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# INAUGURATION OF LIBRARY AT KHADC



**July 23, 2024 :** In a significant step towards promoting knowledge, research, and cultural preservation, the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Phagu Chauhan, inaugurated a new library at the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC). The initiative marks a crucial development in strengthening educational resources for scholars, researchers, and the general public. The newly inaugurated library houses an extensive collection of books, manuscripts, and historical records related to the Khasi community, as well as contemporary resources on governance, law, and administration. With digital facilities and modern infrastructure, the library aims to serve as a knowledge hub for students, researchers, and policymakers.



## INAUGURATION OF EXHIBITION ON 25TH KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

**July 26, 2024** : The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Phagu Chauhan, inaugurated an exhibition commemorating the 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas at the Multipurpose Hall. The exhibition paid tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of Indian soldiers during the Kargil War, showcasing rare photographs, documents, and war memorabilia.



The exhibition featured interactive displays, documentaries, and personal accounts from war veterans, offering visitors a deeper understanding of the conflict and its significance. Students, defense personnel, and dignitaries attended the event, reflecting on the resilience and dedication of the Indian Army. The Governor encouraged everyone to uphold the spirit of nationalism and honor the sacrifices made for the country's sovereignty.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by the armed forces in safeguarding the nation's integrity. It also aimed to inspire the younger generation to respect and appreciate the contributions of soldiers in maintaining peace and security. The Governor commended the organizers for their efforts in preserving the legacy of Kargil heroes and urged citizens to always stand in solidarity with the armed forces.



## FAREWELL CEREMONY OF THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR SHRI PHAGU CHAUHAN

**July 28, 2024 :** A heartfelt farewell ceremony was organized in honour of the Hon'ble Governor Shri Phagu Chauhan Ji, marking the culmination of his esteemed tenure. The event witnessed the presence of dignitaries, officials, and well-wishers who gathered to express their deep gratitude for his dedicated service, humility, and unwavering commitment to public welfare.

Tributes were paid to his visionary leadership and his efforts in strengthening the constitutional framework and promoting inclusive development in the state. The atmosphere was filled with warmth and respect, as speakers highlighted his legacy of integrity and compassion. The ceremony concluded with a sincere note of appreciation and best wishes for his future endeavours.



## SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR SHRI C H VIJAYASHANKAR



**July 30, 2024:** The swearing-in ceremony of the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, was held with great dignity at Raj Bhavan, Shillong. Administered by the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court, the oath-taking ceremony was attended by senior government officials, ministers, and other dignitaries. In his address, the Governor expressed his commitment to upholding constitutional values and working for the progress and welfare of Meghalaya.

Shri C H Vijayashankar, a seasoned leader with vast administrative experience, reiterated his dedication to strengthening governance, promoting development, and preserving the cultural heritage of the state. The ceremony concluded with felicitations from various leaders and organizations, marking the beginning of his tenure as the constitutional head of Meghalaya. His assumption of office was met with optimism, with hopes for a collaborative effort toward the state's growth and prosperity.







## A MEETING WITH **SHRI SANBOR SHULLAI** **& THE STATE BJP VICE** **PRESIDENT**



**August 7, 2024:** Shri Sanbor Shullai, MLA and former minister, along with the State BJP Vice President, met the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, at Raj Bhavan. The discussion focused on key developmental issues, governance, and the welfare of the people of Meghalaya. Shri Shullai highlighted various initiatives and concerns regarding the state's progress, seeking the Governor's guidance and support in addressing them.

The Governor appreciated their efforts and reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring the state's holistic development. He emphasized the importance of collaboration between the government and public representatives to implement policies that benefit the people. The meeting concluded with a shared vision of working towards Meghalaya's growth while upholding democratic values and good governance.



## A TALK WITH SHRI SANTHOSH VT, STATE INFORMATICS CENTRE NIC

**August 9, 2024:** Shri Santhosh V.T. from the State Informatics Centre, National Informatics Centre (NIC), met the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, at Raj Bhavan. The discussion focused on the role of digital governance, technological advancements, and the enhancement of e-governance services in Meghalaya. Shri Santhosh briefed the Governor on NIC's initiatives in streamlining government services through digital platforms, aiming to improve accessibility and efficiency.

The Governor appreciated NIC's contributions in strengthening digital infrastructure and emphasized the need for further innovation to bridge the digital divide in the state. He encouraged the use of technology for transparent governance, better service delivery, and citizen empowerment. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to advancing Meghalaya's digital transformation in alignment with the vision of Digital India.

The meeting underscored the importance of technology in modern governance and its potential to drive inclusive development. The Governor reaffirmed his support for digital initiatives that enhance public service delivery and urged continued collaboration between NIC and state agencies to make Meghalaya a model for e-governance and innovation.



## INTERACTION WITH SMTI SUSUKI PARIAT, BJP STATE PRESIDENT MAHILA MORCHA

**August 10, 2024:** Smti Susuki Pariat, State President of the BJP Mahila Morcha, met the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, at Raj Bhavan to discuss issues concerning women's empowerment and welfare in the state. She highlighted various initiatives aimed at uplifting women, including skill development, entrepreneurship, and social welfare programs.

The discussion also focused on ensuring greater participation of women in governance and policy-making. The Governor appreciated her efforts and reiterated the need for sustained initiatives to empower women across all sectors. He emphasized the importance of education, financial independence, and social security in achieving gender equality. The meeting concluded with a shared vision of fostering a more inclusive and progressive society for the women of Meghalaya.

The discussion reinforced the commitment to creating opportunities for women and addressing their challenges through policy support and community engagement. The Governor encouraged collaborative efforts between the government and organizations like Mahila Morcha to drive meaningful change and ensure the holistic development of women in Meghalaya.



# A DISCUSSION WITH SMTI IDASHISHA NONGRANG IPS, DGP MEGHALAYA & SMTI SHIMA MODAK PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER SPARK



**August 12, 2024:** Smti Idashisha Nongrang, IPS, Director General of Police, Meghalaya, and Smti Shima Modak, President and Founder of SPARK, met the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, at Raj Bhavan. The discussion focused on issues related to law enforcement, child welfare, and community development. Smti Nongrang highlighted the efforts of the police in ensuring public safety, while Smti Modak shared insights on SPARK's initiatives for underprivileged children and marginalized communities.

The Governor appreciated their dedication and emphasized the importance of collaboration between law enforcement and social organizations to create a safer and more inclusive society. He stressed the need for community-driven initiatives to support vulnerable groups, ensuring better education, healthcare, and protection. The meeting concluded with a commitment to strengthening partnerships for social welfare and holistic development in Meghalaya.





## THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR LAUNCHES HAR GHAR TIRANGA CAMPAIGN



**August 13, 2024:** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, launched the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign from Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, urging citizens to hoist the national flag with pride and patriotism. Emphasizing the importance of the campaign, he highlighted how it fosters unity, national identity, and respect for the tricolor. The event witnessed the participation of officials, dignitaries, and students, reflecting the collective spirit of the initiative. The campaign symbolizes national pride and unity, inspiring people to honor the sacrifices of those who fought for independence.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT RAJ BHAVAN

**August 15, 2024 :** The Independence Day celebrations at Raj Bhavan, Meghalaya, were marked with patriotic fervor and grandeur as the Hon'ble Governor, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, hoisted the national flag. In his address, he paid tribute to the sacrifices of freedom fighters and emphasized the importance of unity, progress, and development. The event was attended by dignitaries, officials, and students, who participated in various cultural performances showcasing India's rich heritage.

The Governor highlighted the need for collective efforts in building a self-reliant and prosperous Meghalaya, aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat. The celebrations concluded with the distribution of sweets and a renewed commitment to uphold the values of democracy, integrity, and national pride.

The event served as a reminder of India's journey towards independence and the responsibilities that come with it. The Governor urged citizens, especially the youth, to contribute towards nation-building through hard work, innovation, and social service. The celebration at Raj Bhavan reaffirmed the spirit of patriotism and the commitment to a stronger and more united India.



## RITI ACADEMY AWARD CEREMONY

**August 16, 2024 :** The Riti Academy Award Ceremony was held at Raj Bhavan, Meghalaya, with the Hon'ble Governor, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, felicitating distinguished artists, writers, and cultural contributors for their outstanding work in preserving and promoting indigenous art and heritage.

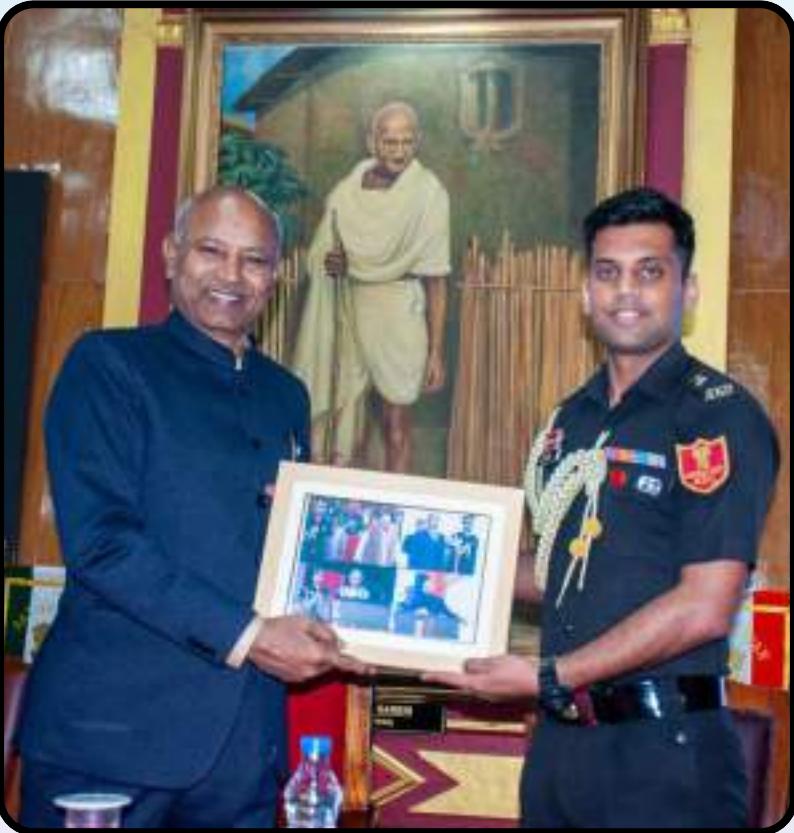
In his address, the Governor lauded the efforts of Riti Academy in nurturing Meghalaya's rich artistic traditions and encouraging creative expression. The event was attended by dignitaries, scholars, and members of the artistic community, making it a celebration of cultural excellence.

The Governor emphasized the need to support and promote traditional art forms, ensuring their preservation for future generations. He encouraged young artists to embrace their heritage while innovating to keep art relevant in the modern era. The ceremony concluded with a renewed commitment to fostering Meghalaya's artistic legacy and recognizing the invaluable contributions of its cultural custodians. The event highlighted the vital role of art in shaping identity and strengthening cultural roots. The Governor urged collaborative efforts between the government, institutions, and artists to create platforms that celebrate indigenous creativity.



