

MY ADOPTED VILLAGE IN MEGHALAYA

KONGTHONG

A Whistling Village of North East India

Preserving

Tradition

with

Modernity



Prof. Rakesh Sinha
MP Rajya Sabha

Dedication



This book is dedicated to U Tirot Sing Syiem, the freedom fighter from Khasi Hills of Meghalaya who has been recognized for his military strategies, bravery and unwavering leadership of Khasi area throughout the British occupation

ON THE OCCATION OF AMRIT MAHOTSAV, A GATE IN KONGHTONG HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO U-TIROT SING SYIEM TO HONOUR HIS PATRIOTISM ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2022



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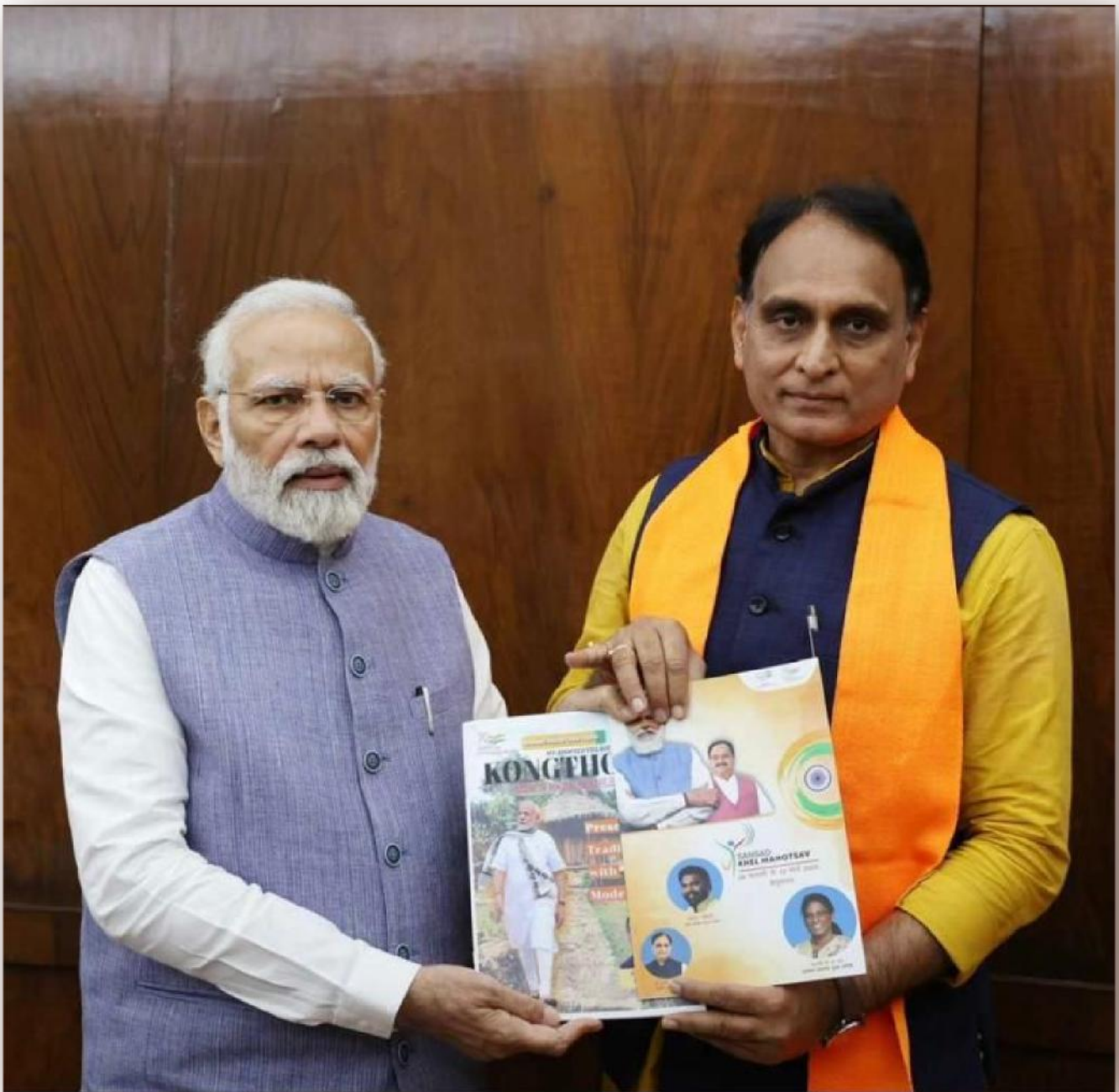
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The development report on Kongthong was presented to the Honorable Prime Minister on 6th April 2023





MP presents development report of 'whistling village'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

BJP Rajya Sabha MP Rakesh Sinha on Thursday presented his development report on Kongthong village in Meghalaya, India's only whistling village, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence.

The MP, though not hailing from the Northeast, took keen interest in the village and its dying tradition of naming children by whistling tunes and adopted Kongthong in 2019.

"I first visited the village in 2018 and continued to go there over the

following years. I became attached to the people. I had raised the issue of the dying culture of the whistling village in Parliament. On August 14, 2019, I adopted the village under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) and have been focusing on the development work there, to make it a model village in the region," said Sinha.

SAGY was launched in 2014 under which each Member of Parliament was to adopt the gram panchayat of a village.

A tune in the name of Prime Minister Modi was composed by Kong Shidiat Khongsit, which was later tweeted by the PM himself.

Shillong Times



Rajya Sabha member Rakesh Sinha submits a report on Kongthong village to PM Narendra Modi.

From CK Nayak

NEW DELHI, April 9: If Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Kongthong village in Meghalaya, India's only whistling village, he will not be greeted with the usual chorus using his surname but with a special tune composed exclusively for him.

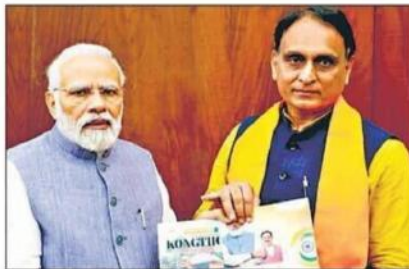
In appreciation, the Prime Minister thanked the villagers of Kongthong for composing a special tune in his honour. The Centre is dedicated to promoting the tourism potential of the state, Modi told Rajya Sabha member Rakesh Sinha who has adopted the village.

The special tune was composed by villager Shidiat Khongsit for Modi in appreciation of the steps taken by the Centre to promote the village as a prime tourism destination. (Contd on P-4)

सांसद राकेश सिन्हा प्रधानमंत्री से मिले, जिले के विकास पर की चर्चा

बेगूसराय, निज संवाददाता। राज्यसभा सांसद राकेश सिन्हा गुरुवार को दिल्ली में प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी से मुलाकात कर जिले में आयोजित सांसद खेल महोत्सव में आयोजित प्रतियोगिता का रिपोर्ट कार्ड सौंपा।

सांसद ने बेगूसराय में खेल सहित शान्ति पुल और अन्य क्षेत्र में हो रहे विकास कार्यों के लिए प्रधानमंत्री के प्रति आभार व्यक्त किया। उन्होंने मेघालय के कॉनार्याना का भी रिपोर्ट कार्ड भेंट किया। वह गांव को विश्व हेरिटेज के लिए नामांकित भी किया गया है। प्रधानमंत्री से मुलाकात के बाद सांसद सिन्हा ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री से सम्पूर्ण देश के साथ बेगूसराय का भी सर्वांगीण विकास को लेकर चर्चा हुई। उन्होंने बताया कि जिला रेल, रोड, पुल, पत्ताइओवर, रेल ओवर ब्रिज, एयरपोर्ट, काबर झील, जयमंगलागढ़, नीला गढ़,



प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी को खेल महोत्सव का रिपोर्ट कार्ड सौंपते सांसद राकेश सिन्हा।

ट्रॉमा सेंटर हर क्षेत्र में यहाँ काम आगे बढ़ रहा है। सांसद प्रतिनिधि शम्भू कुमार ने कहा कि राज्यसभा सांसद ने राज्यसभा सांसद पी टी उषा से भी मिलकर सफल खेल महोत्सव के लिये उनका आभार व्यक्त किया। उन्होंने प्रधानमंत्री के सामने जिले के विकास का पूरा खाका रखा।

विकसित जिला का संकल्प राकेश सिन्हा के मार्गदर्शन में पूरा होगा। भाजपा के निवर्तमान अध्यक्ष राजकिशोर सिंह, संजय सिंह, बलराम सिंह ने कहा नरेन्द्र मोदी की सरकार में जिले के विकास कार्य के लिए नितिन गडकरी, अश्विनी वैष्णव, राकेश सिन्हा का अभिन्दन है।

Kongthong 'whistles' in PM Modi's...

(Contd from P-1) destination of the country.

"The tune in his name conveys the heartfelt gratitude of the people of Kongthong for his affection and recognition of the unique tradition," Sinha told the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister retweeted the tune uploaded on the microblogging site.

"Hon'ble PM @narendramodi Ji, please accept this special tune composed by the villagers of Kongthong in your honour & in appreciation of Government of India's efforts in promoting the village as a prime tourism destination," Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma tweeted.

