

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, 10 August 2026: The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, **Shri C.H. Vijayashankar**, distributed **Smart Glasses to 13 visually impaired persons of Meghalaya**, at Lok Bhavan, Shillong. **Shri H.C. Chaudhary, IFS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya**, and **Shri L Kynjing (MCS), State Commissioner for PwDs, Meghalaya** was also present on the occasion.

The programme was collaboration between the **Voice of Specially Abled People (VOSAP)** and the **Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRCSRE), Shillong**. The programme aimed at supporting visually impaired individuals through the provision of Smart Glasses, which are intended to assist them in their day-to-day activities.

Shri Pranav Desai, Founder of VOSAP gave a speech on Vision and Mission of the Voice of Specially Abled People (VOSAP) in Meghalaya. **Dr. Uttam Ojha, Advisor, VOSAP**, delivered the Keynote Address.

The Hon'ble Governor, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, distributed Smart Glasses to 13 visually impaired persons of Meghalaya. He also addresses the gathering by appreciating the initiative and emphasised the importance of supporting persons with disabilities and promoting greater inclusion and independence in society. The Hon'ble Governor also praised the efforts of the VOSAP and urged the dignitaries and organisations to take more steps to improve the lives of all the specially abled individuals of Meghalaya.

Dr. Ram Shakal Sahani, Director, CRCSRE-Shillong, informed that Meghalaya has an estimated population of over 6,000 visually impaired individuals. With each Smart Glass costing approximately ₹18,000, an estimated amount of around ₹10.80 crore would be required to provide Smart Glasses to all such beneficiaries in the State. The initiative therefore represents a significant step towards making assistive technology accessible to visually impaired persons and enabling greater independence and inclusion.

The programme concluded with the **Vote of Thanks by Dr. Ram Shakal Sahani, Director, CRCSRE-Shillong**, followed by a group photograph with the Hon'ble Governor, dignitaries and beneficiaries.

The event served as an occasion to extend support to visually impaired individuals and to promote greater accessibility, inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities.