## FAREWELL OF ADC, MAJOR MOHIT YADAV

**August 29, 2024 :** The farewell ceremony of Major Mohit Yadav, ADC to the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, was held at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan. The Governor expressed heartfelt gratitude for Major Yadav's dedicated service and unwavering commitment during his tenure.



Acknowledging his professionalism and discipline, the Governor lauded his contributions in efficiently managing official duties and ensuring the smooth functioning of Raj Bhavan affairs. Officers and staff of Raj Bhavan also extended their best wishes, appreciating his exemplary leadership and camaraderie.

In his farewell address, Major Yadav thanked the Hon'ble Governor for his guidance and support, expressing his deep respect for the experience gained during his tenure. The Governor wished him success in his future endeavors, emphasizing that his dedication and integrity would continue to serve as an inspiration. The event concluded with a token of appreciation presented to Major Yadav, marking the end of a memorable and distinguished tenure at Raj Bhavan.



## A TALK ON GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE SIXTH SCHEDULE

**August 30, 2024 :** The Chief Executive Member (CEM) of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC), along with the Executive Members, met the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, at Raj Bhavan. The discussion focused on key issues concerning governance, development projects, and the preservation of traditional institutions under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.



The delegation apprised the Governor of the challenges faced by KHADC and sought his guidance in strengthening the council's role in protecting the rights and welfare of the indigenous communities.

The Governor acknowledged the significance of the KHADC in upholding the rich cultural heritage and self-governance of the Khasi people. He assured the delegation of his support in addressing their concerns and encouraged collaborative efforts with the state and central governments for holistic development. The meeting reaffirmed the commitment to preserving Meghalaya's traditional institutions while ensuring sustainable progress for its people.

# HON'BLE GOVERNOR GRACINJG THE 50<sup>TH</sup> CULTURAL COMPETITION BY RAMAKRISHNA MISSION SHILLONG



**August 31, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, graced the 50th Cultural Competition organized by Ramakrishna Mission, Shillong, as the Chief Guest at the Vivekananda Cultural Centre. The event, a longstanding tradition, brought together young participants from various schools and institutions, celebrating art, literature, and music while promoting Swami Vivekananda's ideals of character building and cultural enrichment. In his address, the Governor praised the Mission's role in nurturing young minds through value-based education and fostering a sense of discipline and moral strength among the youth.

He emphasized the relevance of Swami Vivekananda's teachings in today's society, urging students to imbibe the principles of selfless service, dedication, and national pride. The event concluded with the felicitation of winners, showcasing Meghalaya's rich talent and cultural heritage. The Governor commended the Mission's continuous efforts in uplifting society and encouraged the youth to contribute towards the nation's progress with wisdom and compassion.





## **THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR AT THE MAWPHLANG - A SCARED GROVE**



Sep 3, 2024 : The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended a cultural program at Mawphlang Sacred Grove, where he witnessed the rich traditions and heritage of the Khasi community. The event featured traditional dances, folk music, and storytelling sessions that highlighted the deep spiritual and ecological significance of the Sacred Grove. The Governor lauded the community's efforts in preserving their cultural identity and emphasized the importance of safeguarding such natural and cultural treasures for future generations.





## **A MEETING WITH DR SHAKIL P AHAMMED, IAS ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY & SHRI RAKKAM A SANGMA HON'BLE MINISTER EDUCATION**

**Sep 10, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, met Shri Rakkam A. Sangma, Hon'ble Minister for Education and Dr. Shakil P. Ahammed, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, at Raj Bhavan to discuss key issues concerning the education sector in the state. The discussion focused on enhancing the quality of education, strengthening infrastructure, and implementing policies to ensure better learning outcomes for students.

The Governor emphasized the need for holistic educational reforms, aligning with national policies to equip students with the necessary skills for the future.

Both officials apprised the Governor of ongoing initiatives and challenges in the sector, including improving rural education and addressing teacher shortages. The Governor assured his support for efforts to make education more accessible and inclusive across Meghalaya. The meeting reaffirmed the state's commitment to fostering academic excellence and empowering students through quality education.





## A MEETING WITH SHRI KHRAWBOKLANG BASAIAWMOIT BJP STATE VICE PRESIDENT & DR VIJAY MISHRA DIRECTOR ICAR UMIAM

**Sep 11, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, met Shri Khrawboklang Basaiawmoit, BJP State Vice President, and Dr. Vijay Mishra, Director of ICAR, Umiam, at Raj Bhavan. The discussions centered on agricultural advancements, sustainable farming practices, and strengthening research initiatives to benefit farmers in Meghalaya.



Dr. Mishra briefed the Governor on ICAR's ongoing projects, particularly in promoting organic farming and enhancing productivity through scientific interventions. Shri Basaiawmoit highlighted the importance of government support in empowering farmers and ensuring agricultural sustainability in the state.

The Governor emphasized the need for collaboration between research institutions, policymakers, and local farmers to boost Meghalaya's agricultural sector. He assured support for initiatives aimed at improving rural livelihoods through modern and eco-friendly farming techniques. The meeting reinforced the commitment to making agriculture a key driver of Meghalaya's economic growth and food security.



# FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO TB PATIENT & MEETING WITH DR. NITEN CHANDRA IAS SECRETARY(ESW) MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



**Sep 12, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, distributed food packets to TB patients at Multipurpose Hall, Raj Bhavan, as part of an initiative to support those undergoing treatment. He emphasized the importance of proper nutrition in combating tuberculosis and urged collective efforts to eliminate the disease from society. Acknowledging the dedication of healthcare workers, he encouraged continued awareness campaigns and community support to ensure early detection and treatment for TB patients.

Additionally, the Governor met Dr. Niten Chandra, IAS, Secretary (ESW), Ministry of Defence, to discuss welfare measures for ex-servicemen and their families. The discussion covered various schemes aimed at enhancing the quality of life for retired defense personnel in Meghalaya. The Governor reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the well-being of ex-servicemen and recognized their invaluable contribution to the nation.





## **THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR GRACES THE FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION OF LABAN BENGALEE BOYS SCHOOL**

Sep 13, 2024 : The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, graced the 101st Foundation Day celebration of Laban Bengalee Boys' Higher Secondary School as the Chief Guest. In his address, he lauded the institution's rich legacy in providing quality education and shaping generations of students with knowledge and values. He highlighted the importance of holistic learning and encouraged students to strive for excellence while upholding ethical and moral principles. The event featured cultural performances and speeches that reflected the school's journey and contributions to society over the past century.





## A WORD WITH THE PRESIDENT OF MLMDF, SHRI SUSHIT KANTI CHAUDHARY

**Sep 23, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, met Shri Sushit Kanti Chaudhary, President of the Meghalaya Linguistic Minority Development Forum (MLMDF), at Raj Bhavan to discuss matters concerning the welfare and rights of linguistic minorities in the state.

Shri Chaudhary apprised the Governor of various initiatives undertaken by MLMDF to preserve and promote linguistic diversity, ensure educational opportunities, and safeguard the cultural heritage of linguistic minority communities in Meghalaya.

The Governor acknowledged the significance of linguistic diversity in strengthening social harmony and inclusivity. He assured his support for initiatives aimed at empowering minority communities while encouraging collaborative efforts with the government and civil society. The meeting reaffirmed the commitment to upholding constitutional rights and fostering a multicultural environment in the state.



## A MEETING WITH MRS ELIZABETH NONGBRI NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER, MINORITY MORCHA BJP

**Sep 24, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, met Mrs. Elizabeth Nongbri, National Executive Member of the BJP Minority Morcha, at Raj Bhavan. Their discussion focused on issues concerning minority welfare, socio-economic development, and the empowerment of marginalized communities in Meghalaya.



Mrs. Nongbri highlighted the need for skill development programs, education initiatives, and government support to uplift minority communities and integrate them into the mainstream.

The Governor appreciated the efforts of the Minority Morcha in addressing community concerns and emphasized the importance of inclusive growth and equal opportunities for all. He assured his support for initiatives aimed at enhancing the welfare of minorities in the state and encouraged collaborative efforts between government bodies and social organizations to bring meaningful change.



# MEETING WITH SHRI ZOSIAMA THIANGLAI SIRDAR, SAIPUNG SIDARSHIP & SHRI HECTOR MARWEIN, IAS, CHAIRMAN STATE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



**Sep 25, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, met Shri Zosiama Thianglai, Sirdar of Saipung Sirdarship, and Shri Hector Marwein, IAS, Chairman of the State Sustainable Development Council, at Raj Bhavan. The discussions revolved around issues related to traditional governance, sustainable development, and environmental conservation in Meghalaya. Shri Zosiama Thianglai highlighted the challenges faced by the local communities under the Saipung Sirdarship, particularly in infrastructure, education, and livelihood opportunities.

Shri Hector Marwein briefed the Governor on the council's efforts in promoting sustainable development policies, focusing on climate resilience, green initiatives, and responsible resource management. The Governor appreciated their efforts and stressed the importance of balancing development with environmental preservation. He assured his support for initiatives that foster community well-being while ensuring long-term ecological sustainability in Meghalaya.





## **THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR AS CHIEF GUEST AT DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF LAW COLLEGE, SHILLONG**



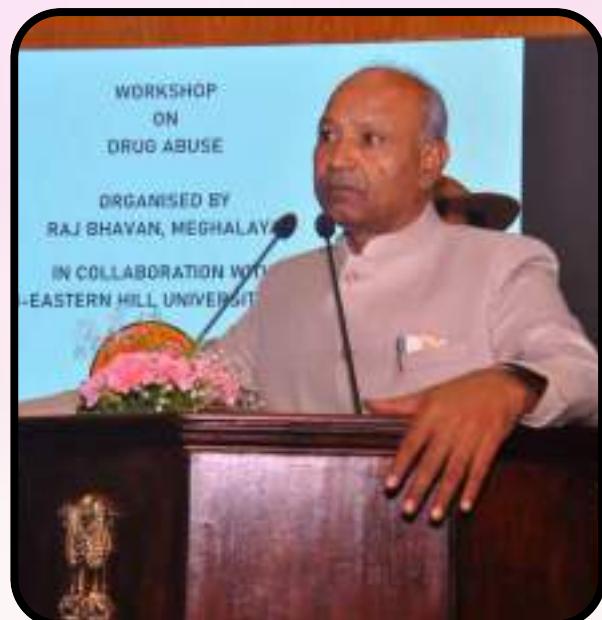
**Sep 26, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, graced the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Shillong Law College as the Chief Guest. The event marked 60 years of excellence in legal education, celebrating the institution's contribution to shaping the legal fraternity in Meghalaya and beyond. In his address, the Hon'ble Governor commended the college for its role in nurturing future legal professionals and promoting the values of justice, equality, and constitutional rights. He emphasized the importance of legal awareness, ethical practice, and the judiciary's role in upholding democracy.

# WORKSHOP ON DRUG ABUSE BY NEHU SHILLONG



**Sep 26, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, inaugurated a Workshop on Drug Abuse organized by NEHU, Shillong, at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan. The workshop aimed to raise awareness about the growing menace of substance abuse and discuss preventive measures, rehabilitation, and policy frameworks to combat drug addiction. Experts from law enforcement, healthcare, and academia deliberated on the psychosocial impact of drug abuse, emphasizing the need for a collective effort to curb its rise among the youth.

