

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

25th January 2026, Shillong : The State Level National Voters' Day (NVD) Celebration 2026 was observed with great enthusiasm and solemnity at Durbar Hall, Lok Bhavan, Shillong, under the aegis of the Election Department, Government of Meghalaya.

The celebration commenced early in the morning with a **Voters' Day Marathon**. The Marathon was ceremoniously **flagged off by the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar**, from the main gate of Lok Bhavan, symbolizing the spirit of active citizen participation and democratic engagement.

Dr. B.D.R. Tiwari, IAS, **Chief Electoral Officer, Meghalaya**, delivered the **welcome address**, highlighting the significance of National Voters' Day in strengthening democratic values, promoting electoral awareness, and encouraging informed and ethical participation in the electoral process.

The programme featured **cultural performances** reflecting the rich heritage and democratic ethos of the State. Addresses were delivered by **Shri Arnold Lanong, Working President, Shillong City District Executive Committee (NPP)**, and **Smt. Priambada Blah, President, East Khasi Hills District, BJP, Meghalaya Pradesh**, emphasizing the role of youth and citizens in sustaining democratic traditions.

The **Guest of Honour, Dr. Shakil P. Ahammed, IAS, Chief Secretary of Meghalaya**, addressed the gathering and underlined the importance of inclusive, participative, and responsible voting in building a robust democracy.

The Hon'ble Governor distributed **prizes to the winners of the Democracy Run**, appreciating their enthusiasm and commitment towards promoting electoral awareness. This was followed by the **administration of the Voters' Pledge** by the Hon'ble Governor, reaffirming the collective commitment to uphold democratic principles.

In his **address, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya**, called upon citizens, particularly the youth, to actively participate in the democratic process, exercise their franchise

responsibly, and uphold the constitutional values of equality, integrity, and justice. The Hon'ble Governor recalled his political carrier and highlighted that this is the beauty of democracy which has led him to this prestigious position of serving the people of Meghalaya.

The programme concluded with a **vote of thanks by Shri R. Wahlang, MCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District.**

The event witnessed the participation of senior government officials, political representatives, students, youth volunteers, and members of civil society, reaffirming Meghalaya's collective resolve towards strengthening democratic participation.





