

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, June 20, 2025 : Today, Raj Bhavan, Shillong hosted a vibrant and dignified celebration to mark the Foundation Day of the State of West Bengal. The event, held at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, highlighted the rich cultural heritage and enduring contributions of the Bengali community residing in Meghalaya.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Shri D.P. Wahlang, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya. The programme was also attended by several other dignitaries from various Government and Educational Institutions. Dr. B.D.R. Tiwari, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, delivered the Welcome Address, recalling the historical context of the state's formation and the deep-rooted connections between the people of West Bengal and Meghalaya. A video screening on the Foundation Day of West Bengal offered insights into the legacy and progress of the state.

The event was enriched with cultural performances curated by the Department of Arts and Culture and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). Soulful bhajans by Smt. Paromita Paul from Shillong Music College, group songs by the Rilbong Sports and Cultural Club and Shillong Tagore Choir, and a vibrant dance performance by Gitanjali Dance Academy added colour and spirit to the celebration.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Shri D.P. Wahlang paid tribute to the values of unity in diversity and praised the contributions of the Bengali community in the socio-cultural development of Meghalaya. He also underscored the significance of celebrating such occasions in the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat".

The celebration served as a reminder of India's composite culture and the unique role played by West Bengal in the national narrative, especially in arts, literature, and freedom movement.