where Shri James P K.Sangma, Minister Forest & Environment, Information & Public Relations unfurled the Tri-Color and took the Rashtriya salute of 5 marching contingents comprising of 6th Battalion, PTS Umran and a Band from St. Paul's Hr. Sec School Nongpoh.

Display of tableaux by different government departments, cultural dances and songs, penalty shoot out, tug of war and distribution of prizes to the winners marked the celebration.

The day ended with the presentation of Awards to the officers of various government departments for their services during COVID-19 pandemic, presentation of award for the Best performing Health Institution, Best performing ASHA, Best Health & Wellness Nurse, Best Performing ASHA Facilitator, Best Performing VHSNC and distribution of BBBP Award in various categories, like Sports and meritorious students.

In **West Garo Hills**, the day was celebrated at P A Sangma Stadium, Dakopgre, Tura, where Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Speaker, Shri Metbah Lyngdoh unfurled the Tri colour and took the Rashtriya salute of the three platoons of Meghalaya Police.

The Chief Guest also presented Certificates of Appreciation to the two best performing Health & Wellness centers of West Garo Hills district. He also felicitated twenty one health workers from the district for their selfless dedication in performing their duties and contribution during the COVID 19 pandemic. The Speaker also gave away prizes to the winners of the cultural programme and tableau presentation.

In **East Garo Hills**, the celebration was held at Rongrenggre Govt. Higher Secondary School playground, Williamnagar where Shri. Hamletson Dohling, Minister, C & RD, etc unfurled the National Flag and took the rashtriya salute of the parade contingent represented by the East Garo Hills District Executive Force of Meghalaya Police.

The highlights of the celebration included colorful cultural programs and tableau presentations by the Soil and Water Conservation Department on hydroponics, the PHE department on Jal Jeevan Mission, DRDA on PMAY DCIC on PMEGP and Health Department on TB eradication by 2025.

In **South West Garo Hills**, GAD Minister for GAD, etc, Dasakhiatbha Lamare, unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of the parade by MLP and SF-10 platoons at Ampati Students' Field. The highlight of the celebration was the tableau presentation by five departments, including, AH& Veterinary department on Bird Flu, Health department on COVID-19 protocols, PHE on Swachh Bharat Mission (G), DRDA & IBDLP and Fire & Emergency Service and a brief cultural programme by the students and cultural troupes. On the occasion, appreciation certificates were presented to the frontline workers in recognition of their untiring services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Lower Damalgre VHSNC was awarded the Best VHSNC 2020-21, while Garobadha PHC received the appreciation certificate for exemplary performance under ABPMJAY and MHIS.

In **East Jaintia Hills**, the function was held at Khliehriat Higher Secondary School Playground, where PHE Minister, Shri. Renikton Lyngdoh Tongkhar unfurled the Tri colour and took the Rashtriya Salute to the tune of the National Anthem.

The other highlights of the celebration included songs, cultural dance and a Tableau presentation by different government departments.

The Minister also handed over Awards for Cleanest Village in East Jaintia Hills District to Latyrke village, Rymbai village and Moolamyliang village. Pamra Paithlu PHC also received an award for the top performing PHC in the District in the implementation of MHIS and Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY). Awards were also given to the winners of the tableau presentation and Cultural Dance.

As part of the celebration, The District Officers distributed gifts to the children and inmates of Civil Hospital, Khliehriat and Sutnga and the Children,s Homes in the District.

In **West Jaintia Hills**, Home Minister Shri. Lahkmen Rymbui unfurled the National flag and took the Rastriya salute to the tune of the National Anthem led by the local band at a function held at Jrisalein playground. 12 Tableau presentation from various departments of the District projecting the schemes and achievements were also displayed.

Health and Wellness Centre Awards were also given on the day.

In **South West Khasi Hills**, Shri. A L Hek, Minister I/c Health & Family Welfare, unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya salute at a function held at Maharam Govt. Higher Secondary School, Mawkyrwat.

The other highlight of the day were Tableau Presentation by different Departments of the District. As a token of appreciation for the exemplary work and tireless efforts in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Administration awarded Certificates and mementos to frontline workers including health workers, police and community leaders. The Department of Health & Family Welfare Govt. of Meghalaya (MHIS) selected Mawthawpdah PHC as the top performing PHC in the District. (L) Yamuna Naik Academic Award-2020 given by SMART Charitable Trust Meghalaya in collaboration with the Education Department was awarded to Miss Deusvobiscum Wanniang, Presbyterian Secondary School, Mawlangwir and Miss Mattibakordor Khongngain, JNV Nongstoin.