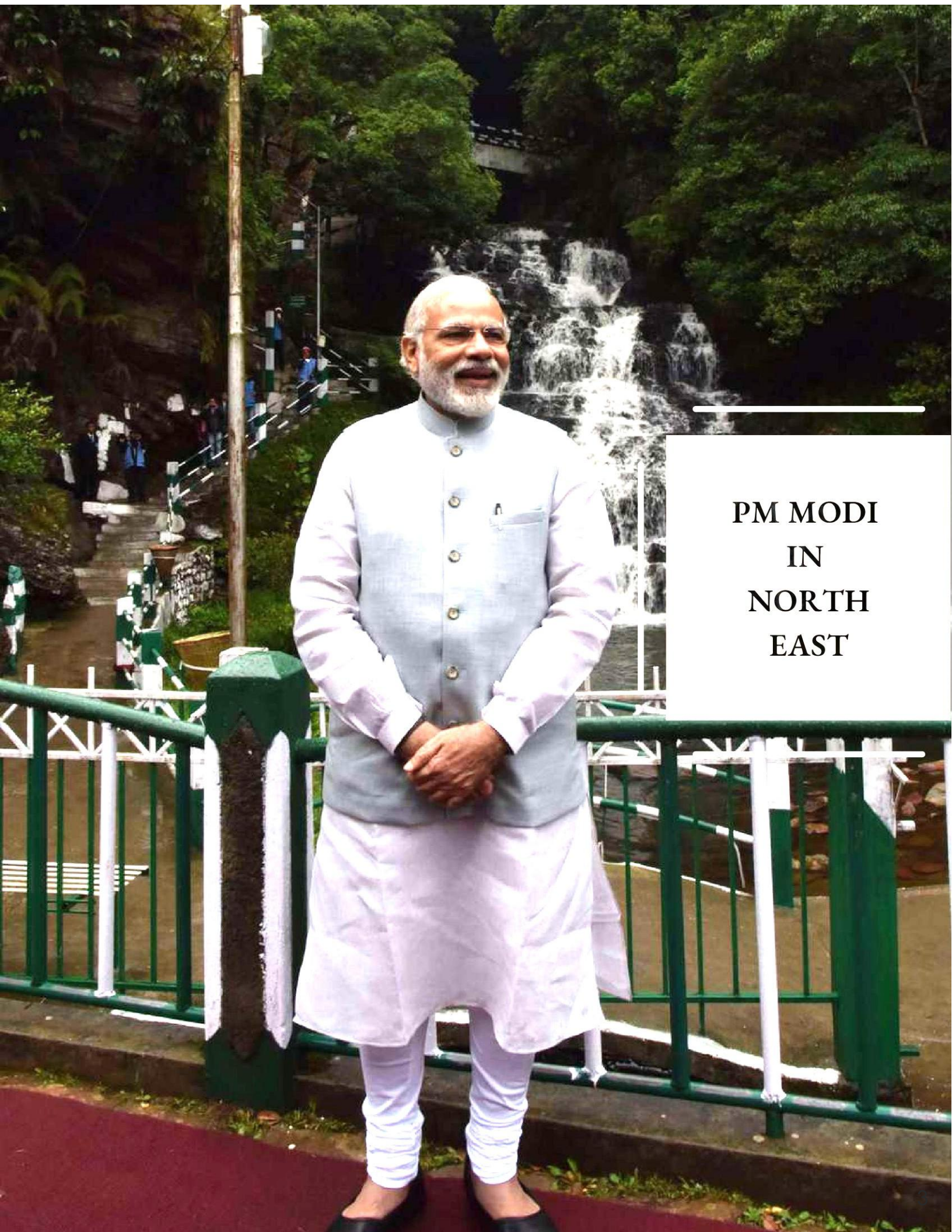
"Grateful to the people of Kongthong for this kind gesture," Modi had replied.

Kongthong, located in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, became popular as the 'whistling village' due to its unique tradition of Jingrwai Lawbei under which mothers create a tune for their new-born, which is often used as a substitute for their names.

The people of Kongthong belong to the Khasi community and the village has a population of about 700.

Sinha, though not hailing from the Northeast, took a keen interest in the village and its dying tradition of naming children by whistling tunes and adopted Kongthong in 2019. 'Whistling Village of India' was nominated by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) in September for the Best Tourism Villages award and has also been recommended for UNESCO heritage sites.

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**PM MODI
IN
NORTH
EAST**

PM Vision for North East India

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH TRANSPORTATION

“India will be successful when UP, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, and other parts of North-East India are strengthened. India can not develop till the eastern part of the country develops.”

“Over the past 50 years, the people of Meghalaya have cemented their identity of being close to nature. Meghalaya is becoming an attractive place for the country and the world to see the beautiful waterfalls, to experience the clean and serene environment, to connect with your unique tradition.”

“In the last 7 years, the Central Government has sincerely tried to accelerate the development journey of Meghalaya. The central government is fully committed to ensuring better road, rail and air connectivity.”



SAANSAD ADARSH GRAM YOJNA

AN HOLISTIC APPROACH
TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT



- SAGY was launched in 2014 to translate the comprehensive vision of Mahatma Gandhi about an ideal Indian village
- Each Member of Parliament to adopt the Gram Panchayat

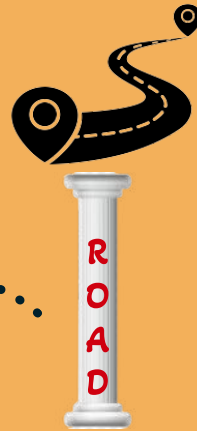
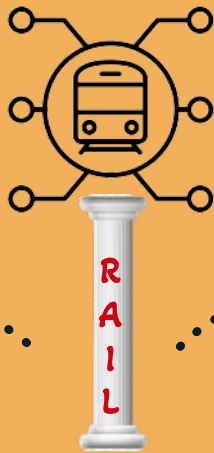
Holistic development through SAGY





SIX PILLARS OF THE YOJANA

VIA CONNECTIVITY



**BUDGETARY
GROWTH FOR
THE
DEVELOPMENT**

An increase of
285%
from 2014-2022



Budget allocation
rose from
24,819.18 cr to
70,874.32 cr

HAR GHAR TIRANGA

TIRANGA YATRA IN KONGTHONG VILLAGE



Prof. Sinha along with Trinity Saioo (Padma Shri Awardee) led the Trianga Yatra on 15th August, 2022

REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTION

THE AMRIT MAHOTSAV GATE WAS INAUGURATED ON
12TH NOVEMBER, 2022



DUE TO THE INSPIRATION OF THE HONORABLE PRIME MINISTER, THE ROLE AND PERSONALITY OF NEGLECTED (UNSUNG) HEROES HAS BECOME THE CENTRE OF DISCUSSION

GATE OF ETERNITY IN **KONGTHONG**

AMRIT MAHOTSAV GATE

WELCOME
TO
KONGTHONG THE WHISTLING VILLAGE OF INDIA

75 AMRIT MAHOTSAV GATE

Dedicated to the **FREEDOM FIGHTER**

U 'TIRO' SING SYIEMI

An Unsung Hero and Khasi King of Meghalaya

The Gate was constructed after Prof. Sinha's appeal with monetary donations and "Shramdaan" by the Meghalaya people. Special thanks to SHUBHAM NGO led by Mrs Pushpa Bajaj



"many little known young freedom fighters were Martyred during the long freedom struggle but there is not much mention of these freedom fighters"

SHILLONG TIMES
23TH MARCH, 2021

Plea for monograph to include freedom fighters from NE India

From Our Special
Correspondent

NEW DELHI, March 23: Rajya Sabha Member, Prof Rakesh Sinha today batted for a museum dedicated to the rare freedom fighters in the national capital who have not got much mention but had laid down their lives for the Independence movement during the 75 year of India's freedom.

In a tribute to the freedom fighters, Prof Sinha, an intellectual and Rajya Sabha MP who has perhaps raised more questions about issues in the North East than any other MP from the region, said that young freedom fighters

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freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country fighting the British Raj in the prime of their lives, he said.

Sinha whose father was also a freedom fighter, urged the Publication Division, National Book Trust of India and National Documentation Centre to jointly publish a monograph of these freedom fighters on the occasion of the 75th year of India's Independence.

Prof Sinha, a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Home affairs has authored several books including a biography of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh founder K B Hedgewar.



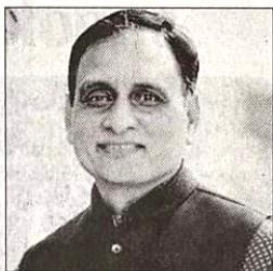
"During meeting of NEHU Court, I requested the VC to encourage not only Kongthong but also micro-traditions of Meghalaya

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SHILLONG TIMES
18TH AUGUST, 2020

IMPHAL, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020

RS MP spells out plans for adopted village



SHILLONG, Aug 17

Member of Rajya Sabha, Rakesh Sinha, who announced adoption of Kongthong village from August 15 and work towards its development as a model village and a tourist attraction, has dreams of transforming this sleepy village to a bustling hub of economic activities without having to dilute its pristine homogenous culture and ethos. In an exclusive interview with the Shillong Times, Prof Sinha talked about his vision and action plans for Kongthong and dwelt on what retards pace of development in Meghalaya.

Here are some excerpts:
ST: Prof Rakesh Sinha, how did you first hear of Kongthong village and what made you take up the issue

of it being listed as a heritage site by UNESCO?

RS: The culture and people of North East reflect originality. There is an ethos of universalism. That's why they are accommodative and also adjust with people of different regions. However, they have been treated like subjects of study and object of politics. It needs to be radically changed. They are in fact sharers and contributors in our National ethos.

There are many things which, I believe, the rest of the country should learn from the people and culture of the North East. Their love for nature, non-materialistic lifestyle etc., distinctively make them superior to many regions and people. All these entice me. I have been trying to understand cultural life of North East in general and Meghalaya's progressive traditional life in particular.

