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CM attends the 15th Foundation Day of Mawkyllei College

Shillong, 17th Oct 2026: Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K Sangma, today attended the 15th Foundation Day of Mawkyllei College at a program held at Dorbar Lyngdoh Nonglait Ground, West Khasi Hills. Also present as Guest of Honour was MLA, Mawthadraishan, Shri Shakliar Warjri.



Delivering his address, Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K Sangma, congratulating the college on its 15th Foundation Day said the day is also to recognise the people who established the college,



the community that sustained it, the teachers who carried its academic work and the students and families who placed their confidence in it. Remembering the contributions of Late Hopingstone Lyngdoh he said, “On this day I pay my respects and gratitude to Late Hopingstone Lyngdoh the founder and architect of this college and a great leader of our state,” and fondly recalled the close association of Late Hopingstone Lyngdoh with Late P A Sangma and the family.

On Education the Chief Minister said that it is the most important sector for any government without which a society or nation will not move

forward in the desired pace stating that education is the most powerful way to bring change in society. “For us as a government education has been a top priority,” he said and shared the transformative and reformatory of the education sector in the state since 2018 from greater budget allocation, improved pass percentage in board examinations, improved PGI ranking, establishment of colleges and higher and technical institutions, improved, renovated and new school buildings etc. “Education has seen a change and we are moving in the right direction but our journey is far from completion with a lot more to do in this sector,” he added.

Stating that the education is not an easy sector with many challenges he solicited the cooperation of all and to work together. He informed that it is the endeavour of the government to provide higher education opportunities and options even in rural areas. He informed that the government is supporting a number of schools and colleges and is working towards a policy to support schools and colleges that are doing well and giving options to the students.

The Chief Minister announced a grant of ₹ 25 lakhs from the Chief Minister’s Special Grant to the college and an additional ₹ 5 lakhs to the students of the college to procure music and sports equipment for the college.

Concluding his address, the Chief Minister said, “The first fifteen years have widened access to higher education and laid a strong community foundation. The next phase should build on this progress by strengthening academic quality, mentoring students more effectively and preparing them for higher studies, employment and service to society.”



Mawkyllai College was established on 6 June 2011 after the Mawkyllai village community recognised that many students completing Class XII found it difficult to pursue higher education in distant towns because of the additional costs involved. The initiative was taken forward through the collective commitment of the village community and the strong support of the Late Hopingstone Lyngdoh. The college has grown to serve more than 150 students, supported by over 18 teaching and non-teaching staff, reflecting the steady progress of an institution created through community initiative. The college represents far more than a local facility. By bringing higher education closer to home, it has made it possible for more young people from the region to continue their studies after Class XII. As the college strengthens its academic environment, it has the potential to serve not only nearby communities, but also students from the wider region and contribute more fully to Meghalaya's higher-education landscape.