

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, May 10, 2025 : In a significant show of unity, the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar, has called upon members from All Faiths from the state to come together in a spirit of unity and solidarity with the nation.

The meeting, held in Raj Bhavan, Shillong, witnessed participation from representatives of several prominent religious organizations, including Shri Nabha Bhattacharya - Vice President of Meghalaya All Faiths Forum and President of Central Pooja Committee, Shillong, Rev. Ellizer N Sangma - Pastor of Garo Baptist Church, Rev GPL Gadew - Presbyterian Church, Shillong, Shri Ganesh Dkhar - Member of Seng Khasi, Shri Sayidullah Nongrum - President of Meghalaya Muslim Forum, Dr. Shngain Pyrbot - General Secretary, Seinraij, Shillong, Father Staibok Warjri from Catholic Community on behalf of Archbishop Victor Lyngdohthe, representatives of Presbyterian Church in Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Garo Baptist Church, Ramakrishna Mission, and the Archdiocese of Shillong. The meeting was also graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Conrad K. Sangma along with Deputy Chief Minister in virtual mode while being in Delhi.

Addressing the gathering, Meghalaya Chief Secretary Shri Donald Wahlang emphasized the importance of national unity, stating, "It is the nation that comes first." He also conveyed the government's appreciation to the Governor and all attendees for their presence. Cabinet Minister In-charge of Education Shri Rakkam A. Sangma said that nation belongs to all Indian and with the support of the people, the government will reach its goal. He urged the people present to pray for the armed forces. Shri A.T. Mondal, Power Minister said terrorism in any form does not have any place in the country.

The All Faith's members and officials collectively condemns the Pahalgam attack and extends unwavering support to our armed forces for their decisive response in the recent swift and precise action by the Indian Armed Forces under '**Operation Sindoor**' targeted terrorist infrastructure across the border, delivering a strong message against those who threaten our nation's peace.

Speaking to the assembled religious leaders, the Hon'ble Governor expressed heartfelt gratitude for their attendance on such short notice. He strongly condemned terrorism, both in India and globally, and lauded the spiritual leaders for their collective support of the nation. In

these sensitive times, the hon'ble Governor has emphasized the vital role that faith leaders and community representatives play in fostering social cohesion and maintaining calm. He has appealed to every citizen, regardless of religious or cultural background, to stand united in upholding the principles of mutual respect, patriotism, and national integrity.

The Hon'ble Governor assured that all necessary measures were being taken to maintain law and order in Meghalaya and reiterated that India's strength lies in its diversity and democratic values, and that the message of peace must prevail above all. In these challenging times, it is crucial for all communities to come together, reaffirm our shared values, and work collaboratively to ensure that the fabric of our diverse society remains intact and resilient.

The religious leaders, in a unified voice, pledged their support to the Union Government and expressed hope for peace and harmony to prevail across the region. All the members along with officials and the Hon'ble Governor has honoured the martyr of attack by keeping a two minutes silence.

All members of the media are requested to extend their support in disseminating this message of unity and to refrain from circulating unverified or inflammatory content during this period of heightened sensitivity.