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62nd Republic Day celebrated

TURA, January 26: The 62nd Republic Day was celebrated amidst much pomp and gaiety in Tura, West Garo Hills along with the rest of the Country with an elaborate function organised by the District Administration at Tura MP Stadium.

Mr. B. M. Lanong, Deputy Chief Minister, Meghalaya graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and unfurled the Tri color before taking the Rashtriya Salute. Thereafter there was a grand parade presentation participated by the Border Security Force, 2nd Meghalaya Battalion, District Enforcement Force, Home Guards and Bharat Scouts and Guides from various Schools followed by Tableaux presentation by various Government Departments and Institutions.

Mr. B. M. Lanong addressing the gathering said that people take for granted Liberty, Freedom of opportunities, religion etc that we are enjoying today. These he said, bygone leaders of the Nation had secured through arduous toil and sacrifices and that it was a not a thing to take lightly. Lamenting on the recent ethnic clash on the border between East Garo Hills and Assam Mr. Lanong stressed on the law and order situation of the State and stated that the situation was comparatively controlled than during the preceding years. He informed that the Government was looking after the displaced families and that they would amply compensate the affected families.

Speaking on the Government's initiatives towards development of the region Mr. Lanong stated that it was the Government's priority to improve the health and the education sector. Stating that mechanization of agriculture was still a top priority to drastically improve production in agriculture and allied sectors he also informed that Rural Housing Schemes were also being widely implemented taking in consideration the profusion of temporary shacks thereby elevating the quality of life among the rural populace. The State being situated in a strategic location enabling the existence of vast resources of minerals and biodiversity the Government has initiated its conservation and preservation said Mr. Lanong. Lastly stating that the State needed peace to enable uninterrupted development he urged the people to work together and live harmoniously for greater good

Later in the day a State Award was presented to Dr. N. A. Khan of Baitbari P. H. C. for his outstanding contribution towards Maternity and Child care. Prizes were also distributed to competitors of various competitions such as debate, quiz etc organised during the year long Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Election Commission of India. Cultural items were also presented by various institutions and organizations during the day long celebration.

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