I found a parallel in Kuskov, a village in Turkey which has been recognised by the UNESCO as a cultural heritage. I raised the issue about the uniqueness of Kongthong in July 2019 in the Rajya Sabha. It received huge support from

the members. Many of them were dumbfounded to know about Kongthong and proposed to visit the village with me.

During the meeting of NEHU Court (I am its member) last year, I requested the VC to encourage research on not only Kongthong but also micro-traditions of Meghalaya.

The media, including The Shillong Times, then highlighted the issue and a national daily reported that 22 more villages claimed the same characteristic. This is the way to understand our own age-old traditions and culture and preserve them as intangible cultural heritage.

ST: North East India is poorly connected within itself and with the rest of the country. Many rural villages are suffering due to want of motorable roads. Development has passed them by and they are voiceless. Would you like to take up the issue of rural roads or their absence in the North East, in Parliament and also ensure that their construction is diligently monitored?

RS: Infrastructure development in the North East has been tremendous since

2014. North East has never witnessed such sincere efforts as has been happening since Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister. North East has a special place in his heart. There is a reason for saying so. It is not an exaggeration. He visited the region many times before the 2014 Lok Sabha election, which is disproportionate to the number of Lok Sabha constituencies. After becoming the Prime Minister, he visited North East and encouraged Cabinet ministers to visit the region, which is a record in itself.

Airports, roads and research institutes are being developed.

Nevertheless, there are many developmental issues, educational problems in the North East. The state governments must utilise central assistance honestly and for that micro and macro planning is imperative.

There are some elements that obstruct developmental activities and invoke undesirable social and religious issues to create civil anarchy. They should be addressed properly and sternly.

Courtesy Shillong Times



Lobster Claw, Heliconia

UNLEASHING KONGTHONG

What makes it unique



Meghalaya Orchid, Dendrobium

Kongthong is located in the East Khasi Hills in Meghalaya. It is popularly known as Whistling Village due to its unique and exclusive tradition **"JINGRWAI LAWBEI"**. In this tradition, mothers create a tune for their newly born babies and the lullaby assumes lifelong use by its people. The village people acknowledge and call each other using their respective tunes. Kongthong people belong to the Seng Khasi Tribe and speak the Khasi language.



Prof. Rakesh Sinha highlighted this tradition in Rajya Sabha during zero hours which was highly applauded by the other Members of the Parliament on 30th July, 2019

Demography of Kongthong

→ Kongthong is a medium size village located in Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block of East Khasi Hills district, Meghalaya

→ According to Census 2011, it's population is 567, out of which 275 are males while 275 are females. As per census 2021, the population is around 550-700.

→ The hamlet has 117 kids (0-6 years) among them 62 are boys and 55 are girls.

→ The literacy rate of the village is 55% i.e. 312 out of total population. Among males, the literacy rate is 48% and among females the literacy rate is 60%



AN EXCLUSIVE TUNE FOR PM



A tune in the name of the Prime Minister of India **Shri Narendra Modi** was composed by **Mrs Kong Shidiat Khongsit** to express the heartfelt gratitude of the people of Kongthong for his affection and recognition of the unique tradition

This gesture by Kongthong overwhelmed the PM who remarked and posted a tweet on 28th November, 2021



ANY AGE IS THE PERFECT AGE TO FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

-Marie Forleo

PROF. SINHA HOLDING THE HANDS OF KONGTHONG'S OLD TRADITION "RISI KHONGSIT" (90+ YEARS OLD LADY) AND THE FUTURE "AIBASHISHA SOHKHLET" (6 YEARS OLD GIRL)



REVIVAL OF THE DYING MICRO CULTURE

Prof. Sinha highlighted the issues that required the utmost attention in Kongthong Village



In spite known as Whistling village, Konthong faces **POVERTY** in many places

LACK OF TRANSPORTATION

Despite having the USP of biodiversity, it **LACKS BASIC AMENITIES**

LACK OF EDUCATION

Despite having seclusion and backwardness of the Kongthong along with the impact of technology, people nevertheless have preserved the almost endangered tradition.



He also added that the focus will be on economical and political empowerment besides sustainable development

KONGTHONG IN PARLIAMENT



PROF. SINHA RAISED THE QUESTION IN RAJYA SABHA IN 9TH JULY, 2021

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whether it is a fact that Government has proposed Kongthong in Meghalaya as one of the best tourism villages before the United Nation's tourism body;

REPLY FROM MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

"Yes, Sir, UNWTO had invited applications from different countries for the award of Best Tourism Village. Accordingly, the Ministry of Tourism had invited applications from all the States/ UTs and recommended three entries to UNWTO, Kongthong Village was one of them. However, Kongthong was not selected as the Best Tourism Village by UNWTO from India"

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Prof. Sinha who has been vocal in Parliament on issues concerning Meghalaya and the Northeastern region raised several important queries related to his adopted village – *Kongthong* – particularly about whether the Government will establish a **MUSEUM and LABORATORY** to protect and promote the traditional whistling culture

CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION

PROF. SINHA RAISED QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MEGHALAYA

MINISTER OF CULTURE
regarding

Cultural promotion and development of Kongthong in Meghalaya as a Tourist Spot

On 9th December 2021

MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY
regarding

Food Processing in Meghalaya

On 30th July 2021

MINISTER OF TOURISM
regarding

Promoting Tourism at Kongthong in Meghalaya

On 31st March 2022

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
regarding

Transport and Medical Facilities in Tribal Villages of Meghalaya

On 1st December 2021

'Whistling village' now has an 'outsider' MP as its saviour

SHILLONG TIMES, 17TH AUGUST 2020



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SHILLONG: Overlooked at home by politicians and intelligentsia alike, the “whistling village”, Kongthong’s wheel of fortune seems to be moving in the right direction, finally!

Kongthong now has an unlikely saviour who’s a rank “outsider” having a tryst with the place.

Rajya Sabha member Rakesh Sinha, who has developed a bond with the place, has announced on Independence Day his decision to “adopt” the stand-out village.

“From August 15 Kongthong is my village”, he announced, promising to transform it into a “model village and tourism centre”.

This implies that the BJP MP will be pumping in his MPLAD funds to this picturesque Khasi village in order to bring about its rapid infrastructure development.

In an interview with The Shillong Times (See Page-3), Sinha, who is also an Associate Professor in Delhi University, said that the villagers deserve better life and promised to mobilise additional resources from the governments in Delhi and Shillong for making Kongthong a real land of milk and honey.

The MP, who hails from Bihar but is stationed in Delhi, makes no bones about his feeling that villages like Kongthong have remained uncared for because of apathy of the state. “What shocked me is the lack of awareness of academics, intelligentsia and political class of Meghalaya too about their own great cultural tradition,” he said.

“It is good to talk about great tradition” but that should not “obfuscate” the issues that plague the lives of the people, he said.

Sinha, it may be mentioned, had drawn the attention of the nation about the little known unique “whistling village” while speaking in Rajya Sabha last year. When the MPs heard about Kongthong, they were simply “dumbfounded”, he said.

Recalling his maiden visit to Kongthong a year ago, he said it was “a memorable journey and stay”. Impressed by the “innocence, simplicity and contentment” Sinha made up his mind to do everything possible on his part to change the fortune of the place. He hoped that the state government would cooperate with him in “lifting this village from the cycle of backwardness”.

As for what he thinks are the major obstacles that lead to stagnation of development, Sinha’s prognosis was that the state was basically hamstrung by three factors: “corruption, red-tape and middlemen”. He has shared the same with Chief Minister Conrad Sangma hoping that he would eradicate the same.

The 56-year-old MP, who is also an RSS activist, noted with concern that Meghalaya was unable to develop because “some elements” that “obstruct development activities” and create “civil anarchy”, were not being tackled “properly and sternly”. He also felt that the “binary between tribal and non-tribal” should be “amicably resolved”.

During Budget Session 2022, Prof. Sinha highlighted the efforts of the Modi Government in developing infrastructures in North East Regions.



He also added that development projects have begun in remote villages of Meghalaya

