

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

08th October 2025, Shillong : The prestigious **Kaveri Prashasthi Award** was conferred upon the **Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C.H. Vijayashankar**, in a grand ceremony held at **Raj Bhavan, Shillong**, today. The **Kaveri Prashasthi Award**, named after the sacred River Kaveri, honours individuals for their exemplary contribution to society. Previous recipients include eminent personalities such as **Padma Shri Saalu Marada Thimmakka, Sulagitti Narasamma, Sri Sri Ravishankarji, Sri Kiran Kumar (ISRO)**, and others.

The event was graced by **His Holiness Dr. Sri Sri Trinetra Mahantha Shivayogi Swamiji**, revered spiritual leader and head of **Chandravana Ashrama, Srirangapatna**, and **Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Conrad K. Sangma** along with **the Hon'ble Deputy chief Minister Shri Prestone Tynsong and Chief Secretary Dr. Shakil P. Ahmmed**. The award, instituted by Chandravana Ashrama, is presented annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to public life, social service, and the betterment of humanity.

The programme commenced with the **lighting of the ceremonial lamp**, accompanied by Vedic chanting. Dr. B.D.R. Tiwari, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, delivered the **welcome address**, followed by cultural presentations including a **Bharatanatyam performance**, a **video presentation on the Kaveri Award and Chandravana Ashrama**, and local performances of **Garo, Khasi and Jaintia Dance and musical** performances organized by ICCR and EFLU.

In his address, **Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Conrad K. Sangma** congratulated the Hon'ble Governor on receiving the prestigious award, describing it as a recognition of his humility, leadership, and lifelong dedication to public service. He also expressed deep reverence to His Holiness Swamiji for his relentless work in the fields of education, health, environment, and peace-building.

Addressing the gathering, **Hon'ble Governor Shri C.H. Vijayashankar** expressed heartfelt gratitude to His Holiness Dr. Sri

Sri Trinetra Mahantha Shivayogi Swamiji and Chandravana Ashrama for the honour. He said that the award holds a deep symbolic meaning, as the River Kaveri represents purity, life, and selfless giving. He further observed that though Meghalaya lies far from the banks of the Kaveri, the spirit of her flow lives on in the clean rivers and green hills of the State, inspiring all to serve society and protect nature.

His Holiness **Dr. Sri Sri Trinetra Mahantha Shivayogi Swamiji** then blessed the occasion with his divine message, emphasizing the importance of compassion, harmony, and collective service for the upliftment of humanity.

The formal **presentation of the Kaveri Prashasthi Award** to the Hon'ble Governor was conducted by His Holiness Swamiji in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister along with other dignitaries.

The atmosphere at Raj Bhavan resonated with gratitude and reverence as everyone reflected on the values symbolized by the sacred River Kaveri - purity, generosity, and continuity. The event not only celebrated the Hon'ble Governor's exemplary service to the nation but also served as a reminder of the timeless bond between spirituality, culture, and human welfare that the Kaveri Prashasthi Award seeks to uphold.