In his address, the Hon'ble Governor stressed the importance of education, community engagement, and stricter enforcement of drug control laws to tackle this issue. He urged students, parents, and educators to play a proactive role in guiding young minds toward a healthier future. The workshop concluded with an appeal for stronger collaboration between government agencies, educational institutions, and civil society to create a drug-free Meghalaya.



## THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR ATTENDED BHARATIYA KALA MOHATSAV AT RASHTRAPATI NILAYAM BOLARUM, TELANGANA

**Sep 28, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the inauguration of Bharatiya Mahotsav at Rashtrapati Nilayam, Bolarum, Telangana. The festival, organized to showcase India's rich cultural heritage, featured vibrant performances, traditional crafts, and culinary delights from various states. The Governor appreciated the initiative, emphasizing the importance of such platforms in fostering national unity and preserving India's diverse traditions.

During the event, the Governor interacted with dignitaries, artisans, and cultural ambassadors, highlighting Meghalaya's unique heritage and traditions. He lauded the efforts of the organizers in promoting India's artistic and cultural excellence and encouraged more such celebrations to strengthen the spirit of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.

The Bharatiya Mahotsav served as a remarkable platform for cultural exchange, strengthening the bonds between different regions of the country. The Hon'ble Governor reiterated the significance of such initiatives in fostering mutual respect and understanding among India's diverse communities.



# CELEBRATING GANDHI JAYANTI WITH A CLEANING DRIVE, TREE PLANTATION AT WARDS LAKE, SWACHHATA RUN MARATHON, MOBILE LIBRARY & INAUGURATION OF NATIONAL BOOK TRUST EXHIBITION



**Oct 2, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, actively participated in a series of initiatives promoting cleanliness, environmental conservation, literacy, and cultural heritage. He led a Cleaning Drive and Tree Plantation at Ward's Lake, emphasizing the importance of community involvement in maintaining ecological balance. He also flagged off the Swachhata Run, inspiring citizens to embrace cleanliness as a way of life and reinforcing the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Further, the Governor flagged off a Mobile Library, aiming to enhance access to books for students and underserved communities. He inaugurated the National Book Trust Exhibition, encouraging the culture of reading and knowledge dissemination. Concluding the day, he graced a Jayanti Celebration at Durbar Hall as the Chief Guest, where he paid tribute to the contributions of the revered personality being honored. These events underscored his commitment to a cleaner, greener, and more educated Meghalaya, fostering holistic societal development.









## **SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF MR. JUSTICE INDRA PRASANNA MUKHERJI, HIGH COURT, MEGHALAYA**



Oct 3, 2024 : The Swearing-in Ceremony of Mr. Justice Indra Prasanna Mukherji as a Judge of the Meghalaya High Court was held at Raj Bhavan, Shillong, with the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, administering the oath of office. The ceremony was attended by distinguished dignitaries, including the Chief Minister, Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court, senior judges, legal luminaries, and government officials. The event marked a significant moment in the judiciary, reinforcing the commitment to upholding justice and the rule of law in the state.



## THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR ATTENDS HINDU DHARMA SABHA JAGANNATH MANDIR BY CENTRAL PUJA COMMITTEE

Oct 4, 2024 : The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the Hindu Dharma Sabha organized by the Central Puja Committee at Jagannath Mandir, Shillong. The event brought together devotees and religious leaders to discuss the values of Sanatan Dharma, peace, and communal harmony. Addressing the gathering, the Governor highlighted the importance of preserving cultural traditions and fostering unity among all communities.

He also commended the efforts of the Central Puja Committee in promoting religious harmony and social welfare initiatives in the state.

Earlier, the Governor met Shri H.A. Mohan, Special Judge of the CBI Court, Bengaluru, at Raj Bhavan. Their discussions revolved around legal frameworks, judicial efficiency, and governance. The Governor acknowledged the crucial role of judicial institutions in maintaining transparency and justice in the country. Both meetings reflected the Governor's commitment to upholding constitutional values while supporting cultural and judicial advancements.

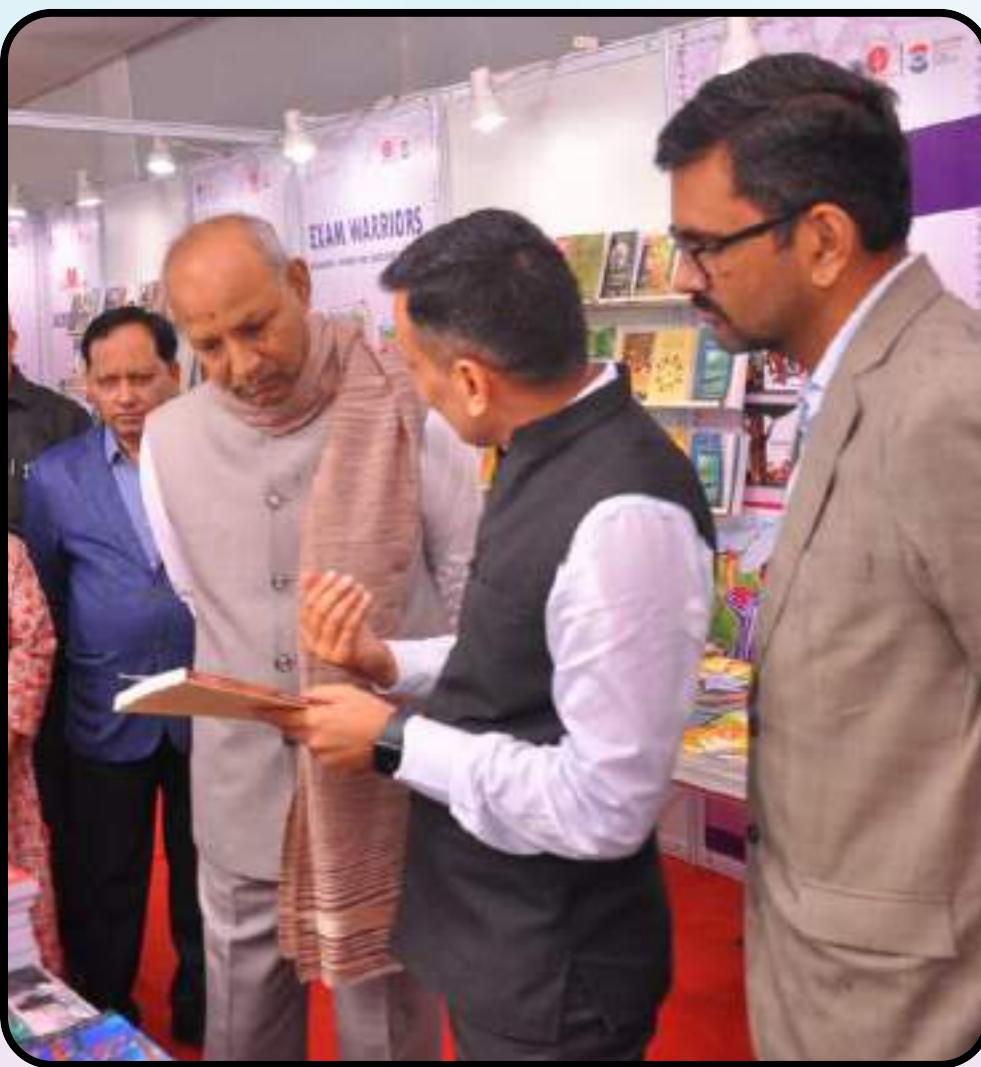


## THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR INAUGURATE THE SHILLONG BOOK FAIR AT U SOSO THAM AUDITORIUM

Oct 5, 2024 : The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, inaugurated the Shillong Book Fair at U Soso Tham Auditorium, celebrating the joy of reading and the power of literature. Organized to promote literary awareness and encourage a reading culture, the event brought together authors, publishers, students, and book lovers from across the region. to all.

The book fair showcased a diverse collection of literary works, ranging from academic books to regional literature and contemporary writings. The Hon'ble Governor expressed hope that such events would inspire the youth to develop a lifelong passion for reading and learning. He encouraged stakeholders to continue organizing similar initiatives to bridge the gap between authors and readers, ultimately contributing to a more enlightened society.

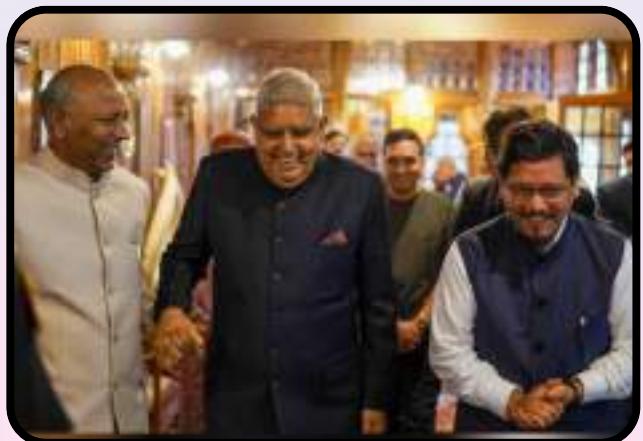
The Shillong Book Fair not only served as a platform for book enthusiasts but also reinforced the importance of literature in fostering critical thinking and creativity. The Hon'ble Governor reiterated the need to preserve indigenous writings and promote local authors, ensuring that Meghalaya's rich literary and cultural heritage thrives for generations to come.



# THE HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA SHRI JAGDEEP DHANKHAR VISITS MEGHALAYA



**Oct 16, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar visited Meghalaya on a momentous occasion, where he was accorded a warm welcome by the Hon'ble Governor, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, and other dignitaries. A grand State Government Programme was held at the State Convention Centre, attended by senior government officials, academicians, and community leaders. In his address, the Vice President highlighted Meghalaya's contribution to national progress and emphasized the importance of regional development, education, and cultural preservation. The event underscored the state's commitment to inclusive growth and its vibrant role in the nation's journey towards progress.





Following the formal engagements, a Cultural Programme was organized at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, showcasing Meghalaya's diverse heritage through traditional dance and music performances. The State Dinner at the Banquet Hall was hosted in honor of the Vice President, bringing together esteemed guests for an evening of camaraderie and discussions on Meghalaya's development prospects. The Hon'ble Governor expressed gratitude for the Vice President's visit, reaffirming the state's dedication to national unity and progress while celebrating its unique cultural identity.





## **LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONES AT RAJ BHAVAN BY HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT**



**Oct 17, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Vice President laid the foundation stone for several key facilities to be constructed within the premises of Raj Bhavan, including:

1. All Faith Prayer Hall for staff of Raj Bhavan.
2. Rainwater Harvesting Pond – A crucial step towards water conservation, this pond will help in sustainable management of water resources at Raj Bhavan.
3. Public Reception Park – An open space to accommodate visitors and provide a serene environment for public interactions.
4. Conference Hall, Public Utility and Crèche – A modern facility designed for hosting meetings and discussions, and dedicated space for public amenities and a crèche for the convenience of visitors and the staff.

## **VISIT OF NATIONAL INTEGRATION TOUR TEAM FROM 57 MOUNTAIN DIVISION OF INDIAN ARMY, MANIPUR**

**Oct 22, 2024 :** The National Integration Tour Team from the 57 Mountain Division of the Indian Army, Manipur, visited Raj Bhavan, Meghalaya, where they had the honor of meeting the Hon'ble Governor, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar. The tour, organized as part of the Army's initiative to promote national unity and awareness, comprised young students and youth from various parts of Manipur.