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-YjXFcGCiQ&t=509s>



PROF. SINHA RAISED THE MATTER OF KONGTHONG VILLAGE IN MEGHALAYA ON 30th MAY 2020

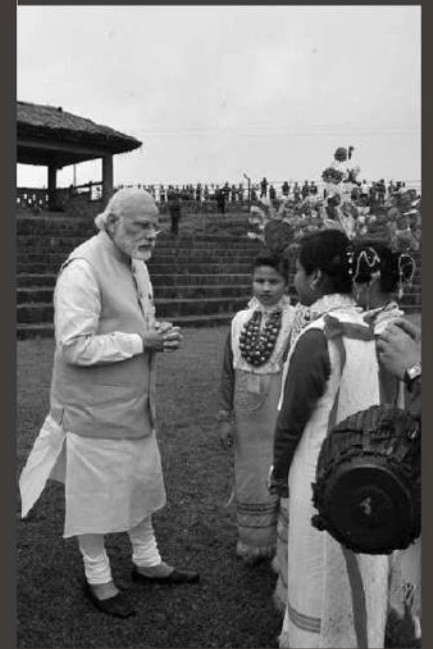
PROTECTION OF COMMUNICATION TRADITION OF KONGTHONG SINGING VILLAGE OF MEGHALAYA

श्री राकेश सिन्हा (नाम निर्देशित) : सभापति महोदय, लोकतंत्र का वैशिष्ट्य होता है कि हम उन सब लोगों की रक्षा करते हैं, जो हाशिये पर होते हैं, खासकर सांस्कृतिक विरासत का। मैं मेघालय के एक ऐसे गाँव का जिक्र करना चाहता हूँ, जहाँ की विरासत पूरी दुनिया के लिए एक सौन्दर्य का विषय हो सकती है, intangible heritage में आ सकती है। मेघालय का एक कॉन्गथॉन्ग गाँव है, जिसकी आबादी 300 है और उस गाँव में जो भाषा बोली जाती है, वह हमारी भाषा नहीं है, बल्कि वह भाषा एक ट्यून तैयार करती है। वहाँ माँ हर बच्चे के जन्म के बाद एक ट्यून तैयार करती है, जो उस व्यक्ति के साथ life-long रहती है और वह ट्यून उसकी मृत्यु के बाद ही जाती है। उस ट्यून के आधार पर लोग एक-दूसरे को बुलाते हैं। काफी दूर माउंटेन में जो लोग रहते हैं, वे एक-दूसरे को उसी ट्यून के आधार पर बुलाते हैं। इसी तरह की एक ट्यून कुस्कोय नाम के गाँव में भी है, जो कि नॉर्थ टर्की में है, उसको Whistling Village कहते हैं। उस गाँव को यूनेस्को ने Intangible Cultural Heritage में शामिल किया है। जो कॉन्गथॉन्ग गाँव है, वहाँ आज इस ट्यून का decline हो रहा है, क्योंकि आज modern technology जिस प्रकार से हमारे समाज और सभ्यता पर हावी हो रही है, वह विविधताओं और भिन्नताओं को समाप्त कर रही है। इसी कारण, यह गाँव और यहाँ की यह संस्कृति संकट में है। आप कल्पना कीजिए, हर माँ अपने बच्चे के लिए एक अलग धुन तैयार करती है और हर

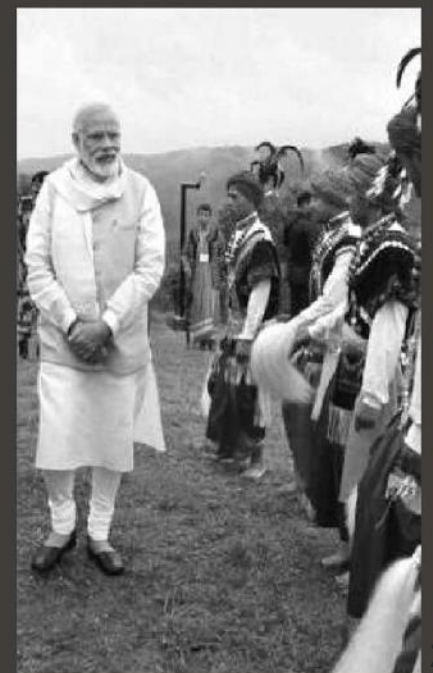
व्यक्ति की एक अलग धुन है। यह लगभग सदियों से हो रहा है। पहले तो यह धुन आसपास के गाँवों में गई, लेकिन अब यह धुन धीरे-धीरे सिमटती जा रही है। मेरी भारत सरकार से और आपके माध्यम से सदन से भी अपील है कि जिस प्रकार से नॉर्थ टर्की के कुस्कोय विलेज को यूनेस्को के Intangible Cultural Heritage में शामिल किया गया है, उसी तरह से मेघालय के कॉन्गथॉन्ग गाँव की इस ट्यून को बचाने के लिए, इस विरासत को बचाने के लिए इसको भी उसमें शामिल किया जाए और इसकी एक हेरिटेज लाइब्रेरी क्रिएट की जाए। मेरा अनुरोध है कि एसी जितनी प्रकार की ट्यूंस हैं, उनको रिकॉर्ड करके रखा जाए, क्योंकि यह हमारी सभ्यता की एक बड़ी विरासत है। यही मेरी अपील है। मेरी सदन से भी अपील है कि इस कार्य को करने में सरकार पर एक तरह से एक नैतिक दबाव बने, धन्यवाद।



*PM Narendra Modi's
commitment and
concern for North
East is unique and
exceptional*



The only PM to have visited
North East 40+ times.

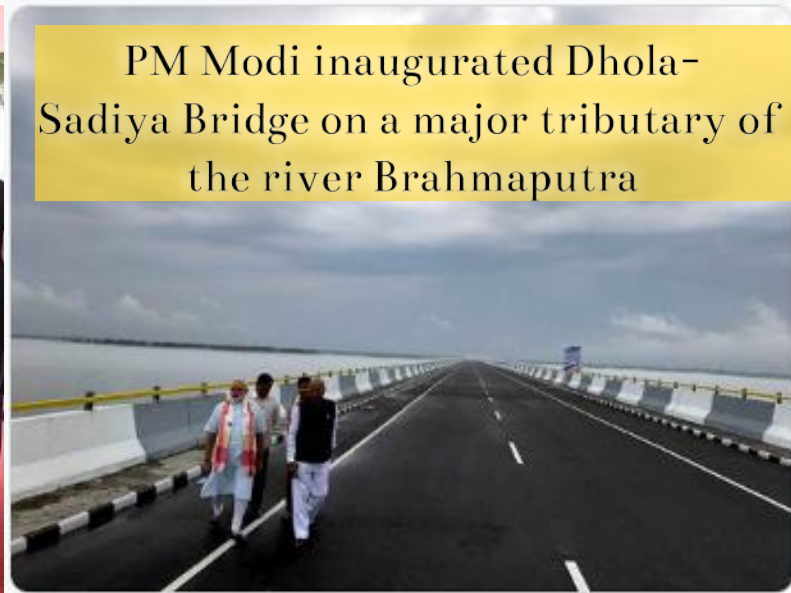




Meeting with Chief Ministers and officials to review the flood situation and relief work in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland and Manipur



PM Modi encourages "empower through enterprise" in North East



PM Modi inaugurated Dhola-Sadiya Bridge on a major tributary of the river Brahmaputra



Dedication to the Nation of Garjee- Bilonia Railway Line. Inauguration of New Complex of Tripura Institute of Technology

ROAD TO TRANSFORMATION

AUGUST 2019

The village witnessed the landmark moment when Kongthong Village was adopted by Prof. Rakesh Sinha

THE PROMISE

Prof. Sinha is keeping up with the promise of transforming Kongthong into a MODERN VILLAGE and TOURISM CENTRE

ENGAGEMENT OF YOUTH

He dedicated his steps to the growth of the village. This motivated the Seng Khasi youth to come forward and discuss ways to help Kongthong

CHANGING COURSE

Since the adoption of Kongthong Village by Prof. Sinha, the village has witnessed the radical transformation



TO MARK

PM MODI'S BIRTHDAY- SEVA PAKHWADA

In Association With Amrit Mahotsav

Distributed 175 "COPPER PLATE" (Medallion) for the purification of the water among the villagers of Kongthong on 2nd October 2022

Courtesy: Shri Arun Shukla (CMD Copper India Limited)



To commemorate PM Narendra Modi's birthday, Prof. Sinha distributed the steel plates, glasses etc to the villagers on 17th September 2021



CLEANLINESS DRIVE

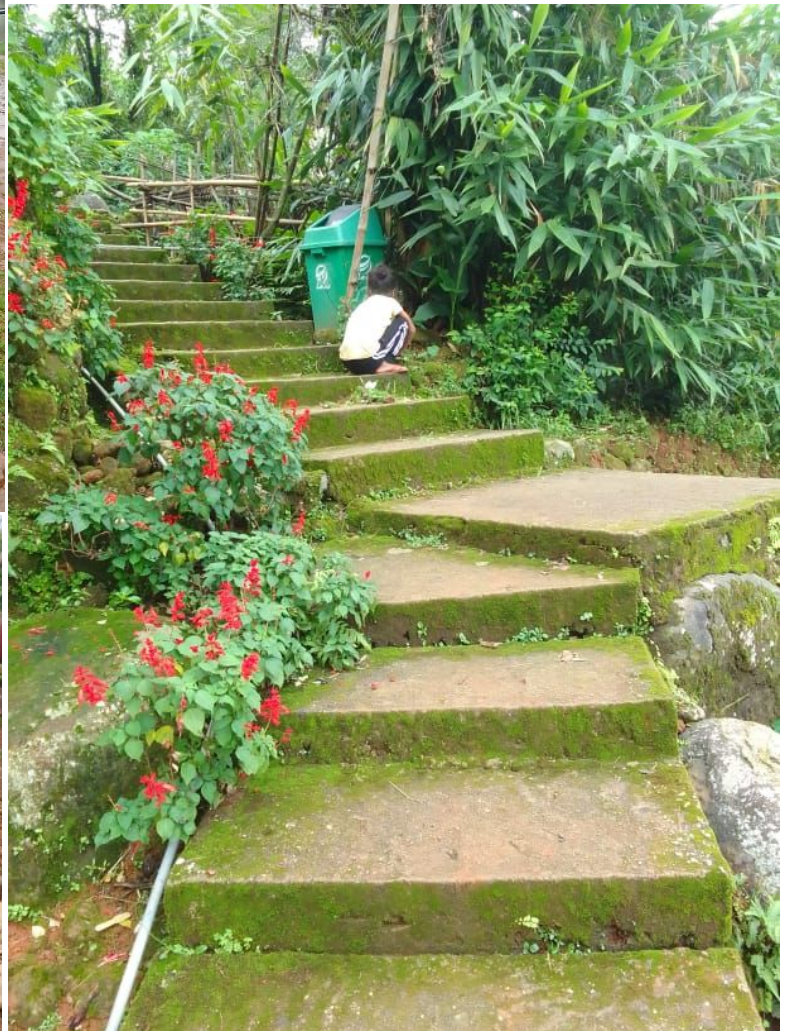


Keeping The Objectives Of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojna In Mind, The Cleanliness Campaign Was Led In Kongthong Village To Raise The Awareness And It's Importance



ANOTHER CLEANLINESS DRIVE

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN CONSTANTLY DEDICATED THEIR SERVICES TO THE CLEANLINESS DRIVE ON 2ND JUNE 2022. KONGTHONG VILLAGER TRULY WITNESSED THE A SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT CHANGE



INAUGURATION OF MODERN TOILETS

On 26th January, 2021

Modern toilets with good physical looks were necessary because Kongthong attracts a large number of tourists both from the Northeastern states and across the country. The project was completed in the stipulated time,” the MP told The Shillong Times.





