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Report on Red Ribbon Club Youth Festival 2026

The Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of Jaintia Eastern College, Khliehriat, in collaboration with the Meghalaya AIDS Control Society (MACS), Shillong successfully organized the Red Ribbon Club Youth Festival 2026 on 12th June 2026 at Jaintia Eastern College, Khliehriat. The festival was conducted under the theme “**Youth United Against HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse: Act Now for a Safer and Healthier Jaintia Hills.**”

Participants: : 223

- RRC Volunteers : 201
- Escort teachers : 12
- Officials from MACS : 03
- Resource person : 01
- Others (Social media) : 03
- Guests & Invitees : 03

The festival witnessed enthusiastic participation from students representing various schools and colleges across East Jaintia Hills and West Jaintia Hills Districts. The participants actively took part in the competitions and awareness programmes organized as part of the festival.

Inaugural Function

The inaugural function of the RRC Youth Festival 2026 commenced at 10:00 A.M. and was graced by **Shri C. Mawkon, MCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District**, as a Chief Guest. He formally inaugurated the festival and, in his inaugural address, emphasized the significant role of youth in combating HIV/AIDS and drug abuse. He encouraged the participants to become ambassadors of positive change and spread awareness within their communities.

The keynote address was delivered by **Dr. P. Lamare, District AIDS Control Officer (DACO), Jowai**, who provided valuable insights on HIV/AIDS prevention, awareness generation, stigma reduction and the importance of responsible behaviour among young people.

The inaugural function was chaired by Dr. P. Nongtdu, Principal, Jaintia Eastern College. Shri B. Papang, Faculty of Commerce Department, delivered the welcome address, while Dr. (Mrs.) R. M. Nongtdu, Faculty of History Department, proposed the vote of thanks.

Awareness Marathon

Earlier in the day, an Awareness Marathon was organized at **7:00 A.M.** as part of the festival. Prior to the commencement of the marathon, Dr. P. Nongtdu, Principal, Jaintia Eastern College, delivered the introductory address. In his address, he said that the Awareness Marathon was organized with the objective of promoting awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention, healthy living and the harmful consequences of drug abuse and extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, **Dr. C. S. Bareh, District Malaria Officer, Khliehriat Civil Hospital, Khliehriat**, and all teachers, officials of the East Jaintia Hills District Athletic Association and participants from different institutions.

The Chief Guest, flagged off the Awareness Marathon and, in his address, highlighted the importance of youth participation in addressing critical social issues such as HIV/AIDS and drug abuse. He urged students and participants to adopt healthy lifestyles, remain free from substance abuse and contribute towards building a healthy society.

A total of 42 (Forty-two) participants (Male – 25 and Female 17) from 8 (Eights) institutions participated in the Awareness Marathon carrying placards and displaying messages advocating for a safer, healthier and drug-free society. The winners are as follows:

Winners of the Awareness Marathon:

Male Category

- First Position: Mr. Arwonki Rynghlem, Wapung Higher Secondary School, Wapung
- Second Position: Mr. Wanchan Rynghlem, Wapung Higher Secondary School, Wapung
- Third Position: Mr. Emisuk Dhar, Don Bosco College, Byndihati
- Fourth Position: Mr. Dining Dkhar, Jaintia Eastern College, Khliehriat
- Fifth Position: Mr. Rimitre Sutong, Jaintia Eastern Higher Second School, Khliehriat

Female Category

- First Position: Miss. Thehlut Sana, Good Shepherd Higher secondary School, Lad Rymbai
- Second Position: Miss Ranika Kanai Don Bosco College, Byndihati and Miss Roibhaki Biam, Kiang Nangbah Govt. College, Jowai
- Third Position: Miss. Pyrkhat Shadap, Khliehriat Higher Secondary School, Khliehriat
- Fourth Position: Miss. Theishwa Bhoi, Jaintia Eastern Higher Second School, Khliehriat

Note: The participants whose names appeared from **Sl. No. 1st to 5th positions** in the Awareness Marathon, in both the **Male and Female categories**, have qualified to participate in the **State Level Competition**.

