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National Voters' Day celebrated

Shillong, 25th **Jan 2019:** Along with the rest of the country, National Voters' Day was celebrated here today at Ward's Lake which was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, H Marwein as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering during the Inaugural Session of the day long celebrations, Additional Chief H Marwein Secretary, said that we are privileged to be a part of the largest democracy in the world but this democracy becomes



meaningless unless the people actively participate in the election process without fear or favour or any other considerations. He added that the State Election Commission has been working tirelessly to ensure that every eligible person participates in the elections therefore he urged the electorates to exercise their franchise wisely and ethically. He particularly urged the youth and the first time voters to be wise, cautious and informed while voting as their vote will decide their future.

Earlier, the Chief Guest also launched the 1950 VVIP (Voter verification & Implementation Programme) Helpline through which electorates can confirm and verify their names and other details. Prizes for various competitions and for the RUN FOR DEMOCRACY that was held earlier in the morning were also distributed. Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) were also distributed to the first time voters during the function. Photography competition, Zumba fitness, and a Rock concert were other highlights of the celebrations.



Also present were Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills and District Election officer, M War Nongbri and Additional CEO, R P Marak.