ACTION

ANOTHER STEP BY PROF. SINHA TOWARDS THE CLEANLINESS DRIVE

He Gifted 6 Modern Toilets In Kongthong Village To Encourage And Create Awareness Among Villagers To Improve The Quality Of Life And Proper Sanitation Facilities

The Modern Toilets were built with the help of Kongthong people and NGO, the Non-Governmental efforts led by Prof. Sinha



EMPOWERING THE VILLAGERS



By Providing Basis And Necessary Amenities

VISION IS TO EMPOWER OTHERS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Distribution on PM's Birthday



Distributing 400 Bee Boxes Oon 14th April, 2022



THE BROOM INDUSTRY GOT A BOOST

Meeting A Hard-Working Women Of Kongthong And Promised To Help Set Up Broom Marketing Strategies



Villagers now get the fair price of their products



IN VIEW OF PROVIDING BASIC AMENITIES TO THE VILLAGERS FOR PROMOTING **SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN**



DONATED 150 DUSTBINS TO KONGTHONG ON 26TH JANUARY, 2021



A GREAT CULTURAL LEAP BY PM MODI

ON 15TH AUGUST 2020, PM MODI ADDRESSED THE NATION FROM THE RED FORT



PM Modi Spoke Of Sanitary Pads, Which Broke Taboo.

- ❖ "My dear countrymen, our experience says that whenever there is an opportunity for women power in India, they have brought laurels to the country, strengthened the country. Today, women are not only working in underground coal mines but also flying fighter planes, touching new heights in the sky."
- ❖ "In 6,000 **Jan Aushadhi Kendras**, more than 5 crore sanitary napkins have been provided to women in a short period of time".

NO TABOO. PERIOD

WHEN PRIME Minister Narendra Modi made a reference to the topic of menstruation, he drew applause for touching upon what is still considered a taboo subject in the country. But it has prompted some lawmakers to take some action. BJP Rajya Sabha MP Rakesh Sinha has recently written to the Prime Minister, stating that he has decided to send 6,000 sanitary napkins to the two villages which he has adopted: Kongthong (Meghalaya) and Begusarai (Bihar), where a large population is from the economically weaker section of the society. In Kerala, Congress MP Hibi Eden said he has installed sanitary napkin dispensers and incinerators in 150 government schools in Ernakulam constituency.

FOLLOW STEP BY PROF. SINHA



SANITARY NAPKIN VENDING MACHINES

WERE INSTALLED IN THE VILLAGE KONGTHONG . THE PROGRAM WAS FELICITATED BY MRS PATRICIA MUKHIM, CHEIF EDITOR OF SHILLONG TIMES

This Step Has Brought Smiles And Hopes To The Faces Of Girls In Kongthong Village



DISTRIBUTED SANITARY NAPKINS



He commits to building programmes that increase confidence, knowledge, and skills – and improve access to materials and facilities – for adolescent girls, and women to manage their menstruation safely and with dignity.

In *TheShillong Times*
1st September 2020

MP to send sanitary napkins to Kongthong

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG: Member of Rajya Sabha, Rakesh Sinha, has decided to send 3,000 soap bars and 3,600 sanitary napkins to Kongthong village in East Khasi Hills, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech on women health and hygiene.

In a statement, the MP, who had recently adopted Kongthong village and had announced to work towards its development as a model village and a tourist attraction, said that he has decided to send the soap bars and napkins to 97 families.

"Being inspired by this (Modi's Independence Day speech), I extend my support to the fulfillment of the vision of PM. Kongthong has 97 families where I am sending 3000 soaps and 3600 sanitary napkins," Sinha said.

He added that he will send 2,000 soap bars and 4,000 sanitary napkins to Bairpura in Begusarai, Bihar, which is also one of the villages he has adopted.

"I am supporting the women of these two villages with soap and sanitary napkins," Sinha said.

The MP had also expressed his dreams of transforming Kongthong village to a bustling hub of economic activities without having to dilute its pristine homogenous culture and ethos.

"THE ONE WHO CAN
REACH THE **CHILD'S**
HEART CAN REACH
THE **WORLD'S**
HEART"

-RUDYARD KIPLING



WITNESS SUCH WINNING MOMENTS
OF PROF. SINHA







A VISION MUST BE A SHARED VISION IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE



With the Hon'ble CM of Meghalaya. Shri Conrad K. Sangma



With SMT ISHAWANDALALOO, District Collector East Khasi Hills, Shillong to discuss the development projects for Kongthong



With MR. VINCINT PALA (MP East Khasi Hill Congress) & MR. TAPIR GAO (MP Lok Sabha, Arunachal Pradesh)

A WELCOME STEP

BY THE HON'BLE CM

IN SUPPORT OF PROF. SINHA'S VISION FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF KONGTHONG VILLAGE IN 2022

Kongthong to get Rs 1 crore

Staff Reporter

Shillong, Jan 27: Chief Minister Conrad Sangma assured to release Rs 1 crore for the tourism development of Kongthong village when Rajy Sabha member Rakesh Sinha called on him today.

Sinha attended the Republic Day celebration at Kongthong yesterday.

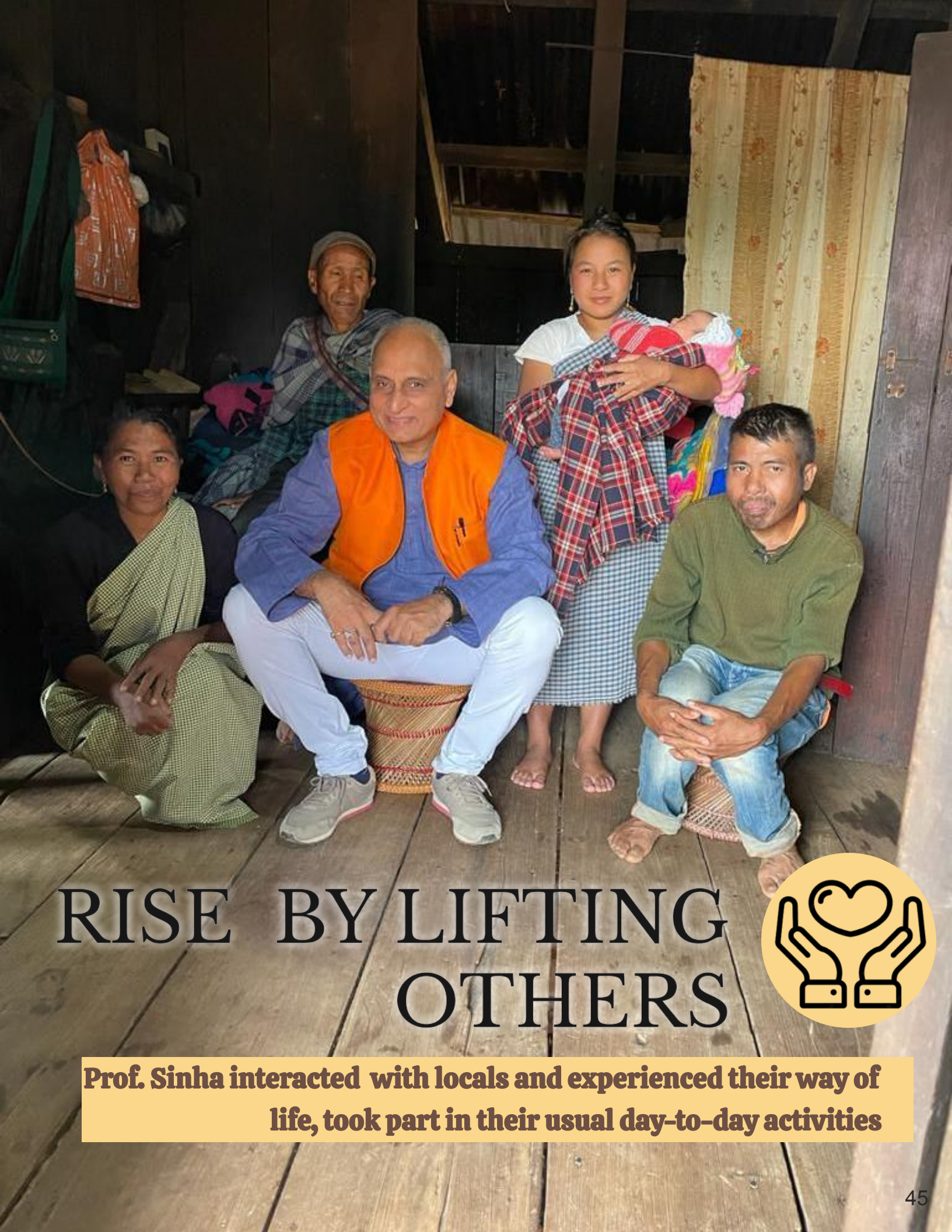
Sinha had adopted the village for various development activities.



