

PRESS RELEASE



Golden Jubilee Celebration of West Khasi Hills District: Kite Flying and Traditional Horse Riding Competitions Draw Enthusiastic Participation at Mynni Mawbri

As part of the ongoing Golden Jubilee Celebration of West Khasi Hills District, the District Administration, in collaboration with the Tourism Department, Haikai Travels, and Mynni Mawbri Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Society Ltd., organised Kite Flying and Traditional Horse Riding Competitions at Mynni Mawbri Playground on Friday.



The event brought together the local community and traditional horse-riding enthusiasts, adding colour, excitement, and cultural significance to the celebration of the district's 50th year. The competitions showcased the area's rich indigenous traditions and recreational activities while encouraging community participation in the Golden Jubilee festivities.

The programme was witnessed by the Superintendent of Police, West Khasi Hills District, Shri H. Kharkongor, MPS, Shri R. Kharkongor, MCS, Block Development Officer (BDO), Mawshynrut; Shri Marc A. N. Diengdoh, Tourist Officer, Nongstoin; the Rangbah Shnong of Mynni Mawbri; and members of the surrounding communities.



Winners of the Traditional Horse Racing Competition

- 1st Place: Thup — rider Kynsaiborlang Wahlang.
- 2nd Place: Thup Rit — rider Wosligen Wahlang.
- 3rd Place: Nika — rider Eric Kharbani.

Winners of the Horse Show Competition

- 1st Place: Kulai Saw — presented by Sabut Wahlang.
- 2nd Place: Lai Lieh — presented by Pleindar Sangriang.
- 3rd Place: Koh Mut — presented by Beindinglan L. Marshillong.

Winners of the Kite Flying Competition

- Highest-Flying Kite: Zachary Khongtim.
- Most Creative Kite: Jubilathmu Mawlieh.
- Biggest Kite That Flew: Khraw Mawlieh.

Consolation Prize Recipients

Consolation prizes were awarded to the following participants in recognition of their efforts and creativity in the kite flying competition, including kites that reached great heights or travelled far before tearing:

- 1) John F. Khyriem
- 2) Pynshaibor Marwein
- 3) Kailas Lyngdoh Nonglait
- 4) Longkmen Jat
- 5) John Marwein



The competitions provided a memorable highlight of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, bringing together tradition, sporting spirit, and community participation. The event also underscored the importance of preserving and promoting the district's indigenous heritage while commemorating five decades of its journey and development.