The Governor lauded the efforts of the Indian Army in fostering unity among the youth, providing them exposure to different cultures, and strengthening the spirit of national integration.

During the interaction, the Hon'ble Governor encouraged the participants to embrace diversity and contribute to the nation's progress with a sense of responsibility and patriotism. He emphasized that such initiatives help in bridging regional differences and instill a deeper understanding of India's rich heritage. The meeting concluded with words of motivation from the Governor, inspiring the youth to pursue excellence and actively engage in building a harmonious and progressive society.





## THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR ADVOCATES FOR AGRO BIODIVERSITY AND INNOVATION

**Oct 23, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the National Conference on Agro Biodiversity as the Chief Guest at ICAR, Umiam. The conference brought together agricultural scientists, researchers, policymakers, and farmers to deliberate on the importance of preserving agro-biodiversity for sustainable agriculture and food security.



In his address, the Governor highlighted Meghalaya's rich biodiversity and traditional farming practices, emphasizing the need to blend modern agricultural techniques with indigenous knowledge. He commended ICAR for its continued efforts in promoting research and innovation in the agricultural sector.

The Hon'ble Governor stressed the significance of biodiversity conservation in ensuring ecological balance and enhancing productivity. He urged farmers and stakeholders to adopt climate-resilient farming methods and actively participate in government initiatives aimed at sustainable agriculture. The conference served as a vital platform for knowledge exchange, reinforcing the importance of collaborative efforts in achieving agricultural sustainability and food security for future generations.



# A STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH AIR MARSHAL SURAT SINGH, AIR COMMAND & DR KESTONBEL MANIK SYIEMLIEH, PRESIDENT FEDERATION OF KHASI STATES



**Oct 29, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, welcomed Air Marshal Surat Singh, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command, at Raj Bhavan, Shillong. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to national security, air defense strategies, and the role of the Indian Air Force in the Northeastern region. The Hon'ble Governor acknowledged the crucial contributions of the Air Force in safeguarding the nation's borders, providing humanitarian aid, and responding to natural disasters in Meghalaya and the Northeast.

Later, The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, met Dr. Kestonbel Manik Syiemlieh, President of the Federation of Khasi States, at Raj Bhavan, Shillong. The meeting focused on historical and constitutional matters concerning the traditional governance system of the Khasi States and their role in Meghalaya's socio-political landscape. Dr. Syiemlieh highlighted the significance of preserving the rich cultural heritage and indigenous governance structures while aligning them with modern administrative frameworks.



## CELEBRATING UNITY DAY AND FOUNDATION DAY OF MULTIPLE STATES



**Oct 31, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, led the celebration of National Unity Day and the Foundation Day of multiple states and union territories at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Shillong. The event, commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, highlighted the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat," emphasizing the unity in diversity that binds the nation together. The program paid tribute to the historical and cultural significance of Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry, recognizing their unique contributions to the nation.





In his address, the Hon'ble Governor praised the Assam Rifles for their dedicated service in maintaining peace and security in the region. He acknowledged their role in community engagement, disaster response, and nation-building efforts. The event served as a symbol of unity, respect, and cultural appreciation, reinforcing the deep bond between the armed forces and the people they serve.

The cultural program at HQ DGAR, Laitkor, was a testament to the rich heritage and unity of the region, strengthening the bond between the armed forces and local communities. The Hon'ble Governor's presence underscored the importance of cultural exchange, mutual respect, and national integration, reflecting Meghalaya's commitment to peace, harmony, and tradition.

## CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA AT HQ DGAR LAITKOR

**Nov 6, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended a Cultural Programme at HQ DGAR, Laitkor, organized by the Assam Rifles. The event showcased the rich traditions and vibrant cultural heritage of the Northeastern region, featuring performances that highlighted the diverse customs, music, and dances of different communities. The program also celebrated the spirit of patriotism and camaraderie shared between the armed forces and the people of Meghalaya.





## A SHOWCASE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY BY IIM SHILLONG



**Nov 7, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended a Cultural Programme organized by IIM Shillong at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan. The event showcased the rich cultural diversity of Meghalaya, featuring traditional music, dance performances, and artistic expressions by students and local artists. The program highlighted the importance of cultural heritage in education and the role of institutions like IIM Shillong in promoting holistic learning beyond academics.

Following the cultural evening, a formal dinner was hosted at the Banquet Hall of Raj Bhavan in honor of the Board of Directors of IIM Shillong. The Hon'ble Governor engaged in discussions with the esteemed guests, emphasizing the importance of academic excellence and leadership development in shaping the future of Meghalaya and the nation. The event reflected Meghalaya's commitment to fostering educational growth while preserving its cultural identity.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 18<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDATION DAY OF IIM SHILLONG

**Nov 7, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, graced the 18th Foundation Day celebration of IIM Shillong as the Chief Guest. The event highlighted the institute's remarkable journey in academic excellence, leadership development, and contribution to management education in India.



In his address, the Hon'ble Governor lauded IIM Shillong's commitment to sustainability, innovation, and ethical leadership. He encouraged students to embrace challenges, uphold integrity, and contribute meaningfully to society. The celebration reaffirmed IIM Shillong's vision of academic excellence and its dedication to producing leaders who drive positive change in the nation and beyond.

The Foundation Day celebration was a testament to IIM Shillong's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and leadership development. The Hon'ble Governor's presence reinforced the institute's role in nurturing future leaders with values of integrity, innovation, and sustainability. As IIM Shillong continues to grow, it remains a pillar of excellence, contributing to the nation's progress through education and research.





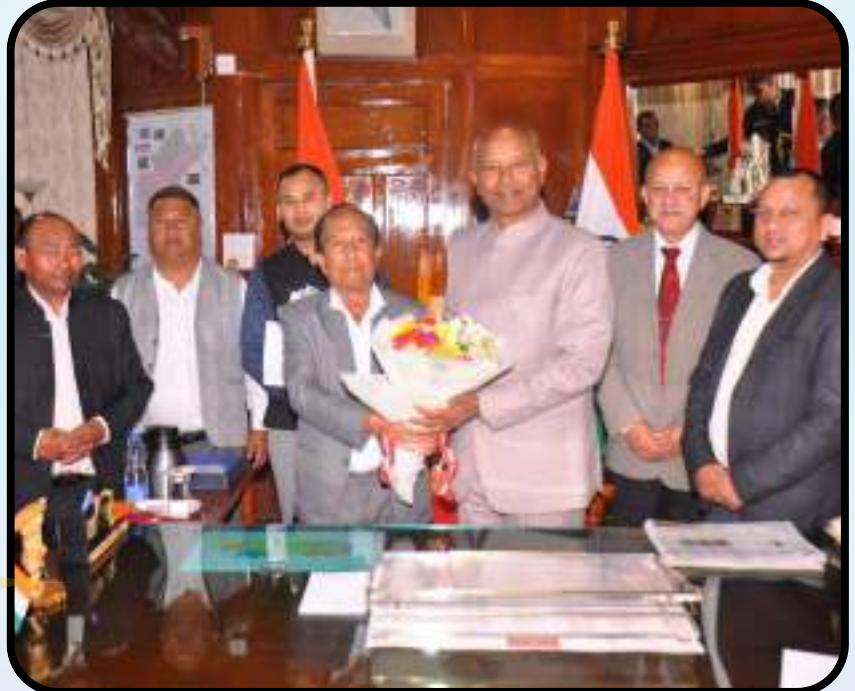
## INDUCTION OF HON'BLE GOVERNOR AS THE CHIEF PATRON OF BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES



**Nov 7, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, was formally inducted as the Chief Patron of the Meghalaya Bharat Scouts and Guides during a special Award Ceremony and Foundation Day celebration at Raj Bhavan, Shillong. The event recognized the remarkable contributions of scouts and guides in fostering leadership, discipline, and community service. Several young cadets and leaders were honored for their dedication to the principles of selfless service and nation-building, reinforcing the organization's mission of instilling values of responsibility and patriotism in youth.

In his address, the Hon'ble Governor emphasized the importance of the scouting movement in shaping the future of the country and urged the youth to actively participate in nation-building initiatives. His induction as Chief Patron signifies his commitment to promoting character development, social responsibility, and leadership skills among young minds.

# SOHRA AIRPORT PROPOSAL UNDER UDAAN SCHEME - A MAJOR BOOST



**Nov 8, 2024 :** Shri Freeman Singh Syiem, Syiem of Hima Sohra, met the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, at Raj Bhavan to discuss a significant proposal—the offering of land for the construction of a full-fledged airport in Sohra under the UDAAN scheme. This initiative aligns with the government's vision to enhance regional connectivity and boost economic growth by improving air travel infrastructure in Meghalaya. The proposed airport is expected to transform Sohra into a key tourism and trade hub, benefiting the local economy and strengthening Meghalaya's position as a premier destination.

The Hon'ble Governor appreciated the initiative and emphasized the importance of robust infrastructure in promoting regional development. He assured his support in facilitating discussions with relevant authorities to expedite the project's implementation. This landmark step holds the potential to improve accessibility, attract investment, and unlock new opportunities for the people of Meghalaya, marking a significant milestone in the state's development journey.



# NONGKREM DANCE FESTIVAL



**Nov 12, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the Nongkrem Dance Festival at Smit, a vibrant and sacred celebration of the Khasi community. The festival, held annually, is a traditional thanksgiving ceremony to honor the Almighty for a bountiful harvest and the well-being of the people. The event showcased the rich cultural heritage of Meghalaya, with elaborate rituals performed by the Syiem (chief) and high priests, accompanied by the rhythmic Nongkrem dance performed by young Khasi men and women in traditional attire.

The Hon'ble Governor lauded the festival's significance, highlighting its role in preserving indigenous traditions and strengthening cultural identity. He emphasized the need to promote and safeguard Meghalaya's unique heritage for future generations. His presence at the festival reinforced the government's commitment to cultural preservation and appreciation of Meghalaya's diverse traditions, ensuring that such celebrations continue to thrive in the modern era.





## DISCUSSION ON FOREST CONSERVATION WITH JICA

**Nov 13, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the 13th JICA Forestry Workshop in India at Taj Vivanta, where experts, policymakers, and environmentalists gathered to discuss forest conservation, biodiversity, and sustainable development. The workshop, organized under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), focused on afforestation, climate change mitigation, and community-driven forest management.

The Hon'ble Governor highlighted Meghalaya's rich forest cover and the significance of sustainable forestry practices in preserving ecological balance and enhancing livelihoods. The event provided a crucial platform for knowledge exchange, fostering international collaboration in forest conservation and environmental sustainability. The Hon'ble Governor emphasized the need for active participation from local communities, government agencies, and international partners to ensure the long-term protection of Meghalaya's forests. He commended JICA's efforts in supporting eco-friendly initiatives and strengthening conservation efforts across India.