In **North Garo Hills**, Republic Day was celebrated at the Mini Stadium Resubelpara where Shri Brolding Nongsiej, Minister of Water Resources, Home Guard & Civil Defence, took the Rashtriya Salute and unfurled the tri colour.

On the occasion, awards were given to the top performing CHC and PHC under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana & MHIS to Wageasi PHC and Resubelpara CHC. The (L) Yamuna Naik Award 2019 and 2020 for outstanding performance in SSLC Examination were also given to Nardino Sangma, Ariel Cherik Marak and Santara Rabha.

In **West Khasi Hills**, Republic Day was celebrated at St Peter's Higher Secondary School playground Pyndengrei, where Deputy Chief Minister of Meghalaya Shri. Prestone Tynsong unfurled the tri-color and took the Rashtriya Salute of three Parade contingents from the DEF, 4th MLP battalion Sohpien and Civil Defence & Home Guard Nongstoin.

The highlights of the Day were presentation of (L) Smti. Yamuna Naik Award to Mr. M. Amebari Nongsiej of Nongstoin Public School who secured 91.66.%, Markasa PHC for the

Top Performing PHC in West Khasi Hills District, felicitation of Best Health And Wellness Center, Best Performing Health & Wellness Nurse, Fit Health Worker and Kayakalp Award. Eatables were also distributed to patients of Civil Hospital, St. Peter's Green Pasteur Orphanage Pyndengrei, S. Wollington Children's Home Nongpyndeng and shelter Homes for Boys and Girls Nondein, Nongstoin.

In **South Garo Hills**, the day was celebrated at District Sports Playground, Baghmara where Minister of Transport, Urban Affairs, etc Shri Sniawbhalang Dhar took the Rashtriya Salute of two parade contingents comprising of District Enforcement Force and BSF Jawans. COVID-19 warriors including health workers and community leaders are also being felicitated on the day. The top performing PHC in South Garo Hills District under the Megha Health Insurance Scheme was awarded to Nongalbibra PHC for the overall utilization of the scheme.

In **Sohra Civil Sub-Division**, the 72nd Republic Day was celebrated at Sohra Sports Stadium, Saitsohpen, Sohra where Shri. Balajied K. Synrem, MLA Shella Constituency, unfurled the Tri Colour Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute of the marching contingents.

In **Dadenggre Civil Sub-Division** Deputy Speaker of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Shri Timothy D. Shira hoisted the tricolour and took the Rashtriya Salute of the march past of the 2nd MLP Batallion.

Certificates were also given to the best performing employees working in different government departments under Dadenggre Sub-Division.

In **Raksamgre Civil Sub Division**, Thomas A. Sangma MLA, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Besides the March Past presented by the police department, various cultural presentations were also showcased.

In **Mawshynrut Civil Sub Division**, the celebration was held at Riangdo playground where Shri. P.D. Sangma ADC I/c SDO Civil Mawshynrut unfurled the National Flag and took the salute of one parade IRBN contingent. Other highlights of the day were dance and songs presented by the Students of Lyngngam Presbyterian College, prize distribution and distribution of food packages to the patients of Riangdo PHC.

In **Mairang Civil Sub Division**, the celebration held at Madan Dommawlum playground was attended by Shri. R.M. Sangma, MLA who unfurled the National Flag and took the salute of one parade contingent of the MLP Mairang Sub-Division. Other highlights of the day included Tableau presentation by 8 government departments, cultural programmes, prize distribution and distribution of eatables.

In **Chokpot Civil Sub Division**, Government Chief Whip, Shri. Marcuise N Marak unfurled the National flag and took Rashtriya Salute.

In **Amlarem Civil Sub Division**, Social Welfare Minister, Shri Kyrmen Shylla unfurled the National Flag and took the rashtriya salute at a function held at Amlarem Secondary School Playground. Awards were presented on the day to government departments for their untiring service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In **Ranikor Civil Sub Division**, Shri. Sanbor Shullai, MLA, hoisted the Tri Colour at a function held at Nolikata playground. Highlights of the days included felicitation of COVID-19 warriors.

In **Pynursla Civil Sub Division**, Shri Gigur Myrthong, MLA unfurled the Tri Colour at a function held at Urksew Umkar Pynursla Sports Club playground.

In **Patharkhmah Administrative Unit**, Shri. Nurjorki Sungoh, MLA unfurled the National Flag and took the salute of the parade contingent of Meghalaya Police at Patharkhmah Playground.

Republic Day was also celebrated at **Hima Shangpung** at Hula Playground, Moosyiem, Shangpung where Shri. Saleng A Sangma, MLA hoisted the National Flag.