Session - 2

The Second session began with a **Quiz Competition** exclusively for school students, aimed at enhancing awareness and knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS, health, and related social issues. The competition witnessed active participation and generated considerable interest among the students.

A total of 16 (Sixteen) students from 8 (Eights) institutions participated in the Quiz Competition. The winners are as follows:

Quiz Competition Winners

- First Position: Miss. Sarabethel Pyrtuh, and Miss. Veryfylyn Niang, Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Jowai
- Second Position: Mr. Pynskhem Pyrngap and Mr. Rishwadame Rabon, Don Bosco Higher Secondary school, Byndihati
- Third Position: Miss. Hondaphihi Sungoh and Miss Nidapynshai Suchiang, Shangpung Higher Secondary School, Shangpung

Note: The winners, Miss. Sarabethel Pyrtuh, and Miss. Veryfylyn Niang, Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Jowai have qualified to participate/represent Jaintia Hills District at the **State Level Competition**.

Session - 3

A Debate Competition was conducted on the topic: **“Strict laws work better than awareness in controlling HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse.”**

The competition provided participants with an opportunity to express their views on HIV/AIDS awareness, drug abuse prevention, youth empowerment and social responsibility. It also highlighted their critical thinking abilities, communication skills and understanding of contemporary social challenges.

A total of 20 (Twenty) students from 8 (Eight) institutions participated in the Debate Competition. The winners are as follows:

Debate Competition Winners

- First Position: Mr. Odawanlangki Sutnga, Kiang Nangbah Govt. College, Jowai
- Second Position: Miss. Sakani siangshai, Khliehriat Higher Secondary School, Khliehriat
- Third Position: Miss. Wansawaka Pasi, Kiang Nangbah Govt. College, Jowai

Session – 4

A **Flash Mob** was proposed to be organized at **Khliehriat Town** as part of the RRC Youth Festival 2026. However, due to unfavourable weather conditions, the programme was shifted to the **College Campus**. The students of Jaintia Eastern College enthusiastically presented a Flash Mob to spread awareness among the students and the community regarding HIV/AIDS prevention and the importance of adopting safe and responsible practices.

Following the Flash Mob, **Ms. L. Nongpiur, Assistant Director, Meghalaya AIDS Control Society (MACS), Shillong**, delivered an informative lecture on the important modes of prevention from HIV/AIDS. She highlighted the significance of awareness, early testing, and preventive measures in controlling the spread of HIV infection.

During her interaction, she explained the **“ABC” approach**, a widely recognized framework for preventing the sexual transmission of HIV/AIDS.

The session created greater awareness among students about HIV/AIDS prevention, responsible behaviour, and the importance of reducing stigma and

discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS. The programme concluded with a message encouraging youth to become ambassadors of HIV/AIDS awareness and promote a healthy and informed society.

Valedictory Function

The Valedictory Function was graced by **Shri A. Nongbri, Additional Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya** as a Chief Guest, who congratulated the organizers and participants for the successful conduct of the festival. In his address, he emphasized the importance of collective efforts in creating awareness about HIV/AIDS and drug abuse and encouraged young people to lead healthy, responsible and productive lives.

The programme concluded with the distribution of prizes, certificates, and mementos to the winners and participants by the chief guest, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. J. Pyrnga faculty of Political Science. Gratitude was expressed to the Meghalaya AIDS Control Society (MACS), guests and invitees, participating institutions, faculty members, volunteers, and students for their valuable support and cooperation in making the festival a grand success.

Conclusion

Overall, the Red Ribbon Club Youth Festival 2026 successfully achieved its objective of educating, sensitizing and empowering young people to contribute towards building a safer, healthier and drug-free Jaintia Hills. The festival served as an effective platform for promoting awareness, encouraging youth participation and strengthening collective efforts towards addressing HIV/AIDS and drug abuse-related challenges in society.



Principal
Jaintia Eastern College
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CLIPPING

Flag off ceremony (7:00 A.M)

AWARENESS MARATHON





Reception and Breakfast Time



INAUGURAL FUNCTION (10:00 A.M)



Quiz Competition (11:00 A.M)



Debate Competition (Time: 12:00 Noon)



Flash Mob Time 2:00 P.M



Valedictory Function (Time: 3:00 P.M)



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