# INAUGURATION OF 8<sup>TH</sup> STATE CONFERENCE OF ABVP



**Nov 13, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, inaugurated the 8th State Conference of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) at U Soso Tham Auditorium as the Chief Guest. The event brought together students, educators, and youth leaders to discuss education, leadership, and nation-building. In his address, the Hon'ble Governor emphasized the role of students as the torchbearers of India's future, urging them to uphold discipline, patriotism, and a strong sense of social responsibility.

The conference served as a platform for young minds to exchange ideas and engage in meaningful dialogue on contemporary issues. The Hon'ble Governor applauded ABVP's contributions in fostering student leadership and promoting constructive activism. He encouraged the youth to actively participate in shaping a progressive Meghalaya and a stronger India, reinforcing the importance of education and values in nation-building.





## MARKING THE CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AND FOUNDATION DAY OF UTTARAKHAND AND JHARKHAND

**Nov 14, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, led the Children's Day celebrations with great enthusiasm, emphasizing the importance of nurturing young minds for a brighter future. He paid tribute to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, whose vision for children remains an inspiration.



Addressing students, teachers, and dignitaries, he encouraged children to pursue education with dedication, embrace moral values, and contribute to nation-building. The event featured cultural performances, interactive sessions, and activities aimed at empowering young learners.

The occasion also marked the Foundation Day of Uttarakhand and Jharkhand, celebrating their unique cultural heritage and contributions to India's growth. The Hon'ble Governor highlighted the resilience, rich traditions, and developmental progress of both states since their formation in 2000. He extended his best wishes to the people of Uttarakhand and Jharkhand, emphasizing the need for unity and collective progress in shaping India's future.



# THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR PAYS HOMAGE ON 555<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SHRI GURU NANAK DEV AT GURUDWARA SRI GURU SINGH SABHA



**Nov 15, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the 555th Birth Anniversary celebration of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji at Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Shillong. The event was marked by prayers, kirtans, and community service, reflecting Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings of oneness, humility, and selfless service. The Hon'ble Governor paid homage to the great saint, emphasizing his message of universal brotherhood, peace, and equality, which remains relevant in today's world.

During his address, the Hon'ble Governor lauded the Sikh community for their unwavering commitment to seva (selfless service) and humanitarian efforts. He urged people to embrace Guru Nanak Dev Ji's ideals of love, compassion, and righteousness to build a more harmonious and inclusive society. The event concluded with langar (community meal), symbolizing unity and equality among all people.





## **THE FLAGGING OFF OF NORTH EAST WHEELS BIKE EXPEDITION SEASON 3**



**Nov 16, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, flagged off the North East Wheels Bike Expedition Season 3, a thrilling journey promoting adventure, tourism, and regional connectivity. Held at Raj Bhavan, the event witnessed the participation of enthusiastic bikers from across the country, setting out to explore the diverse landscapes of the Northeast. The expedition aims to promote responsible tourism, road safety awareness, and the cultural richness of the region.

In his address, the Hon'ble Governor lauded the initiative, highlighting the importance of eco-tourism and sustainable travel in preserving the region's natural beauty. He encouraged the bikers to embrace the journey with a spirit of camaraderie while showcasing the Northeast's vibrant heritage.

# VISIT TO RAM KRISHNA MISSION, SOHRA



**Nov 16, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended a special programme at Ramakrishna Mission, Sohra, where he engaged with the monastic community, students, and faculty. The event highlighted the mission's contributions to education, humanitarian service, and spiritual upliftment in Meghalaya. The Governor praised Swami Vivekananda's ideals and the institution's efforts in shaping young minds through value-based education.

In his address, the Hon'ble Governor commended the mission's role in uplifting rural communities, providing quality education, and fostering unity and service to society. He urged students to imbibe the principles of discipline, selfless service, and knowledge, reinforcing the significance of spirituality in personal and societal growth.





## **HIGH TEA WITH SHRI GUMKA D.B IFS TANU MANU KANADA SANGA GROUP AT MULTIPURPOSE HALL**



**Nov 16, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended a high tea reception with Shri Gumka D.B., IFS, and the Tanu Manu Kanada Sanga Group at the Multipurpose Hall, Raj Bhavan. The gathering served as a platform for cultural exchange and discussions on environmental conservation, sustainable development, and community engagement. The event also highlighted the rich cultural ties between Meghalaya and Karnataka, strengthening bonds of unity and shared heritage.

During the interaction, the Hon'ble Governor appreciated the efforts of the group in promoting Kannada culture and fostering national integration. He emphasized the need for collaborative efforts in environmental conservation and social welfare, encouraging further engagement in educational and cultural initiatives to strengthen inter-state harmony.

# A DELIGHTFUL MEETING WITH SHRI STEVE JYRWA WINNER OF INDIA BEST DANCER SEASON 4

**Nov 19, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, had the pleasure of meeting Shri Steve Jyrwa, the winner of India's Best Dancer Season 4, at Raj Bhavan. The young and talented dancer from Meghalaya has brought immense pride to the state with his remarkable achievement on the national stage. The Governor congratulated him on his success, recognizing his hard work, dedication, and passion for dance, which has inspired many young artists across the region.



The Hon'ble Governor encouraged Shri Steve Jyrwa to continue pursuing excellence in his art and to serve as a role model for aspiring dancers. He also emphasized the importance of promoting Meghalaya's rich cultural heritage through dance and performing arts, assuring the state's support for young talents to shine on national and international platforms.

Shri Steve Jyrwa's achievement is a testament to the immense talent present in Meghalaya and the Northeast. His success not only brings pride to the state but also inspires countless young artists to dream big and work hard towards their goals. The Hon'ble Governor's appreciation highlights the commitment to encouraging and nurturing such talents, ensuring that Meghalaya continues to shine in the field of performing arts.





## AN INSPECTION DRIVE AT RAJ BHAVAN BY THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR

**Nov 21, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, conducted an inspection at Raj Bhavan to assess its overall infrastructure, security arrangements, and maintenance. During the inspection, he reviewed the functioning of various departments, ensuring that all facilities were well-maintained and operating efficiently.

He also interacted with the staff, emphasizing the importance of discipline, cleanliness, and effective administration in upholding the dignity of the Governor's residence.

The Hon'ble Governor stressed the need for continuous improvements to enhance the efficiency and upkeep of Raj Bhavan. He encouraged the staff to remain dedicated to their responsibilities and maintain the premises in a manner befitting its historical and administrative significance. His proactive approach reflects his commitment to ensuring that Raj Bhavan remains a symbol of excellence and good governance in Meghalaya.





## HON'BLE GOVERNOR INAUGURATES THE RAJ BHAVAN GOLF COURSE

**Nov 27, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, inaugurated the Raj Bhavan Golf Course, marking a significant addition to the historic premises. The initiative aims to promote sports, wellness, and a green environment within Raj Bhavan. The Governor highlighted the importance of such recreational spaces in fostering a healthy lifestyle and encouraging outdoor activities among officials and guests. The golf course, set against the serene backdrop of Raj Bhavan, adds to the charm of the estate while enhancing its aesthetic and functional value.

With this inauguration, Raj Bhavan now stands as a beacon of both governance and leisure, reflecting a balanced approach to work and well-being. The Governor expressed hope that the course would be used to foster camaraderie, sportsmanship, and meaningful engagements, making it a valuable asset for Raj Bhavan and Meghalaya as a whole.





## **DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL WELFARE INITIATIVES WITH SHRI PRAVIN BAKSHI, IAS COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY, SOCIAL WELFARE GOVT. OF MEGHALAYA**



**Nov 28, 2024 :** Shri Pravin Bakshi, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya, met the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, at Raj Bhavan. The discussion centered around key social welfare initiatives aimed at improving the lives of marginalized communities, enhancing child welfare programs, and strengthening support systems for the elderly and differently-abled individuals. Shri Bakshi apprised the Governor of the department's ongoing efforts and future plans to ensure effective implementation of welfare schemes across the state, ensuring that welfare programs reach the grassroots level effectively.

## INTERACTION WITH VEER NARIS, WAR VETERANS AND GALLANTRY AWARD WINNERS

**Nov 29, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, interacted with World War II widows, war veterans, Veer Naris, and gallantry award winners in a solemn yet inspiring event. The gathering was a tribute to their sacrifices and contributions to the nation, with the Governor expressing deep gratitude for their service. He listened to their experiences, honored their valor, and assured them of continued support from the government and society.

The event was a heartfelt recognition of the bravery and sacrifices made by these heroes and their families. The Governor emphasized the importance of remembering their legacy and instilling patriotism among the younger generation. He reiterated his commitment to ensuring that their needs and concerns are addressed with the utmost respect and priority.

The interaction served as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our brave soldiers and their families in safeguarding the nation. The Hon'ble Governor's engagement with them reinforced the commitment to honoring their legacy and ensuring their well-being. Such initiatives not only acknowledge their contributions but also inspire future generations to uphold the values of courage, dedication, and patriotism.





## **BRIDGING CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN KARNATAKA & MEGHALAYA**



Nov 29, 2024 : The Hon'ble Governor hosted a dinner at the Banquet Hall of Raj Bhavan for a delegation of 25 MLAs and the Deputy Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly. The gathering provided an opportunity for meaningful discussions on governance, development, and the rich cultural ties between Karnataka and Meghalaya. The event fostered camaraderie and strengthened inter-state relations, emphasizing cooperative federalism and the exchange of ideas for progressive governance. The Hon'ble Governor's hospitality reflected the spirit of unity and collaboration in building a stronger and more inclusive nation.

## SHILLONG GOLF CLUB HOSTING THE PRESTIGIOUS TOURNAMENT OF GOVERNOR'S GOLF CUP

**Nov 30, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya attended the Shillong Golf Club for the prestigious Tee-off ceremony of the Governor's Golf Cup. The event, held at one of the oldest and most scenic golf courses in the country, brought together golf enthusiasts, dignitaries, and sports personalities.

The Hon'ble Governor emphasized the importance of sports in promoting tourism and fostering camaraderie among participants. The Governor's Golf Cup served as a platform to showcase Meghalaya's potential as a sporting and tourism destination. The event not only celebrated the spirit of the game but also reinforced the state's commitment to hosting prestigious sporting events that bring together players from across the country.

The Governor's Golf Cup exemplified the spirit of sportsmanship and Meghalaya's growing prominence as a hub for sporting excellence. With its breathtaking landscape and rich heritage, Shillong Golf Club continues to be a cherished venue for such prestigious tournaments, further enhancing the state's appeal as a prime destination for golf and tourism.



# PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY OF THE GOVERNOR'S GOLF CUP



**Dec 1, 2024 :** The Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Governor's Golf Cup was a grand conclusion to the prestigious tournament, celebrating the skill and sportsmanship of the participants. Hon'ble Governor felicitated the winners, acknowledging their dedication and competitive spirit while highlighting the importance of such events in promoting golf tourism and Meghalaya's scenic sporting destinations.

The tournament not only showcased the beauty of Shillong Golf Course but also reinforced Meghalaya's reputation as a prime golfing destination. The event fostered camaraderie among players and dignitaries, strengthening ties and encouraging greater participation in sports that blend recreation with excellence.





