

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, 02 May, 2026: The Closing Ceremony of Season 4 of the Annual Women on Wheels (WOW) Car Drive and NEW Bike Expedition was held today at Lok Bhavan, Shillong. The event was attended by Smti. Iamonlang M. Syiem; Chairperson of Meghalaya State Commission for Women, Shri H.C.Chaudhary; Additional Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Atul Kulkarni; Chairman of Amazing Namaste Foundation, Shri Nitin Bhatnagar; Executive Director, Indian Oil, Captain Yashika Tyagi(Retd.), Participants of **'Women on Wheel (WOW) Car Drive Expedition'** and **'Northeast on Wheels (NEW) Bike Expedition'** and representatives from Amazing Namaste Foundation,

In his address, the Additional Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya conveyed the warm greetings and best wishes of the Hon'ble Governor to the organisers and participants. He appreciated the efforts of the Amazing Namaste Foundation for organising such a meaningful initiative that promotes the spirit of *Dekho Apna Desh*, along with important messages of road safety and clean energy. He further stated that such initiatives align with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has emphasised inclusive growth and the important role of the North East in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation.

The expedition, flagged off on April 25, 2026, brought together participants from across the country, who travelled through various states of the North East. During their journey, they interacted with local communities, students, and women's groups, gaining valuable insights into the region's rich cultural heritage, traditions, and sustainable lifestyles.

Chief Guest Smti. Iamonlang M. Syiem; Chairperson of Meghalaya State Commission for Women highlighted that the North East region, known for its natural beauty, vibrant tribal culture, and strong social values, represents the true essence of India's unity in diversity. She noted that the region is witnessing significant progress in areas such as tourism, connectivity, and entrepreneurship, with its youths and women emerging as role models across the country.

She commended the participants for their enthusiasm, resilience, and spirit of adventure, and expressed confidence that they would serve as ambassadors of the North East, sharing their experiences and encouraging others to explore the region.

The expedition, conducted under the patronage of the National Commission for Women and supported by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and various state governments, covered multiple destinations across the region before concluding in Shillong.

The programme featured cultural presentations on Khasi, Garo and Jaintia Dance showcasing the rich traditions of the Meghalaya, adding colour and vibrancy to the ceremony. The programme concluded with appreciation for the organisers

and participants for successfully completing the expedition and promoting awareness, integration, and empowerment through this unique initiative.



