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IA&AD, SHILLONG AUDIT DIWAS CELEBRATIONS

The Indian Audit and Accounts Department (IAAD) offices in Shillong commemorated the third Audit Diwas with a series of events between the 16th to 24th November 2023. A Panel Discussion on "Strengthening the Functioning and Oversight of Local Governance Institutions in Meghalaya" on 22nd November 2023 in which Patricia Mukhim, Editor "The Shillong Times" and Prof S. Umdor, Head, Economics Department, North Eastern Hill University Shillong were the main Speakers, an Inter College Quiz Competition and a Seminar on "Enhancing Accountability through Geo-spatial Technology" on 24th November 2023 organized in collaboration with the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC), Department of Space were the highlights of the week long celebrations.

It may be mentioned that the President of India had inaugurated the nation-wide celebrations of the 3rd Audit Diwas on 16th November 2023 at the office of the CAG of India, New Delhi. Audit Diwas 2023 is being celebrated to mark the history and heritage of the Supreme Audit Institution of India.

The concluding day of the Audit week celebrations in Shillong was held at the office of the Pr Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya Shillong on 24th November 2023 in which C H Kharshiing Pr Accountant General (A&E) and Shefali S Andaleeb Pr Accountant General (Audit) & Director General, Regional Capacity Building and Knowledge Institute Shillong spoke on the significance of the event and the role played by the CAG's Institutions in holding the Executive accountable through its role as mandated in the India Constitution.

While delivering his speech on the role of Space Technology for development of NER Dr S.P. Aggarwal, Director, NESAC mentioned the huge strides made the Indian Space Research Organisation in making India one of the world leaders in this Sector. He also indicated areas where spatial technology could be used in improving audit processes and techniques. Dr Dibyajyoti Chutia, Head, GID, NESAC spoke on the role of ICT enabled Geospatial Technology towards empowering Governance activities in NER, while Nilay Nishant Scientist-SE, GID, NESAC gave a live demonstration of the North East Spatial Data Repository (NeSDR) and its various tools and analytics for Governance and Monitoring services. The finals of the inter-College Quiz Competition, which was well choreographed by Mr Nicholas Jyrwa, an eminent Quiz Master from the city, saw enthusiastic participation from all the six finalist teams. At the end St Anthony's College represented by Christina Themsingphi A.S. and Debashish Kakati emerged the winners with K L Bajoria College represented by Dondor Nongrum and Kenneth Lalringlien as the first runners-up and Marbiangdor Syiem and Aiborlang Marbaniang from Shillong Law College as the second runners-up.