# CELEBRATION OF STATEHOOD OF ASSAM AND NAGALAND DAY AND AT DURBAR HALL



**Dec 2, 2024 :** Raj Bhavan, Shillong, hosted a grand celebration to mark the Statehood Day of Assam and Nagaland, with Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, presiding over the event. In his address, the Governor highlighted the historical significance of this day and acknowledged the contributions of Assam and Nagaland in shaping the cultural and economic landscape of the Northeast. He emphasized the need for unity, peace, and development in the region, aligning with the vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.' The event witnessed the presence of dignitaries, cultural performers, and intellectuals who came together to honor the legacy and progress of both states.



## HON'BLE GOVERNOR OBSERVES THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY AT U SOSO THAM

**Dec 3, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong, reaffirming his commitment to an inclusive society. In his address, he emphasized the need for collective efforts to empower persons with disabilities by ensuring accessibility, equal opportunities, and social dignity.

He lauded various government initiatives and organizations working towards their welfare, urging stakeholders to strengthen policies and programs that foster inclusivity.

The event featured inspiring performances and testimonials from individuals who have overcome challenges with resilience and determination. Shri Vijayashankar interacted with participants and distributed assistive devices to beneficiaries, underscoring the importance of community support in uplifting marginalized sections. He reiterated the government's dedication to creating a barrier-free society where every individual, regardless of ability, can contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress.



## OBSERVANCE OF THE ARMED FORCES FLAG DAY

**Dec 7, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, met with Col G.K. Rai, Director of Sainik Welfare, on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day. During the interaction, the Governor emphasized the significance of the day in honoring the sacrifices of the armed forces personnel and their families.



He urged citizens to contribute generously to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, which supports war widows, disabled soldiers, and ex-servicemen in need. Shri Vijayashankar commended the efforts of the Sainik Welfare Department in Meghalaya for their unwavering support to veterans and their families. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to the welfare of armed forces personnel and stressed the importance of recognizing their invaluable contributions. The meeting concluded with discussions on enhancing support systems and strengthening welfare programs for ex-servicemen and their dependents.





# HON'BLE GOVERNOR LAUDS FREE HEALTH CAMP INITIATIVE

**Dec 9, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended a health camp organized at the Multipurpose Hall, emphasizing the importance of accessible healthcare for all sections of society. The camp, which provided free medical check-ups, consultations, and awareness sessions, saw the participation of healthcare professionals, volunteers, and beneficiaries from various communities. The Governor lauded the initiative, stating that such camps play a crucial role in promoting preventive healthcare and early diagnosis, thereby reducing the burden of diseases. Addressing the gathering, Shri Vijayashankar highlighted the government's commitment to strengthening the healthcare sector in Meghalaya. He encouraged citizens to prioritize their health and take advantage of the medical services available. He also appreciated the efforts of doctors, nurses, and organizers for their dedication to community well-being. The camp concluded with the distribution of essential medicines and health kits to attendees, reinforcing the importance of public health initiatives in the state.





# **CELEBRATING HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AT THE STATE CONVENTION CENTRE**



**Dec 10, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the Human Rights Day celebration at the State Convention Centre, emphasizing the significance of upholding human dignity and justice for all. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted India's deep-rooted commitment to human rights, as enshrined in the Constitution, and stressed the role of every citizen in fostering equality, freedom, and inclusivity. The event witnessed the participation of legal experts, social activists, students, and representatives from various organizations, who deliberated on key issues such as gender justice, child rights, and access to education and healthcare.



## APPRECIATING THE VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES

**Dec 17, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the Ex-Servicemen Annual Rally at Happy Valley, Shillong, where he expressed deep appreciation for the invaluable service and sacrifices made by the veterans of the armed forces. Addressing the gathering, he acknowledged the bravery and dedication of ex-servicemen in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and security.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to their welfare, highlighting various initiatives aimed at supporting them in areas such as healthcare, pensions, and resettlement programs. During the event, the Hon'ble Governor interacted with the veterans and their families, listening to their concerns and assuring them of continued support. He also felicitated distinguished ex-servicemen for their exemplary service. The rally served as a platform to recognize the role of the armed forces in nation-building and to strengthen the bond between the veterans and the administration. The event concluded with cultural performances and a display of military traditions, showcasing the legacy and spirit of the armed forces.





## PRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT DURBAR HALL



**Dec 17, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, graced the Pre-Christmas celebration held at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Shillong, spreading warmth and festive cheer among attendees. In his address, he highlighted the significance of Christmas as a time for love, compassion, and unity, urging everyone to embrace the spirit of togetherness and service to humanity. He commended the contributions of the Christian community in Meghalaya towards social welfare, education, and peacebuilding. The Governor also extended his heartfelt Christmas greetings to the people of the state, wishing them joy, prosperity, and harmony.



## HON'BLE GOVERNOR COMMEMORATES THE 84<sup>TH</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF U SOSO THAM

**Dec 18, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the 84th Death Anniversary

commemoration of the legendary Khasi poet U Soso Tham as the Chief Guest. Paying tribute to the iconic literary figure, the Governor highlighted U Soso Tham's invaluable contributions in preserving and enriching Khasi literature.



He emphasized how the poet's works continue to inspire generations, instilling pride in the cultural and linguistic heritage of Meghalaya. The Governor encouraged scholars and young writers to draw inspiration from U Soso Tham's vision and strive to promote indigenous literature on a broader platform. The event featured poetry recitations, discussions on U Soso Tham's literary impact, and cultural performances reflecting the essence of his writings. Eminent scholars, poets, and cultural enthusiasts shared insights on his contributions to the Khasi language and literature. The Governor expressed his appreciation for the organizers and reaffirmed his commitment to supporting literary and cultural initiatives that uphold Meghalaya's rich heritage. The commemoration concluded with floral tributes at the poet's memorial, marking a solemn yet inspiring remembrance of his legacy.



# HON'BLE GOVERNOR CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS BY VISITING PROMINENT CHURCHES IN SHILLONG



**Dec 24, 2024 :** On the joyous occasion of Christmas, the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, visited several of Shillong's most revered churches, partaking in the festive spirit and extending heartfelt greetings to the Christian community. His journey began at the Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians in Laitumkhrah, an architectural marvel known for its Gothic design, towering arches, and vibrant stained-glass windows. The Governor admired the cathedral's unique construction, built on sand to withstand seismic activity, and paid homage at the grave of the first Archbishop of Shillong, Rt. Rev. Hubert D'Rosario.

Continuing his visit, Shri Vijayashankar proceeded to All Saints' Church near Barik Point, one of Shillong's oldest churches, originally established in 1877. Reconstructed in 1902 after the devastating earthquake of 1897, the church stands as a testament to colonial-era architecture with its wooden structure and serene surroundings. The Governor also visited the Shillong Baptist Church on Bampfylde Road, renowned for its community engagement and spiritual gatherings. At each location, he interacted with congregants, participated in prayers, and emphasized the importance of unity, compassion, and service, reflecting the true essence of Christmas.





## HON'BLE GOVERNOR ATTENDS EASTERN AIR COMMAND SHITOTSAV AT AIR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

**Dec 28, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the Shitotsav celebration at the Eastern Air Command headquarters, where he acknowledged the unwavering commitment and professionalism of the Indian Air Force in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty. The event, marked by a blend of military precision and cultural vibrancy, provided a platform to appreciate the operational excellence and rich traditions of the Air Command.

The Governor interacted with senior officials and personnel, expressing his deep admiration for their dedication and sacrifices in ensuring the security of the nation.

During his address, the Hon'ble Governor emphasized the crucial role played by the Indian Air Force in not only defending the airspace but also in humanitarian missions, disaster relief, and strategic operations. He praised the Eastern Air Command's relentless efforts in maintaining readiness and contributing to national security. The event concluded with a showcase of cultural performances and exhibitions highlighting the technological advancements and capabilities of the Air Force, reaffirming its pivotal role in the country's defense framework.



# A TRIBUTE TO U KIANG NONGBAH ON HIS 162<sup>ND</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY

**Dec 30, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the 162nd Death Anniversary of the legendary freedom fighter, U Kiang Nongbah, in Jowai, where he paid heartfelt tributes to the patriot who laid down his life fighting against British colonial rule.



Addressing the gathering, he emphasized the significance of U Kiang Nongbah's valiant struggle, urging the youth to draw inspiration from his sacrifice and unwavering spirit. The Governor also unveiled the plaque of Ka Mujra Ka Mukan, a symbolic monument commemorating the resilience and unity of the Jaintia people in their quest for self-determination and justice.

As part of his visit, the Hon'ble Governor also visited the historic Nartiang Temple, a site of immense cultural and religious importance. He expressed deep appreciation for the temple's heritage and its role in preserving the traditions of the region. During his interactions with local leaders and community members, he reiterated his commitment to supporting the preservation of Meghalaya's rich cultural legacy while fostering development in the region.



## HON'BLE GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO PUJAYA SIDDESHWAR SWAMY JI'S SPIRITUAL LEGACY



**Dec 31, 2024 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, attended the Gurunama programme at Pujya Siddeshwar Swamy Ji Ashram in Vijayapur, where he paid his respects to the revered spiritual leader and participated in the sacred gathering. During the event, the Governor highlighted the profound influence of Siddeshwar Swamy Ji's teachings, emphasizing their relevance in fostering moral values, spiritual wisdom, and social harmony. He also acknowledged the ashram's contributions to promoting education and humanitarian service, reflecting on the timeless principles of peace and selfless devotion.

Engaging with devotees and scholars, Shri Vijayashankar expressed his deep admiration for the spiritual legacy of Siddeshwar Swamy Ji, underlining the need to integrate such teachings into everyday life for a more compassionate society. He also took the opportunity to extend his best wishes to the congregation, encouraging them to continue their journey of enlightenment and community service. The visit concluded with devotional hymns and discourses, leaving a lasting impression of the spiritual and cultural richness of the event.



## PAPER CLIPPINGS

• Finally KHADC gets library after 72 years • Library to be expanded, says CEM

### *Governor Chauhan scripts history by visiting KHADC*

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU  
SHILLONG: JULY 23: The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC), one of the oldest autonomous councils in the North East, has created a rare history with the Governor of the state paying a visit to the Council for the first time in 72 years.

Governor Phagu Chauhan, who visited the KHADC and spent nearly 20 minutes interacting with a small library of the Council.

No Governor in the past has ever visited the Council. In fact, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma is also the first ever Chief Minister of Meghalaya

who had witnessed the session of the KHADC on May 27, 2020. Sangma witnessed from the KHADC's visitors' gallery the proceedings of the election of the KHADC chairman.

The library, though small, has many books on its shelves. Significantly, it has some of the important books and records including an oldest book titled, "An Introduction to the Khasi (Khasi) Language" by Rev. W. Prise, besides an old register containing the first proceedings of the Council recorded in 1862, the first year when the then United Khasi and Jaintia Autonomous District Council (UK & JADC) was created.

The United Khasi and Jaintia Autonomous District Council was however split, as the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council came into being in 1964.

The Governor did not address the Council members and employees during his visit. In belief, the Governor, besides the MDCs for inviting him to inaugurate the library,

"It is indeed a great honour



Governor Phagu Chauhan inaugurates a library of the KHADC on the Council's premises in Shillong on Tuesday. *Guardian Photo*

all of us today as the KHADC has officially opened its library.

by the Governor of the State that too after 72 years. We have this library and we are fortunate to have the Governor inaugurating this library who also happened to be the first Governor to visit the Council in 72 years since 1862." KHADC chief executive member, Pyniad Sing Syiem told reporters on Tuesday.

