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District-Level Children's Science Congress 2026 Held at Khliehriat

Khliehriat, October 16, 2026: The District-Level Children's Science Congress carrying the theme "Science and Innovation for Sustainability" organized as part of the 32nd National Children's Science Congress (NCSC) 2026 by The Social Humanoid, the Nodal Agency for Meghalaya, under the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India was organized today at a programme held at Dkhiah East Community Hall, East Jaintia Hills District.

The programme was attended by District Coordinator, office of the District School Education Officer (DSEO), East Jaintia Hills District, Smt. Nevy Mary Dkhar in the presence of the Founder of The Social Humanoid, Shri Lakhan Prasad, , Executive Member, of The Social Humanoid, Shri Khambor Malngiang, District Coordinator, of The Social Humanoid, Smti. Baiakhuidlang Sayoo.



District Coordinator in the Office of the District School Education Officer, East Jaintia Hills District, Smti Nevy Mary Dkhar, in her speech, highlighted the Government of India's efforts over the past 32 years to encourage students to understand and explore science rather than merely memorise scientific concepts. She also emphasised the significance of the theme, "Science and Innovation for Sustainability," and explained the concept of sustainability to the students. She stated that

while everyone aspires to witness development, development at the cost of the environment cannot be considered true development, but rather leads to destruction.

Further, she encouraged the students to be innovative and creative in their thinking and approach, stating that these qualities would help them achieve success in life.



Meanwhile, Founder of The Social Humanoid, Shri Lakhan Prasad, in his address, highlighted the objective of the programme, which was to encourage students to develop their creative ideas and innovative thinking by providing them with a platform to showcase their talents and abilities in science and innovation. He also encouraged the students to be ambitious and dream big in life, while urging them to strive for excellence so that they could perform well at the State-level competition.

Furthermore, he motivated students who were not selected to represent the district at the State level this year not to be discouraged, but to continue working hard and return next year with new and creative ideas.



During the day long programme, students presented their scientific models and explained their innovative ideas, experimental processes and the practical applications of their projects. They highlighted how their creative ideas and scientific innovations could contribute to safeguarding human life, protecting animals and preserving the environment, while promoting sustainability and ensuring a better future for generations to come.

In the Junior Category, the first position was secured by Arabindala Choudala of Star Public School, Lumshnong, for the project titled “Anti-Slip Steps.” The second position went to Adhyayan Rathore, also of Star Public School, Lumshnong, for his project titled “Tomato Waste as a Hydroponic Nutrient Source.” While the third position was secured by Leki Kam of Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School, Lamyrsiang, for the project titled “Preparation of Organic Biodegradable Knife.”



In the Higher Secondary Category, Vanshika Sak of Star Public School, Lumshnong, emerged as the winner for her project titled “Comparative Study of Plant Growth in Soil Near a Cement Factory.” While, Shariadlang Neki Manai of Star Public School, Lumshnong, emerged as the runner-up for his project titled “From Hustle to Home: An Eco-Friendly Flower Pot.”



It is also worth mentioning that the winners of the District-Level Children’s Science Congress will represent the district at the upcoming State-Level Children’s Science Congress.



It may be mentioned that the National Children's Science Congress is a flagship programme of the NCSTC) aimed at encouraging children to develop a scientific outlook, explore innovative ideas and engage in scientific investigations. The district-level event provides a platform for young participants to showcase their scientific projects, creativity and problem-solving abilities, while promoting scientific thinking and innovation to address challenges related to sustainability