

PRESS RELEASE



CM attends program of Seng Bah Nongshat Nongkhien at Baniun Village

Shillong, 19th Aug 2026: Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri. Conrad K. Sangma, today visited Baniun Village at Upper Shillong, to attend the foundation stone laying ceremony for the boundary wall of the headquarter of Ka Seng Bah Nongshat Nongkhien Hynniewtrep Hynniewskum. Also present during the occasion was MLA, Myllem Constituency, Shri Ronnie V Lyngdoh.





Delivering his address, Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K Sangma, said that the program of the day is not just a CMSDF sanction but in line and continuing the process of the government's commitment to uphold, protect, promote the traditions, the cultures, and most importantly, the identity of the people. "I was very happy to see the Wangala group coming here and performing in this program. I think it's a very small but a very powerful message that you are giving to the people of the state and I thank you for that," he said and emphasized on the values of loving one's own community and roots but underscoring the value of unity. "It is only with unity and respect and only by working together we can move forward as a society and as a state. I hope that this brotherhood, love, respect, and unity will continue to grow," he said.



Ka Seng Bah Nongshat Nongkhien, was established in 1982 at Madanriting, Shillong. Following its establishment, the Seng acquired a property at Baniun through contributions made by the elders, also known as “Ki Riew Tymmen,” along with the members of the organization and designated as the Headquarters of the Seng and has continued to serve as its permanent place of work and activities.

The project cost of the boundary wall is ₹ 41,69,260/- funded by the Chief Minister’s Special Development Fund 2025-26.



The primary aim and objective of the Seng Bah Nongshat Nongkhien is to assist and guide the Khasi people who follow the indigenous faith, “Ka Niam Tynrai.” The Seng seeks to preserve and impart knowledge regarding the proper performance of traditional rites, rituals and ceremonies for the benefit of families and communities also providing guidance and assistance to individuals and families across Ri Khasi and Ri Bhoi, as well as to anyone who seeks the knowledge and assistance of the elders, traditional practitioners and spiritual leaders associated with the Seng.

The members of the Seng also provide assistance to people who are unwell or suffering from various ailments through traditional prayers, rituals and methods of healing. Such traditional practices include massage, the use of traditional medicines and other forms of indigenous healing. These services are provided on a regular basis to those who seek the assistance of the Seng.