The CEM said that the library is very important and dear to the members as it has a number of Acts which got the assent of the Governor as well as important proceedings of the House since 1862.

"We have the proceedings of the first House in 1862 and we

are so happy that we could preserve them as well as some of the old books related to customs and practices and traditional system of governance that are now and also will make this library digital in this age of technology and should have our archivists so that we do not lose our treasures," the CEM said.

Syiem said that the Council has to earmark its budget to expand this library, adding that the Council was also trying to get funds from the ministry of tribal affairs and ministry of culture of the Government of India that are willing to support the Council for the purpose.

### **Guv makes maiden visit to KHADC, inaugurates library**

HP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Jul 23: Governor of Meghalaya Phagu Chauhan said his maiden visit to the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC) and inaugurated its new library here today.

In his address, the Governor expressed his pleasure at to be part of the ceremonial programme and extended his greetings to the KHADC members and the people of Meghalaya.

Speaking to reporters the KHADC Chief Executive Member, Pyniad Sing Syiem said that the library will be of great help to gather information including information related to traditional governance, land, social customs and practices, and various acts and bills including the oldest house



"We also have the first district council proceedings

dated right back to 1862 when it was still United Khasi-

Jaintia district council and also the oldest book on Khasi

language authored by Rev W. Prise 1855," he said, adding, the library houses various books on the Khasi customs and practices, etc.

Syiem said the library will preserve such documents that will be of great help to research scholars and others.

He also informed that they would also try to digitise the library and also try to create an archive to preserve the Acts and regulations which were passed by the council during the past many years.

The CEM said he is hopeful that the library will be expanded with funds from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Culture.

Deputy CEM Pyniad Sing Syiem, Executive Members and senior council members were present on the occasion.

## PAPER CLIPPINGS

# Governor acknowledges state's role in freedom struggle

## ● 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign launched at Raj Bhavan

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU

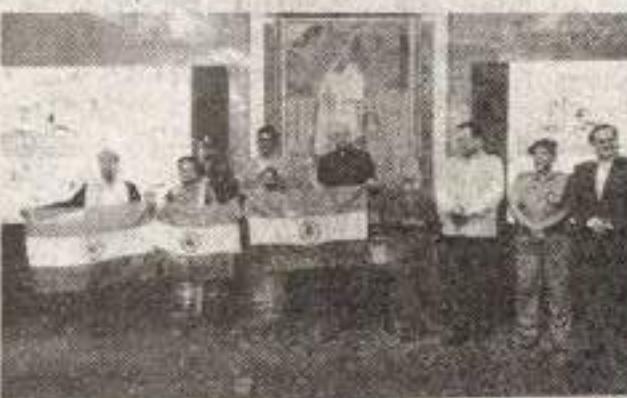
SHILLONG, AUG 13: Governor C.H. Vijayashankar and C&RD Minister A.T. Mondal today launched the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign at Raj Bhavan, Shillong.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor expressed his delight at participating in the launch, emphasising the campaign's goal of displaying the national flag in every household, as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He highlighted the significance of the campaign, which promotes pa-

triotism and unity.

This campaign was begun on In-



dia's 75th Independence anniversary, in fostering national pride and encouraging patriotism.

The Governor also acknowledged Meghalaya's contributions to India's freedom struggle, mentioning notable State freedom fighters like U Tirot Sing, Kiang Nangbah, and Pa Togan Sangma.

The event included the distribution of national flags and the launch of two books published by the Department of Arts and Culture, "U Tirot Sing" and "Bravehearts and Champions of Freedom from the Hills."

Government officials, police, NCC cadets, and members of self-help groups attended the programme.

## Governor launches 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign in Shillong

By Our Reporter

SHILLONG, Aug 13: Governor CH Vijayashankar along with C&RD Minister AT Mondal launched the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign at Raj Bhavan here on Tuesday.

In his address, the Governor emphasised the campaign's goal of displaying the national flag in every household, as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and highlighted the significance of the campaign, which promotes patriotism and unity.

This campaign started on India's 75th independence anniversary, in a bid to foster national pride and encourage patriotism.

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A local troupe performs at the launch of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday. (ST)

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## PAPER CLIPPINGS

# State moves towards more inclusive future for PwDs

**International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed across Meghalaya**

**Our Bureau**

**SHILLONG/NONGPOH/MAWKYRWAT/TURA.** Dec 3: The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) was commemorated with an event at the U Soso Tham Auditorium here on Tuesday, under the theme, "Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future."

Titled EmpowerFest 2.0, the programme brought together stakeholders from across Meghalaya and featured key initiatives to promote inclusivity. A significant highlight was the distribution of adaptive chairs for children with cerebral palsy. These chairs, designed to meet the specific needs of the children, were crafted by carpenters from across the state who also live with disabilities.

The chairs were handed over to 13 children by the chief guest, Governor CH Vijayashankar and the Minister for Social Welfare, Paul Lyngdoh.



**Governor CH Vijayashankar along with Social Welfare Minister Paul Lyngdoh and others pose for a photo during the distribution of CP chairs for children with cerebral palsy, on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities at U Soso Tham Auditorium on Tuesday. (ST)**

ister for Social Welfare, Paul Lyngdoh. The initiative was a collaborative effort involving the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, the Meghalaya Skill Development Society, and the State Resource Centre on Disability Affairs.

The event also witnessed the launch of Meghalaya

Sign-Lex — a platform developed to address communication gaps for the hearing- and speech-impaired community. This lexicon builds on the existing Meghalaya Sign Bank app, introduced in 2019 to document sign language commonly used in the state.

Meghalaya Sign-Lex aims

to enhance the documentation of sign language and expand its reach. It enables users — including linguists, educators, and researchers — to register, contribute, and upload videos of sign language gestures. Features include translation tools, a searchable dictionary, and data categorization by region, language, and context. The platform also integrates crowd-sourced contributions to capture regional dialects, promoting linguistic diversity and inclusion.

The platform serves as a cooperative tool to strengthen resources for Meghalaya sign language communication and provides data to the Meghalaya Sign Bank, through an integrated API.

Adding to the day's events was a performance by the Eastern Brook Band, a band comprising members who are differently abled. The band presented the Meghalaya Disabil Anthem, which was launched during the event.

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# Ensure PwDs can achieve their full potential: Governor

**GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU**

**SHILLONG, DEC 3:** Governor CH Vijayashankar, attended the celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024 as the chief guest at the "EMPOWERFEST 2.0" held at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong. The event, organized by the Social Welfare Department of Meghalaya in collaboration with the State Resource Centre on Disability Affairs, showcased the state's dedication to creating an inclusive society.

The event was also attended by Paul Lyngdoh, Minister of Social Welfare Department, government of Meghalaya.

The Governor was felicitated alongside other dignitaries, setting the tone for an inspiring and purposeful celebration. The Eastern Brook Band

performed the Meghalaya Disability Anthem, uplifting the spirits of all attendees.



A significant highlight of the program was the launch of the 3rd edition of the Meghalaya Sign Bank App and the distribution of cerebral palsy adaptive chairs, symbolizing Meghalaya's strides in accessibility and adaptive technologies for persons

with disabilities.

The Governor, in his address, commended the innovative initiatives such as the Adaptive Seating Initiative, in which 25 specially designed chairs were gifted to specially abled people — a collaboration involving the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, the Meghalaya State Skill Development Society, and the State Resource Centre on Disability Affairs.

He emphasized the importance of removing barriers — both physical and societal — ensuring that persons with disabilities can achieve their full potential. The event also included a felicitation ceremony for the winners and runners-up of the EMPOWERFEST 2.0 competitions, highlighting their talents and contributions.



## PAPER CLIPPINGS

### Drug abuse has become a silent epidemic, says Governor

• NEHU, Raj Bhavan hold workshop on drug abuse

SHILLONG, SEP 26: North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), in collaboration with Raj Bhawan, Meghalaya, organized a three-day workshop on drug abuse in Raj Bhawan. The workshop, a joint effort of administration, law, governing councils on drug abuse in Meghalaya, was inaugurated by the Governor of Meghalaya C.M. Vijayashankar, who presided as the Chief guest. The event saw a convergence of academic scholars, social welfare experts, and youth from NEHU and beyond to discuss solutions to this critical issue.

In his speech, the Governor highlighted the severity of the drug issue in Meghalaya, stating, "Drug abuse has become a silent epidemic, causing not the loss of individuals, families are disintegrated, leaving behind a trail of destruction."

He emphasized the multifaceted impact of substance abuse, calling it a "socio-economic, cultural, and law-and-order problem" that requires continuous and



Participants of the workshop and the distinguished guests of the occasion.

The Vice-Chancellor of NEHU, Prof. Prabha Shankar Bhakat, also addressed the gathering, acknowledging the significant impact of drug abuse in Meghalaya and its roots.

The discussion focused on the

severity of the issue of substance abuse. Commending NEHU for organizing the workshop, the Governor added, "The initiative given to the topic, the academic community's proactive engagement is a testament to the progress the

university has made in addressing the issue of drug abuse. The

workshop concluded with a call to action for the youth to be more involved in community efforts to combat drug abuse. The collective commitment from participants, including students, faculty, and government representatives, underscored the importance of ongoing dialogue, education, and intervention to address the issue.

### Drug abuse a silent epidemic threatens youth of Meghalaya: Govt

IEP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Sep 26: Drug abuse has become a silent epidemic that is creating a socio-economic, cultural and law-and-order problem that has threatened the future of youths in Meghalaya.

This was remarked by Governor Chharmashwar H. Vijayashankar at a workshop on drug abuse held in the Raj Bhawan today, which was attended by academicians, social welfare experts and youth from the North Eastern Hill University, to discuss solutions to the crisis.

Highlighting the severity of the crisis he said, "Drug abuse has become a silent epidemic, creeping into the lives of individuals, families and communities, leaving behind a trail of

destruction."

He emphasized the multifaceted impact of substance abuse, calling it a "socio-economic, cultural, and law-and-order problem" that threatens communities and threatens the future of Meghalaya's youth.

Commenting on NEHU for organizing the workshop, the Governor added, "The initiative gives me hope. The academic community's proactive engagement is a testament to the growing awareness of the problem and its willingness to be part of the solution."

He further stressed the need for collective action involving government agencies, law

and society.

### Drug abuse a silent epidemic

university, healthcare providers, educational institutions, and civil society to combat drug abuse. He encouraged the youth to take an active role in raising awareness and being advocates for a drug-free lifestyle.

NEHU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prabha Shankar Bhakat acknowledged the significant impact of drug abuse in Meghalaya and its youth. "This workshop is timely and critical," he remarked, emphasizing that the fight against drug abuse is one of the most pressing challenges of our time. He expressed gratitude to the

experts for sharing their knowledge and insights, which would undoubtedly benefit the students and young attendees.

Michael Singhal of Mantra Foundation shared the organization's extensive experience in rehabilitating individuals affected by drug abuse. His talk provided practical insights and how to spot budding addiction.

Principal Secretary of Health Karpesh Kumar gave a presentation on the state's efforts in combating drug abuse, highlighting both the challenges and potential solutions.