CONFERRING WITH LEADERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KONGTHONG



Meeting with Mr A. L. Hek
(Minister, Meghalaya)



RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS



Prof. Sinha interacted with locals and experienced their way of life, took part in their usual day-to-day activities

HE WAS HONOURED AS THE CHIEF GUEST (1ST NON-TRIBAL) IN THE CENTENARY YEAR OF SENG KHASI MARBISU SHOW ON 9TH MAY, 2022



MORE THAN

2000 PEOPLE

PARTICIPATED

IN THE
CELEBRATION

MP apprised of govt's 'apathy' towards Seng Khasi institutions

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG, May 8: The Seng Khasi Forum of Un-Aided Schools Meghalaya, in a memorandum to the Rajya Sabha member Prof. Rakesh Sinha, apprised the latter about the alleged denial of the state government to provide financial assistance to the microscopic indigenous faith institution of Niam Khasi despite the concern authority being approached on many occasions.

The representative of the Seng Khasi Un-Aided Schools had also informed the MP about the deprivation of various grants and schemes, especially financial assistance like inclusion of Seng Khasi institution under SSA, RMSA, Ad hoc, Deficit grants, albeit some of this institutions being in inexistence for more than 15-20 years.

Sinha has promised to take up the issues of the Seng Khasi Un-Aided Schools with the state government and the central government, according to a statement issued here.



Rajya Sabha member Rakesh Sinha attends the Shad Marbisu organised by local Seng Khasi unit as guest of honour.

Tweet Gallery

DATED: 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2021



Prof Rakesh Sinha MP 

@RakeshSinha01

Whistling village'Kongthong, adopted by me in'19 has been selected for entry to the United Nations World Tourism Organization'category of 'Best Tourism Village'in the world. thanks to Hon'ble pm Sh [@narendramodi](#) ji for promoting village tourism. Thanks to [@SangmaConrad](#) for his help.

**THE CONSTANT DEVELOPMENT AND ITS
UNIQUE WHISTLING TRADITION, LED THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO PROMOTE
KONGTHONG AS
THE BEST TOURISM VILLAGE**



Nirmala Sitharaman ✓

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Congratulations Meghalaya on Kongthong being selected 'Best Tourism Village'. [@SangmaConrad](#)

The village in which people compose a tune for calling a person in the place of names!

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Conrad K Sangma ✓ [@SangmaConrad](#)

#Meghalaya's whistling village Kongthong is selected for entry to the @UNWTO 'Best Tourism Village' along with 2 other villages in the country.

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HIGHLIGHTS

" the monthly income of each household of Kongthong village should reach a respectable amount"

" Kongthong village can even attract filmmakers from the Bollywood"

SHILLONG TIMES
27th, September 2021

MP feels a kindred spirit with people of Kongthong

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG, Sep 27: Rajya Sabha MP, Prof. Rakesh Sinha on Monday announced that he will be adopting another three villages adjoining Kongthong village in East Khasi Hills.

Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone of the entrance gate to Kongthong village, Prof. Sinha said that he wanted to extend his support to three more villages — Mawmang, Mawsohmad and Sder — with the intention of bringing sustainable development and to upscale livelihoods and improve the income of the people there.

"I am planning to adopt all the 12 villages under Khatnar Shnong in the future," he said.

Prof. Sinha said the people of adjoining villages would also like to develop tourism spots in all the villages to help in generation of employment besides generation of income to the villagers.

He also stressed on the need for better connectivity to achieve the objective of promoting this area as tourist destinations.

Prof. Sinha said that they would also train around ten guides from the village who can guide tourists about the unique quality of Kongthong and the adjoining villages. "The monthly income of each household of Kongthong village should reach a respectable amount within the next few months," he said.

The Rajya Sabha MP also said that Kongthong village



Prof. Rakesh Sinha attends a programme at Kongthong village on Monday. (ST)

can even attract filmmakers from Bollywood to come and shoot their movies in the village. "But this can happen only if there is good road connectivity," he said.

Meanwhile, he stressed

that would ensure progress and prosperity for the village. There should not be any internal feud among the villages for that would impede progress.

Prof. Sinha said that he would also try to build one of the best schools in Kongthong village with the latest facilities which will attract students from the city to study in the school.

"I will be providing 100 computers once such a school is set up in the village," the Rajya MP said.

He also stressed on the need to improve healthcare services in the area, even as he suggested that one doctor should remain in station at least four days a week to attend to the patients from the various villages.

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FACILITATING *the* HEALTH AND WEALTH CENTRES

Kongthong lacked the facilities of Health care for which he working diligently



Addressed The Kongthong People's Needs

Thus, his objectives are:

- Improving the health of the village he serves
- Responding to people's expectations
- Providing financial protection against the costs of ill-health



PATRICIA MUKHIM (CHIEF EDITOR OF SHILLONG TIMES) SAYS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH "THE HINDU" AN ENGLISH DAILY

We seem to have lost our voices. State governments are so dependent on Delhi that they don't cross swords. Take Parliament: I feel ashamed of our Northeastern MPs. They are silent in Parliament. **Rakesh Sinha of the BJP from Bihar has raised the maximum number of questions related to the Northeast.**

(‘Where is the development, where are the services?’ Patricia Mukhim , The Hindu, 10th September 2021)

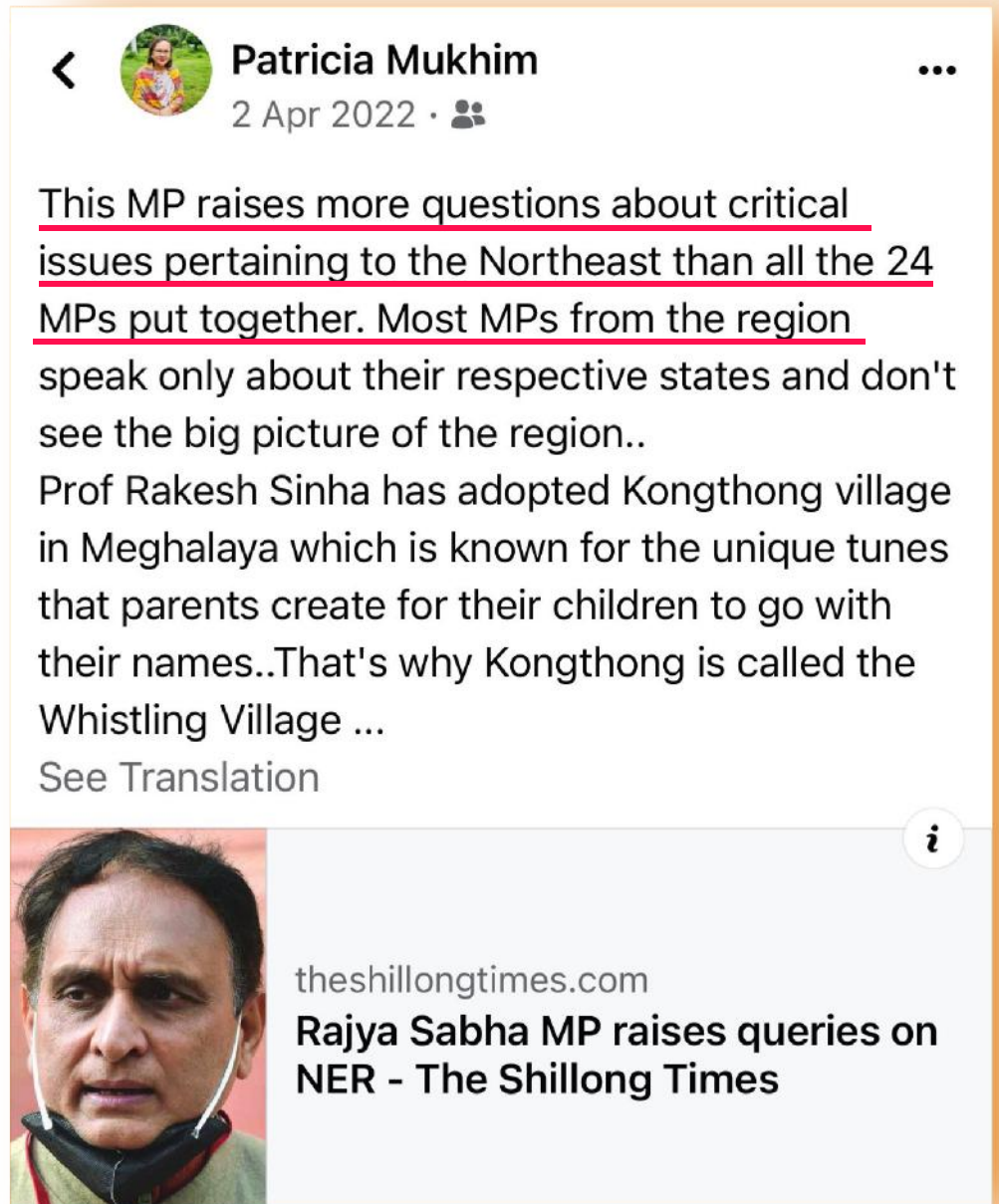
FACEBOOK

POST

DATED

2ND APRIL

2022



A screenshot of a Facebook post by Patricia Mukhim, dated 2 Apr 2022. The post text reads: "This MP raises more questions about critical issues pertaining to the Northeast than all the 24 MPs put together. Most MPs from the region speak only about their respective states and don't see the big picture of the region.. Prof Rakesh Sinha has adopted Kongthong village in Meghalaya which is known for the unique tunes that parents create for their children to go with their names..That's why Kongthong is called the Whistling Village ... See Translation". Below the text is a small image of Rakesh Sinha and a link to a news article from theshillongtimes.com titled "Rajya Sabha MP raises queries on NER - The Shillong Times".

