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68TH ALL INDIA COOPERATIVE WEEK CELEBRATION INAUGURATED

Shillong, November 15, 2021: Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Kum. I Laloo today inaugurated the 68th All India Cooperative Week Celebration in a function held at Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd, Shillong.



The programme was organized by the office of the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies, East Khasi Hills District Shillong in collaboration with the Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd., Shillong on the theme, “Prosperity Through Cooperation” while the topic of the day was “The Role of Co-operatives in Tackling Covid Pandemic and Strengthening Health Cooperatives”.



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Delivering her address, Kum. I Laloo acknowledged the valuable contribution of health cooperatives in different parts of the country in tackling various challenges of the Covid -19 pandemic. Reiterating the need to review the performance and progress of the cooperative movement in the local context before widening the scope of talking about the importance of cooperatives in various aspects of our lives and society, she stressed on the need to engage all stakeholders so that they can come together to further the cause of the movement in the State. Lauding local cooperative societies for their commendable performance over the years, she said that such societies need to be given a platform to serve as an example and encouragement for others. Adding that there is an endless array of activities that through the institution of the cooperative society can help elevate people from poverty, Kum Laloo pointed out the important role that the officers of the Cooperative Department can play by creating awareness on the avenues available through government schemes such as Piggery Mission, Milk Mission, the Integrated Village Cooperative Societies etc. The objective of the Cooperative Movement in the State should be to empower cooperatives so that they can think in a new direction, she added.





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The week-long celebrations which aim at providing an opportunity for cooperatives to highlight their success stories, project their achievements and chalk a future action plan which can provide a direction to the growth of the cooperative movement is being observed through a series of programmes including workshops, seminars, contests and other events from November 14-21, 2021. **(MIPR)**