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Sensitization of Faith-Based Organisations on Integrated Health Campaign Organized in East Jaintia Hills District

Khliehriat, July 8, 2026: With the objective of strengthening the involvement of faith-based organisations in promoting awareness on HIV and encouraging voluntary HIV testing, the Meghalaya AIDS Control Society(MACS) organised a sensitization programme for religious leaders representing various faiths in East Jaintia Hills District on Tuesday the 7th of July, 2026 at the Conference Hall of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat.



The meeting was chaired by Assistant Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District, Smti F. Wann, MCS and attended by District AIDS Control Officer, East and West Jaintia Hills Districts, Dr. P. Lamare, District Integrated Strategy for HIV/AIDS (DISHA), Jaintia Cluster, Shri Sandy Tariang, along with religious leaders from different faith-based organisations.

Addressing the gathering, Assistant Commissioner, Smti F. Wann, MCS sought the active cooperation of religious leaders in educating and mobilising communities on the importance of the Integrated Health Campaign. She highlighted the vital role that faith-based organisations can play in creating awareness, reducing stigma associated with HIV, and encouraging individuals to voluntarily know their HIV status through testing. She also invited suggestions from the participants to further strengthen the campaign and ensure its effective implementation across the district.

The meeting also deliberated on the role of religious leaders in supporting public health initiatives, the objectives of the Integrated Health Campaign, and strategies to encourage community members to voluntarily come forward for HIV testing, thereby contributing to the collective efforts to curb the spread of HIV in the district.



The three-month Integrated Health Campaign is scheduled to be conducted in various identified villages across the district from July to September 2026.