

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, November 14, 2025 : The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, **Shri C. H. Vijayashankar**, today celebrated **Children's Day** at Raj Bhavan with children from SoS Village, various schools, orphanages, and homes for specially-abled children. The programme was organised to honour the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and to reaffirm the collective responsibility of society to safeguard the rights, dignity, and well-being of every child.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Governor conveyed his warmest greetings to all children and highlighted that India's future depends on the values, education, and opportunities provided to the young generation. He reminded the audience that Children's Day is not only a celebration but also an occasion to renew the nation's commitment to ensure that every child receives love, care, and access to quality education.

The Hon'ble Governor expressed special joy in the presence of children from orphanages and specially-abled institutions, calling them **symbols of courage and resilience**. He said that these children inspire society through their determination and positive spirit, and he assured them that the State remains committed to providing equal opportunities, inclusive education, and a supportive environment for their growth and development.

During his address, the Governor encouraged children to develop a deep respect for nature and spoke about the importance of **environment protection, sustainability, and tree plantation**. He urged children to adopt simple eco-friendly habits such as saving water, reducing plastic use, and planting at least one tree, noting that caring for nature is an essential responsibility of every young citizen.

The Hon'ble Governor also appreciated the **caregivers, teachers, and volunteers** who dedicate their time, love, and service to nurturing children from challenging backgrounds. He commended their silent yet impactful work and acknowledged their role in shaping confident and responsible young individuals.

The Hon'ble Governor interacted with the children and caregivers and conveyed his blessings and good wishes to all. The event

concluded with a message of hope, inclusion, and collective responsibility towards building a nurturing and sustainable future for the children of Meghalaya.