

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, 25 August 2026: The Installation Ceremony of the **Association of Community Ophthalmologists of India (ACOIN), Meghalaya State Chapter** was held today at the Library, Lok Bhavan, Shillong, in the presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, **Shri C. H. Vijayashankar**, as the Chief Guest.

The ceremony marked an important milestone for Meghalaya in strengthening community eye-health services. With Meghalaya becoming the **third State in the North-East**, after Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, to have an ACOIN State Chapter, the initiative is expected to further promote awareness, prevention, early detection and timely treatment of eye-related conditions.

During the ceremony, the **ACOIN Meghalaya State Chapter was formally installed**, with the ACOIN flag being handed over to the Meghalaya team by the Hon'ble Governor. The event was attended by **Shri H.C. Chaudhary, Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Swapan Kumar Samanta, National General Secretary of ACOIN, Dr. Jennifer Basaiawmoit, Founder, and Dr. Sapna Sarkar, President**, along with members of ACOIN Meghalaya.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Governor extended his best wishes to ACOIN and highlighted the importance of reaching underserved and remote communities with eye-care services. He expressed the commitment of the Government of Meghalaya to extend its support and cooperation towards the activities and objectives of ACOIN in the State.

The Hon'ble Governor also welcomed the **ACOIN Drishti Ratha Yatra – Journey with a Vision Chariot**, which aims to take eye-health awareness to remote and underserved communities.

The Hon'ble Governor conveyed his best wishes for the successful functioning of the ACOIN Meghalaya State Chapter and its efforts towards a healthier Meghalaya and a Meghalaya free from avoidable blindness.



