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CENTENARY OF WORLD GUIDING 1910 – 2010 CELEBRATION WITH A DIFFERENCE

The Meghalaya Bharat Scouts and Guides is proud to inform all our sisters and brothers in India that our State has celebrated the Centenary of Guiding starting from 10th April 2010, through out with varieties of activities based on the theme given by the World Bureau "TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD" and "ERADICATION OF POVERTY".

Our Grand Finale was held on the 11th November 2010 to Co-incide with 100th birthday of our Stalwart of the Movement, "MISS SILVERENE SWER" who completed 100 years on the 12th November, 2010. I don't think there is any other state who is so lucky like ours to have a Stalwart of 100 years along with the age of Girl Guiding and that she is very strong in mind, body and spirit. She dedicated the secret of her healthy and long life to Girl Guiding. The Ex-Chief Minister, who is the State Adviser, Shri D. D. Lapang, was the Chief Guest, and Shri. P.J. Bazeley, IAS, the Guest of Honour. A good number of all other old scouts and guides like Mrs. E.N. Shullai, Mrs. Queenie Rynjah, Shri L. K. Sailo, Shri W.D. Jyrwa and many others, participated the activity. Miss Silverene Swer, the 100th Birthday Girl was the main attraction. Every one was amazed at her active senses at that age. She spoke so well about her guiding days remembered each occasions and sang together the guides' songs. The birth day cake was contributed by the I.S.G.F. members, was inaugurated by her and distributed to about 2000 (two thousand) participants on that day at the Grand Centenary Tea Party. A Special Souvenir Magazine with her photographs of her as provincial Commissioner of Guides in 1940 taken at Lucknow during the Commissioners Conference. She joined the Movement in 1928 as a Ranger from Scottish College, Calcutta continued as Guider, trained as a Trainer/Adviser and worked in many states of North East. She is the Pioneer of Girl – Guiding in many North Eastern States. In Mizoram she started the 1st Guiding Unit, in Arunachal Pradesh, she was responsible for building the education department and Scouting / Guiding, in Assam she was the Trainer covering till West Bengal. She received her Silver Elephant National Award in 1990 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. She is a Padmashri of 1992. She is a woman of substance, "Once a Guide, always a Guide".

The essence of the motto is upheld and reflected in the life of a veteran, dedicated member of the Movement in the person of Miss Silverene Swer. Her drive to scale the stars have proves herself to all those whom she met and worked with. Her contribution to the cause of the Movement continued till date. She is now the senior adviser of the Movement in Meghalaya.

The Centenary celebration witnessed the increase of our members from the response in participating in all the activities. In the morning the Education Minister Ms. Ampareen Lyngdoh, Flagged off the Route March. All members from Cubs/Bulbuls, Commissioners, led by our State Chief Commissioner, marched around the town carrying placards of the theme. The marching caught the eyes of the public and gain lasting impression from all fields of people. In the afternoon there was an exhibition and display of Scout / Guide collections and works, inaugurated by Shri. W. R. Marbaniang, IPS (Vice President) which was very impressive display by the Units.

The Valedictory function was at 2:00 P.M. at the New State Headquarters Campus. About 2000 (two thousand) members participated to celebrate the Centenary of World Guiding and the 100th birth day of Miss Silverene Swer.

The Grand Camp – Fire by the Campers from all the 7 (seven) districts marked the end of the day celebration with colourful items.

The closing was held on 12th November, 2010. On the last day, All Faiths Prayer meeting was held in the morning. The camp came to a close at 11:00 A.M. with early Lunch and exchange of Centenary greetings before the departure.

It was really a grand and successful celebration with a difference.

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