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World Veterinary year celebrated for first time in NE

TURA, May 13: Marking the first ever establishment of a veterinary school 250 years back in France which led to the birth of the Veterinary profession, a grand function was today organized by the West Garo Hills District unit of the Meghalaya Veterinary Services Association (MVSA) commemorating the day as the beginning of the World Veterinary Year celebrations at the Tura District Auditorium. The theme of the inaugural function was “Vets for health, vets for food, vets for the planet”.

Meghalaya is the first ever State in the Northeast to celebrate the World Veterinary Year along with the rest of the world. The yearlong celebration will end somewhere in the month of October with a grand function, which will be organized by the Meghalaya Veterinary Services Association at Shillong.

Mrs. R. D. Marak, Secretary, A.H. & V. department, Meghalaya graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering Mrs. Marak informed that the World Veterinary Year celebration was an opportunity to boost the veterinary profession. She said “The main objective of the celebration is to make the people and policy makers around the world aware of the veterinary profession”. Commending the works of the district unit of the MVSA she informed that the yearlong celebration would include free vaccinations, conferences and seminars to be organized at the block level.

The Guest of Honor at the occasion Mr. Sanjay Goyal, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills stressed on the importance of veterinary professionals in our day to day life and termed them as ‘the backbone of food security in the world’ even though the profession was not a glamorous one. He said that veterinarians played a significant contributory role in the society by detecting and treating diseases in domestic and farm animals, developing drugs etc thereby contributing enormously towards the wellbeing of a country. He however emphasized that the department could have a veterinary professional at the village or at least the cluster level that would in fact help the department get closer to the people.

Others who spoke at the occasion were Dr. L. Lyngwa, Director, A.H. & V, Dr. P Blahwar, Secretary, MVSA, Mr. B. K. Mawthoh, President, MVSA, Dr. C. A. Sangma, Vice President, MVSA and Dr. H. K. Marak, Vice Chairman, MVSA. Veterinary Department officers and staff along with beneficiaries of various government schemes under the veterinary department attended the function.

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