

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, 11 September 2026: The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, distributed food baskets to persons with Tuberculosis (TB) at Lok Bhavan, Shillong, under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan. The programme was organised to support persons undergoing TB treatment through nutritional assistance and community participation. Shri H.C. Chaudhary, IFS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya, and Shri P.V.S.L.N. Murty, Chairman and Managing Director, North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFi), was also present on the occasion.

The programme highlighted the importance of the Ni-kshay Mitra initiative, through which individuals, institutions, organisations and corporates can come forward to provide nutritional and other support to persons with TB during their treatment. The initiative reflects the importance of community participation in the collective effort towards a TB-free India.

At present, 2,604 TB patients are undergoing treatment in Meghalaya, while 89 Ni-kshay Mitras are supporting 328 persons with TB. Since the launch of the Ni-kshay Mitra initiative in 2022, a total of 452 Ni-kshay Mitras have come forward in the State, with 12,897 food baskets distributed, benefiting 3,918 persons with TB.

NEDFi, as a Ni-kshay Mitra, has been extending sustained support towards the TB elimination initiative. Shri P.V.S.L.N. Murty, in his address, appreciated the efforts of the Government of India and the Government of Meghalaya in providing facilities and treatment to persons with TB. He highlighted that NEDFi has been working for over 30 years and has undertaken various development initiatives, including efforts towards creating employment opportunities for women and initiatives in the healthcare sector. He also stated that NEDFi remains open to ideas and initiatives that contribute to the development and welfare of the people.

The Hon'ble Governor thereafter handed over the food baskets to 10 persons with TB, conveying a message of care, support and encouragement to those undergoing treatment. The initiative reaffirmed the importance of sustained community support in the fight against TB and the collective commitment towards achieving a TB-free Meghalaya and a TB-free India.

