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DGP pleased with West Garo Hills VDPs

GAROBADHA, May 6: The West Garo Hills District Executive Force comprising of the State Police in collaboration with the District Administration today organised a rally for Village Defense Parties (VDPs) at Garobadha Secondary School, Garobadha, West Garo Hills.

Mr. Besesayo Kezo, Additional Director General of Police, Meghalaya, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering he told the VDPs present at the rally that the programme was being organised in order make them aware of their responsibilities to work in tandem with the Police for the betterment of the society adding that the rally would also foster cordial relations with the police and the public instilling confidence amongst the general populace. Stressing on the importance of VDPs in assisting the Police in matters relating to law and order he said “VDPs are very important instruments through which the District Administration can be brought closer to the masses”. He at length spoke on the Meghalaya Police Act of 2010 and said that the Act empowered the Superintendent of Police to enlist a VDP member on his own discretion and that the VDP members were to be reconstituted every three years. Mr. Kezo elaborated on the importance of maintaining strict discipline while executing one’s duties and urged the VDP members not to take the law into their own hands but to leave it to competent authorities. He informed the VDPs that their monthly remuneration and equipments were being reviewed and that the word had been put out to the Meghalaya Pay Commission to raise their monthly remuneration of `30 to `300..

Mr. Kezo later commended the VDPs on behalf of the Director General of Police, Meghalaya for their endeavors to make the society a safer place to live in and said “The works of the VDPs here have been acknowledged by the Government and the Director General Police is pleased with you all”. He later, on behalf of the District Administration and the DGPs Office gave away gifts and monetary awards to the most efficient and outstanding VDPs of West Garo Hills.

Mr. Sanjay Goyal, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills addressing the gathering also stressed on the importance of VDPs and stated that the VDP was a partnership between the Government and the people. He said that VDPs were necessary in every village to provide security against dacoits, property theft, communal tension etc and urged the VDPs present to create awareness amongst villagers who do not have VDPs yet.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Mr. R. Dkhar, Superintendent of Police, West Garo Hills, Tura, Mr. G.H.P. Raju, Deputy Inspector General of Police, West Garo Hills Range, Tura and Mr. W. Shabong, Additional Superintendent of Police, West Garo Hills, Tura.

The rally was attended by Officer of the State police and VDPs from all over West Garo Hills.

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