A trailer of the feature

film "Inception" (Dir. Douglas J. Spenser) produced by Black Screen in collaboration with NEHU was also screened. The film addresses possible social issues in the region with a particular focus on drug abuse.

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### Shillong Law College celebrates diamond jubilee

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU

SHILLONG, SEP 26: Governor C.H. Vijayashankar on Thursday commended the Shillong Law College for its role in shaping legal minds and contributing to the judicial and legal framework of Meghalaya.



Addressing at the diamond jubilee celebration of the college, the Governor congratulated Shillong Law College on completing 60 glorious years of excellence in legal education.

Acknowledging the challenges and complexities of the modern legal landscape, he urged the students to uphold the principles of justice, equality, and integrity in their future careers.

The event was also attended by Guest of honour Justice H.S. Thankhiew, Justice Wanlora Diengdoh and Justice B. Bhattacharjee, hon'ble Judges of The High Court of Meghalaya.

The Governor encouraged the college to continue its commitment to academic excellence, ethics, and producing capable legal professionals who will contribute meaningfully to society. He also emphasized on the fact that people who study law never retire and continue serving the country and society throughout the journey of their life.



## PAPER CLIPPINGS

### Governor attends diamond jubilee celebration of city law college

**By Our Reporter**

**SHILLONG, Sep 26:** Governor CH Vijayashankar attended the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Shillong Law College as the chief guest, at the State Central Library's U Soso Tham Auditorium on Thursday. The event was also graced by Justice HS Thankhiew, the guest of honour, along with Justice Wanlora Diengdoh and Justice B Bhattacharjee, all Judges of the High Court of Meghalaya.

In his address, the Governor congratulated Shillong Law College on its 60 years of excellence in legal education. He praised the institution for shaping legal minds and contributing to the judicial and legal framework of Meghalaya. Recognizing the challenges of the modern legal landscape, he urged students to uphold the principles of justice, equality, and integrity in their future careers. **(Contd on P-4)**



Governor CH Vijayashankar tries his hand at a 'Charkha' (spinning wheel), a symbol of India's freedom struggle and self-reliance, during a programme organised to mark the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Bhavan in Shillong on Wednesday. *Guardian Photo*

### Dhankhar, second lady of India plant trees at Raj Bhavan

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU

SHILLONG, OCT 17: Under significant environmental and developmental

tree plantation

Following this, the Vice President laid the foundation stone for several key

facilities to be constructed within the premises of Raj Bhavan, namely an all-faith prayer hall for Raj Bhavan staff, a rainwater harvesting pond, a public reception par to accommodate visitors and provide a



initiatives by Raj Bhavan, Shillong. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, accompanied by his wife, Dr Sudesh Dhankhar, participated in a tree-planting ceremony today.

They planted a tree each as a part of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, a nationwide movement aimed at honouring motherhood by promoting environmental sustainability through

serene environment for public interactions, a conference hall and a crèche for the convenience of visitors and the staff.

These initiatives under the leadership of Governor C.H. Vijayashankar reflect the commitment of Raj Bhavan, toward environmental stewardship, community service, and creating inclusive spaces for the public.

## PAPER CLIPPINGS

# North East is on nation's development radar: Vice President

Staff Reporter

Shillong, Oct 16: The Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, today remarked, "North-East is on the radar of nation's development." He emphasized that the North-East is a significant contributor to unity, economic progress and cultural essence of the nation.

Acknowledging the North-East as a very important part of our country, Dhankhar lauded the Look East and Act East Policy which have resulted in exponential growth in communication, connectivity and development of airports in the region.

Expressing concern over ignorance and ill-informed narratives, the Vice-President questioned if freefall of information that has no factual foundation be allowed on public platforms. He further asked if we could afford to be loose cannons, ignoring our basic commitment to our nation. He upheld that Bharat is on the rise and it is indivisible and stressed on the youth being informed.



Dhankhar further exhorted the youth by calling them the most vital contributors and significant stakeholders in India's march to being a developed nation by 2047.

Addressing the gathering at the foundation stone laying ceremony of Meghalaya Skill and Innovation Hub At Shillong today, the Vice-President highlighted that skill is neither discovered nor innovated, it is in fact the optimal exploitation of talent of a person in that specified

field which gives the human resource a qualitative cutting-edge. He underscored that skilling is no longer a quality, it is our need.

The Vice-President also highlighted the formation of a dedicated Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and allocation of 60,000 crores towards internship of 5 lakh young individuals over a period of five years, adding that villages and semi-urban towns must be hubs of skill centres.

On his experience in Meghalaya, the Vice-President said, "If there is heaven it is in India, if there is heavenly spirit, it is in Meghalaya." He asserted that the engine of Meghalaya's economy could be driven by tourism alone. He further added that nature has bountifully gifted Meghalaya and urged them to exploit it fully by having very talented skilled people in the shape of human resource.

C.H. Vijayashankar,

Governor of Meghalaya, Conrad K Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Dr. Mael Ampareen Lyngdoh, Meghalaya Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department etc, Rakkaan A. Sangma, Meghalaya Education Minister, A I Hek, Meghalaya Minister for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Donald Phillips Wahlang, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

## Vice President lays base for skill and innovation hub

Staff Reporter

Shillong, Oct 16: Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar today laid foundation for Meghalaya Skill and Innovation Hub in presence of Governor Lalji Tendulkar, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma and Minister for Health Ampareen Lyngdoh.

The Vice President also launched the CM Business Catalyst Student 3 Plan Challenge with IBM Skills and signed MoU between UNDP and Govt of Meghalaya on promotion of entrepreneurship.

Meghalaya Skill and Innovation Hub will be constructed in 6.54 acres in New Shillong at the cost of Rs. 77.50 Cr. The facility will cater to the requirement of the incubator, accelerator, training, collaboration and other entrepreneurship.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar lauded the chief minister Conrad K Sangma for different interventions that would utilize the potential of the

country, "as of late."

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor highlighted the strengths and rich resources of the state that would provide opportunities to the youth.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said, that Meghalaya's young population is the strength of the state.

He said that the skill and innovation hub will go a long way in creating job opportunities in the state.

He said that the government is supporting entrepreneurship in a big way, and to address the requirement of manpower it will encourage the skill and innovation units to come up.

He said that the government has initiated programmes that channels the strength of our youth, the CM Minister said.

He further said that the government has initiated programmes through which youth are given training so that they can be more productive for the growth of the state.

The empowerment of the youth will create big

## VP pats Conrad for youth-oriented initiatives

- Base for Meghalaya Skill and Innovation Hub laid.
- State Government and UNDP sign MoU.

SHILLONG, OCT 16: Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday laid

the

foundation

stone for Meghalaya Skill and Innovation Hub.

He said that the highest office of the

country, i.e. the

President of India

is held by a woman, who is a

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## PAPER CLIPPINGS

# Tourism fuel for M'laya's economy: Vice President

**Dhankhar advises state to be more tourist-friendly for better returns**

**By Our Reporter**

**SHILLONG, Oct 16:** Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday said the engine of Meghalaya's economy can be driven singularly and on all cylinders by tourism.

"Tourism by itself is sustaining the economy of several countries. You have to exploit it fully by having very talented and skilled people in the shape of human resources. Every tourist carries memorable moments of professionalism and excellence because of the things nature has given you," he said after virtually laying the foundation for the Meghalaya Skill and Innovation Hub.

Dhankhar advised the Meghalaya government to make human resources in the state more tourist-friendly.

He stressed the need to take the state so tourist-friendly that the visitors end up becoming the ambassadors of Meghalaya.

He also said the state has everything and the opportunities it presents have to be seized through systematic policies.

The Skill and Innovation Hub will be constructed on 54 acres in New Shillong at Rs 77.5 crore. The facility will cater to the requirements of the youth for incubation, training, collaboration, and industry partnerships.

Dhankhar said the skill hub will go a long way in promoting entrepreneurship in the state.

He also hoped that the state's human resources would get a boost with the establishment of the centre. "I am sure this is going to



**Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar with Governor CH Vijayashankar and Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma during the virtual foundation stone laying ceremony of the Meghalaya Skill and Innovation Hub, at the State Convention Centre on Wednesday. (ST)**

be a real boon to the youth because these are the times when skilling is no longer a luxury. It is our daily need," he said.

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has opened a window of opportunities for the youth through different skilling and startup programmes.

He also said Rs 60,000 crore has been earmarked for skilling 5 lakh youth in the next five years across the country. "The empowerment of the youth will ensure a big economic upsurge in the country. An ecosystem is in place now where every young boy and girl can look for a larger basket of opportunities much beyond just getting into government service," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor CH Vijayashankar

highlighted the strength and rich resources of the state that would provide opportunities to the youth.

Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said Meghalaya's young population is its strength.

He said the government is supporting entrepreneurship in a big way, and the Skill and Innovation Hub is being set up to address manpower shortage. "About 85% of our population is below the age of 45. The youth are our greatest strength and asset and we have initiated programmes that showcase their strength," he said.

Sangma further said that the government has different programmes through which the youth are trained so that they can contribute to the growth of the state.

Entrepreneurs, he said that the government organises various business plan competitions and supports entrepreneurs.

"We provide support and hand-holding to our entrepreneurs through programmes such as CM Elevate and provide financial subsidies," he added.

The Vice President launched the CM Business Catalyst, Student B-Plan Challenge with IIM Shillong and attended the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the UNDP and Meghalaya government to promote entrepreneurship.

Others present on the occasion included Health Minister Ampareen Lyngdoh, Chief Secretary DP Wahlang, DGP Idashisha Noarang, IIM Shillong Director DB Goyal, and senior govern-

## PAPER CLIPPINGS

# Governor hails promoting Shillong as 'golfing destination'

## ● Governor's Golf Cup organised at Golf Links

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU

SHILLONG, DEC 1: Governor C.H. Vijayashankar graced the prestigious Governor's Golf Cup and Award Ceremony held today in Shillong.

The event, hosted at the scenic Golf Links, brought together golf enthusiasts and dignitaries to celebrate the sport's spirit and camaraderie.

In his address, the Governor lauded the participants for their enthusiasm and skill, emphasising the role of sports in fostering

discipline, unity, and wellness.



He also appreciated the organiza-

ers for promoting Shillong as a golfing destination, which enhances the state's tourism appeal.

The ceremony concluded with the Governor presenting awards to the tournament's winners, applauding their remarkable performances.

The Governor reiterated the importance of events like these in strengthening community bonds and inspiring excellence in sports.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, underscoring Shillong's reputation as a premier golfing hub in the Northeast.



## Governor's Golf Cup concludes

HP NEWS SERVICE

Shillong, Dec 1: The Governor's Golf Cup concluded today at the scenic Shillong Golf Course, with Meghalaya Governor CH Vijayashankar present on the occasion.

In his address, the Governor lauded the participants for their enthusiasm and skill, emphasising the role of sports in fostering discipline, unity and wellness. He also appreciated the organisers for promoting

Shillong as a golfing destination, which enhances the state's tourism appeal.

The ceremony concluded with Vijayashankar presenting awards to the tournament's winners. The Governor reiterated the importance of events like these in strengthening community bonds and inspiring excellence in sports, a press release said. The release did not provide details of the winners.

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