

## **GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT**

### **MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG**

#### **Press Communiqué**

**Shillong, November 11, 2025 :** The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Chief Patron of the Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar graced the 75th Foundation Day celebration of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in Shillong today. The programme commemorated the remarkable journey of the Movement since 1950, when the Hindustan Scouts, the Boy Scout Association of India and the Girl Guides Association came together to form the unified Bharat Scouts and Guides. Marking the Diamond Jubilee Year, the hon'ble Governor extended warm greetings to all members, leaders, trainers and volunteers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides fraternity on this historic occasion.

In his address, the Hon'ble Governor appreciated the dedicated role of the Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides in nurturing values of discipline, character, service, empathy and leadership among the youth of the State. He awarded the prestigious Governor's Scouts and Guides Award to more than 350 Scouts and Guides and congratulated the Scouts and Guides Awardees Miss M. Wahlang and Miss Purnima Thapa, who received the prestigious President's Scouts and Guides Award, encouraging them to move forward with courage, responsibility and a commitment to serve society. He also acknowledged the leadership of the State Chief Commissioner, who is also the Commissioner & Secretary in the Education Department, for successfully conducting impactful programmes and workshops that have helped young boys and girls grow into happy, healthy and responsible citizens.

The Hon'ble Governor stressed the need for creating greater awareness about forest conservation, climate sensitivity and sustainable practices in Meghalaya. He called upon Scouts and Guides to plant at least one tree each and lead the movement and guide youths for protecting forests, preserving biodiversity, reducing plastic usage and promoting responsible environmental behaviour at community levels.

Highlighting the growing challenges faced by youth in the present times, the Hon'ble Governor emphasized the crucial role played by the Scouts and Guides in shaping young minds with

positive motivation, life skills, national values and social responsibility. The Hon'ble Governor urged that this example of using service and collective action for national betterment should be continued today, especially in building unity and fostering community harmony.