

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, 14 August 2026: The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, hoisted the National Flag at Lok Bhavan, Shillong, on the occasion of **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day 2026**. Shri H.C. Chaudhary, IFS, Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya and Smti. Camelia Doreen Lyngwa, MCS, along with the officials of Arts and Culture Department of Meghalaya and students from various schools in Shillong were present on the occasion.

The programme was to commemorate the victims and remember the suffering and hardships faced by people during the Partition of India. A two-minute silence was observed in remembrance of those who laid down their lives and suffered during the Partition. The event also featured a cultural program in which patriotic songs in Garo, Jaintia and Khasi, were sung, showcasing the rich cultural traditions of Meghalaya.

A brief address on the horrors of Partition was delivered by Dr. David Arnold Kharchandy, Assistant Professor, Synod College, highlighting the importance of remembering the human cost of partition and preserving the lessons of history for future generations.

The program served as a solemn occasion to remember the victims of Partition and to reinforce the values of peace, unity and national harmony, while also reminding all present of the enduring importance of safeguarding communal harmony, fostering mutual respect among diverse communities, and upholding the spirit of togetherness that strengthens the nation.