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**5<sup>th</sup> Garo Hills BS&G rally under way**

*Garo Hills BS&G permanent complex at Rongkhon soon*

**TURA, June 3:** The five day 5<sup>th</sup> Divisional Rally of the Bharat Scouts and Guides (B.S & G), Garo Hills Division with the theme 'Scouting and Guiding for Peace' went under way today at the Basic Training Center Complex at Rongkhon, Tura. Altogether nine hundred and twelve Scouts and Guides from all over Garo Hills are participating in the Rally.

The Scouts and Guides movement is a voluntary non political movement founded by Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell in the year 1907. Since then the movement have spread all over the world aiding the society by instilling in the youth the feeling of accountability, bonhomie, and respect for the society. The Bharat Scouts and Guides were established in India during the 1960s following in the guidelines of the founding movement.

Ms. Ampareen Lyngdoh, Minister, Education, Government of Meghalaya graced the inaugural session as the Chief Guest and commended the organizers for their effort to integrate the Scouts and Guides of Garo hills by holding the rally. Addressing the gathering Ms. Lyngdoh said that Scouting and Guiding had become a significant platform for the youth to address the present day tribulations that torment them. "Nation building have become an important and critical matter today not only in the country but in Meghalaya also" she said deliberating that these kinds of camps were important to mould positively the youth and prepare them as future leaders of the country. Ms. Lyngdoh later urged the participants to enthusiastically take part in the rally and learn from it as much as possible.

Expressing his happiness at the sight of the large gathering of participants at the rally, Mr. J. D. Sangma, Director, School Education and Literacy, urged the youth to take up leadership roles in their lives and become an asset to the country. "You will never regret joining the movement" he said wished the participants a memorable experience.

Mr. Sanjay Goyal, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills who is also the President, District Council, B.S & G informed that the proposal for a permanent campus of the BS&G at the Basic Training Complex premises, Rongkhon had been accepted by the Empowered committee and that the construction of the infrastructure would begin soon. Stating that India was a Youth country with the majority of its population under 37 years of age he urged the BS&G to keep on educating the youth and take the country further.

Among others who spoke at the gathering were Mrs. C. W. Momin, Additional Director, School Education and Literacy, Tura and Additional State Commissioner, BS&G, Garo Hills, Mr. P. K. Hajong, Inspector of Schools, Tura and District Chief Commissioner, Meghalaya BS&G and Mrs. Gimchi Tamrey R. Marak, Headmistress, Educere School, Williamnagar. The inaugural session of the rally was attended by principals, headmasters, headmistress and school students of participating schools from all over Garo Hills.

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