

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

26th January 2026, Shillong : The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated with great patriotic fervour and splendour across Meghalaya, with the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, leading the state-level celebrations in Shillong.

In the morning, the Hon'ble Governor inaugurated the **2nd Edition of the Shillong Flower Show – 2026**, organised by **The Shillong Agri Horticulture Society & the Directorate of Horticulture, Government of Meghalaya**, at **Lok Bhawan**, Shillong. The beautiful flower show presents seasonal flowers, ornamental plants and innovative horticultural practices. The exhibition highlighted the state's rich biodiversity, horticultural potential and the dedication of local growers and enthusiasts. The Flower show showcased a vibrant display of Bonsai Plants as old as 50 Years also. It also showcased Wooden Art and Craft works by Shri Manoranjan Kumar, DIG from BSF.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble Governor attended the **77th Republic Day Parade at Polo Grounds, Shillong**, as the **Chief Guest**, where he took the salute and inspected the ceremonial parade. The parade featured impressive contingents from the Meghalaya Police, Central Armed Police Forces, NCC cadets, school students and other uniformed services, reflecting discipline, unity and patriotic spirit. Colourful cultural tableaux and vibrant performances added grandeur to the celebrations, drawing large public participation.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Governor hosted the traditional **“At Home” reception** at **Lok Bhavan**, Shillong. A rich cultural programme was presented by artists from Meghalaya and all other Sister States of North East. The Cultural performances showcased the diverse cultural heritage of the North Eastern region through traditional dances and musical performances.

During the programme, the Hon'ble Governor felicitated Three State Award recipients with citations along with Cheque of Rs.51,000 for their outstanding contributions in their respective fields. The **Pa Togan Sangma Award** was conferred upon **Dr. Delphine Gare Momin for contribution in the field of Arts and Culture**, the **U Kiang Nangbah Award** upon **Smti. Kmoin Wahlang for her outstanding**

performance as a Runner in the field of Sports & Games, and the U Tirot Sing Award upon Shri Benedict Skhemlang Hynniewta in the field of Literature and Education. The winners of the Shillong Flower Show – 2026 were also felicitated for the beautiful curations of Flowers made under the categories of King of the Show and Queen of the Show. **Shri Kynton Kharkongor**, adjudged as **King of the Show**, and **Shri Donald Khardewsaw**, adjudged **Queen of the Show** for their curation of flowers.

The celebrations concluded with musical performances by the Assam Rifles Jazz Band, creating a warm and festive atmosphere. The day's events reflected the spirit of unity, diversity and constitutional values, reaffirming the collective commitment of the people of Meghalaya towards building a strong, inclusive and progressive nation.

The Flower show and Lok Bhawan, Shillong is open for General Public on 26th January, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on 27th January, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.