Patricia Mukhim
2 Apr 2022 · 👥

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**VISITED PATRICIA MUKHIM AT HER
RESIDENCE**



RISING WORTH OF COMMON PEOPLE



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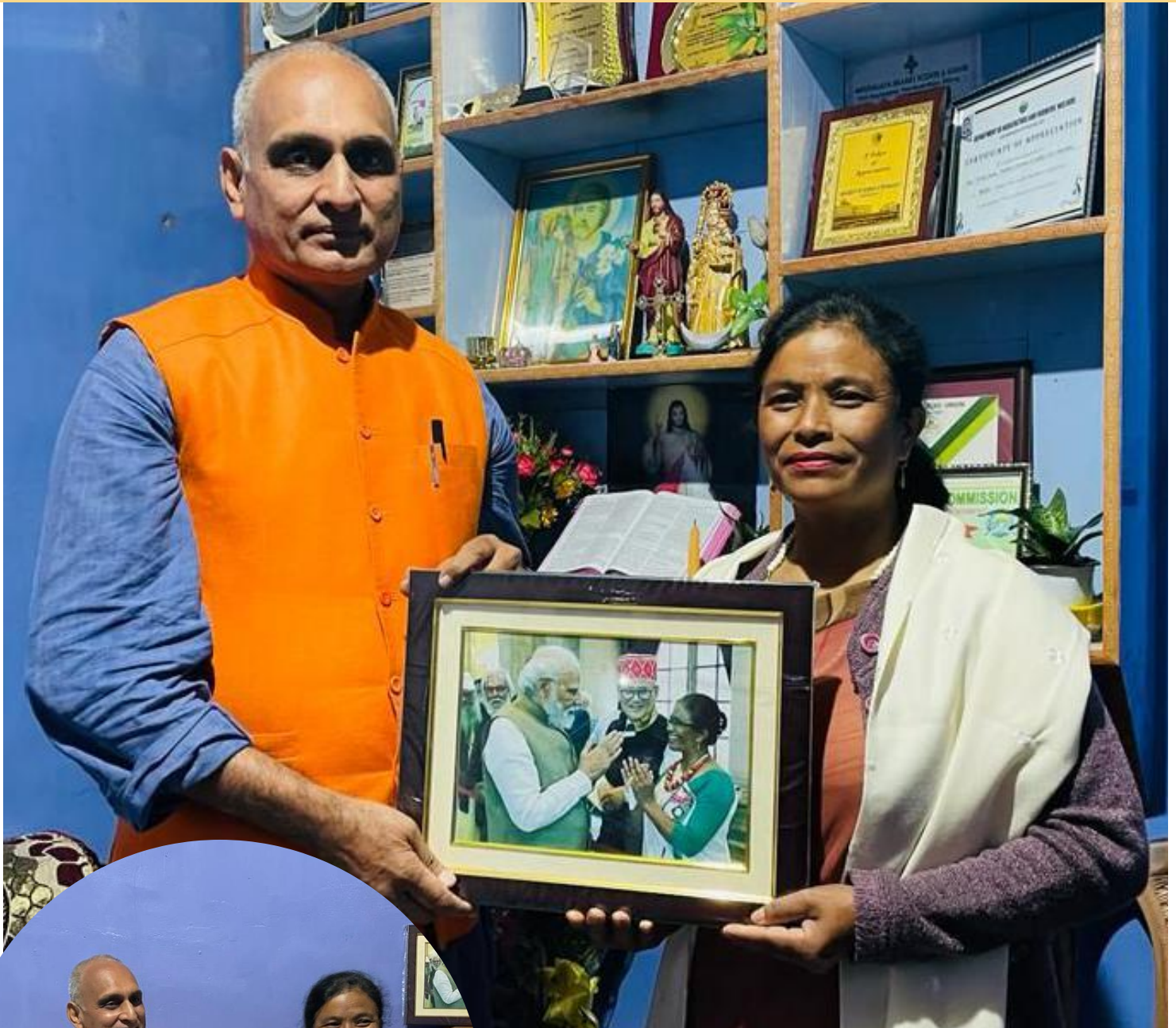
HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI JI CHANGED THE PERCEPTION OF AWARDS FROM SYMBOLISM TO SUBSTANTIVE. PADMA AWARDS NO LONGER REMAIN THE EXCLUSIVE MONOPOLY OF ELITE AND METROPOLITAN PEOPLE.

"THE COMMON MAN DOING UNCOMMON THINGS WITHOUT PUBLICITY IS NOW WORTHY OF THESE AWARDS"

ONE SUCH AWARD IN 2020 HAS BEEN GRANTED TO *MRS. TRINITY SAIOO* ALSO KNOWN AS TURMERIC TRINITY

PADMA SHREE TRINITY SAIOO

Prof. Sinha Visited Her To Falicitate In Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya)



She is working with the Lakadong Variety of turmeric and assists unread women in learning the methods of organic farming to boost their earnings.

INTERACTION WITH THE VILLAGERS

ASCERTAINING THE DEVELOPMENT GAPS

Community meeting in Kongthong

Spending time with the tribal and discussed their day-to-day life struggles





DISCUSSION HELD ON 8TH MAY,2022
WITH SEVA BHARTI REPRESENTATIVES
FOR THE BETTERMENT OF POOR,
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OF KHASI COMMUNITY



HIGHLIGHTS

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SHILLONG TIMES

1st APRIL, 2022

Rajya Sabha MP raises queries on NER

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG, April 1: Rajya Sabha member, Prof Rakesh Sinha, who has been vocal in Parliament on issues concerning Meghalaya and the North-eastern region, raised a number of important queries related to his adopted village - Kongthong - particularly about raising its tourism potentials.

Sinha queried whether the Centre would take steps to consolidate the touristic character of Kongthong in Meghalaya and make the place tourist friendly as it is the only 'Whistling Village' in the country and has potential to

become an important tourist place.

Sinha further queries whether the government would use its natural sites and develop it as a tourist spot and also provide facilities for tourists due to its added attraction and natural beauty keeping in mind the protection of indigenous culture, people, language and ecology.

In his reply, Union Minister for Tourism G Kishan Reddy said the Ministry of Tourism under its flagship schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' has not received

any proposal from the Meghalaya government for development of Kongthong village.

Reddy further added that the Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme in order to develop sustainable and responsible destinations with tourist & destination centric approaches. The Ministry of Tourism has earlier sanctioned two projects under its Swadesh Darshan scheme and one project under its 'PRASHAD' scheme in Meghalaya.

Under Swadesh Darshan's NE Circuit in 2016-17 the Centre had sanctioned Rs 99.13 crore **(Contd on P-4)**

GESTURES OF GRATITUDE AND LOVE FROM KONGTHONG VILLAGERS





Prof. Rakesh Sinha in Khasi News Papers

Thoh u MP sha u Conrad ban pyntrei

u Sangma ha ka Sngi Balang.

U la ong ba ka jinglong ba kyrpang jong ka shnong ka la khring ia ki briew na kylleng ka pyrthei bad wat u Myntri Rangbahduh ka ri, u Narendra Modi u la pynsgew ar sien ia ka shnong Kongthong ha ki jingkreng jong u.

"Nga la ting ruh ia ka shnong Sder, Mawmang bad Mawsohmad kiba ha East Khasi Hills. Nga la leit jngoh ia ka Mawmang bad ka la shim por ia nga kumba 2 kynta bad leit bad wan. Kine ki shnong kim don surok ne kiwei-kiwei ki lad pyniasoh," u la ong.

Haba iathuh ba u la pynsgew sha u Myntri Rangbah na bynta ban shna noh ia ka surok na Kongthong sha Sder, u Sinha u la ong ba la dep leh ia katto-katne ki kam jurip, hynrei kam shym la don ia ka nongrim ba skhem ban ia id shakhmat bad ka kam.

Shuh shuh u la bynrap ba ha ka por ba u la leit sha Delhi, u la iakren bad u Myntri Rangbah ia kane bad na ka liang u Sangma u la kular ba shen yn sa sdang noh ia ka kam.

"Nga kyrpad rit ia phi ban pyntreikam noh klo i ia kane. Kan long ka jingmyntoi ia ki hajar ngut ki 'riewlum kiba la mad jingeh shi kat dei," u la ong.

Thoh u MP sha u Conrad ban pyntrei noh ia ka surok na Kongthong sha Sder

Shillong, Risaw 12

U MP ka Rajya Sabha, u Rakesh Sinha u la kyrpad ia u Myntri Rangbah ka Jylla, u Conrad K. Sangma ban pyntrei noh ia ka surok na Kongthong sha Sder kaba ha East Khasi Hills.

"Nga ai khublei na bynta ka jingiatreilang haba iadei bad ka roi ka par jong ka Kongthong, ka shnong jong ka rwai ka siaw ha East Khasi Hills kaba nga la dep ting hapoh ka Saansad Gram Adarsh Yojana," ong u Sinha ha ka jingthoh ba la phah sha ...Pule Sq 7

Thoh u Prof Rakesh Sinha sha u Conrad ban shna surok naduh Kongthong sha Sder



Ki nongshong shnong na ki 7 tylli ki shnong kiba ia id kjat ban poi sha Kongthong. (Dur: Mawphor)

Shillong, Risaw, 12: U MP ka Rajya Sabha u Prof. Rakesh Sinha ha ka sngi balang u la phah da ka jingthoh sha u Myntri Rangbah ka Jylla u Conrad Kongkal Sangma ban pynkymaw ha kaba iadei bad ka jingpysdang ban shna noh ia ka surok kaba pyniasoh naduh ka shnong Kongthong shaduh ka shnong Sder kiba hap hapoh ka East Khasi Hills District.

Ka Shnong Sder, Mawmang bad Mawsohmat ki dei ki shnong ki bym pat don surok haduh mynta myne bad ki paidbah jong kine ki lai tylli ki shnong ki iakynduh mawsiang bha ha ka leit ka wan, ka ha rah ka rong bad khamtam eh ha ka pang ka shitom.

