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39th Meghalaya Day celebrated

TURA, January 21: The 39th Meghalaya Day was today celebrated with the rest of the State at Tura with an elaborate function organized by the District Administration at the Deputy Commissioner's Office premises.

Meghalaya was formed on this particular day in the year 1972 as a full pledged State and was carved out of the erstwhile State of Assam. The Capital of the State Shillong derives its name from a deity named Shyllong who is believed to reside in Shyllong Peak. The State of Meghalaya has Seven Districts and Eight Civil – Sub Divisions. It is bounded on the North and East by Assam and on the South and West by Bangladesh.

Mr. Sanjay Goyal, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills attended the function as the Chief Guest. While addressing the gathering Mr. Goyal said "It is a day when we look back and see what we have achieved for the State" and added that the purpose was to reinforce the identity of the people with the Country and contribute to the overall achievement of the Nation. Mr. Goyal at length elaborated on the Schemes allotted by the State and the Central Governments that has helped a lot in achieving targeted goals pertaining to the Socio – economic development of the region.

Terming the recent ethnic clash on the Assam – Meghalaya border as unfortunate Mr. Goyal said "We have worked for the development of the tribal state and there should not have been any such incidents" adding that differences were bound to crop up and that such differences should be sorted out with dialogues and not violence. Mr. Goyal asserted that such incidents put the region a few years behind in terms of development.

As part of the celebration, CGI sheets along with Sewing Machines were distributed to the beneficiaries of the Rural Housing Scheme and SCA under Border Area Development respectively.

Among others who attended the function were Mr. Ambrose Ch. Marak, ADC, Tura, Mrs. H.D.B. Sangma, ADC, Tura, Mr. R.S. Sangma, ADC, Tura, Mrs. C. W. Momin, Additional Director, School Education and Literacy, East, West and South Garo Hills, Department heads, Police Officers and members of the Tura Bar Association besides others.

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