

# GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

## MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

### Press Communiqué

**Shillong, 11 June, 2026:** A One-Day State Consultative Workshop on "**Strengthening Cyber Security Frameworks for State Data**" was held today at Lok Bhavan, Shillong. The workshop was organized by the Information Technology & Communications Department, Government of Meghalaya, in collaboration with Lok Bhavan and technical support from the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

The workshop brought together senior government officials, cybersecurity experts, representatives from MeitY, CERT-In, NIC, law enforcement agencies, and various State Government departments to deliberate on emerging cybersecurity challenges and strategies for strengthening cyber resilience across Meghalaya.

The message of the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, was delivered by Shri H.C. Chaudhary, Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor. He emphasized that digital governance has become the backbone of public service delivery and that cybersecurity is no longer merely an information technology concern but a matter of governance, service continuity, and citizen trust. He highlighted that as governments increasingly rely on digital platforms for delivering services related to health, education, welfare, land records, and financial transactions, safeguarding citizen data and critical digital infrastructure has become a national priority. He further noted that cyber threats such as ransomware attacks, data breaches, phishing campaigns, insider threats, and advanced persistent threats are becoming increasingly sophisticated. He stressed the need for a proactive and resilient cybersecurity framework that integrates security into every stage of digital governance.

The inaugural session also featured address by Shri Pravin Bakshi, Commissioner & Secretary, IT&C Department, representatives from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Home(Police) Department, NIC, SeMT; Meghalaya and CERT-In.

During the technical sessions, experts from NeGD, CERT-In, the Home (Police) Department, NIC, and the State e-Mission Team shared insights on the national cybersecurity threat landscape, cybersecurity best practices, incident response mechanisms, and the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) framework.

A major highlight of the workshop was the breakout group discussions, where participants deliberated on six key thematic areas, including risk-based security assessments, securing State Data Centres and State Wide Area Networks, strengthening Security Operations Centres (SOCs) and Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs), modernizing legacy systems, implementing data protection and privacy frameworks, and enhancing cybersecurity capacity-building initiatives.

The discussions underscored the importance of continuous monitoring of government digital assets, adoption of modern security technologies, strengthening institutional mechanisms, appointing dedicated Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs), and promoting cybersecurity awareness among government officials.

The workshop concluded with presentations from the six thematic groups and an open discussion session, during which participants shared recommendations aimed at strengthening Meghalaya's cybersecurity preparedness and aligning State-level initiatives with national cybersecurity objectives.

The deliberations are expected to contribute towards the development of a more secure, resilient, and trusted digital ecosystem for the State while enhancing the protection of citizen data and critical government systems.





