

COMMUNITY POLICING IN SOUTH GARO HILLS DISTRICT

On 26/07/2016 at MFC Rongara a programme of interaction with citizens was held from 12:00 PM to 03:00 PM under the leadership of District S.P Anand Mishra, IPS, where over a thousand of citizens participated including police personnel. People from far off villages like Rongcheng walked more than six hours to participate and voice their concerns on keeping peace and order in the district.

The local people from the villages, NGOs, Nokmas and Lashkars, Government officials enthusiastically partook in the programme and agreed to work together collectively for maintenance of law and order. The local MLA from Rongara-Siju Constituency also attended the Programme.

Dy.SP Probationers and other district Police officers and men also participated in the deliberations with the people on various issues concerning their safety and security. It was decided to set up Rongara Community Policing Committee for fostering peace and harmony . The Committee will have a sub-committee at each village. The Village Defence Parties (VDPs) will also be strengthened and they will work in tandem and close cooperation with the Village Sub-Committees to provide assistance in making a meaningful Police-Public participation in overall public interest.

The District S.P assured public of prompt service and shared phone numbers 9485113401 and 9615991600 with the people to contact him in case of need .



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Towards a further step in the fight against militancy and improving Law & Order and Security scenario in the district, and as proof towards the growing consciousness among the citizens, a huge Police-Public coordination meeting was held today, 26.07.2016 at MFC Rongara from 12:00PM to 03:00 PM. More than 1000 (One Thousand) persons voluntarily participated in the meeting. People from far off villages like Rongcheng had come to attend the meeting even after walking more than six hours. Gradually the People and all concerned are realizing that we all are Stake Holders in ensuring Peace and that "an Empowered Police is required for an Empowered Society" and Police can only be Empowered by the support and active participation of the Society.

This meeting was in culmination to recent initiatives in this regard. The lead in organizing this meeting was taken by the local people from all villages, NGOs, village Headmen – Nokmas and Lashkars, Local Government Officials and District Police. Shri Anand Mishra, IPS, the Superintendent of Police, South Garo Hills: Baghmara was the Chief Guest and Shri Rophul S Marak, the Local MLA from Rongara-Siju Constituency was the Guest of Honour in the Programme. Young Dy.SP Probationers and other Local Police Officials also participated. It was a lively programme and vital security and Law & Order issues were discussed. A 'Rongara Community Policing Committee' was also formed which will further create Sub-Committees at each village level. VDPs will be strengthened at each Village level and the Village Sub-Committee and VDP will together ensure penetration of Police Administration till the last mile through Public Participation.

All the Participants appreciated the recent improvement in Law & Order in the area and also extended their whole hearted support to Police in ensuring full security to the area and its inhabitants and thus paving the path for Development of this belt.

The SP ensured 24 X 7 Police Service at their disposal and recommitted himself along-with his team to the service of the people and ensured people that as Public Servants, Police officials will always keep the sensitivities, welfare and interests of the Public as a priority. SP has started Earmarked Phone Numbers for all ranks. The Earmarked Phone Number of SP South Garo Hills (9485113401 / 9615991600) was shared with the Participants. Other Numbers will be shared through Pamphlets.



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The MLA also gave a clarion call for all to join the fight against militancy and told the participants that even God Helps those who Help themselves. He encouraged them to come forward and share inputs with Police and gave example of North Garo Hills People who have realized their role and stake in ensuring Best Policing for their society.

All other guests and participants also expressed positive views regarding this new Police-Public Partnership initiative and asked everyone not to be opinionated or biased against Police. Some other issues like taking up matter of International Border area's security with BSF were also flagged and noted for action.

The Community Policing Committee has started their ground level work and a new dimension in Policing is being explored through Participation of all stake holders. This model of Civil Sub-Committee and VDP forming the village level representatives of Police Department and providing the bridge between Police Administration and Civil Society will soon be replicated throughout the District.

(ANAND MISHRA, IPS)

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