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## West Khasi Hills District Golden Jubilee Closing Celebration Begins in Nongstoin

**Nongstoin, October 27, 2026:** The three-day closing celebration of the West Khasi Hills District's Golden Jubilee began on Monday at New Nongstoin Playground, bringing together participants from across the district for sports competitions, traditional games, essay competitions, cultural performances, exhibitions and other programmes.

The celebration, scheduled from October 26 to 28, marks the district's 50th anniversary and is being held at the district headquarters.

The inaugural programme was attended by Smti Hema Nayak, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of West Khasi Hills, along with Shri H. Kharkongor, MPS, Superintendent of Police, West Khasi Hills; Smti Anju J. Batar, IAS; Smti Nylla E. Wanniang, MCS, Assistant Commissioner; and officials from various departments.

The opening day featured the final rounds of sports and traditional games competitions conducted across the district's different blocks. Events included Mawpoint, Kynthait Pohdun and Tan Tyllai (Tug of War), highlighting the region's indigenous heritage and traditional sporting culture.



Students of Byrki Government Lower Primary School added to the cultural programme with a series of performances. The evening continued with a musical presentation by Syntung, a band from East Khasi Hills District, whose vocal and instrumental performances entertained the audience.

Stalls showcasing local products, handicrafts, vegetables and other items were also set up at the venue. A food court offered a range of dishes and provided an additional platform for promoting local produce and products.

Medals and trophies were presented to winners of various competitions organised as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, including essay competitions, kite-flying, traditional horse-riding and other sports and cultural events held throughout the celebration period. The awards recognised the participants' achievements and contributions to the Golden Jubilee festivities.








Individuals recommended by various departments were also honoured for their outstanding performance and contributions in their respective fields.

The District Administration has appealed to residents to visit New Nongstoin Playground, take part in the remaining programmes and join in commemorating the Golden Jubilee of West Khasi Hills District.