"Nyangkong eh, nga ai khublei ia ka jingiatreilang jong phi ban theh ia ki song pynroi ha ka shnong Kongthong, ka shnong kaba la bna nam ha ka jingrwai ia kaba nga la shimiti hapoh ka Saansad Gram Adarsh Yojana," ong u Prof. Sinha ha ka shithi ba la phah sha u Myntri Rangbah.

"Ka jinglong tynrai ka la khring ia ki paidbah na kylleng ka pyrthei. U Myntri Rangbahduh ka ri jong ngi u Narendra Modi u la pynmih haduh arsieu ia ka shnong Kongthong ha ki jingai jingkreng jong u. Nga la shimiti ia ka shnong Sder,

Mawmang bad Mawsohmat ha East Khasi Hills District. Nga la leit jngoh ia ka shnong Mawmang da kaba ia id kjat jin haduh ar kynta leit bad wan. Kine ki shnong ki dei ki bym pat pyniasoh da ka surok lane kimo kimo ki had ban pynsak ia ka leit ka wan," la pynpaw u Prof. Sinha.

"Nga la shna ia ka jingpynwandur ban shna ia ka surok hapdeng ka shnong Kongthong sha Sder. Nga ai khublei ia phi ba phi la pdieng ia kane ka jingdawa. Katno katno ki kam ba la sdang ki long ka jingsorjamin ba la pyndep. Hynrei kam shym don satia kano kano ka jingpynnyllun ia ka kam. Ha ka jingiatynduh ha Delhi, nga la iasylok halor kane bad phi la ai ka jingular ba ia ka kam yn sa sdang noh shen," la pynkymaw u Prof. Sinha ia u Myntri Rangbah.

"Namarkata, nga kyrpad rit ia phi ban pyntreikam noh kham klo i bad ba kan long ka jingmyntoi ia ki hajar ngut ki paidbah nongshong shnong kiba la mad ia ki jingshah jyrjar la katta ki snem," u la ong.

Dang shen ha ka jinghjar jurip jong ki nongthoh khubor sha ki shnong ka thaih war Khatarshnong kaba don sha ki thaih Sohra la lap ba ki don haduh 7 tylli ki shnong ba kyntuh ia ka Mawmang, Sder, Malong, Mawsohmat, Khohber, Warbah bad ka Thi ki dei ki shnong kiba ym pat don satia ia ka surok kaba long u budlum jong ka toh ka kot bad ka leit ka wan.

Ha ka jingjurip, la lap ba ki nongshong shnong jong kane ka thain ki hap ban ia id da ha kjat da ki bun kynta ban poi sha ka shnong Kongthong, ka shnong kaba jan tam nupdeng ki shnong kiba la poi surok na bynta ban leit siew lei tda ne wat ban leit sha ki jaka sumar wat tang ia ka jingshitom ba malu mala ruh.

Haba lakren bad ki katto katne ngut ki paidbah ba ialet iawan lyngba kawei ka lymti ia id kjat kaba pyniasoh ia ka shnong Kongthong kaba la don surok bad ki 7 tylli ki shnong kiba haduh mynta kim biang wat ia ka lymti ia id kjat ruh ki iathuh ba kane ka jingbym don surok wat haduh mynta la san pheu snem kyntih ka la buh jingeh bha ia ki paidbah khamtam ban kit marbam bad ban leit shim dawai.

Phah shithi u Rakesh sha u

bym pat don surok, wat la na ka liang u Myntri Rangbah Duh ka ri India u Narendra Modi ula ju kren halor ka jingitynnad ka shnong Kongthong bad ki shnong ba don marjan.

U Rakesh ula pynpaw ba dang shen ula shimti ia ki shnong ba kyntuhup Sder. Mawmang bad ka Mawsohmad na ka bynta ban kyntiew ia ka roi ka par hynrei kine ki shnong haduh mynta ki pat don surok ka ba buh jingeh ia ki paidbah jong kane ka thaini.

Ula ong ba ka shnong Kongthong ka la shah kyntuhup hapoh ka Saansad Gram Adarsh Yojana kum shi bynta ban kyntiew ia ka roi ka par bad ban pynneh ia ka jinglong tynrai bad kyrpang ka shnong bad ki nongshong shnong.

U Rakesh Sinha ula pynpaw ba haduh mynta kine ki shnong kim pat don surok bad ki nongshong shnong ki hap ban ia id palat 2 kynta tam ban poi sha ka shnong ba don surok.

Ula iathuh ba ka la don ka jing sorjamin ia ki jaka ban shna surok naduh Kongthong haduh Sder hynrei haduh mynta ka jingsbna surok kam pat sdang satia.

Halor kane une u MP ka Rajya Sabha na Bihar ula kyntu ia u Myntri Rangbah ka jylla u Conrad K Sangma ban sdang noh ka jingpyntrei surok na Kongthong sha Sder na ka bynta ka jingmyntoi ki paidbah ka thaini.



"From August 15, 2019, Kongthong is my village and I owe a moral responsibility to do whatever I can with the support of union and state governments and will mobilise local resources."



END OF KHASI-
CHRITIAN FUED
IN KONGTHONG

TAKING BLESSINGS FROM "RIIOANA
MAJAW" WHO INVITED PROF. SINHA
BEFORE CHRISTMAS



FREEDOM-FROM THE RELIGIOUS FUED

AN INTANGIBLE ACHIEVEMENT

DECADES TO DECADES, THE LAND OF SENG KHASI WAS DISPUTED DUE TO COMMUNAL FEUDS BETWEEN CHRISTIAN AND SENG KHASI COMMUNITIES.

AFTER 2YEARS OF COMMUNITARIAN FEELING, THE LAND WAS PEACEFULLY LIBERATED WITH THE MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES.



SHAD PUJA RAID KONGTHONG
 Date: 17th & 18th June 2022
 Time : 12 P.M Onwards
 Venue : Kongthong

The Sordar of Raid Kongthong, Khatarshnong, Sohra Syiemship extends his warm invitation to

PROF. RAKESH SINHA,
 Member of Rajya Sabha
as the Chief Guest



to witness and be part of the Annual Thanksgiving Dance of the Raid to be held on the 17th and 18th June 2022 at Kongthong Village.

Your presence will mean a lot to us.

Shri. Teibor Lynrah
 Sordar, Raid Kongthong
 Sohra Syiemship





"Adopted three more villagers in the vicinity of Kongthong:

- *Mawmag*
- *Mawshut*
- *Sder"*

SHILLONG TIMES
14TH APRIL, 2021

Rajya Sabha member adopts three more villages in state

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG, April 14: Rajya Sabha member, Prof Rakesh Sinha on Thursday announced that he has adopted three more villages in the vicinity of Kongthong – Mawmag, Mawshut and Sder.

Stating that there is lack of medical facility and connectivity in the area, he said that will set up a virtual clinic by the end of May where trained professional will be placed and diagnosis will be done through a camera by a doctor and medicines will be prescribed.

He informed that he has initiated similar clinics in Bihar which have been successful.

He also informed that a traditional gate will also be constructed at the entrance of the village without any government help and a vending machine for sanitary napkins will be set up in the village.

Highlighting the plight of the villagers, he said that they suffer from extreme poverty,

lack of educational system and lack of good connectivity.

Stating that villagers have been exploited in as far as the business of broom, betel leaves and honey is concerned, he said that the villagers sell brooms at 15 per piece which is then sold 60 km away in Shillong for over Rs 90 each.

He said that a cooperative society is being set up to address the problem.

The Rajya Sabha MP pointed out three crucial parameters for the villagers to grow — economic empowerment is crucial, political empowerment making them politically conscious about their rights and sustainable development.

Sinha, who has adopted the now famous village of Kongthong, also said that efforts will be made gradually to rectify the tag line “whistling village” before it earns the UNESCO heritage tag.

Sinha said that the rectification has to be done gradually and it will start through the social media. **(Contd on P-4)**



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN SWER (Another village adopted by Prof. Sinha)



TIRANGA YATRA IN SHILLONG

PROF. SINHA JOINS TIRANGA YATRA IN SHILLONG ON 15TH AUGUST 2022



**INTERACTION WITH THE PARTY WORKERS OF
PENURELA (EAST KHASI HILLS) ON 25TH OCTOBER
2022**



HISTORICAL MOMENT

Home Standing Committee of Parliament visited Kongthong on 13th November 2022




With Shri Brijlal (Chairman, Standing Committee), Shri Dilip Ghosh, Shri Dulal Chand Goswami, Shri Neeraj Shekhar, Prof. Rakesh Sinha, Shri N.R Elangio and others



KONGTHONG WEBSITE INAUGURATION

ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2022, CSDC HELD A PROGRAM FOR THE LAUNCH OF WEBSITE ON KONGTHONG VILLAGE





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Prof. Rakesh Sinha, MP, Rajya Sabha,
Honorary Director, CSDC

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for the **Launch of Website on Kongthong Village** and discussion on
Importance of Micro-Culture/Tradition in Making of a Civilisation
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Date- 29 November 2022
Time- 4 PM-5:30 PM

Venue- Conference Hall, Meghalaya House, 9 Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi,
Nearest Metro- Khan Market and Lok Kalyan Marg
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MEGHALAYA'S VICTORY FOR PROGRESS, STABILITY AND CONTINUE ACCELERATING IT'S GROWTH TRAJECTORY

Conrad Sangma Sworn-In As Meghalaya CM For 2nd Time In PM Modi's Presence



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KONGHTHONG, the whistling village

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