

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, March 13, 2026: The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C. H. Vijayashankar flagged off a **Mobile Processing Unit (MPU)** developed by Northeast Centre for Technology Application & Reach (NECTAR) in collaboration with CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru. The MPU has capacity to process various local food products by reaching at the site of farmers. It aimed at strengthening technological outreach and supporting value addition in the rural regions of Meghalaya. The event was also attended by Shri H.C. Chaudhary, IFS, Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor.

Delivering the welcome address, the Director General of NECTAR Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma highlighted the organization's commitment to leverage science and technology for the development of the North Eastern region. He emphasized the role of innovative initiatives such as the Mobile Processing Unit in empowering communities and enhancing livelihood opportunities in rural and backward areas.

In his keynote address Dr. Giridhar Parvatham Director of CSIR-CFTRI stated the importance of scientific collaboration and technology-driven solutions in addressing regional challenges and promoting sustainable growth.

The Hon'ble Governor, Shri C. H. Vijayashankar, lauded the initiative taken by NECTAR and appreciated its efforts in bringing technology closer to the grassroots. He remarked that initiatives like the Mobile Processing Unit have the potential to empower local communities, enhance value addition to local produce, and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers and entrepreneurs in the region.

The Hon'ble Governor formally **flagged off the Mobile Processing Unit (MPU)** and marked a significant step towards bringing modern processing facilities closer to rural and remote areas. He expressed confidence that such technology-driven interventions will play a vital role in accelerating inclusive development in the North Eastern region, supporting farmers, entrepreneurs and local producers through improved technology access.





