## OBSERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

As part of the observation of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, East Khasi Hills District Police in collaboration with the various headmen, NGOs, VDP, Principal/teachers of different Schools/Colleges etc organised an awareness programme at various schools/colleges/villages/slum areas in Shillong city as well as rural areas. On the occasion, it was explained to them briefly about the ill effects of Drugs and Trafficking by displaying the pictures of drugs and cannabis plant available in Shillong City and to create a societal effort in preventing illicit trafficking of Drugs and other intoxicating substances which affect not only the one who is addicted but the family member also suffer as well as the society because the problem of drug addiction cannot be abolished by force or by moral policing, it can be done only through awareness programmes and support from near and dear ones.

As Part of creating mass awareness on the menace of Drug abuse and illicit trafficking, on 26.06.2017 Sadar Police Station in collaboration with the member of Royal Enfield Riders Association of Meghalaya (RERAM) held a bike rally within the town for spreading the message on ill effects of drugs. The bike rally was flagged off by Shri Davis N.R.Marak,IPS, Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills, Shillong. Speaking on the occasion, he said that drug abuse is on the rise in Shillong as well as in the state of Meghalaya as a whole and it is not only a crime but a social problem. "The police department requires the help and support from each and every segment of the society to control this menace.

To stop the menace of drug abuse and illegal trafficking the Sadar PS launched a weeklong campaign whereby messages through social media circulated, banners displayed in various parts of the city, pamphlets distributed to one and all besides holding placard competition on drug abuse. The programme has so far received laurels from the masses for the pro active approach of the East Khasi Hills District Police towards tackling the menace.

All Police Stations, Beat Houses, Out Posts and Traffic Branches in East Khasi Hills District also organized an Awareness Programme on Drug Abuse and illicit Trafficking in their respective jurisdictions to spread awareness amongst the youths especially school/college going students to avoid using drug when they come to Shillong or go out to other states for further study.